

# 07/26/2021 NEWS AM - Sorry no mail Monday AM – Was in Dallas

## Netanel Hershtik & The Maccabeats

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvejldoEINA>

### Psalm 150

"Liberty ... was a two-headed boon.

There was first, the liberty of the people as a whole to determine the forms of their own government, to levy their own taxes, and to make their own laws....

There was second, the liberty of the individual man to live his own life, within the limits of decency and decorum, as he pleased -- freedom from the despotism of the majority."

-- H. L. Mencken (1880-1956) American Journalist, Editor, Essayist, Linguist, Lexicographer, and Critic 1926

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

## That is the only hope for this nation!

**Please  
Remember  
These  
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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 DB – Acute Leukemia – passed away Monday – pray for family

Pray for EL – Had clot embolized to brain – successful ‘clot buster’ but long road to go.

Pray for BB – Severe West Nile Fever –still not mobile- improving!

Pray for RBH – cancer recurrence

Pray for DH – Mother removed self from hospice but doing poorly.

Pray for GB – bad reaction from Cancer drug

Pray for Ella – Child with serious problems

**NOTE: Our prayer list was getting very long and there will little follow up.**

**If you have people you want to have on the list please resubmit since we are revising it now– rdb]**

Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world problems. – Have YOU made any preparations?

**Genesis 36:**<sup>1</sup>And these *are* the generations of Esau; that *is* Edom. <sup>2</sup>Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; <sup>3</sup>and Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nebajoth. <sup>4</sup>And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau. And Basemath bore Reuel.

### Lapid and Gantz said to warn US: Iran is close to nuclear threshold

*Senior diplomat cautions that Tehran could take advantage of lull in talks, until Iran's new president installed, to advance program*

By [TOL staff](#) Today, 10:45 pm

**Israeli authorities have warned US officials in recent days that Iran is closer than ever to attaining nuclear weapons, according to the Kan public broadcaster.**

**Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, Defense Minister Benny Gantz and other Israeli officials have addressed the issue with their American counterparts recently, issuing an “unusual warning,” according to the Sunday report.**

**Nuclear talks between world powers and Iran — attended indirectly by the US — have been ongoing for months in Vienna, but have stalled in recent weeks.**

“Something has to happen with the negotiations with Iran,” a senior diplomat told Kan. “This ‘limbo’ cannot be a time when **Iran is quickly advancing toward becoming a nuclear threshold state.**”

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett is [working](#) to schedule a meeting in Washington with US President Joe Biden next month, though he is hampered by his wafer-thin majority in the Knesset, requiring his presence for every crucial vote.

**Since April, Tehran has been engaged in talks with world powers in Vienna over reviving a 2015 nuclear accord, with Washington taking part indirectly in the negotiations.**

The talks aim to return the US to the deal it withdrew from in 2018 under former president Donald Trump by lifting the sanctions reimposed on Tehran, and to have Tehran return to full compliance with nuclear commitments it has gradually retreated from in retaliation for sanctions.

**Iran has confirmed that the talks will not resume until the ultraconservative new president, Ebrahim Raisi, takes office in August.**

Israel has long opposed the nuclear deal and Biden's stated intentions to reenter the treaty.

**"We would like the world to understand that the Iranian regime is violent and fanatical," Bennett said last month.** "It selected the 'Hangman of Tehran' as its president — a man who is willing to starve his own people for years in order to have a military nuclear program. That is a regime that one should not do business with."

Bennett added that Israel "will continue to consult with our friends, persuade, discuss, and share information and insights out of mutual respect. But at the end of the day, we will be responsible for our own fate, nobody else."

**Shortly after Bennett took office, then-president Reuven Rivlin met with Biden at the White House in Washington, and made clear Israel's message on Iran.** Rivlin told Biden that "the Iranian nuclear deal, as it currently stands, endangers the State of Israel."

Lapid [met](#) US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Rome a month ago, and stressed that Israel has "some serious reservations" about the Iran nuclear deal being negotiated in Vienna. Gantz was hosted by US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last month.

Also last month, IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi [warned](#) US officials during a visit to Washington about "the failures of the current nuclear deal, which allow Iran to make significant advances in the coming years in the quantity and quality of centrifuges and in the amount and quality of enriched uranium, and he stressed the lack of oversight in the area of developing a nuclear weapon." <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-said-to-warn-us-iran-is-close-to-nuclear-threshold/>

## **IDF strikes Gaza after incendiary balloons spark fires in south**

***Army says warplanes hit Hamas terror group base located next to school after first suspected arson attacks in weeks; Palestinian media claim Israeli drone shot down***

By [Aaron Boxerman](#) and [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 11:41 pm

**Israel Defense Forces jets struck a series of targets in Gaza late Sunday night, hours after incendiary balloons launched from the Strip sparked several fires in southern Israel.**

**The Israel Defense Forces said warplanes hit several buildings in a Hamas military base, as well as unspecified "infrastructure and utilities used for activities" of the terror group.**

**It noted the base was located "adjacent to civilian sites, including a school,"** without providing details.

According to the Hamas-affiliated al-Resalah, Israeli planes bombed areas west of Gaza City, before striking to the east of Khan Younis. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

**Palestinian media reported that terrorists fired from machine guns at Israeli aircraft over the Gaza Strip, amid the airstrikes, and managed to down a drone.**

An IDF spokesperson said the military was not aware of any reports of drones that had been shot down.

The army said the airstrikes came in response to incendiary balloons launched into Israel.

"The IDF will respond aggressively against continued terror attempts out of the Gaza Strip," the IDF said in a statement.

**Hamas spokesperson Hazem Qasim mocked the Israeli airstrikes as a "failed attempt to show its own impotent power and restore its army's battered image after it was shaken" during the recent fighting** between the two sides.

"The noble resistance is ready to deal with all options, nor will it allow the occupation to impose its equations," said Qasim, referring to the balance of deterrence between Hamas and Israel.

On Sunday afternoon, Gaza-based terror groups launched incendiary balloons into southern Israel, sparking a number of fires, a Fire and Rescue services investigator determined. **MORE-** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-strikes-gaza-after-incendiary-balloons-spark-fires-in-south/>

## **Israel restricts Gaza fishing zone after arson balloons spark fires in south**

***Hamas threatens 'explosion' if restrictions on Strip tightened, amid dispute over delayed entry of Qatari fuel into Gaza and ongoing talks between Israel and terror group***

By [Aaron Boxerman](#) and [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 8:06 pm



*Masked Hamas members apparently prepare incendiary balloons to be launched toward Israel from the Gaza Strip, May 8, 2021. (MOHAMMED ABED / AFP)*

**Gaza-based terror groups launched incendiary balloons into southern Israel on Sunday afternoon, sparking a number of fires, a Fire and Rescue services investigator determined.**

**In response to the arson attacks, Israel announced it was cutting the Gaza Strip's fishing zone in half, from 12 nautical miles to six effective immediately and until further notice on Sunday night. Prior to May's conflict between Israel and Palestinian**

**terror groups in Gaza, Palestinian fisherman could operate up to 15 nautical miles from the coast.**

**"This follows the launching of incendiary balloons from the Gaza Strip into Israeli territory,** which is a violation of Israeli sovereignty," Israel's military liaison to the Palestinians, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, said in a statement.

**According to the fire department, three small brushfires were ignited in the Eshkol region of southern Israel,** in the first arson attacks from the Gaza Strip since early July.

**"A fire investigator from the Southern District Fire and Rescue Services found that the blaze was caused by the launching of incendiary balloons,"** a fire department spokesperson said.

**There were no injuries or damage to property reported. The new Israeli government, installed in June, has responded to previous balloon incendiary attacks with airstrikes on Hamas targets.**

**In its statement, COGAT said the attacks were ultimately the responsibility of the Hamas terror group,** the de facto ruler of the Strip.

Hamas has warned of a return to fighting should Israel seek to again tighten restrictions on the blockaded Gaza Strip. The coastal enclave has seen tighter controls than usual since the May conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Earlier on Sunday, Israeli authorities [prevented 25 trucks bearing Qatari-funded fuel from entering the Gaza Strip](#). An Israeli defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, cited a failure by Palestinian Authority officials in Gaza to coordinate with them.

**PA officials in Gaza rejected the claim, saying that the United Nations and Qatar were responsible for directly coordinating with the Israeli side. Both the UN and the office of Qatar's Gaza envoy declined to comment.**

**"Further restrictions on Gaza will only generate an explosion in the face of the occupation," Hamas spokesperson Abd al-Latif al-Qanou told official Hamas radio on Sunday evening.**

The Israeli defense official said on Sunday night that the fuel was expected to enter the Gaza Strip on Monday, but that "nothing was set in stone."



*Bonfires in southern Israel allegedly sparked by incendiary balloons launched by Gaza-based terror groups on July 25, 2021. (Moshe Brochi)*

**Israel regularly responds with airstrikes against Hamas positions in Gaza. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett has repeatedly said that he will respond to balloon attacks.**

**"Israel is interested in calm and has no interest in harming Gaza residents, but violence... will be met with a strong response,"** Bennett told the cabinet following the early July strikes.

**Israel and Egypt impose tight restrictions on Gaza, which they say are necessary to prevent a**

**greater threat from the Strip's Hamas rulers. The terror group took over Gaza in a 2007 coup against the Palestinian Authority.**

**The diesel fuel runs Gaza's only power plant, which provides most of the beleaguered coastal enclave's electricity.** Qatari subsidies for the fuel is a crucial part of the Gulf country's aid package to the coastal enclave, whose future has emerged as a critical question in the ongoing negotiations between Israel and Hamas.



Many Gazans had hoped to see the talks resolved before the Eid al-Adha holiday last week, often a major spending spree for Muslims celebrating the festival. Instead, the week came and went without an agreement to allow Qatari cash into Gaza.

“Our people will not be patient for long over the lack of reconstruction and the lag in procedures to break the siege,” said Hamas spokesperson Al-Qanou. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/gaza-arson-balloons-spark-3-fires-in-south-in-first-attack-in-weeks/>

## Israel partially freezes UAE oil pipeline deal over environmental concerns

*Head of marine protection unit accuses Israeli state-owned company of ‘ignoring ministry instructions,’ ‘negligence,’ and ‘impertinence’ in downplaying risks*

By [Sue Surkes](#) Today, 10:21 pm



The Europe Asia Pipeline Company's oil boom in Eilat, designed to catch any potential oil spill before it leaks more broadly into the sea. (Courtesy EAPC)

**Israel's Environmental Protection Ministry said Sunday that it was delaying implementation of a proposed oil transport deal with the United Arab Emirates, freezing a project that has angered environmentalists.**

**The agreement, which followed the UAE and Israel establishing diplomatic ties last year, would see Gulf oil brought to the Red Sea port of Eilat by tanker, then moved by pipeline through mainland**

**Israel to the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon, from where it would be shipped to Europe.**

**The ministry informed Israel's state-owned Europe Asia Pipeline Company on Sunday that it rejected an environmental risk survey that was carried out in connection with the deal.** The ministry also said it would delay work to assess the EAPC's readiness to receive greater numbers of Gulf oil tankers at Eilat. This, said the ministry, is until the government has discussed and reached a decision on the controversial [memorandum of understanding](#) the company signed with the UAE in October.

**It remains unclear which, if any, government ministries, knew about the deal before it was signed.** The contents have not been made public.

**The agreement is opposed by the former and current environmental protection ministers,** the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, the local coastal authorities, a forum of some 20 environmental organizations, scores of scientists and Eilat residents.



*Environmental Protection Minister Tamar Zandberg attends a faction meeting of her Meretz party at the Knesset in Jerusalem, June 28, 2021. (Yonatan Sindel/ Flash90)*

**Environmental Protection Minister Tamar Zandberg said Sunday that she was determined the government would hold a strategic discussion about the deal, which would likely not contribute anything to the Israeli economy while threatening the coral reefs of the Gulf of Eilat and the resort town's tourism.**

Earlier this month, the EAPC responded to a [High Court petition](#) filed by environmental groups against the deal by producing a [risk survey](#) that said the threat of environmental damage was “negligible.”

In a letter to EAPC's director general Itzik Levy and an official at the company's Eilat operation, Avishai Arma, Rani Amir, head of the ministry's Marine Environmental Protection Unit, said the ministry would “not approve the risk survey in any way.”

**At best, Amir said, it did not meet instructions given by the ministry in January 2021, while it more likely reflected “negligence and perhaps even disregard for our instructions.”** He accused the Israeli state company of “impertinence” in using the survey in its response to the High Court petition.

“Under instruction from the Environmental Protection Ministry Tamar Zandberg, we will delay continuing to assess your preparedness for an increase in activity at the Eilat terminal until the government discusses and reaches a decision about you.”



*An oil tanker (circled in red) docked at the Europe Asia Pipeline Company's port, close to the coral reef nature reserve of Eilat (seen in the foreground) in southern Israel. (Society for the Protection of Nature)*

**Channel 13 reported last week that the UAE was seriously concerned about reports that the government was planning to review the deal.**

The EAPC's [risk survey](#) said that "severe damage leading to full loss of the entire content of a tanker or external damage to a tanker and significant loss of content" would only occur once every 366,300 years.

The likelihood of leakage in a pipe carrying fuel to a ship was determined to be so low it would only occur once every

1,111 years, the report went on.

**"An insignificant spill," which was not quantified, was likely to take place once every 24 years.** If such a spill happened, said the EAPC, the leak would be pooled and "no environmental damage or marine pollution would be caused at all."

The coral reefs in the Gulf of Eilat are proving uniquely resilient in the world to global warming and scientists hope that they can be cloned and used to help rehabilitate reefs elsewhere that are collapsing due to global warming.

**The wide opposition is due not only to the fear for the coral, but also to the EAPC's shoddy environmental record** and numerous past leaks — it was responsible, seven years ago, for the largest environmental disaster in Israel's history when one of its pipelines ruptured, sending some 1.3 million gallons of crude oil into the Evrona Nature Reserve in southern Israel. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-freezes-uae-oil-pipeline-deal-over-environmental-concerns/>

## **Student employee of Foreign Ministry probed for suspected illegal visit to Iran**

*Suspect is a Jewish man in his 20s who reportedly visited the Islamic Republic for 'adventure-seeking purposes,' came into contact with Iranian agents*

By [TOI staff](#) and [Lazar Berman](#) Today, 9:59 pm

**The Israel Police and Shin Bet security service are investigating a student employed by the Foreign Ministry over allegations that he illegally visited Iran. The suspect is also believed to have come into contact with Iranian intelligence agents during his trip.**

**The suspect — who was released from custody last month** — visited Iran before he later filled a student position at the Foreign Ministry, The Times of Israel has learned.

"The issue was dealt with by the relevant Israeli authorities," the Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

**The suspect's lawyers said his trip was for tourism reasons and that he did not keep it a secret from his friends and family. It is currently illegal for Israeli citizens to visit Iran for any purposes.**

"This affair has been blown out of proportion. The suspect is a normal young man," his attorneys were quoted as saying by Channel 12 News. "As the court ruled, there is no real evidentiary basis for an offense of contact with a foreign agent. There is no reason for the security services to prevent the suspect from meeting his lawyers for 10 days."

**Further details of the investigation, including the suspect's identity, are under a gag order.**



*Iranians, mask-clad due to the coronavirus pandemic, cross a street in the capital Tehran, on July 3, 2021. (ATTA KENARE / AFP)*

**According to Army Radio, the student in question is a Jewish man in his 20s, and he is not suspected of serious security crimes.** The man was investigated in recent months after it was revealed that he visited Iran "for adventure-seeking purposes," said Army Radio.

The suspect's attorneys said they were confident that the case against him would be shelved, as have similar cases "against other Israeli citizens who visited enemy countries for tourism purposes and journalistic coverage."

**Convictions for 16 Druze sheikhs who visited Syria and Lebanon were canceled in 2014. However, a year later the Supreme Court upheld the conviction of a former Druze member of Knesset who visited Syria and met with Talal Naji, the deputy**

director of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/student-employee-of-foreign-ministry-probed-for-suspected-illegal-visit-to-iran/> [While this may seem a bit draconian there are very defined regulations concerning travel and that is particularly true in the ME where there are loci of terrorist groups. Even in the land of Israel there are some NO GO areas for people. With the increase in the authoritarianism that we are seeing in the world today with all the covid garbage I think you will be seeing much more of this. – rdb]

## **HMO: Early vaccinees are twice as likely to catch COVID as later recipients**

*Latest research 'definitely' reinforces argument for giving boosters to the elderly, says lab chief at Leumit*

By [Nathan Jeffay](#) Today, 4:51 pm

**People vaccinated before late February are twice as likely to catch the coronavirus than other inoculated Israelis, according to new research.**

**"We looked at tens of thousands of people tested in the month of June, alongside data on how long had passed since their second shot, and found that those vaccinated early were more likely to test positive,"** Dr. Yotam Shenhar, who headed the research, told The Times of Israel. **[My only comment is "well duh!" This is not a vaccine, it is a treatment that causes your body to create a spike protein with the hopes of it stimulating your body to develop antibodies to it. What this means is that perhaps the JAB is now throughout your body and not stimulating antibodies. – rdb]**

**"This definitely reinforces the argument for giving a third vaccine dose to the elderly." [No one should be surprised by this and know that the more JABS the more likelihood of bad reactions. – rdb]**

The report, published by the healthcare provider Leumit, comes on the heels of other Israeli **studies that suggest a decreasing vaccine effectiveness**, partly as a result of the Delta variant and partly because of the passage of time.

However, [British data](#) indicates the Israeli studies may be overstating the case.

**Data released by the Health Ministry on Thursday suggested that people vaccinated in January were said to have just 16% protection against infection now**, while in those vaccinated in April the effectiveness was at 75%. **If you really want a good study see what the antibody levels are in those that actually had the disease and not the JAB over time. I am willing to bet that they will have much longer acting antibodies than those who were JABBED. – rdb]**

The Leumit study looked only at the apparent waning of protection over time, and divided the vaccinated population into two based on inoculation dates, comparing early vaccinators to late vaccinators.

Shenhar, head of Leumit's labs, acknowledged that the early vaccinators group includes many people who raced to get shots because they have underlying illnesses, which may make them more vulnerable to infection. But he said that could not fully account for the stark effect seen in the data.

Shenhar said the data should prompt the government to seriously consider booster shots for over-70s.

**"Now we see vaccination effectiveness drops, so it seems we definitely need to think about a third vaccine,"** he said. **"We have started already by giving the immunocompromised, but in my assessment we need to consider giving third shots to everyone over 70 or 80. We shouldn't wait long; we need to make a decision fast."**

**[HUMMM? I guess the tactic is if we can't kill you with the first couple JABS will simply keep going until we get the job dun. – rdb]**

If he were formulating policy, Shenhar said, he would "definitely" start giving boosters to elderly Israelis.

In his study, the apparent waning effect in immunity was felt across all ages. For all age groups, early vaccinators were 1.95 times more likely to be confirmed coronavirus positive. Among those aged 60-plus, early vaccinators are twice as likely to get infected. For those aged 40-59 early vaccinators are 2.1 times more vulnerable, and among under 39s they are 1.6 more likely to catch the coronavirus.

**"In a previous analysis we showed that as time passes since the vaccine, the level of antibodies drops at a rate of about 40% per month. This new study builds a clearer picture of the effect seen in the months after vaccination,"** said Shenhar. Israel has seen a dramatic rise in recent COVID-19 infections, with the daily caseload rising from several dozen to over 1,400 in recent days. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/hmo-those-who-inoculated-early-twice-as-likely-to-catch-covid-as-later-adopters/>

## **Serious COVID cases in Israel top 100, for first time in 3 months**

*Number of Israelis in serious condition with the coronavirus has doubled over the past 10 days, but remains a fraction of the figure seen in January*

By [Amy Spiro](#) Today, 8:30 pm

**Serious cases of COVID in Israel topped 100 as of Sunday evening**, reaching a high not seen in the country since May 1. **According to data released by the Health Ministry, 101 people in Israel are currently**



**hospitalized in serious condition with COVID-19.** That figure was just 86 on Friday. Serious cases of COVID have not exceeded 100 since May 1, when 103 people were listed as in serious condition. Since then, the figure continued a steady decline until mid-June, when it began to tick upwards again.

The number of COVID patients in serious condition has doubled in just the past 10 days, but is still a fraction of the peak seen during the third wave, in January, when there were more than 1,100 serious cases. During the second wave in the fall, serious cases hit a peak of 850 in October.

**Earlier this month, the coronavirus cabinet agreed that “the leading parameter” for instating new COVID restrictions would be the measure of serious cases.** At Sunday’s cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett vowed to continue “insisting on maintaining livelihoods, the economy, education, and the freedom of Israeli citizens” by wearing masks and getting vaccinated, rather than instituting new lockdowns.

As of Sunday evening, there were close to 11,000 active COVID cases in Israel, compared to 1,990 on July 1.

Currently, 201 patients with COVID are hospitalized, 101 in serious condition, 24 in critical condition and 19 on ventilators. So far in July, 29 people have died of COVID in Israel, compared to nine people in the entire month of June. **[So how many of those had already had the JAB???? – rdb]**

According to a [report](#) last week, those who have become seriously ill during the current COVID uptick are released from hospital more quickly than similar patients during past waves.

Health Ministry figures [reported](#) last week for the period between June 20 and July 17 claim that the COVID vaccine has dropped to being just 39 percent effective at preventing transmission, but remains more than 91% effective at preventing severe cases.

Some analysts have warned that the figures on vaccine effectiveness are prone to major inaccuracies because of a range of factors, including questions over whether there is accurate data on infection levels among the non-vaccinated, which is vital for such statistics. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/serious-covid-cases-in-israel-top-100-for-first-time-in-3-months/>

## **Who needs a COVID booster? Israel to kick off study to find out**

*A combination serology-PCR study of individuals and adult family members will be used to evaluate who should receive a third shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.*

By [MAAYAN JAFFE-HOFFMAN](#) JULY 25, 2021 22:02

**The Health Ministry and Sheba Medical Center are kicking off a study on Monday to evaluate who should receive a third shot of the Pfizer [coronavirus vaccine](#).**

According to Sheba’s Prof. Gili Regev-Yochay, this will be a combination serology-PCR study of individuals and their adult family members who were fully vaccinated but contracted coronavirus.

**“Within 24 hours of a vaccinated person being detected, we will contact them and their family members, and if they agree to participate in the study, then we can send a team to their house to take blood work from them and their family contacts that are over 18 and who are vaccinated. We will screen them with the blood test and a PCR test to see if any of them have been infected,”** Regev-Yochay explained.

**The goal is to recruit some 1,000 families and then have the data to understand the correlation** of the antibody response and the cellular response to breakthrough infections, the professor explained.

“This will give us some answers as to when and to whom we should give a third vaccine dose,” Regev-Yochay added. The Health Ministry started giving [third doses](#) to a specific list of immunocompromised patients earlier this month. A Health Ministry study that was published last week showed that in people who were vaccinated more than six months ago, the vaccine’s efficacy against the Delta variant was 16%. Since most of those people were over the age of 60 and therefore that makes it unclear whether it was the factor of their age or the time when they received the vaccine that was the determining parameter that contributed to the reduction in vaccine efficiency.

**Also on Sunday, the Leumit Health Fund published a study that people vaccinated more than five months ago were twice as likely to catch coronavirus than people who were inoculated after them.**

“There is no recommendation to give older individuals a booster shot,” Health Ministry Director-General Nachman Ash said in a briefing Sunday. “But I can say that older citizens will be prioritized when we do decide to administer one in order to prevent serious infection among this part of the population.”

Ash said that he expects Israel is likely to make a decision about administering a third shot even before the US Food & Drug Administration.

The question also remains on the table as to whether a third shot should be given right away or if it would be more beneficial to wait until Pfizer and Moderna complete their upgraded vaccines that are meant to be more effective against Delta and other potential future variants

Twenty families have already agreed and will begin testing Tuesday morning. At the 10-day and 20-day mark and up through 30 days, the Sheba-Health Ministry team will follow up with the families to see if anyone was eventually infected.

Regev-Yochay said the researchers hope to complete the study within a month, depending on collaboration by the public. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/israel-to-kick-off-study-to-decide-who-needs-third-covid-vaccine-and-when-674874>

## **Education Ministry draws up outline for in-person learning under virus**

*Plan will include routine rapid coronavirus testing, look into cutting quarantine period down to 48 hours and leave closure of virus hotspots to discretion of ministry officials; Health Ministry chief says details yet to be finalized*

Nina Fox | Published: 07.25.21, 17:45

**The Education Ministry published on Sunday an outline for the safe reopening of the upcoming school year amid a resurgence of coronavirus cases across the country.**

**The plan aims to facilitate full-time in-school learning starting September 1 alongside routine rapid coronavirus testing for students.**

"We intend to maintain a full educational routine for all ages including after-school activity," the ministry said in a statement.

The Education and Health ministries also **announced they would look into a pilot program that would allow students and faculty who were exposed to a confirmed patient to quarantine for a shortened 48-hour period** if they test negative for the pathogen following two different tests.

The plan also states that **educational institutions will open regardless of morbidity rates** in their localities.

Each institution will be responsible to implement adequate measures necessary to isolate students and staff in case of suspected infection using rapid testing and in-class learning in smaller groups.

Closures **in schools experiencing significant coronavirus outbreaks will be subjected to the discretion of local Education Ministry** representatives and health authorities.

**A nationwide serological testing program will be set into motion during August and September** to detect staff and students who already have coronavirus antibodies to minimize quarantines in case of an outbreak at educational institutions. Participation will be on a voluntary basis. **[So in effect your "world" will be determined by your antibody biomarker. HUMMM? So instead of a star on your chest they just check your blood? – rdb]**

Health Minister Yifat Shasha-Biton said the return of students to a full educational routine has a crucial impact on their personal and emotional wellbeing. "There is no doubt students belong in school. Over the past 18 months, they paid a heavy price in social isolation and academic progress. It is our moral and educational duty to provide them with stability and security," she said. **MORE-** [https://www.ynetnews.com/health\\_science/article/hyhitjo0u](https://www.ynetnews.com/health_science/article/hyhitjo0u) **[As David Lamented over Saul "How the mighty have fallen..." – rdb]**

## **Entry of Qatari fuel into Gaza held up; Israel, PA trade blame**

*25 trucks intended for power plant in Strip are stuck at Kerem Shalom crossing; Israeli official says it's Palestinians' fault, PA denies it*

By [Aaron Boxerman](#) Today, 5:30 pm



*A Hamas security officer checks a truck entering Gaza at the gate of the Kerem Shalom cargo crossing with Israel, in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, June 21, 2021. (Adel Hana/AP)*

**Israeli authorities prevented 25 truckloads of Qatari-funded fuel intended for Gaza's only power plant from entering the Strip, Hamas officials told the terror group's Voice of Al-Qqsa radio station on Sunday morning.**

**The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, the Israeli military body responsible for coordinating the entry of goods into Gaza, declined to comment.**

**A Defense Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, blamed the Palestinians for the delay, saying the Palestinian Authority body responsible for coordinating with Israel had failed to inform Israeli authorities that the fuel was scheduled to enter the enclave.**



“As soon as the Palestinians properly coordinate with us, the fuel will enter,” the official said.

Two Palestinian officials in Gaza dismissed that explanation, telling The Times of Israel they had not been informed of any coordination issues.

The officials further maintained they were not responsible at all for coordinating the entry of Qatari fuel, which falls under a separate mechanism. Qatar, through its Gaza envoy Mohammad al-Emadi, and the United Nations coordinate directly with Israel to allow fuel to enter Gaza, the Palestinian officials contended.

United Nations and Qatari officials declined to comment.

Qatar has provided subsidized fuel for Gaza’s only power plant since 2018 as part of an aid package it provides to the Hamas-run coastal enclave. **MORE-** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/entry-of-qatari-fuel-into-gaza-held-up-israel-pa-trade-blame/>

## **Palestinians accuse Hamas of storing weapons in residential areas**

*Palestinians in the Gaza Strip said that the explosion that killed 1 and injured 14 on Thursday took place in a warehouse used by Hamas for storing weapons.*

By [KHALED ABU TOAMEH](#)

JULY 24, 2021 22:13



*PEOPLE GATHER at a Hamas-sponsored anti-Israel rally in Gaza last month.(photo credit: MOHAMMED SALEM/ REUTERS)*

**Palestinian factions and human rights organizations have called on Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups to stop storing weapons in residential areas following another explosion, which killed one person and injured 14 others on Thursday.**

**They also demanded a thorough investigation into the explosion in order to hold those responsible accountable.**

**Palestinians in the Gaza Strip said that the explosion took place in a warehouse used by Hamas for storing weapons.**

Hamas said it has launched an investigation, but has not provided any details.

**Thursday’s explosion occurred shortly after 8 a.m. in a house located in the Al-Zawiya market area in the center of Gaza City. Palestinian sources said that 69-year-old Atta Ahmed Saqallah died and 14 civilians were injured,** including six children.

Medical sources at Shifa Hospital described the wounds of one of them as critical, according to the Palestinian Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights. The three-story house was partially destroyed, while neighboring houses and shops were partially damaged, the center said in a statement. According to eyewitnesses, a fire had broken out in the house before the explosion.

**“Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights in Gaza views the explosion incident with grave seriousness,** as there have been repeated incidents of internal explosions in houses in overcrowded residential neighborhoods for various reasons in the past, which resulted in the killing of a number of civilians and the destruction of homes and public and private properties,” the statement read.

“Accordingly, Al-Mezan reiterates its call for a comprehensive and serious investigation into this incident and other similar events, to publish the results of the investigation publicly, and to take the necessary measures to ensure that it does not recur in order to preserve the lives and property of citizens.”

**The Palestinian NGO Network, an umbrella organization comprising 133 member organizations, also called for a “serious and transparent” investigation into the explosion. “The Network stresses the need to expedite the provision of all forms of assistance and support to those affected,”** the group said. “It also stresses the need to announce the results of the investigation and to take serious measures to prevent such explosions from happening again.”

**Palestinian writer Fadel Al-Manasfeh said it was clear that Hamas chooses popular markets as a safe place for its ammunition warehouses because it knows that Israel does not target such places.** He said that Hamas was “confused” by the explosion because one of its weapons warehouses had been discovered. He also pointed out that a similar explosion took place in an open market in the Nuseirat refugee camp last year, killing more than 10 Palestinians and injuring dozens others. <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/palestinians-accuse-hamas-of-storing-weapons-in-residential-areas-674793> **[It is a refreshing find to know that at least a segment of the “PA” population understands that the problem is the way Hamas locates and stores their missiles and not that Israel is**

constantly trying to kill people. It would be even nicer if those in the UN and UNHRA also understood that. – rdb]

## **Jordan king: I was ‘very encouraged’ after meeting with Bennett, Gantz**

*In CNN interview, Abdullah says violent Jewish-Arab unrest in Israel during its most recent conflict with Hamas was a ‘civil war,’ should serve as ‘a wake-up call’*

By [Amy Spiro](#) Today, 9:55 pm



*Jordanian King Abdullah II, right speaks to Secretary of State Antony Blinken on July 20, 2021, at the State Department in Washington. (Nicholas Kamm /Pool via AP)*

**Jordanian King Abdullah said he was “encouraged” by his recent meeting with Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, though he does not anticipate any immediate progress toward Israeli-Palestinian peace.**

**“It was important for me not only to meet with the Palestinian leadership after a war — which I did with Abu Mazen [Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas] — I met the prime minister, I met General**

**[Defense Minister Benny] Gantz. We really have to get back to the table,” said Abdullah during an interview with CNN anchor Fareed Zakaria recorded on Friday and aired Sunday morning.**

**Abdullah, who met with US President Joe Biden in the White House last week, said he held such meetings “under that umbrella of how do we get Israelis and Palestinians to talk.”**

**However, he noted, “this government may not be the most ideal government to, in my view [advance] a two-state solution, which I think is the only solution.”**

Bennett is a right-wing nationalist who opposes the two-state solution. His fragile coalition is composed of eight diverse parties, ranging from left-wing peace supporters to right-wing annexationists.

**Nevertheless, the longtime Jordanian monarch said he “came out of those meetings feeling very encouraged, and I think we’ve seen in the past couple of weeks, not only a better understanding between Israel and Jordan, but the voices coming out of both Israel and Palestine that we need to move forward and reset that relationship.”**

**The king of Jordan also noted the need to rebuild Israeli-Jordanian relations, “because it has not been good.”**

Abdullah [met](#) earlier this month in Amman with Bennett, in a meeting that was originally secret and later leaked in the Israeli press. Following the meeting, Israel agreed to dramatically [increase](#) the water it supplies to Jordan, which is suffering an extreme drought.

**Gantz has never publicly admitted to meeting with Abdullah;** the pair reportedly [met](#) in February, before the latest election and before Bennett took office. The timing of the meeting referred to by Abdullah was not immediately clear from his remarks.

**The king told CNN that he felt the recent 11-day conflict in May between Israel and Hamas in Gaza “was different.”**

**“Since 1948, this was the first time I feel that a civil war happened in Israel,” he said, pointing to the intense clashes between Jewish and Muslim Israelis during the conflict. “And I think that was a wake-up call for the people of Israel and the people of Palestine, that unless we move along, unless we give hope to the Palestinians... the next war will be even more damaging.”**

Zakaria asked Abdullah which country he believes will be next to normalize relations with Israel, following the groundbreaking Abraham Accords last year, which led to ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan.

**“I don’t know which country is going to be next, but I’ve noticed that a trend from Arab countries that are looking at their national security interests, with their concerns — the shadow of Iran along with a lot of the regional challenges — that see the option of having a relationship with Israel in their vested interest,” said Abdullah.**

“But I think the war was a reality check to all of us,” he added, “that even though the Abraham Accords may expand, you can’t do it at the expense of the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue and discussions on that future. Unless we get back into getting Israelis and Palestinians together, then it’s going to be two steps forward, one step back.”



*US Speaker of the House Rep. Nancy Pelosi and King Abdullah II of Jordan participate in a photo op in the Speaker's Balcony Hallway of the US Capitol on July 22, 2021 in Washington, DC. (ALEX WONG/Getty Images via AFP)*

**Abdullah was circumspect when asked about the ongoing talks in Vienna aimed at getting Iran back in compliance with the 2015 nuclear deal.**

**“There are legitimate concerns in our part of the world on a lot of portfolios that the Americans are hopefully going to be able to discuss with the Iranians,” said Abdullah.**

**“The nuclear program affects Israel as it does the Gulf,”** he added, noting that Iranian ballistic technology has

targeted much of the Middle East, including “Israel from Syria and Lebanon to an extent, and what misses Israel sometimes lands in Jordan.” **[If Iran becomes nuclear and sends a missile with a nuclear warhead, it isn’t just going to affect Israel, it is going to affect the entire area because radiation scatters. You are talking about decimating most of the so called “PA”, a major section of Syria and Jordan and Lebanon. Everyone of the ME countries need to tell Biden and the EU to but out and stop enabling a rogue nations which has no compunction about killing millions. – rdb]**

He also revealed Iranian drone attacks on Jordan, as well as “increased cyber attacks on many of our countries.”

“We do know that the talks in Vienna have been slightly postponed until this new government in Iran settles in,” Abdullah said. “I have a feeling that where the American position is and the Iranian position is — is somewhat far apart.”

But, he said, “let’s hope those talks get us to a better position where we can calm the region because we have so many challenges.” <https://www.timesofisrael.com/jordan-king-i-was-very-encouraged-after-meeting-with-bennett-gantz/>

## **Afghan beheaded by Taliban for brief stint as US Army translator - report**

*The Taliban promised that no harm will come to the tens of thousands of Afghans who cooperated with foreign forces, but many in the country do not feel safe.*

By [JERUSALEM POST STAFF](#) JULY 25, 2021 08:47

**An Afghan translator who had worked for the US Army in Afghanistan was reportedly beheaded by the Taliban back in May, CNN reported on Friday.**

**The 32-year-old Sohail Pardis was a resident of Kabul and was reportedly apprehended by the Taliban at a checkpoint between the capital and the Khost province on May 12.**

Though there has been no official report, witnesses told the Red Crescent that the Islamist insurgency group shot his car, pulled Pardis out and beheaded him.

**Prior to this, Pardis had reportedly been receiving death threats for days after the Taliban** had discovered his brief tenure working as a US Army translator. He had only served 16 months, and was fired in 2012 after failing a polygraph test.

**"They were telling him you are a spy for the Americans, you are the eyes of the Americans and you are infidel, and we will kill you and your family,"** Pardis's friend Abdulhaq Ayoubi told CNN.

**Ultimately, being fired is what may have doomed Pardis. As Ayoubi explained to CNN, the interpreter had been trying to leave the country by way of a Special Immigrant Visa, which would have allowed Afghans working with the US military to legally go to the United States. However, his firing meant he didn't qualify for one.**



Though the incident reportedly occurred back in May, it has become especially relevant as the US and NATO [withdraw their forces from Afghanistan](#) after 20 years of fighting.

**Despite this withdrawal, many believe the Taliban are poised to take over the country.** This has raised concern for the tens of thousands of Afghans who had worked with the US Army, many of whom worked as interpreters like Parris.

Back in June, the Taliban claimed in a statement that Afghans who worked with foreign armies would not face any harm, but many in the country do not feel safe. While approximately 18,000 Afghans who worked with the US military have applied for Special Immigration Visas, there are hundreds who had been fired and are therefore unable to qualify for one.

There are also concerns that the sheer number of Afghans applying for Special Immigration Visas greatly exceed what the US can issue, with President Joe Biden referring to "unexpected urgent" refugee needs.

However, last Thursday, the US House of Representatives passed legislation that would [expand the number of SIVs](#) that could be granted by 8,000, which would cover all potentially eligible applications in the pipeline.

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/afghan-beheaded-by-taliban-for-brief-stint-as-us-army-translator-report-674816> [This seems to be a rather solid confirmation of the adage that has been used by the Jewish nation for years. "When someone says they are going to kill you, believe them!". That is why the Iranian situation is so critical. They have been saying they will destroy all Israel for years. – rdb]

## **Freedom Rally: Thousands protest Covid passports in London... as anti-vax speaker threatens doctors with 'Nuremberg trials'**

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**Anti-lockdown and anti-vaccination activists rallied in multiple British cities against the vaccine passport initiative. In London, one of the speakers triggered a major controversy by likening NHS staff to Nazi doctors.**

**Thousands of people gathered at Trafalgar Square in London on Saturday for the 'Freedom Rally', to protest the restrictive measures introduced amid the Covid-19 pandemic.** Demonstrators flooded almost the entire square, holding placards and banners reading: "No to forced testing" and "No to forced vaccination."

**Many activists went as far as accusing the government of "crimes against humanity," while banners seen in the crowd ranged from 5G conspiracy theories to flags reading "Trump for 2024."**

Thousands pack Trafalgar Square for the "Worldwide Rally For Freedom" in London on Saturday.

[pic.twitter.com/O773ecrOq1](https://pic.twitter.com/O773ecrOq1)

— WakeUpHumans (@Thunderace4) [July 24, 2021](#)

**Though minor scuffles erupted on the sidelines of the event, resulting in several arrests, the rally was otherwise peaceful.** The gathering was attended by controversial media personality Katie Hopkins, who just returned from Australia after her visa was canceled over a quarantine breach. Former TV presenter turned-conspiracy theorist David Icke was also present, as well as Piers Corbyn, the brother of former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

London, England - Freedom Rally [pic.twitter.com/T63nKm5JpI](https://pic.twitter.com/T63nKm5JpI)

— wlctv.ca (@wlctv\_ca) [July 24, 2021](#)

**One of the speakers, Kate Shemirani, a former nurse turned-anti-vaxxer and conspiracy theorist, triggered a major controversy, calling the vaccines "Satanic" and describing them as part of a larger surveillance scheme – while urging people to send her the names of doctors and nurses involved in the vaccination campaign.**

*At the Nuremberg trial the doctors and nurses stood trial, and they hung.*

*"If you are a doctor or a nurse, now is the time to get off that bus... and stand with us, the people,"* she said, claiming that a group of lawyers is helping her collect the information.

Speaking at today's anti-vaccine, anti-lockdown rally in London's Trafalgar Square, former nurse Kate Shemirani - who was struck off in June - says Covid vaccines are "Satanic", citing "the pattern 060606". The graphine oxide single-molecule sheet "is a conductor", she adds. [pic.twitter.com/t40TAHjnRd](https://pic.twitter.com/t40TAHjnRd)

— Shayan Sardarizadeh (@Shayan86) [July 24, 2021](#)

**The video of her fierce speech quickly spread on social media**, prompting an angry response from London Mayor Sadiq Khan. *"I have raised it directly with the Met Police,"* he said, while praising the healthcare specialists as *"heroes of this pandemic."*

I can't believe I'm tweeting this. As an ICU doctor who has given everything they have trying to save lives this makes me want to cry. "Get their names, email them to me. At the Nuremberg trial the doctors and nurses stood trial, and they hung". [pic.twitter.com/9tZeqrulVlk](https://pic.twitter.com/9tZeqrulVlk)

— Dr Samantha Batt-Rawden ❤️ (@sbattrawden) [July 24, 2021](#)

*"This is what NHS staff woke up to this morning. A rally talking about hanging doctors and nurses," the NHS Million campaign said on Twitter, while calling on police to respond to the "hatred and violence towards our hard working NHS staff."*

This is what NHS staff woke up to this morning. A rally talking about hanging doctors and nurses. This has caused considerable distress amongst NHS staff. If you're still behind NHS staff please tweet with the hashtag [#gotyourbackNHS](#). Let's show staff they are appreciated 🙏 <https://t.co/EZVJUhdQHg>

— NHS Million ❤️ (@NHSMillion) [July 24, 2021](#)

Elsewhere in the UK, protesters went beyond chanting provocative slogans. In Manchester, a group of anti-vaccination activists sought to [storm](#) a local Covid-19 testing center, forcing police to deploy additional guards to the facility.

**In Leeds, protesters blocked traffic as they swarmed the streets. The disruption resulted in several local bus companies halting services on some lines.**

**The protests come in response to government plans to introduce vaccination passports.** On Monday, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that proof of vaccination will soon be required to enter nightclubs and other venues, which have just reopened this week. The announcement was met with widespread resentment and even angered some MPs, who vowed to vote against the measures. <https://www.rt.com/uk/530168-freedom-rally-vaccination-london/> **[Yesterday's news was France riots over the passports and JABS and today it is England and (below see Italy) People are beginning to wake up and refuses AND THAT IS EXACTLY what it takes in order to stop this disgusting charade from the globalist world leaders and their government puppets. – rdb]**

## Italians throngs to protest Covid restrictions against unvaccinated

July 25, 2021



**ROME: Thousands of people protested in cities across Italy Saturday against the government's introduction of restrictions on unvaccinated people as Rome tries to slow an upturn in Covid-19 infections.**

**"Freedom!" and "Down with the dictatorship!" chanted Italian flag-waving demonstrators from Naples in the south to Turin in the north, while rain-soaked protesters in Milan shouted "No Green Pass!"**

The vast majority were not wearing masks.

**The Green Pass, which is an extension of the EU's digital Covid certificate, will be required from August 6 to enter cinemas, museums, indoor swimming pools**

**or sports stadiums, or eat indoors at restaurants.**

It will serve as proof bearers have either been vaccinated, undergone a recent negative Covid-19 test, or recovered from a coronavirus infection.

**Business owners are expected to enforce the rules or face stiff fines under the measure adopted by the cabinet this week as it attempts to protect the slowly recovering economy and prevent further lockdowns.**

A proposal to make the pass mandatory for travelling by train, coach or plane is expected to be re-evaluated in September.

**"Better to die free than live like slaves!"** read one placard held up outside Milan's Gothic cathedral, while another in Rome's historic centre read "Vaccines set you free" over a picture of the gates to Auschwitz.

Protesters in Genova were wearing yellow Star of David badges declaring them "unvaccinated".

Demonstrations had been announced on social media for Saturday in at least 80 cities.

The decision Thursday to make the pass mandatory for many activities saw a boom in vaccine bookings, up 200 percent in Italy's smaller regions, according to Covid-19 emergency chief Francesco Figliuolo.

Italy, one of the hardest-hit by the pandemic in Europe, reported over 5,000 new coronavirus cases on Saturday, and five deaths. <https://www.geo.tv/latest/361500-italians-throngs-to-protest-covid-restrictions-against-unvaccinated>

**Global central banks to boost share of Chinese yuan while reducing US dollar holdings – survey**

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**One third of central banks worldwide will add the yuan to their reserve assets in the nearest future, prompting the rise of the Chinese currency, a global survey shows.**

**According to the Global Public Investor survey, published by the London-based Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF), 30% of central banks plan to increase their yuan holdings over the next 12-24 months, up from only a 10% increase last year.**

OMFIF claims the yuan's rise is likely to be a global trend, but may be especially strong in Africa, where nearly half of central banks are set on boosting their yuan reserves.

**The findings also showed that 20% of the world's central banks want to reduce their US dollar holdings in the coming months, while 18% plan to cut their euro reserves and 14% their holdings of euro-zone sovereign debt.**

**In one such move, Russia has fully eliminated the US dollar from its National Wealth Fund,** reducing its share from 35% to zero. Meanwhile, the country raised the amount of Chinese yuan in the fund to 30.4%, which put it in second place after the euro with 39.7%.

According to OMFIF data, central banks, sovereign wealth funds and public pension funds currently control a total of \$42.7 trillion in assets. Central bank reserves globally jumped some \$1.3 trillion in 2020 to a new peak of \$15.3 trillion.

The majority of global central banks insist that financial markets depend on their monetary policies. However, only 40% believe these policies need to be actively updated. <https://www.rt.com/business/530034-china-yuan-holdings-boost-survey/> **[In todays economy everything is about faith and confidence in the markets. From this is should be fairly evident that many places in the world are losing a lot of confidence in the US economy as the leftists seem to be fairly successful at crashing ours. – rdb]**

## **Teacher takes serious action after being fired for blasting U.S. riots**

*'Now that the civil war has begun I want to move'*

By [WND Staff](#) Published July 25, 2021 at 11:51am

**A teacher who taught in the Palatine, Illinois, school district for years has filed a lawsuit against officials there for firing her after she made comments on her own social-media page condemning the riots and looting that developed across the U.S. during 2020.**

The case was brought by [Judicial Watch](#) on behalf of Jeanne Hedgepeth.

**An announcement about the federal civil-rights case explained Hedgepeth was dismissed by the suburban-Chicago district where she had worked for 20 years after she criticized on Facebook the "riots, violence, and shootings in Chicago in the aftermath of the May 25, 2020, killing of George Floyd."**

"Hedgepeth made the **posts on her personal Facebook page while vacationing** after the end of the school year, just as some of the most severe violence was occurring. In her posts, **Hedgepeth recommended studying Thomas Sowell, whom she described as a 'treasure' and a 'truth seeker,' and praised** political commentator and activist Candice Owens and talk show host Larry Elder. She alleges that the firing violated her First Amendment rights," a report about the legal fight explained.

**The case, in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, seeks damages from the school district, Township High School District 211, and district board members and officials who participated directly in the firing.**

The case alleges: "In late May and early June 2020, Hedgepeth was vacationing in Florida after the end of the 2019-20 school year when violent street protests, rioting, looting, and shootings erupted in Chicago and many other U.S. cities in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 by Minneapolis police officers. In Chicago alone, 82 persons were shot, 19 fatally, over the May 30-31, 2020 weekend. On May 31, 2020, which the Chicago Sun Times described as the most violent day Chicago had seen in 60 years, Mayor Lori Lightfoot asked Governor J.B. Pritzker to deploy the Illinois National Guard in the city."

**Hedgepeth, responding while on her vacation, said, "I don't want to go home tomorrow. Now that the civil war has begun I want to move."**

In an online exchange, a reader told her to follow her gut and move, and she wrote, "I need a gun and training."

**She added, "I am about facts, truth seeking and love. I will speak on any topic I choose because I live in a free country. I find the term 'white privilege' as racist as the 'N' word. You have not walked in my shoes either so do not make assumptions about me and my so called privilege. You think America is racist? Then you have been hoodwinked by the white liberal establishment and race baiters like Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. Travel the world and go see that every nation has racism and some more**



than others but few make efforts such as we do to mitigate or eliminate it. I have lived and seen. The people I am informed by about the black experience in America are actually some of the smartest people in America. And it so happens they are black. I highly recommend studying Thomas Sowell, who is now retired and in his 80's. A treasure.

**A truth seeker. [D]oes REAL research and analysis. Candice Owens is one of the smartest and most courageous women in America and Larry Elders speaks the truth with a great sense of humor and FACTS not feelings. They are who I listen to when it comes to facts about the black experience in America.** Don't you think there is a deeper problem than racism when 50% of murders in America are committed by 13% of the population? Do you think there might be a subtle genocide of black babies when most planned parenthoods are put in poor neighborhoods and that 30% of abortions are black babies. [B]lack women only make up 7% of the U.S. population. The greatest power you have is what you believe about yourself. [W]hat have Democrats, mainstream media and intellectuals in ivory towers been telling the black community to believe about themselves for forty years? Wake up and stop believing them, then things will change."

The **posts were on her personal page** and did not identify her as a teacher.

**She was told when she got back from vacation she was under investigation. Then she was fired.**

**"The school district took what could have been a teachable moment about respecting diversity of viewpoints and turned it into a clear civil rights violation,"** said Judicial Watch spokesman Tom Fitton. "Jeanne Hedgepeth had every right to express herself freely and openly on her personal Facebook page, outside of school, about matters of undeniable public concern. Firing her for opposing lawlessness, speaking out about gun rights, praising black conservatives, and criticizing Democrats and tenets of Critical Racial Theory violated the First Amendment, and the school district and district officials who did so will be held accountable." <https://www.wnd.com/2021/07/teacher-takes-serious-action-fired-blasting-u-s-riots/> **[To Quote T. Carlson – the left wants you to sit down and shut up. Don't challenge and don't complain because they are always right and you are always wrong unless you agree with them. Hopefully this lady will win her case and get about \$1million from these creeps. – rdb]**

## **Federal scheme gives more aid to blacks and minorities than whites to buy homes**

**'The most blatantly racist act yet by the Biden administration'**

By [Bob Unruh](#)

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**In a strategy that is similar to several other proposed federal giveaways by the Biden administration that already have been halted in court for their racist elements, a new proposal would set up federal aid for homebuyers – and it would give more to blacks and other minorities than to whites.**

**The Washington Times has documented that U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., wants to set up a program inside of President Biden's \$3.5 trillion clean energy and daycare bill – what he calls "human infrastructure" – that would allow federal aid for down payments on homes.**

**It would specify that blacks get more financial help than whites.**

The report explained, **"White prospective homebuyers would be eligible for the \$20,000 grants, but people of color would be more likely to fit the criteria. Particularly alarming to critics is that Ms. Waters would give another \$5,000 in down-payment assistance to members of a 'socially disadvantaged group.'** The legislation defines the group as those 'identifying as black, Hispanic, Native American, or Asian American, or any combination thereof."

A commentary at the Independent Sentinel explained this possibly is "the most blatantly racist act yet by the [Biden] administration."

**"It's clearly racist and it's similar to the endless reparations idea that Kamala Harris came up with," the commentary said. "The Left is constantly trying to force reparations down our throats through racist policies."**

The writer pointed out that it was just in May that the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, a conservative legal nonprofit, sued the Biden administration for prioritizing COVID-19 relief funds for bars and restaurants owned by minorities.

Then last month, "a Florida federal court judge granted a preliminary injunction blocking another Biden administration relief program that forgave loans of black farmers."

WILL Deputy Counsel Dan Lennington told the Independent Sentinel there is a "100%" guarantee there will be another lawsuit if Waters' plan is adopted.

"Helping out first-generation homebuyers is a good, racial-neutral way to solve a problem. But adding the term 'socially disadvantaged' makes the \$5,000 benefit a racial classification that would be subject to strict scrutiny by federal

courts," he explained.

Waters formerly headed the Congressional Black Caucus.

The Times reported an opponent of the idea was Sen. Patrick J. Toomey of Pennsylvania, who considered it "tantamount to a form of racism that discriminates against white people."

"Whether they are handing out aid to 'socially disadvantaged farmers' or providing additional down-payment assistance to minority homebuyers, Democrats seem intent on fighting 'racial inequity' by discriminating on the basis of race," a spokeswoman explained.

An analysis said because of income qualifications already more blacks would be eligible than whites.

Estimates suggested 36% of the qualified eligible applicants would be black and 30% white.

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/07/federal-scheme-gives-aid-blacks-minorities-whites-buy-homes/> **[Discrimination is discrimination no matter what you want to label it. – rdb]**

## **Commentary:**

### **Contagion!**

*[Ted Noel](#) Posted: Jul 25, 2021 12:01 AM*

The MSM is echoing with cries of "The Delta Variant is more contagious!" This is somehow supposed to bring us to the needle on our knees, weeping for our insensitive, snowflake triggering refusal to get the shot sooner. We should have realized that our questions about the safety of the shot are actually "violence." Certainly we don't wish to be violent?

Fast on the heels of the "Contagion!" scream is the screed that "hospitals have not yet reached maximum capacity." Somehow this is supposed to frighten us back into ineffective and harmful lockdowns in the futile hope that something we will do is actually going to be the little Dutch boy's finger in the dike, stopping the deluge. But The Gray Lady doth protest too much. (cf. Hamlet, Act III, Scene II)

"Contagious" sounds like the Delta Variant is a really, really awful and deadly bug. The original COVID-19 was so bad that if you got near it, you were going to die. The only thing missing was the date on the headstone. But now you will assume room temperature the moment you get near Delta.

Take a breath. A deep, cleansing breath. That's it. Now you're ready to hear the facts. And, by the way, there are facts that aren't "your truth" or "my truth." They are "the truth."

"Contagious" simply does not mean "deadly." It just means you can catch it. "More contagious" just means "easier to catch." And if we really want to talk about a highly contagious bug, we should discuss the common cold. It's one of the most contagious bugs out there, but it doesn't kill people very often, if at all. For most people it lasts a week. If they treat it, it only lasts seven days...

By now you get the picture. The lame-stream media simply will not tell any story that doesn't turn a moderate viral infection into the Black Death, which killed between thirty to sixty percent of Europeans during the fourteenth century. But many have begun to realize that the original Wuhan Flu simply did not kill very many people. We saw news reports of refrigerated trailers full of dead bodies, but most of us don't know anyone who was seriously impacted by it. I personally know several, and they all recovered with no illness worse than the seasonal flu would cause. A close friend in active medical practice has seen a single COVID death, and that person was elderly with multiple severe illnesses before the virus tipped him over the edge. We have to decide whether we will believe the Quixotic Quislings of Quarantine or our own lying eyes.

We have to discuss numbers. Various scoreboards have listed over half a million American deaths from COVID-19. The current occupant of the White House has repeated this, using it to decry the fact that somehow every American (but

no illegal alien!) should be jabbed. We can't take that number at face value. On [April 14, 2020](#), the CDC published a definition that a COVID case is defined by "confirmatory laboratory evidence for COVID-19." After that point, the "total cases" multiplied.

Various analyses using the earlier CDC case definition – a person with typical signs and symptoms plus, if needed, lab confirmation – show about six percent of that half million actually died from COVID-19. That's about thirty thousand, a number very close to seasonal flu. And, by the way, cases of the flu are still defined in the original way.

When we allow a positive lab test, which incidentally, is completely unstandardized and utterly unsuited for the way it's used, to rule the count, we find that politics and financial interests force a massive over count. Politicians use it as a way to drive the unquestioning public into submission to useless mandates, and hospitals use it to extract many thousands of dollars for each "COVID-19 case" under the CARES Act. The only people who lose are...

Us.

But the language manglers aren't done. "Hospitals have not yet reached maximum capacity!" The implication is that admissions for the Delta Variant are rising so rapidly and cases are so severe that in mere moments we will run out of ICU beds. A moment of careful reflection is in order.

Exactly the same fear was ginned up early in the pandemic last year. New York Governor Cuomo was so panicked that he announced New York was about to run out of ventilators and bed space. President Trump was so helpful that even this vocal political adversary complimented his rapid deployment of a field hospital to the Javits Center and a Navy hospital ship to New York harbor. But those 3,910 beds barely saw any patients, and the extra ventilators President Trump got built went unused. Ultimately many were sent to foreign countries.

An occasional hospital ICU did briefly fill to overcapacity, but that happens all the time. Intensive Care beds are very expensive to maintain, so hospitals routinely manage them in a way to keep them as full as possible. During my years of doing anesthesia for open heart surgery, delays due to fully occupied beds were nearly a daily occurrence.

Nurses being overworked due to understaffing is no surprise, either. Because staff is the largest expense at a hospital, nurses get sent home if the patient census falls, and others get pushed into double shifts when census is high. Hospitals don't want to spend one penny extra, staff discontent be damned. So when there were overworked nurses with full ICUs, it was same-old-same-old, not news. But the MSM contorted it into major news.

"Hospitals have not yet reached maximum capacity!" is simply another piece of panic porn. It's a true statement that is completely meaningless. If a large percent of the beds were empty, as they were when all elective admissions were cancelled due the pandemic in the spring of 2020, then "they had not reached maximum capacity."

By now it should be very clear that the language lizards on the Left have tried to get you to believe three things before breakfast that simply aren't true – that the Delta Variant is somehow more deadly than the original bug (It's less deadly), that medical services are just about to dry up because the variant is more deadly, and that there are no effective treatments. And this last one is a clear case of deliberate malpractice by Fauci et. al. They deliberately misused language to get you to believe the first two. And their slanders and silence on the last are mind-boggling.

The word from the CDC was that we should not use hydroxychloroquine because it doesn't work (It does). We should use remdesivir because it will work (It doesn't). This list is long and distinguished, but it points out a key problem with the CDC. Fauci's minions never put out a list of therapies that are beneficial, unlike their recommendations for almost every other disease. Their only action was to trash approaches they didn't invent.

There are many very useful COVID treatments. This disease is very manageable, and has low mortality. It's time to tell the tyrants to F\_\_\_ O\_\_\_.

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## **It's Now or Never**

*By [Rob Pue](#)/July 25th, 2021*

While most Americans are enjoying the beautiful summertime and going about their lives as usual, it seems to most that all is fine with the world right now. Oh, most understand that the "new normal" we're all adjusting to is a little challenging sometimes, but most are also pretty insulated from the nefarious things taking place around the world. I dare say, most would rather not even think about these things. It's just too depressing and if one would really take the time to study and understand, it would bring great anxiety and distress.

The world we live in is rapidly changing. We're all being slowly boiled to death like frogs. The mockingbird media, internet search engines, social media sites, and mainstream internet video sites are working overtime to maintain and drive the official New World Order Globalist agenda. They're scrubbing the truth from view as they censor reality and replace it with lies. And as we should all understand by now, a lie told often enough soon becomes "reality" in the minds of most



consumers of false information.

Meanwhile, those who tell the truth are now in a more precarious position than ever before. If you dare tell the truth today, you'll be immediately labeled a "conspiracy theorist" and publicly ridiculed at the very least. If you're in a position where your truth-telling will influence too many people, then by doing so, you're literally putting your life on the line. Truth cannot be tolerated.

I think it would be appropriate here to read some Scripture from Isaiah 59. *"Indeed, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, and His ear is not too deaf to hear. But your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have made Him hide His face from you so that He does not listen. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers, with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, and your tongues mutter injustice. No one makes claims justly; no one pleads honestly. They trust in empty and worthless words; they conceive trouble and give birth to iniquity."*

*"Their works are sinful works, and violent acts are in their hands. Their feet run after evil, and they rush to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are sinful thoughts; ruin and wretchedness are in their paths. They have not known the path of peace, and there is no justice in their ways. They have made their roads crooked; no one who walks on them will know peace. Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We hope for light, but there is darkness; for brightness, but we live in the night. We grope along a wall like the blind; we grope like those without eyes. We stumble at noon as though it were twilight; we are like the dead among those who are healthy."*

*"We hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions have multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgression and deception against the Lord, turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering lying words from the heart. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far off. For truth has stumbled in the public square, and honesty cannot enter. Truth is missing..."*

This is where we're at today, and it's not just those we would view as "wicked" that are the wicked ones Isaiah's referring to. No indeed. We need to look in the mirror as well. So many church-goers are content to continue to "play church" in the midst of a demonic takeover of this world. They're happy to continue to gather in their weekly social club meetings, pretending to worship the Lord, but I have to wonder if He even hears the prayers of those who choose to sit on the fence, bury their heads in the sand and never consider the fact that we're living in a time of spiritual warfare like never before.

The devil is loose upon the earth and he's having a field day — especially with our young people and children, but in many cases, he's just as successful with the older ones and even the elderly. Very few of us have ever been taught anything about spiritual warfare. Oh, we know the verses about how we wrestle not against flesh and blood and how we're supposed to put on the full armor of God... but that's about as far as it goes with most of us. Most of us are very ill-equipped to actually go to war against our adversary, and have never put on a single piece of spiritual armor. No one's ever taught us.

It's much more convenient to just sit and wait for the "rapture bus" to take us out of here. But what if the Lord doesn't return for another fifty years? What sort of slavery are we leaving to our children and grandchildren? Not to mention, if the Lord DOES return today and call us home, what will we have to say for ourselves when we stand before Him? Will He call us "good and faithful servants?" Or will He say, "I never knew you." "You never showed up for the battle. You were AWOL in the spiritual war I called *all* of My followers to. You never carried your cross. You only pretended to follow Me from a safe distance."

Those of us who carry the name of Christ absolutely **MUST** be vigilant and alert right now. We must be studying to show ourselves approved, but we must also be doing. We need to be sounding the warning for all those deceived by the enemy. Unfortunately, when people like myself and others do that, we're looked upon as "conspiracy nuts" by our family and friends, and especially those who avoid sitting next to us in church because we're "*one of those fanatics.*" Why does this surprise us? And why do so many work so hard to avoid all semblance of controversy? Why are we so fearful of man for simply telling the truth? God's Word tells us that our worst enemies will one day be those of our own households. Our church friends, our work friends. People who know us. I'm afraid that day has come, folks.

It saddens me that 60% of Americans — and that includes professing Christians and unbelievers alike — have already taken the COVID jabs, despite overwhelming evidence of the dangers of these things. A Christian friend of mine was one of the first. She and her husband got theirs as soon as they could because they're retired and they want to be allowed to freely travel. Others got their jabs so that they could receive "permission" to remove their masks. Nevermind this is clearly the biggest scam the world's ever seen. Nevermind that the real science clearly shows this is all seriously evil.

Countless doctors, scientists, investigators and researchers around the world have provided absolute proof of the dangers of these injections. I will not call them "vaccines," because these are experimental drugs and we're the lab rats. These injections alter one's DNA, something that can never be reversed. Reputable doctors have warned that if you don't

die quickly or have immediate adverse health effects after receiving your jabs, it will only be a matter of months before you do. Many (and not just a few) doctors have warned that millions are at risk for death, as early as this fall, once the experimental chemicals have worked their way into every cell and tissue in their bodies. Of course, the official narrative will be that millions are dying because of those who refused the shots, or because now there's a "new" strain of the virus we must all panic over. Mind you, this whole thing, nearly two years into it now, has turned the world upside down and backwards, and when all is said and done, officially 99.97% of people survive COVID infection. It seems to me there's more here than meets the eye, and a whole lot of lies are being foisted upon ignorant, compliant citizens.

We've all seen the hundreds of videos showing magnets sticking to the injection sites. Yet the internet "fact checkers" tell us what we see before our very eyes is not really real. Recently a friend who works as a private investigator noted that "bug detectors" — (those devices used to sweep a room or area for surveillance devices, devices that emit radiation, and are used to track, monitor and listen to private conversations) react strongly to the injection sites on the human body. Why would a "vaccine" cause that? What's IN these injections that cause magnets to stick and radiation emissions?

And why are the Globalists so intent on injecting every single person on the planet with whatever poisons they're pushing? Why is this so extremely important? Why do we have a 24/7 propaganda machine running at full speed, pushing these jabs as being vital? Why has Biden and Company become so desperate now, that they're sending the "medical brown-shirts" door-to-door to make sure everyone's been injected? When has this ever happened before in history? And yes, it's already started in multiple states, including Wisconsin, North Carolina and Georgia to name a few. In some places, the "jabbers" will just show up at your door and convince you that everything you've heard, everything I'm saying right now is just taken out of context. Their job is to tell you outright lies, disguised as truth to get you to voluntarily comply. In other places, the door-to-door teams will show up unannounced and uninvited, fully equipped to give you the jab on the spot.

Things are getting very interesting. A lot of people on social media sites are big talkers — *"just wait til they come to MY door,"* they say, *"they'll wish they hadn't, that's for sure!"* I have to wonder. These are the same people who voluntarily wore their masks for over a year so they could shop in stores that required them. Now they say they'll draw the line at the jab. But when the medical "brown-shirts" show up at their doors, speak their smooth words and have their syringes ready — along with all the benefits of a "vaccination passport" as a reward for compliance, I wonder how many will stand their ground. Currently, only 30% of people worldwide have refused the injections. As it becomes increasingly difficult to live normally without them, when airlines require them to travel, when stores require proof of your compliance to enter, when your employer requires proof for you to work, when you can no longer buy or sell or travel freely without the jab... I wonder just how many will bow the knee to this evil. I wonder.

In the UK, France and other areas of Europe, citizens are rising up against increased pressure and tyranny. There are massive protests in other countries. But Canada is completely lost to Global communism now, and America is well on it's way.

Are you aware there *were* three countries that initially refused the jabs? All three of their leaders died suddenly and unexpectedly. The president of Tanzania refused the jab for his citizens and he died March 17th at the age of 61. The official cause of death was reported as a heart condition — and of course, "COVID 19." Likewise the president of Burundi died on June 9th, reportedly of a heart condition — and of course, "COVID 19." And on July 7th, the president of Haiti was shot dead at his home.

If you research this on the internet, you'll find very compelling versions of these news stories, explaining how the very idea that these presidents were killed because they were "vaccine hesitant" for the sake of their citizens is complete conspiracy theory nonsense. But the fact remains; these three countries had previously refused the vax. Their presidents all died — and no one will ever know what really happened to them, with the exception of the president of Haiti, who was obviously shot to death — and now the new leaders of these countries are obediently "fast-tracking" the jabs for all their people.

Friends: 24/7 propaganda and ad campaigns; door-to-door medical authorities coercing citizens to comply; countless bribes and so-called "incentives" for compliance and increasing punishments for disobedience. Clearly something very fishy about the injections themselves, with untold numbers of people dying or suffering life-long injuries within minutes or days of taking the jabs. Doctors warning of the dangers, and ending up jobless or dead for doing so. Presidents refusing to allow this in their countries, all suddenly dying. I don't claim to understand all that's involved here, but clearly it's very, very important to the Globalists that everyone be jabbed and marked as quickly as possible. They're not playing around. And those who attempt to sound a warning, like the warning you're hearing from me right now, end up censored, ridiculed and even mysteriously dead. The devil is loose. The deception is thick. The pressure is on to comply. The Globalist "Great Reset" is coming like a tsunami and I have to wonder why all the jab advocates are also life-long world de-population advocates. I urge you all to do your own research. Don't be afraid to share what you know with others.

Speak now, while you can. Because one day, perhaps soon, you'll have to give an account to Christ for your actions in these days. Stay strong, bold and courageous. Speak and share the truth. And note that Revelation warns that all cowards will have their part in the lake of fire. It's now or never. <https://newswithviews.com/its-now-or-never/>

## The Age of Political Cults

[Daniel Greenfield July 25, 2021](#)

*"Any religious idea, any idea of any god at all, any flirtation even with a god, is the most inexpressible foulness," Vladimir Lenin*

The rise of political craziness is intertwined with the decline of religion. The political cults aren't necessarily attracting atheists or agnostics, though there are plenty of both, rather they're drawing on the growing number of people who may be formally religious, but who aren't finding inspiration in faith.

What do you do when G-d, the Bible, and the struggle within don't move you? You find what does.

The rise of Marxism, Socialism, and Communism drew on the decline of religion among European Christians and Jews. The Nazis and their European counterparts were pagan atheists who distilled the essential appeal of socialism and marketed it to a more outwardly religious middle-class crowd.

American radicalism is religion for the irreligious. The Communists and Nazis had borrowed what they thought were the innate emotional and historical appeals of Judeo-Christian religion without the divinity or any of the substance. They succeeded at creating cults of personality that played into a historical drama that vowed to transform the world at the cost of struggle, sacrifice, and the submission of the individual.

Our own age of political cults is doing the same thing.

The American age of political cults didn't begin yesterday. While Europe was shattering under the pressures of economic depression, future shock, and a world that seemed both too small and too big, the same story was playing out on these shores. The FDR era and the New Deal gave Americans their own smaller Fuhrer and taste of socialism, but we lacked the European appetite for destruction whetted by the innate sense that history was coming to a close and required one last Gotterdammerung at the end.

Now the appetite for an American Gotterdammerung is here. For the first time the majority of Americans don't believe that things will get any better. Religion is declining sharply and the political cults offer a cataclysmically redemptive purpose with visions of rising oceans, growing poverty, inescapable racism, and a catastrophic way out that requires not faith, but action.

There's no way to understand the rise of political cults without touching the despair that feeds them.

No one abandons their values and beliefs, or turns to evil and hate, without a root cause of despair. In the face of a deep despair, anything that offers hope starts to seem like a light at the end of a tunnel.

Or hope and change.

*"In the long run, National Socialism and religion will no longer be able to exist together," Adolf Hitler*

America's religious and cultural immune system had done a reasonably good job of staving off political messianism until the latter half of the twentieth century. Then as now the impetus for the madness came from the combination of rapid change, threatened destruction, and a sense of decline.

You can only tell young people so often that the end is near and not expect them to go a little crazy.

It helps when the agents of destruction appear to come from some force of science, whether it's class warfare, nuclear war, or global warming that appears to be outside the realm of religion.

Never mind the fact that none of the secular prophecies of an apocalyptic class war, nuclear war, or the oncoming ice age had come to pass. The political cults draw authority from scientism without being scientific. But in a modern age, they appear to be more relevant than religion to those who live exterior lives in a world manifestly made of steel and glass, rather than soul and spirit. When experts tell you that wine is bad for you, or that lockdowns are good for you, or that the world is ending, you believe.

You believe without any actual faith or inspiration. Instead, you find those elsewhere. The cults.

Political cults don't return to religion, rather they find hidden meanings, pseudoscientific or pagan, in the secular world. They make a religion of politics and they find their theology and scripture in daily events, in pop culture references, in sociology, and class, gender, and race. What appears perverse and senseless to you can seem miraculous to them. Men and women changing genders. Political messiahs who promise to change the world. Secret conspiracies and revelations only they are privy to.



The miracles of a political cult lie in a potent sense of conviction, in its rise to power, and in the secret knowledge of a hidden world beneath the apparent surface of the steel and glass reality around us.

Politics is about power and every political cult worships power.

Power is the deity of the political cult. Its messianic age comes with the seizure of power. Is theology is the right side of history. Its scripture is rhetoric. And its hope is shadowed by hate. To desire power is to really desire power over others. The despair at the root of political cults is fed by murderous violence that eventually sickens even its perpetrators, destroys their souls, and leeches away their energies.

When a totalitarian cult triumphs, it rises from a murderous orgy to a lethargic torpor of decline. Having killed millions without ever getting closer to utopia, it no longer has a goal or direction, just power.

*"What do we have, a republic or a monarchy?" A republic, if you can keep it," Benjamin Franklin*

America's immunity to political cults began with its founding. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were revolutionary documents, but their promise lay in liberty, not in political messianism. They were not offering a new age of power, but the freedom for Americans to live their own lives.

Americans were not looking to change the world or even themselves, but to be left alone within their own communities, their states, their churches and synagogues, their families and their homes.

The Revolution did not usher in a new cultural revolution or even a new political revolution. Rather it protected, expanded, and defended what had already been built using principles that aligned with the sentiments and values of most Americans.

Political cults turn politics into the end whereas Americans insisted that politics was the means.

Politics turns to totalitarianism, to cults of personality, and to cults when it comes to believe that politics is the end, that it is everything we need, rather than that it is the means to allow us to live our lives.

Politics is not redemptive. It does not save us. It saves us only from tyranny and other threats.

The difference between preventative politics and coercive politics is also the gap between constitutional politics and political cults.

To the political cult, politics is all that matters. Politics takes on an outsized dimension encompassing human history and overshadowing theology and religion. Only politics can save or destroy us, is the cult's message. And in a world in which politics seems to be everywhere, it's a compelling message.

It's also false.

Politics can be a weapon at its worst. At its best, it's a management tool. It can be used to suppress or protect religion, but it's not a religious experience.

Political cults invent political apocalypses, global warming, systemic racism, and class warfare, to be met with political redemptions, but they've shown no ability to meet even their own challenges, let alone save mankind.

Power can be vitally important. It's crucial for survival in a crisis. But power rarely makes anyone a better person.

That is the big lie at the heart of the political cult which worships power and pretends that power is redemptive.

History tells us authoritatively that it's not.

Power corrupts and political cults therefore worship corruption. Everything else follows plainly from that.

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*Barring someone under indictment from PM is only logical, says Sa'ar. It's opposing such a law that is personal.*

*Hezki Baruch, Jul 25, 2021 10:58 PM*

**Justice Minister Gideon Sa'ar (New Hope) has stated his intention to propose a new law that would prevent anyone under criminal indictment from serving as prime minister.**

**Writing in his Twitter account, Sa'ar stated: "A mayor of a city, who is directly elected by the local population, is suspended from his position if he is criminally indicted. (I passed this law as Interior**

