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IDF troops in central Khan Younis as Netanyahu says Israel closing in on Sinwar

Thousands of Palestinians flee city in southern Gaza as fighting intensifies, head for Rafah; military spokesman says Hamas gunmen are 'coming out from underground and fighting us'

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) Today, 11:19 pm [1](#)



IDF troops operate inside Gaza, in this handout photo released on December 6, 2023. (Israel Defense Forces)

The IDF said Wednesday evening that its troops had surrounded the city of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip and were operating in its center, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a message to Hamas's Gaza chief Yahya Sinwar that Israel was closing in on him, and rocket barrages from the Strip were fired at the southern city of Beersheba.

The military's 98th Division "launched a combined attack on the area of the city of Khan Younis, against the 'centers of gravity' of the Hamas terror

organization," the IDF said. Within a few hours, troops broke through the defenses of Hamas's Khan Younis brigade, encircled the city, and began to maneuver deeper inside it, the army said.

It said troops captured Hamas strongholds, locating weapons and intelligence materials. Soldiers killed "many" Hamas operatives in ground combat and airstrikes, and located around 30 tunnel shafts that were then destroyed during the ongoing battles, as well as a weapons depot inside a mosque.

"The entire leadership of the Hamas terror organization — political and military — grew up in the area of the city of Khan Younis, including Yahya Sinwar, Muhammad Sinwar, and Mohammed Deif. Now the city is surrounded by the 98th Division," the IDF said.

IDF Spokesman Rear Adm. **Daniel Hagari said Wednesday evening that troops were also making advances in the northern Gaza Strip, where they have been operating for more than a month: "In the last 48 hours, in Jabaliya, Shejaiya, and Khan Younis, we breached the defense lines.** The terrorists are coming out from underground and fighting our forces. And our forces are winning in close-quarters combat. They have the upper hand."

Netanyahu issued a video statement Wednesday evening saying that IDF forces were "currently surrounding Sinwar's house," adding: "His home isn't his castle, and he can flee, but it's just a matter of time until we get to him," Netanyahu said.

Hagari later clarified that "Sinwar's home is the Khan Younis area" — indicating that no specific building serving as a residence for Sinwar was being encircled.

Sinwar is believed to have been in hiding in Hamas's vast tunnel network since the terror group launched its deadly attacks on southern Israel on October 7.



Yahya Sinwar, head of the Hamas terror group in Gaza, attends a rally marking Al-Quds Day, at a soccer field in Gaza City, April 14, 2023. (AP Photo/Fatima Shbair)

"Sinwar is not above ground, but underground," Hagari said. "I won't elaborate on where exactly and what we know. Our job is to get to Sinwar and kill him."

Sinwar is believed to be the mastermind of Hamas's October 7 assault. He has not been seen publicly during the war, and Israeli leaders have vowed to take him out.

As IDF troops advanced on Khan Younis, the humanitarian situation worsened in south

Gaza, with thousands fleeing further southward to Rafah and others desperately searching for basic supplies, with some accusing Hamas of stealing aid from civilians. Thousands fled Khan Younis as Israeli troops approached the city.

More than 75 percent of Gazans are thought to be displaced from their homes in the ongoing war, which was triggered when Hamas terrorists stormed across the border, killing around 1,200 Israelis and taking another 240 hostage, some 140 of whom are believed to still be held in the Strip. The Hamas-run Gaza health ministry said Tuesday that 16,248 people had been killed in Gaza since the start of the war, a figure that [largely tracks](#) with an assessment by Israel, which said it believes more than 5,000 of those killed are Hamas operatives.

Before it launched its ground operation in north Gaza in late October, the IDF urged those living in the northern part of the Strip to head south as its troops advanced. Now, after the expiration of a temporary truce deal, troops have pushed further into the south, where Jerusalem believes Hamas leaders are hiding, leaving civilians feeling they have few places left to flee.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said that he expects “public order to completely break down soon, due to the desperate conditions” in Gaza. The humanitarian conditions during the war are “fast deteriorating into a catastrophe, with potentially irreversible implications for Palestinians as a whole,” he wrote in a letter to the president of the Security Council. **[Perhaps Guterres should take a trip to Gaza and get a first hand look. It might help clear out some of the dead wood at the UN. - rdb]**

Israeli leadership on Wednesday was weighing an American appeal to allow more fuel into Gaza to help alleviate the dire humanitarian situation. [NO WAY! Hamas would steal it for their tunnel generators. – rdb]



Palestinians flee the Israeli ground operation in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, December 6, 2023. (AP Photo/ Mohammed Dahman)

Meanwhile, Hamas fired a barrage of at least 10 rockets from Gaza toward Beersheba and the surrounding areas on Wednesday afternoon. One of the projectiles slammed into a parking lot in the city's industrial zone, causing damage to nearby vehicles.

The Fire and Rescue Services said a truck containing hydrogen peroxide was damaged. No injuries were reported.

Rockets were also fired earlier at Ashkelon and several towns along the Gaza border, setting off

air raid sirens. A man in his 60s was lightly wounded by shrapnel from one of the rockets, according to first responders.

The IDF announced on Wednesday the deaths of three reservists as part of the Gaza ground offensive, bringing the death toll of the military's ground operation to 84.

Sgt. First Class (res.) Yehonatan Malka, 23, from Beersheba, a member of the 7th Armored Brigade's 82nd Battalion, and Sgt. Maj. (res.) Adi Shani, 39, of the 6036th logistics unit's patrol company, from Tzur Yitzhak, were killed fighting in Gaza, while Lt. Col. (res.) Yochai Gur Hershberg, 52, from Havat Philip, a commander of a unit in the 98th Division tasked with locating missing persons, was killed in a military-related car crash in southern Israel.



This composite photo shows Lt. Col. (res.) Yochai Gur Hershberg (R), Sgt. First Class (res.) Yehonatan Malka (C) and Sgt. Maj. (res.) Adi Shani, who the Israel Defense Forces announced were killed on December 6, 2023. (Israel Defense Forces)

The head of IDF Southern Command, Maj. Gen. Yaron Finkelmann, held an assessment in the southern Gaza Strip on Wednesday, telling troops that “the fight in Khan Younis is a major effort... we are pushing forward constantly toward the goals set for us.”

As the military advanced southward, IDF troops continued to battle Hamas

gunmen in the north, killing several of them in Jabaliya over the last day. The military said the gunmen were killed in close-quarters combat, tank shelling, and drone strikes.

The IDF said the troops found Hamas weaponry, including sniper rifles, explosives, anti-tank missiles, rockets and tunnels during operations in a mosque and school in Jabaliya. A number of rocket launchers were found near the school.

The IDF says troops of the Nahal Brigade have killed several Hamas operatives during battles in northern Gaza's Jabaliya over the last day.

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The IDF says the troops found Hamas... pic.twitter.com/QoavdceUWs

— Emanuel (Mannie) Fabian (@manniefabian) [December 6, 2023](#)

Speaking to new conscripts of the Nahal and Kfir infantry brigades on Wednesday, IDF chief Herzi Halevi said they were enlisting at a time when the mission of protecting the State of Israel had taken on a new, deeper meaning.

"Both brigades are now, as we speak, fighting in Gaza — complex combat in urban built areas," Halevi told them. "Soldiers there are making decisions, fighting the enemy... protecting each other, trying to locate hostages, rescue hostages... these are truly missions of the highest moral level imaginable."

Times of Israel staff and agencies contributed to this report. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-troops-in-central-khan-younis-as-netanyahu-says-israel-closing-in-on-sinwar/>

Cabinet approves increase in supply of fuel to Gaza, Smotrich and Ben Gvir oppose

Following US pressure, Political-Security Cabinet approves increase in supply of fuel entering the Gaza Strip during the war.

[Israel National News](#) Dec 6, 2023, 11:42 PM (GMT+2)

Following pressure by the US, the Political-Security Cabinet on Wednesday evening approved an increase in the supply of fuel entering the Gaza Strip.

Most of the ministers supported the decision. Ministers Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir objected and voted against.

A statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Office said that the cabinet "approved the War Cabinet's recommendation to allow the minimal addition of fuel necessary to prevent a humanitarian collapse and the outbreak of epidemics in the southern Gaza Strip."

"The minimum scope will be determined from time to time by the War Cabinet in accordance with the morbidity and the humanitarian situation in the Strip," the statement added.

Minister Ben Gvir said at the meeting, **"This fuel is used by Hamas. We said a few weeks ago that not even one drop would enter, and suddenly we are changing the red line?"** In order to defeat Hamas and terrorism, we must stop with the concept."

Israel to this point had allowed about 60,000 liters of fuel to enter Gaza every day for humanitarian needs. The US administration demanded that a daily amount three times higher, 180 thousand liters, be permitted to enter the Strip.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant supported the move only after it was determined that it would be done gradually, and claimed that its continuation should also be conditioned on the possibility of the Red Cross meeting the hostages held by Hamas and who have not yet been released. <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/381550>

IDF sees surge in female conscripts seeking combat roles since start of war with Hamas

Massive rise in women asking to join border defense, artillery, border police, search and rescue and other units; in first, two women pass selection for elite 669 rescue unit

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) Today, 9:03 pm [1](#)

The Israel Defense Forces said Wednesday it has seen a massive spike in female conscripts seeking to join combat units during the war in the Gaza Strip that began in October.

Over the last week, the IDF has drafted young women to various combat units where female soldiers are currently able to serve.

The army **said it has seen a draft turnout above 100 percent** — meaning the numbers it had initially planned for — and that **12% of women now joining combat units had asked to change their placement to those fighting roles during the war.**

It said that the **Border Defense Corps' light infantry units saw a 116% draft turnout, and the corps' Combat Intelligence Collection units saw a 133% turnout.**

The **Artillery Corps saw a 132% draft turnout; the Air Force's air defense array saw 101%; the Home Front Command's Search and Rescue units saw 122%; and the Border Police saw 119%.**

War erupted on October 7, when the Hamas terror group carried out a devastating attack from the Gaza Strip that killed over 1,200 people in Israel, most of them civilians.

Some 3,000 terrorists burst through the border with Gaza to rampage murderously through southern regions. The attackers overran IDF positions and communities, killing more than 1,200 people. At least 240 people of all ages were abducted and taken as hostages in Gaza.

Women soldiers were directly involved in battles to defend against the massive numbers of invading terrorists, including an all-female tank unit that fought for hours, killing dozens of attackers



along the border and in communities attacked by Hamas. Female soldiers were also among those killed by Hamas and among those taken hostage alongside their male counterparts.

The IDF responded to the attack with a military campaign aimed at smashing Hamas, removing the terror group from control over Gaza, and returning the hostages.

Female soldiers operate a tank in the Negev desert in an undated photograph. (Israel Defense Forces)

Separately, the IDF said Wednesday that two female recruits had for the first time completed screening tests for the Air Force's elite Unit 669, a helicopter-borne search-and-rescue force, and will be drafted to the unit later this month.

The pair will then undergo 20 months of training, and if they complete it, will be the first female soldiers in Unit 669.

The unit [opened its ranks to women](#) in May 2022, following an appeal to the country's top court.

In November 2020, four female recruits appealed to the High Court of Justice, demanding full gender integration in the IDF, including in elite units such as Sayeret Matkal, and Unit 669.



Unit 669 carries out a medical evacuation from the Gaza Strip during Israel's ground offensive, in an image published November 13, 2023. (Israel Defense Forces)

In September this year, the IDF said that women would also be able to join the top commando unit Sayeret Matkal, as well as two other units that were previously closed off to them.

The move came after the High Court of Justice in June demanded that the IDF explain why it had not opened all units to women.

Also, the IDF plans to open up the elite Unit 5515, a combat mobility unit, to female recruits starting in 2025, provided the IDF has enough women soldiers who pass the various screening tests. The unit is tasked with special driving-related operations and often works in tandem with other elite units. Finally, the IDF said it aims to begin a pilot program for female soldiers to serve in the Armored Corps sometime in 2024.

Female soldiers operate a tank in the Negev desert in an undated photograph. (Israel Defense Forces)



Currently, female soldiers can serve in tanks in the IDF's Border Defense Corps, as part of an all-female tank company in the Caracal mixed-gender light infantry battalion, which operates along the Egyptian border — not in wars or in fighting deep behind enemy lines. It was that tank company that was called into action on October 7.

Critics of gender integration in the military often decry it as a dangerous social experiment with potential ramifications for national security, while defenders generally trumpet it as a long-needed measure, one that has already been implemented in many Western countries.

Detractors note that some requirements for female combat soldiers have been lowered — which they say is a sign that effectiveness is being sacrificed — and that servicewomen suffer stress injuries at a higher rate.

The army says it is allowing more women to serve in combat positions out of practical considerations, not due to a social agenda, saying it requires all the woman- and manpower available to it. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-sees-surge-in-female-conscripts-seeking-combat-roles-since-start-of-war-with-amas/>

Gallant: Residents of northern border towns won't return before Hezbollah pushed away *Meeting mayors and council chiefs, defense minister says diplomatic end to Lebanon tensions possible, but if not, Israel will take action*

By [Tol Staff](#) Today, 9:38 pm [Q](#)



Defense Minister Yoav Gallant meets with mayors and local council heads of northern border towns in Nahariya on December 6, 2023. (Ariel Hermoni/ Defense Ministry)

Meeting local leaders of northern border towns on Wednesday, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Israel plans to force the Hezbollah terror group to move away from the border, and does not expect residents to return to their homes before it does so.

According to multiple Hebrew media reports, Gallant told the mayors that the plan was to ensure Hezbollah forces are not present south of the Litani River,

in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended 2006's Second Lebanon War.

Gallant said a **diplomatic solution to cross-border tensions with Lebanon was possible, but if it could not be achieved, Israel would deal a heavy blow to Hezbollah in the country's south.**

Gallant met Wednesday in Nahariya with mayors and the heads of councils of the communities in the north that have been forced to flee, due to the cross-border fire since the start of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7, as Hezbollah has launched regular attacks on civilian communities and military forces.

Resolution 1701 barred Hezbollah from maintaining a military presence south of the Litani, which is located some 30 kilometers (18 miles) north of the Israel-Lebanon border. Hezbollah has blatantly violated that resolution and regularly launches attacks on Israel from near the border. The UN force charged with enforcing the resolution, UNIFIL, has done little to push back against such actions.

"When we complete the fighting in Gaza, we will be in a different reality, in which the military efforts will be redirected largely to the north," Gallant told the group, in remarks provided by his office.

The defense minister said that "we will return residents to their homes only when the conditions to do so have been created, and we will be sure that we can provide them with security."

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant (right) meets with IDF soldiers near the northern border on December 6, 2023. (Ariel Hermoni/Defense Ministry)

In his on-the-record comments, Gallant did not mention the Litani River, but he did suggest that it would be possible to calm tensions along the border with a diplomatic solution.

"One option is to reach a different agreement,



which could be similar to [UNSC Resolution] 1701, mediated by international parties,” the defense minister suggested. “They will respect our presence, our existence and our security, and we will respect the other side.”

But if such a deal is not possible, he added, Israel will be forced to act.

“The second possibility is that we will need to do this by force. We don’t want war, but if we get to a situation where we need to establish security here, we will not hesitate — just as we did not hesitate in the south.”

Gallant said that, so far, Israel has killed more than 100 Hezbollah operatives during the fighting and caused heavy damage to its “observation posts, command posts and weapons stockpiles.”

The defense minister said its ongoing military campaign in Gaza is sending a message to Hezbollah: “Every person in Lebanon can take the map, the aerial photograph of Gaza, place it on an aerial photograph of Beirut, and ask themselves if this is what they want to happen there.”

Some 80,000 Israeli residents of communities located up to 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) south of the Lebanon border have been evacuated and are temporarily staying in hotels and other facilities, with funding from the state. Many have voiced concern that they will be exposed to attack once they return home if Hezbollah is not pushed away from the border area.

Since the start of the war, Israel has exchanged near daily fire with Hezbollah and other terror groups in south Lebanon. Six soldiers and three civilians have been killed on the Israeli side, and 107 people have been killed on the Lebanese side, including at least 14 civilians, according to an AFP tally.

Hezbollah has said that 79 of its members have been killed since the war’s outbreak in southern Lebanon.

On Tuesday, the IDF [issued an apology](#) to Lebanon after an airstrike aimed at Hezbollah accidentally killed a Lebanese soldier.

The cross-border fire from Lebanon began shortly after Hamas launched its murderous assault on southern Israel on October 7, killing around 1,200 people and taking another 240 captive, with around 140 believed to still be held hostage. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/gallant-residents-of-northern-border-towns-wont-return-before-hezbollah-pushed-away/>

At least 10 freed hostages were sexually abused in Hamas captivity, doctor says

Both men and women were assaulted, according to testimony, which seems to confirm comments made during heated meeting between Netanyahu and released captives and hostages’ families

By [AP](#) and [Tol Staff](#) Today, 12:14 pm [33](#)



Palestinian terrorists drive back to the Gaza Strip with the body of Shani Louk, a German-Israeli dual citizen who was murdered at the Supernova music festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023. (AP Photo/Ali Mahmud)

At least 10 of the Israeli civilians released by Hamas, both men and women, were sexually assaulted or abused while in captivity, the Associated Press reported Wednesday.

In a report detailing allegations of severe and widespread sexual abuse by Hamas terrorists during their October 7 onslaught and later against hostages, a doctor who treated some of the 110 hostages released from captivity told the AP that at

least 10 men and women among those freed were sexually assaulted or abused.

He did not provide further details, and spoke on condition of anonymity to protect the hostages’ identities.

The doctor’s comments corroborated similar accounts shared at a meeting on Tuesday. [The meeting](#), held between the Israeli war cabinet and a group comprising recently freed hostages and family members of those still held in Gaza, featured firsthand testimonies from some of the released captives. These individuals detailed their experiences of sexual abuse during their captivity, participants said.

[Aviva Siegel](#), who was freed from Hamas captivity last week and whose husband, a US citizen, is still a hostage, reportedly said during the meeting that some of the women hostages were “being touched.” **Others said during the meeting that both men and women were sexually assaulted, according to leaks to Hebrew media.**

Ronen Tzur, the director of the Hostages and Missing Families Forum, said after the gathering that “this was an unusual meeting. Members of the cabinet heard for the first time from freed female hostages describing the difficult things that are going on in the tunnels, including sexual abuse, and the fact that the airstrikes are happening very close to where the captives are being held.”



Released hostages and families of hostages held in Gaza meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other members of the war cabinet on December 5, 2023. (Hostages and Missing Persons Families Forum)

Under a weeklong truce deal that expired on Friday, 105 civilians were released from Hamas captivity in Gaza: 81 Israelis, 23 Thai nationals and one Filipino. Earlier, four hostages were released and one was rescued, and at least three bodies have been recovered. Israel says that Hamas had an opportunity to extend the pause but refused to release all the women

held, as the deal entailed. It is believed that 138 hostages remain in Gaza, including some 20 women.

US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller suggested on Monday that Hamas is holding onto the hostages because it does not want them to testify about the sexual abuse they experienced in captivity.

“The fact that they continue to hold women hostages, the fact that they continue to hold children hostages, just the fact that it seems one of the reasons they don’t want to turn women over they’ve been holding hostage, and the reason this pause fell apart, is they don’t want those women to be able to talk about what happened to them during their time in custody,” Miller said in response to a question from a reporter about growing evidence of Hamas rape and sexual abuse on October 7. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/at-least-10-freed-hostages-were-sexually-abused-by-hamas-in-captivity-doctor-says/>

Knesset advances NIS 30 billion in new wartime funds, over intra-coalition objections

NIS 17 billion for military and NIS 13 billion for home front mostly funded by increased deficit; multiple ministries seemingly unrelated to war effort receive major funding boosts

By [Carrie Keller-Lynn](#) Today, 5:23 pm Updated at 11:48 pm [Q](#)



Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich presents his 2023 wartime budget update to the Knesset, December 6, 2023 (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

The Knesset advanced plans Wednesday to allocate just over NIS 30 billion (\$8 billion) to the war effort in Gaza, NIS 26 billion of which will be financed by enlarging the national debt.

The plenum approved the plan in the first of three required floor votes, and deliberations were then to be held in committee ahead of

the final voting.

The updated 2023 budget allocates some NIS 17 billion to the military and about NIS 13.3 billion to civil support. Although figures indicate that the changes will also funnel increased funding to a number of ministries unrelated to the war effort and deemed by many in the public to be unnecessary offices.

Only a little over NIS 4 billion of the NIS 30 billion plan will be covered by funds redirected from the 2023-2024 budget approved this May, Finance Minister Bezael Smotrich said. Cuts to various government ministries will form the majority of this reallocation, although the amount will also be partially covered by other sources, including roughly NIS 1.6 billion in political earmarks repurposed for the war effort and a contribution from the Jewish National Fund, Smotrich’s office said.

On Sunday the Knesset advanced a parallel bill to increase the operational deficit, which will enable increased spending to support the bulk of the 2023 budget update.

Acknowledging the wartime need to increase spending, Smotrich cautioned that Israel will have to cover its increased national debt in the future: “There are no free lunches and what we spend today we will pay for with interest in the coming years,” he told the plenum.



Israeli troops operating in the Gaza Strip in an undated photo released for publication on December 6, 2023 (Israel Defense Forces)

Figures published Wednesday evening by Channel 12 news indicated that a number of ministries seemingly unrelated to the ongoing war had their budgets significantly increased in the updated 2023 budget.

The Jerusalem Affairs Ministry, run by UTJ’s Meir Porush, received NIS 68 million, up from NIS 24 million in the original budget; the Heritage Ministry, headed by Religious Zionism’s Amichai Eliyahu, got NIS 101 million, up from NIS 74 million; the National Missions Ministry, run by Religious Zionism’s Orit Strock, received NIS 343 million, up from NIS 133 million; the Women’s Advancement Ministry, headed by Likud’s May Golan, got NIS 15 million, up from NIS 3.5 million; the Regional Cooperation Ministry, run by Likud’s David Amsalem, received NIS 38 million, up from NIS 22 million; the Diaspora Affairs Ministry headed by Likud’s Amichai Chikli got NIS 91 million, up from NIS 56 million.

The update cleared its first Knesset reading on Wednesday 62-52, and over objections from the National Unity party, which joined the coalition after the war started, and Economy Minister Nir Barkat.

Smotrich has taken flak for developing a plan that would ultimately enable hundreds of millions of shekels to flow to sectoral political interests, as part of about NIS 1 billion in previously pledged coalition discretionary funds whose disbursal was not canceled by the war.

Deflecting the criticism leveled by both the National Unity party and the opposition, Smotrich claimed that he “didn’t apply my priorities personally as finance minister” but “set a completely technical rigid criteria” for determining funding.

Barkat is demanding NIS 250 million (\$68m) for his ministry to prop up ailing businesses near the southern and northern borders.

The proposed budget update only covers the last six weeks of 2023, and a separate budgetary reevaluation may occur for 2024.



Economy Minister Nir Barkat at the Knesset in Jerusalem, on December 6, 2023 (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

“The treasury doesn’t call us back. It’s detached from events,” Barkat said of the budget update, reaffirming his criticism that the Finance Ministry built the budget without addressing problems faced by businesses threatened by the war.

“If the businesses in the combat zones collapse and do not survive the war – this is a victory for Hamas,” Barkat added.

Also striking out against the budget’s funding priorities, opposition lawmaker Merav Cohen slammed the government for cutting “life-saving services” as part of its funding redistribution.

Health, welfare, and social services are to be trimmed for the war effort, but “billions for Torah institutions” are still being supplied, the Yesh Atid MK wrote on X.

Likud MK Yuli Edelstein, who like Barkat also hails from the ruling Likud party, told the plenum that he had concerns that funds not directly connected to the war effort were padded within the budget. Without providing details, Edelstein suggested removing these line items during the next phase of the budget bill’s preparation, to be conducted in the Knesset’s Finance Committee.

Last week, Smotrich said that the budget contained about NIS 390 million for security priorities to protect settlers in the West Bank.

The opposition's Labor party said the budget was going to "go first and foremost to the settlements and to the messianic and dangerous idea that has been destroying the State of Israel for many years." It was referencing Smotrich's religious Zionist ideology, which ties religious redemption to maintaining Jewish sovereignty over the expansive Biblical conception of the Land of Israel. **MORE** - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/knesset-advances-nis-30-billion-in-new-wartime-funds-over-intra-coalition-objections/>

UN Sec-Gen invokes rare article in attempt to force a ceasefire

Antonio Guterres invokes rarely-used Article 99 for the 1st time to demand Security Council force a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres invoked a rarely-used article of the UN charter in an attempt to force the Security Council to act to stop the ongoing war between Israel and the Hamas terrorist organization. [Someone needs to permanently remove Guterres and the majority of the UN full time folks. This has literally tried to transform itself into what is an illegitimate one world government, The intent of the UN was to work to facilitate peace but it has consistently tried to expand its powers. Defund and kick them out of the USA. -o rdb] Guterres invoked Article 99, which states: "The Secretary-General may bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter which in his opinion may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security." This is the first time Guterres has invoked this article since becoming Secretary-General. He did not do so in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine or the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban following America's withdrawal in 2021.

In his letter to Security Council President José Javier De la Gasca Lopez Domínguez, the Secretary-General claimed that he expects "public order to completely break down due to desperate conditions, rendering even limited humanitarian assistance impossible." **[Too bad. You don't think public order broke down when they slaughtered the Israelis? You can't deal "in legalisms" with people who don't care about the law. - rdb]**

In a post to X, Guterres wrote: "Facing a severe risk of collapse of the humanitarian system in Gaza, I urge the Council to help avert a humanitarian catastrophe & appeal for a humanitarian ceasefire to be declared." **[There are many who would say that many of the "PA" are not human. Perhaps that is why Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon don't want so called Palestinians in their country. - rdb]**

UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric told reporters that Guterres took this course of action "given the scale of the loss of human life in Gaza and Israel, in such a short amount of time."

Dujarric said that invoking Article 99 is a "dramatic constitutional move" designed to put greater pressure on the Security Council to act in accordance with the Secretary-General's wishes and that it is "the most powerful tool that he has."

Guterres acknowledged the 1,200 people who were murdered in the Hamas massacre of October 7 which started the war and called for the unconditional release of the Israeli hostages still being held by Hamas. However, he claimed that the current war could lead to a regional conflagration and demanded a ceasefire which would leave Hamas in power and with the ability to fulfill its stated goals of repeating the atrocities of October 7. **Maybe someone should Give Guterres a Bible so he can see that there will be as prophesied almost 3000 years ago a regional conflagration in that area. And for his information God wins and he doesn't. - rdb]**

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan said in response to Guterres' move: **"Today, the Secretary-General has reached a new moral low. He writes that he is activating, for the first time, Article 99** of the UN Charter in relation to the Israel-Hamas war, an article that can only be invoked in a situation where international peace and security are threatened."

"The **Secretary-General decided to activate this rare clause only when it allows him to put pressure on Israel, which is fighting the Nazi Hamas terrorists. This is more proof of the Secretary-General's moral distortion** and his bias against Israel.

"The **Secretary-General's call for a ceasefire is actually a call to keep Hamas' reign of terror in Gaza.** Instead of the Secretary-General explicitly pointing to Hamas' responsibility for the situation and calling on the terrorist leaders to turn themselves in and return the hostages, thus ending the war, the Secretary-General chooses to

continue playing into Hamas' hands.

"The **distorted positions of the Secretary-General only prolong the fighting in Gaza**, because they give hope to the Hamas terrorists that the war will be stopped and they will be able to survive. I again call on the Secretary-General to resign immediately - the UN needs a Secretary-General who supports the war on terror, not a Secretary-General who acts according to the script written by Hamas," Erdan stated.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/381548>

ANOTHER judge overturns election, citing ballot fraud

'It is legally impossible to know what the true vote should have been'

By [Bob Unruh](#) Published December 6, 2023 at 1:25pm

An election result in Louisiana has been overturned by a judge because of the issue of election fraud.

It's an issue becoming more and more apparent in recent years, even though Democrats claim it essentially doesn't exist.

A report from KTBS reveals that ad hoc Judge Joe Bleich has issued a ruling saying "it was proven beyond a doubt there were at least 11 illegal votes cast and counted" in a Caddo Parish sheriff's election.

"It is legally impossible to know what the true vote should have been," wrote the judge, who voided the Nov. 18 count.

The dispute also includes a lawsuit by candidate John Nickelson against candidate Henry Whitehorn and elections officials, with his claim about the count that gave Whitehorn a one-vote victory.

"We are humbled and so grateful that the court ruled in favor of our challenge. The court's ruling is a victory for election integrity, and we should all be confident that in March the voters of Caddo Parish will make their voices heard definitively on who should be the next sheriff of our parish. I plan to work doubly hard to make sure that every voter knows why our vision for Caddo Parish as a safer, stronger community is worthy of their vote," Nickelson wrote on social media.

Whitehorn now has asked the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal to quash the judge's decision.

Nickelson's lawyer, Scott L. Sternberg, noted it's extraordinary to challenge an election, but there was "rock-solid evidence" in the case.

The issues included double voting, felons voting and irregular absentee and mail-in ballots, common issues in election disputes all across the country.

According to The Epoch Times, Bleich determined, "It was confirmed by witness testimony that two individuals voted twice, or 'double voted,' and that at least four individuals who were then and currently fully interdicted cast ballots in person the day of the election. It was further confirmed by testimony that several accepted absentee or mail-in ballots did not comply with Louisiana law, and should have been rejected."

A new runoff election has been ordered between Whitehorn, a Democrat, and Nickelson, a Republican.

More than 43,000 votes were cast in the race.

Nickelson charged that there were many irregularities.

"Many—dozens at a minimum—in the small sample of ballots we were able to inspect in the short time we had of these certificates had no signatures at all. In other words, ballots had been submitted without a voter signing it."

It's not the only case where an election, in fact, has been abandoned because of fraud. **MORE -**

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'Bombshell': Joe Biden spoke with Hunter's associates 'hundreds of times'

Conversations grouped around his overseas trips

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The evidence of Joe Biden's involvement in the business deals run by his son, Hunter, just continues to add up.

Congress right now is investigating what the Biden family's operations included, and has found dozens of shell company bank accounts that took in tens of millions of dollars from foreign nationals including Russians and Chinese in recent years.

At the **same time, the family apparently provided no product or service for those millions** – except for access to Joe Biden and his influence as a vice president, then former vice president, and now president.

Joe **Biden is even on video at one point boasting about how he forced Ukraine to fire a prosecutor that was investigating corruption at Burisma**, a gas company that was, at the time, paying Hunter Biden \$1 million a year to be on its board.

In that **situation, there's also an FBI document claiming that a Burisma official paid Joe and Hunter \$5 million bribes, apparently to get rid of that prosecutor. Joe Biden**, in fact, did get him fired.

Joe Biden **has said many times that he never had any discussions with Hunter about business dealings, didn't participate and wasn't even aware of them.**

House investigators putting together all the evidence for a potential impeachment trial of Joe Biden say there's a **lot of evidence he was lying.**

And now more has surfaced, with Slay News documenting that Joe Biden spoke with Hunter Biden's business associates "hundreds" of times while vice president.

"Bombshell new records released by the House Ways & Means Committee have revealed that Joe Biden used email aliases to speak with his son's business associates hundreds of times while in office as [Barack] Obama's vice president," the report charged.

The committee has obtained metadata from IRS whistleblowers Gary Shapley and Joseph Ziegler, and those details show Joe Biden "used alias email accounts 327 times during a nine-year period from 2010 to 2019 to discuss shady foreign business deals," the report said.

He was talking with Hunter and one of Hunter's key business associates, Eric Schwerin, among others, the report said.

It **said most of the conversations happened while Joe Biden was vice president, and his family was involved in a plan to set up dozens of shell company bank accounts.** Those accounts, House investigators say, later were used to collect tens of millions of dollars of payments to the Biden family from individuals in China, Russia and other locations.

The committee releasing the details said 54 were "exclusively" between Joe Biden and Schwerin, who was described as "the architect of the Biden family's shell companies."

The **income allegedly was to purchase influence with Joe Biden**, as the family apparently provided no other service or product for the millions.

House Oversight Committee chief Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., earlier confirmed the existence of the email alias schemes by Biden.

Many of the emails between Joe Biden and Schwerin were grouped around Biden's visit to Ukraine, about the time Hunter Biden was on the Burisma board.

The report explained, **"Hunter Biden joined the board of the notoriously corrupt Ukrainian natural gas firm Burisma Holdings in April 2014. Biden has acknowledged that when he was vice president he successfully pressured the Ukrainian government to fire Ukraine's top prosecutor Viktor Shokin.** At the time, Shokin was investigating Burisma Holdings for corruption and fraud."

While Joe Biden claims he ordered the firing of the prosecutor because he was corrupt, a U.S. State Department investigation at the time found no such evidence.

"Investigators even praised Shokin for making sufficient progress in implementing anti-corruption reforms," the report said.

Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., the chair of the Ways & Means Committee said, **"Vice President Biden appears to have treated Air Force Two like a corporate jet, traveling to Ukraine and Mexico to advance Hunter Biden's business interests.**

"Evidence from today's documents show right around the time of international trips like those to Ukraine, Joe Biden was emailing his son and his son's business partner from private email accounts using aliases while vice president."

While Joe Biden had claimed for years he never spoke to his son about business, when evidence started appearing that story was changed to that he was "never in business" with Hunter.

<https://www.wnd.com/2023/12/bombshell-joe-biden-spoke-hunters-associates-hundreds-times/>

Kiev prepares a 180-degree turn - "Bombs" Arestovich: "The US dragged us into war and abandoned us - We chose the wrong side in the conflict"

"300 thousand Ukrainians died unjustly - the West entered the conflict with its pants down

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The former adviser to the Ukrainian president and current candidate for the Ukrainian presidency, Oleksii Arestovich, made bombastic statements against the USA and V. Zelensky.

Arestovich accused the Americans of dragging Ukraine into the war and then abandoning it.

He said specifically, that the Americans had planned from the beginning not to reinforce it enough, to the point where it would have any hope of victory.

When the Ukrainian Army began to enter Russian territory, the American leadership decided to cut off aid citing pretexts.

"We chose the losing side - the US dragged us into war and abandoned us"!

At another point in his statements, Arestovich stated:

"You know what our greatest tragedy is? We have chosen the wrong side in this conflict!"

"In the clash of globalists and realists, we are betting on the wrong side."

The globalists wanted the expansion of NATO. Realists advocated Ukrainian neutrality to avoid war.

Ukraine bet on the Globalists and was destroyed.

Ukraine is on the wrong side!

We shed blood to end up in the camp of the lost."

"300 thousand Ukrainians died, why...? To make us like the West? Who needed this war?"

In the end Arestovich admits that America cannot compete with the industrial powers of Russia and China in the production of munitions!

"We need 17 million shells and you can only produce 300 thousand... The US can't, China, Russia and North Korea can.

Which war and which victory are we talking about?

The West entered the war with its pants down.

They made fun of Russia, but it produces everything. And I'll ask the West something else.

They can sustain 300,000 casualties as they claim Russia has. Can the EU? Can the Baltic states?

But Ukraine is fighting alone..."

Apparently, Arestovich and the cadre of Officers supporting him are paving the way for a 180-degree turn in Kiev in favor of Moscow...

See the statements

UARU Alexey Arestovich: "300 thousand Ukrainians died, what for...? To get the West to like us? Who needed this war?" pic.twitter.com/Pn8Qikb1c8

— NATOus VS KREMLINru (@eduinfotech101) [December 2, 2023](#)

See also the second video with the extremely important statements

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"The negotiations in Istanbul were very good"

At the same time, Zelensky's former advisor described negotiations between Russia and the West as the only way to end the conflict in Ukraine.

As the politician noted, **Ukraine should not count on any results even if it joins the North Atlantic Alliance. NATO does not work, being the product of an outdated system developed after the end of World War II.**

"We need to sit down for a very serious discussion about what are the real interests of the parties and the causes of the conflicts and rebuild the system.

I was a member of the negotiating team in Istanbul, but even I don't know what happened and we decided to stop the negotiations in Istanbul," said Zelensky's former advisor.

Arestovich called the **Istanbul negotiations "very good"** and added that at the time **it was important for the Russian Federation that Ukraine not join NATO.**

It was preceded by the sensational interview of David Arahamia, a close associate of President Vladimir Zelensky, regarding the reasons for the failure of the negotiations in Istanbul

According to him, Ukraine could agree to neutrality and then 200-300 thousand people would remain alive. But former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson went to Kiev and convinced the Ukrainian authorities to refuse peace.

Arestovic: "We chose the wrong side" <https://warnews247-gr.translate.google.com/ektakto-to-kievo-etoimazei-strofi-180-moiron-diloseis-vomva-arestovits-oi-ipa-mas-esyan-se-polemo-kai-mas-paratisan-epilexame-lathos-plevra-sti-sygkrousi/? x tr sl=auto& x tr tl=en& x tr hl=en> **[This will change the posture of the entire European/Asia situation. The Ukrainians have had enough which is what their messages have been indicating for weeks and Mr. Z who just recently bought a multimillion dollar yacht with "whose money"???? They people and military are fed up and Mr. Z will become history. He put off elections but that may not make any difference. It is now time to clean out the criminals in DC who promoted this debacle when it was very clear at the onset that the primary Russian intent was to prevent Ukraine from entering the NATO alliance which as this fellow states is bogus and has been for years. It is a huge waste of US money because the EU nations provided little and relied on the US to support the group militarily The US was happy to do this because it made revenue for the military industrial complex which is where most of congress has their retirement plans invested (besides in the pharmaceutical industry). rdb**

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American Jews Never Learned to Fight Leftist Jew-Hatred

Daniel Greenfield December 05, 2023

After the Holocaust, the American Jewish community, like most liberals, reduced the mass murder of millions of Jews to a problem of intolerance and prejudice. A massive effort was undertaken to educate about what had happened rather than what was happening.

While the first Holocaust museums were being built, the persecution and killing of Jews had mostly shifted over to the Soviet Union and its allies in the Arab Muslim world. American Jews failed to grapple with this shift much as they failed to come to terms with the reality that black nationalist groups were quickly eclipsing the KKK when it came to the domestic hatred of Jews.

These are the key ingredients that led to the current open climate of Jew-hatred in America.

Instead of talking about what the hatred of Jews looked like today, American Jewish liberals insisted on dwelling on what it had looked like decades earlier in America and in Europe. Like the generals who are always refighting yesterday's war, they were not dealing with the present.

They relied heavily on "antisemitism": a term invented in the 19th century by a German socialist bigot, [Wilhelm Marr](#), to emphasize the race of the Jews. But post-Holocaust hatred of Jews on the Left was more often cultural than racial. Karl Marx, the progenitor of

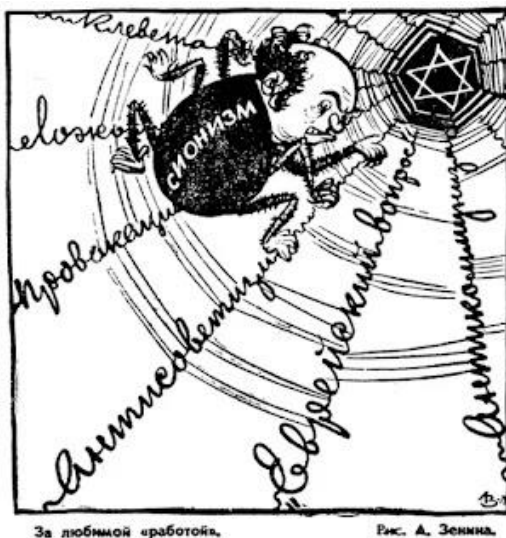
Marxism, had been of Jewish descent from a Christian family, and had spread [poisonous antisemitic venom](#). Lenin, who had one Jewish grandfather, oversaw the oppression of Jews while denying they were a distinct people. The Soviet expectation was that the Jews would disappear as a people, but, aside from Stalin's final years, avoided any plans for the racial extermination of the Jews.

The Marxist and the Islamic position, unlike the Nazi racial position, did not require the physical extermination of the Jews at a genetic level, only a cultural genocide. Jews would be allowed to exist under Communism or Islam, as long as they abandoned their religion and national identity. The liberal focus on fighting racial antisemitism left it unprepared to fight such cultural hatred.

Even though the Soviet persecution of the Jews as a people had been underway for generations, American liberal Jews never developed a vocabulary for describing it. Or showed much particular interest in it until a new generation of young activists in the USSR and America finally made it a

burning issue that rose to national and international attention in the 1970s.

The Communist persecution of Jews was manifested in many of the same ways as the contemporary leftist hatred of Jews. The party and the regime claimed to oppose 'antisemitism', even passed laws banning it, while suppressing Judaism and Zionism as 'reactionary' and 'nationalistic'. The Soviet Union could point to examples of high-



ranking Jewish figures who had rejected Zionism and Judaism, and represented the Communist ideal for the Jews.

As Lenin [put it](#), “whoever, directly or indirectly, puts forward the slogan of Jewish national culture is (whatever his good intentions may be) an enemy of the proletariat... he is an accomplice of the rabbis and the bourgeoisie... on the other hand, those Jewish Marxists who mingle with the Russian, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and other workers in international Marxist organizations, and make their contribution... towards creating the international culture of the working-class movement... uphold the best traditions of Jewry by fighting the slogan of ‘national culture.’”

Jews had to be culturally, but not racially eradicated. Those Jews who joined with non-Jewish Marxists in the rejection of Judaism and Zionism were praiseworthy Marxists. Those who did not were an “enemy of the proletariat” to be executed like a number of my great-uncles.

Like most Soviet implementations of Communist ideology, this was a ‘Potemkin village’ of lies. Jews, regardless of their religious observance or interest in Israel, had been explicitly targeted for persecution and mass murder, were specially designated as being Jews in government documents, and the government’s formal anti-Zionism and anti-Judaism was just the same old ‘antisemitism’, complete with hook-nosed cartoons, dressed up in progressive clothing.

Much the same is true of contemporary leftist Jew-hatred which is based on [Marx’s stereotypes](#) of Jews as capitalists, but draws heavily on the Soviet playbook of substituting anti-Zionism for antisemitism, and trotting out model Jewish socialists to defend the persecution of Jews.

The liberal Jewish failure to meaningfully confront the Soviet hatred of Jews left them unprepared for the leftist movements that mainstreamed the same hatred in America.

There were plenty of warnings. Decade after decade, academics pushing these positions on college campuses, journalists embedding them in magazines, and fringe politicians making these arguments grew in power and influence while the liberal establishment talked of ‘antisemitism’ purely in terms of far-right racial supremacism or small town prejudices.

The rise of black nationalist antisemitism in the seventies, which was often explicitly racist in nature, produced flailing responses. The American Jewish liberal establishment held up faded pictures of Heschel marching with MLK, failing to grasp that this made black nationalists despise MLK rather than like Jews, and prattled about the Jewish contribution to civil rights. The liberal establishment was so committed to a model of top-down persecution that it was unable to defend Jews against antisemitism that appeared to be coming from a minority on the bottom.

When various forms of critical race theory made the formula official that black people and minorities could not be racist toward anyone with more privilege than them, a position that legitimized a general hatred of white people, Asians and Jews, there was little response. The formal understanding that Jews could now be freely hated was ignored by liberal Jews.

Some outnumbered figures launched a struggle for the soul of liberalism, but they had little and fleeting support from an establishment that was still influential enough to make a difference. The liberal Jewish establishment was more interested in being in the vanguard of civil rights than in protecting Jews from the emergence of an ideology that deprived them of their civil rights.

Only after the Hamas mass murder of over 1,000 Jews and the statements of support for it at major universities, did some donors and community leaders wake up enough to push back. It took the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust and the widespread acceptance of it by their friends for them to realize how bad the situation had gotten, but not to realize why.

And that is the crucial issue.

The pro-Hamas Left insists that it is not ‘antisemitic’ and most of it probably believes that’s true because while traditional bigotry and hatred created the Islamic obsession with killing Jews and the conviction in the old Marxist Left that the Jews were not a legitimate people, the final product is cloaked in talk about liberation, decolonization and an end to privilege and oppression.

It may support the mass murder of Jews, but it doesn’t culturally ‘feel’ like ‘antisemitism’.

The Leftist hatred of Jews doesn’t fit the liberal model in which there is a continuity of oppression. A downtrodden minority faces prejudice, which escalates into political repression and then violence. First there are the jokes, then laws and then bullets. Leftists cheering for Hamas would argue that since they don’t tell ‘antisemitic’ jokes, they can’t be considered antisemitic even while they’re calling for the mass murder of Jews.

This is why the traditional model of talking about antisemitism has failed so badly.

The liberal insistence on teaching tolerance by addressing the roots of bigotry rather than its outcome has been a disastrous failure because where far-right bigotry is a continuity, left-wing bigotry is a discontinuity of ideological

abstractions leading indirectly to mass murder. The ideological detachment from reality can be measured in the fact that inmates in Nazi camps did not shout, "Heil Hitler" before dying, but those in Soviet gulags were known to shout, "long live Stalin" before being executed. The Nazis knew what they were doing, Communists often did not. They existed and still exist in an ideological haze of slogans rather than people.

'Antisemitism' is an ideological abstraction that leftists reject because it appears to refer to a certain type of person and behavior that their ideological purity tells them that they couldn't be. They're not the sorts of people who talk about 'jewling down' or believe in the inferiority of races and therefore, even while they're smashing Jewish store windows and attacking a Holocaust museum, they can't be 'antisemites'. They know 'antisemites' are 'right wing' and when they're assaulting Jews in the street, they, like the Soviet Communists, are fighting against 'Zionism'.

The emphasis on antisemitism, on the roots of bigotry rather than their outcomes, makes such moral evasiveness easy for leftists. Focus on the mass murder of Jews, the broken glass and a mob outside the doors of a Holocaust museum, and then you're talking about hateful outcomes.

Those are much harder to evade than abstractions.

The analysis of 'antisemitism' rather than the concrete reality of Jew-hatred has played into the hands of a leftist culture of hate that uses analysis to disguise the reality of its actions.

Confronting the realities of the assaults on Jews will require taking stock of a cultural war, rather than a racial one, and deal with outcomes instead of motives. Talking about 'antisemitism' becomes misleading when confronting a form of antisemitism that hides its ethnic hatred behind cultural and political hostility. And that will require discussing cultural, religious and political differences, topics which liberal Jews are uncomfortable with.

The modern liberal consensus, like that of the Soviet Union, is racially diverse but ideologically unified. The illusion of multiculturalism in the Soviet Union or a college town in America is limited to only those cultural differences that don't clash with the dominant leftist belief system. This is a comfortable echo chamber for those who agree and a repressive cage for those who do not.

Liberal Jews bought into this system in a big way because they were terrified of feeling different. They shed their religious traditions for non-threatening culturally Jewish versions of liberal Protestantism and stayed silent about the mass murder of Jews during the Holocaust. The rebirth of Israel challenged their theology and their politics, but mostly their anonymity.

While American Jewish anti-zionists lashed out at Israel in resentment for creating tension between their politics and their identity, Israel was just the canary in the coal mine. Black nationalists weren't attacking Jewish teachers because of Israel. And Marxists weren't targeting Jews because of the Jewish State. To a liberal establishment that was turning leftist, the existence of a traditional Jewish community was unsustainable in either Israel or America.

Oct 7, like the protests for Soviet Jewry and the defenses of Israel, forced American Jews to break with their political community in support of their religious and ethnic community. It's a painful and alienating experience, but like any escape from a toxic relationship, also liberating.

Among the unexamined truisms that need to be rethought is 'antisemitism'.

Antisemitism refers to race and when it comes to the hatred of Jews, culture trumps race. Aside from the Nazis and a few 'Jewish Question' obsessed racials, hardly anyone who hates Jews would propose using genetic screening to track down people of Jewish descent who don't even know that they are Jewish to exterminate them. Most cultural 'antisemitism' has a racial component, but it's triggered by the idea of the Jews as a community and a people.

The term 'antisemitism' conflates someone who doesn't like Jews, but would never engage in violence or support violence, with those who engage in and support violence against Jews. Furthermore some of those who support the mass murder of Jews don't believe that they're prejudiced against Jews, but believe that killing Jewish children is the right thing to do.

Talking about 'antisemitism' or even 'hatred' is wholly inadequate in such situations.

The idea of a continuity of bigotry often breaks down in the madness of contemporary political discourse. The same term used to describe someone who resents Jews moving into his town should not be used to also describe someone massacring Jews. Calling it all 'antisemitism' minimizes it and puts the local jerk on the same level as Hitler or Hamas. And that's a mistake.

The liberal Jewish establishment has spent too much time fighting 'prejudice' and not enough time dealing with 'eliminationist' sentiments. The existential threat is not prejudice: it's genocide.

Fighting the leftist and Islamic hatred of Jews will require developing a new terminology and a new approach than the same old tired 'fight against antisemitism' establishment rhetoric. Liberal Jews will have to confront their own

fears and rethink their assumptions to take on the threat.

During the Hitler-Stalin Pact, Jews had to confront Communists and their sympathizers who were now suddenly insistent on a friendship with the Nazis. That genocidal alliance crystalized [a rejection](#) of Communism by American Jews as “Jewish workers assaulted Communists who tried to defend their alliance with the Nazis, calling them, ‘Communazis.’”

The pact between Islam and the Left manifested once again in the response to the Oct 7 atrocities should be met the same way. The Left should be rejected the same way the Communists were. The ‘Communazis’ have been replaced by ‘Commuhamasniks’, but that is the only thing that has changed. American Jews must relearn how to fight this enemy.

After three generations of failing to confront the leftist hatred of Jews, it’s time to fight.

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