

04182026 NEWS SPECIAL Don't miss Lev U'Neshama NOTE at end!

Please Note:

I am now home from having triple bypass surgery. I will attempt to start looking at the news and sending something out in the near future but it will be very abbreviated with only titles and links You can also subscribe to one of the many Israel reviews that are mailed out daily.

Thank you for your patience. rdb

IDF reservist killed, nine wounded by explosive in southern Lebanon amid truce

Sgt. First Class (res.) Lidor Porat, 31, dies as engineering vehicle rolls over bomb; military carries out strikes after incident; Lebanon reports repair work on bombed bridges

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

and [Agencies](#) Today, 1:19 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-reservist-killed-nine-wounded-by-explosive-in-southern-lebanon-amid-truce/>

Trump says US-Iran talks to take place Tuesday, threatens 'NO MORE MR. NICE GUY!'

Iran said undecided on sending delegation to Pakistan; Trump threatens to blow up bridges and power plants if it doesn't agree to demands; Iran's Ghalibaf mocks Trump's 'foolish' blockade

By [Lazar Berman](#),

[Agencies](#) and [ToI Staff](#) Today, 7:13 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-says-us-iran-talks-to-take-place-tuesday-threatens-no-more-mr-nice-guy/>

Iran rejects second round of talks with US - report

Earlier on Sunday, US President Donald Trump said that Iran has committed a "serious violation" of the ceasefire but still thinks he can get a peace deal, ABC News reporter Jonathan Karl reported.

By [JERUSALEM POST STAFF](#) APRIL 19, 2026 20:05 Updated: APRIL 19, 2026 20:18

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-893538>

Iran parliament speaker touts 'progress' in US talks, but Strait of Hormuz still shut

Ghalibaf says 'big distance' remains and sides are 'far' from final discussions; confusion remains over vital waterway; Trump heaps praise on Israel as 'great ally' of US

By [Agencies](#) and [ToI Staff](#) Today, 9:55 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-parliament-speaker-touts-progress-in-us-talks-but-strait-of-hormuz-still-shut/>

Trump managing Iran war based on conflicting caprices that blindside his aides — report

WSJ says advisers have urged US president to curb his improvised social media posts and media interviews; Trump yelled at aides 'for hours' when US jet was downed, was kept from situation room

By [Lazar Berman](#)

and [ToI Staff](#) Today, 4:39 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-managing-iran-war-based-on-conflicting-caprices-that-blindside-his-aides-report/>

Weary Iranians expect no postwar respite under entrenched regime

Citizens fear that an agreement with the US will embolden the Islamist rulers, further eroding their rights, while the effects of war on the economy, infrastructure linger

By [Parisa Hafezi](#) and [ANGUS MCDOWALL](#) Today, 8:28 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/weary-iranians-expect-no-postwar-respite-under-entrenched-regime/>

IDF confirms Hezbollah attacked UNIFIL soldiers during ceasefire

French President Emmanuel Macron had announced on Saturday that France holds Hezbollah responsible for the attack, which killed a French UNIFIL soldier and injured three others.

By [JERUSALEM POST STAFF](#) APRIL 19, 2026 19:50

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-893534>

‘Every threatening figure here is a terrorist’: ynet reporter embeds with IDF forces in south Lebanon

Following the ceasefire, ynet joins IDF’s 162nd Division inside Hezbollah strongholds in southern Lebanon, where commanders describe aggressive rules of engagement, dismantled infrastructure and ongoing efforts to prevent the terror group’s return

By [Elisha Ben Kimon](#), Southern Lebanon|12:24

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/ryyxoffawx#autoplay>

Syria says it foiled Hezbollah-linked cross-border attack planned from area near Israel

Interior ministry says cell arranged to fire missiles across the border from Quneitra province, which borders Israel, without specifying which country was the intended target

By [AFP](#) and [Tel Staff](#) Today, 5:54 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/syria-says-it-foiled-hezbollah-linked-cross-border-attack-planned-from-area-near-israel/>

Smotrich urges PM to order the IDF to ‘prepare for the full occupation’ of Gaza

Far-right minister repeats call for rebuilding settlements in Strip; Likud minister calls reestablishment of West Bank settlement evacuated in 2005 ‘a moment of historical justice’

By [Sam Sokol](#)

Today, 6:35 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/smotrich-urges-pm-to-order-the-idf-to-prepare-for-the-full-occupation-of-gaza/>

As Israel approaches 78th Independence Day, its population stands at 10.244 million

76% are Jews and ‘others,’ 21.1% Arabs; over past year, 177,000 Israelis were born, 48,000 died, 21,000 immigrated; population has grown over a dozen-fold since state’s founding

By [Tel Staff](#) Today, 4:50 pm <https://www.timesofisrael.com/as-israel-approaches-78th-independence-day-its-population-stands-at-10-244-million/>

Arson attempt hits London synagogue; Iran-linked group claims attack

UK Chief Rabbi Mirvis: A ‘sustained campaign of violence and intimidation against the Jewish community’; no injuries reported; counter-terror police investigating

By [Tel Staff](#) and [Zev Stub](#)

Today, 12:49 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/arson-attempt-hits-london-synagogue-iran-linked-group-claims-attack-on-jewish-tied-building/>

TAKEN FROM MALONE NEWS POSTING

The year is 1950. Your doctor lights a cigarette and tells you smoking is fine. He read it in a study. He is telling the truth about having read it. He does not know, or is not saying, that the study was funded by the tobacco industry.

The year is 1958. Your doctor tells you to eat less fat. The evidence is contested. The contestation is not in the public messaging. The food industry has been helpful in clarifying which findings deserve attention. Some researchers who published contradictory data have been quietly defunded. Ansel Keys is on the cover of Time magazine.

The year is 1962. Your doctor prescribes thalidomide to your pregnant wife for morning sickness. It has been approved. The FDA gave it the green light in Europe [JGM - factcheck, EU regulators did that]. Twelve thousand children will be born with severe limb malformations before anyone in an official capacity acknowledges the problem. The families are told the drug was safe. The drug was approved. Both of these things remain true.

The year is 1972. Your doctor prescribes Valium. Britain is in the grip of a benzodiazepine wave that will last two decades. The dependency risk is known internally. It is not shared. Your doctor is not lying to you. He was not told either.

The year is 1999. Your doctor prescribes Vioxx for your arthritis. It is newer than ibuprofen, well-tolerated, and Merck has a study showing it works. Merck also has internal data suggesting it roughly doubles the risk of heart attack. This data will not reach your doctor for four more years. Fifty thousand people are estimated to have died in the interim. Merck eventually settles for 4.85 billion dollars. No criminal charges are brought.

The year is 2002. Your doctor prescribes OxyContin. Purdue Pharma trained its sales representatives to tell doctors the addiction risk was less than one percent. That figure came from a letter, not a study. The letter was about patients with terminal cancer on short-term doses in hospital settings. Your doctor is a GP with a patient who has a bad back. Nobody draws a distinction. Nobody is required to.

The year is 2008. Your doctor checks your cholesterol. Your LDL is elevated. You are prescribed a statin. Nobody mentions that the number needed to treat for primary prevention is approximately 250. Nobody mentions that the muscle deterioration you'll notice over the next two years is listed as a rare side effect rather than a documented pattern affecting a meaningful percentage of patients. The trial that informed the prescription was funded by the manufacturer.

Now it is today.

Your doctor has new guidelines. New studies. New consensus.

He is confident.

He has always been confident.

The confidence has never been the problem.

The confidence is, in fact, precisely the problem.

-From: Sama Hoole @SamaHoole on X

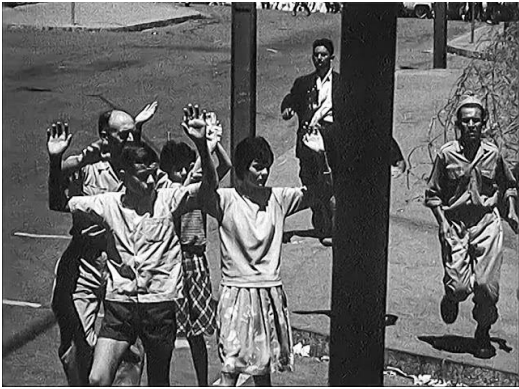
<https://www.malone.news/p/sunday-strip-make-it-shtty>

This is way too true. rdb

OP ED

Pope Leo Celebrates Christian Genocide in Algeria

Sat, 18 Apr 2026 8:07 PM PST by Daniel Greenfield



In 1955, Algeria had over 1 million Catholics and 140,000 Jews. Today, as Pope Leo visits Algeria, there are some 8,000 Catholics in Algeria and there are fewer than 200 Jews.

99% of the population of what was one of the old territories of Christianity are Sunni Muslims.

Was Islam so popular that all the Christians and Jews decided to convert? Not at all. They were persecuted, murdered, tortured and driven out by Islamic violence that occurred in our lifetimes.

Christians and Jews had lived in Algeria since Roman times. Now they're gone.

This Christian genocide was endorsed by major world powers, aided and abetted by the French government and celebrated in movies, books and classroom lessons. And by Pope Leo XIV.

Alongside paying tribute to the 19 Martyrs of Algeria, beatified in 2018, priests, monks and nuns, including 7 beheaded monks and 2 nuns murdered on the way to mass, by Islamic terrorists who later received amnesty for their crimes, Pope Leo also paid tribute to Muslim Jihadists.

Pope Leo visited Algeria's so-called Martyrs' Monument, "Maqam Echahid," located above the El Mujahid or Jihadi Museum, erected by former Islamic-Socialist terrorist dictator Houari Boumediène who had headed the ALN, one of whose specialties was the "Smile of Kabylie" in which the tongue was pulled through a slit throat, and which was responsible for the Oran Massacre of Christians and Jews thereby ethnically cleansing a formerly non-Muslim city.

Women and children had their throats cut by Muslim mobs bent on slaughter. 250,000 non-Muslims had lived in Oran. After the massacres, over 200,000 survivors fled.

Pope Leo XIV visited the Jihadi site and in his remarks claimed that "our presence here at this monument pays tribute to this history of Algeria and to the very spirit of a people who fought for the independence, dignity and sovereignty of this nation."

Praising the Arab Muslim Jihadis who had set out to eliminate Christianity from Algeria, the pontiff declared that "they lost their lives but in doing so, they gave them up for the love of their own people. May their example sustain the people of Algeria and all of us on our journey, for true freedom is not merely inherited, it is chosen anew every day."

The "love of their own people" was based on a fervent hatred of all non-Muslims, acted out through horrible atrocities, including the deliberate murder of non-Muslim children by Muslims.

The 'martyrs' of the Jihadi Museum under the monument at which Pope Leo made his remarks include Mohammed Larbi Ben M'Hidi, the Muslim terrorist leader responsible for bombings and shootings against non-Muslim civilians including the Milk-Bar bombing during which a Muslim woman planted a bomb in a shop filled with mothers and children having milkshakes.

Mothers were killed and children lost arms and legs.

Danielle Michel-Chich, a 5-year-old girl, had gone to have ice cream with her grandmother. Danielle lost her leg, while her grandmother lost her life. Nicole Guiraud, a 10-year-old girl, lost her arm. Some young women were killed in the brutal Islamic terrorist attacks.



Zohra Drif, the monster who planted the bomb targeting mothers and children, is an honored figure in Algeria, and was the wife of Rabah Bitat, Algeria's former president who succeeded Boumediene. The terrorist also served as the vice president of Algeria's parliament.

This is what Pope Leo XIV decided to honor and praise as the "example" for Algeria.

On his visit, Pope Leo repeatedly invoked St. Augustine of Hippo who had been from Algeria. Hippo was sacked and destroyed by the Islamic invaders. The city later known as Bône (known as Anaba under Muslim occupation) was one of the cities where non-Muslims fled Muslim violence.

Rather than address what had actually happened, Pope Leo insisted on pretending that there was nothing

religious about Christian clergy being massacred by Muslim terrorists, contending that “In the face of hatred and violence, they remained faithful to charity even to the point of sacrificing themselves alongside many other men and women, Christians and Muslims.”

Visiting the Great Mosque of Algiers, erected by former terrorist dictator Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who had provided amnesty to all members of the Armed Islamic Group, the Jihadist group responsible for the murder of Christian clergy, including nuns and a bishop, Pope Leo praised the gargantuan monstrosity as a “place of prayer” from which “we can learn to respect one another, live in harmony and build a world of peace.”

An Algerian Muslim convert to Christianity however [asked to only be referred](#) to anonymously.

Algeria has closed dozens of churches, prosecuted Christians for giving away or even selling copies of the bible and non-registered church services have been banned.

The Algerian constitution declares that “Islam shall be the religion of the State” and demands that the president “swear by Allah” and “glorify the Islamic religion”. So much for coexistence.

The Catholic Church is vanishing from Islamized Algeria. What was once a community of over a million had shrunk to 100,000 by 1965, 45,000 by 1980, [and 8,000 now](#). Few of the clergy are local. Rather than standing up for local persecuted Christians or warning about the consequences of spreading the same kind of Jihadist Islamization into the heartlands of Europe, Pope Leo continues to treat fellow Christians like President Trump as foes while embracing Islamic terrorist regimes as brethren. That policy will do to the Christians of Europe what it already did to the Christians of Algeria.

Rather than defend the bastions of Christianity, Pope Leo cheers on Christian genocide.

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STEP BY STEP

STEP BY STEP: Good news is that many friends and supporters of Lev U’Neshama (Heart and Soul) donated towards the Education Fund project to provide basic school supplies for actually 350 children within our Lev U’Neshama families.

We are grateful that the school supply part of our effort has been successful.

According to the Israel Population and Statistics office, Tzfat’s population is about 40,000, and one third live at the poverty level. We do what we can so at least the children within our struggling LUN families can get the things they need.

Every week we are providing new sport shoes and eye exams/eyeglasses to the children on our request list. However, previous donations are rapidly dwindling. I am reaching out now before the fund has been emptied and we will have to say “no” to additional requests.

We work with two local shoe merchants who give Lev U’Neshama a discount but they advised us the cost of the shoes has increased. Also, we work with an accredited optician in town who also gives us a discount but his cost is stable.

Lev U’Neshama is an Israeli registered non-profit charity organization, volunteer run, no business expenses whatsoever and every \$ goes into our programs.

Shoes: \$45 per pair regular and \$60 for First Steps, baby shoes.

Eye Exam/Eyeglasses: \$60 per child.

Your support is urgently requested.

Or use the Zelle US to US bank transfer system (contact me at mortsmo@aol.com for bank information.

US Donors may also send checks made payable to

Simcha Smolensky, my son, who is also a volunteer. Send to:

Rabbi Simcha Smolensky, 6739 N Mozart St Chicago IL 60645

Your support will be appreciated.

Yaffa Smolensky