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"We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth... For my part, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst; and to provide for it."

-- Patrick Henry (1736-1799) US Founding Father

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<b>Please Remember These Folks In Prayer- Check often They Change!</b>	<b>Pray that the world would WAKE UP!</b> 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 CF – fell off ladder and bad fracture leg. Pray for EL – Had stroke – doing better Pray for KH – diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma Pray for BB – Severe West Nile Fever –still not mobile- improving! Pray for RBH – cancer recurrence Pray for Ella – Child with serious problems  Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world problems. – Have YOU made any preparations?
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Exodus 22:<sup>26</sup>If thou at all take thy neighbour's garment to pledge, thou shalt restore it unto him by that the sun goeth down; <sup>27</sup>for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin; wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto Me, that I will hear; for I am gracious. <sup>28</sup>Thou shalt not revile God, nor curse a ruler of thy people.

### Iran says fatwa against building nuclear weapons unchanged after 'bomb' comment

*After top official said Iran was capable of making atomic bombs, Tehran says religious ruling against weapons of mass destruction remains in place*

By [AFP](#) Today, 3:17 pm

**TEHRAN, Iran — Tehran gave assurances Wednesday that its nuclear policy was unchanged and that it still adhered to a fatwa banning weapons of mass destruction, after an Iranian official said the country was able to make atomic bombs.**

It is the second time in the past 18 months that Iran has reiterated its opposition to nuclear weapons following comments by an official. **Does anyone really believe that these folks give a flip about a fatwa. They can reverse that at a moments notice. – rdb]**

"In regard to the topic of weapons of mass destruction, we have the fatwa," or religious edict, by Iran's supreme leader that prohibits the manufacture of such weapons, said foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani.

**The fatwa declares the use of atomic bombs and other weapons of mass destruction to be haram, or forbidden by Islam, and it is often cited by Iranian authorities as a guarantee of Tehran's good intentions. [ There is a big bridge in NYC I will sell you if you buy this. – rdb]**

"It seems that there has been no change in the view and position of the Islamic Republic of Iran" regarding the nuclear policy, Kanani told a news conference.

His comments came in response to a question about remarks made by Kamal Kharazi, head of Iran's strategic council of foreign relations to Al Jazeera on Sunday about Iran's capability to manufacture nuclear weapons.

**"It is no secret to anyone that we have the technical capability to make atomic bombs, but we have not made a decision in this regard,"** Kharazi said, before reiterating Iran's position that it does not want to make a nuclear bomb.

**Speaking to the media on Wednesday, Kanani said: “Iran’s nuclear capacities are great, but,** as it has mentioned many times, Iran’s nuclear technology is completely peaceful and under continued monitoring of the (UN’s) International Atomic Energy Agency.”

The remarks came amid heightened tensions between Iran and Western powers as talks in Vienna to revive a 2015 nuclear deal have been stalled since March.

“It is no secret we have the technological ability to build a nuclear bomb, but we have not made a decision in this regard. In a few days we went from 20% to 60% enrichment, we can easily reach 90%.” – Kamal Kharazi, former Iran FM & head of Strategic Council on Foreign Relations <https://t.co/uSCE0HEqVS>

— 🇮🇷 (@hassan\_yazdi) [July 17, 2022](#)

## Vienna talks

**Qatar hosted indirect talks last month between the United States and Iran in a bid to get the process back** on track, but those discussions broke up after two days without any breakthrough.

The Vienna talks, which began in April last year, aim to return the US to the nuclear deal, including through the lifting of sanctions on Iran, and to return Tehran to full compliance with its commitments.

The 2015 agreement gave Iran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its atomic program to guarantee that Tehran could not develop a nuclear weapon — something it has always denied wanting to do. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-says-fatwa-against-building-nuclear-weapons-unchanged-after-bomb-comment/>

## After years, IDF finally admits to using armed drones in airstrikes

*Military censor says ‘no impediment’ in publishing Israel’s attack UAV capabilities; Hermes 450 used in Tuesday strike on Hamas post*

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) Today, 9:17 pm

**After nearly two decades, the Military Censor on Wednesday said Israeli media could finally publish a long-known secret: the Israel Defense Forces uses armed drones to strike targets.**

**The decision came a day after the IDF struck a Hamas post in the Gaza Strip in response to gunfire toward a town on the border, using an Elbit Hermes 450 armed drone.**

“It **was found that there is no impediment in publishing the IDF’s use of strike UAVs as part of its operational activities,**” the censor said in a brief statement, after examining the issue.

For years the IDF would not state it uses armed drones, and Israeli journalists who attempted to report on it came up against the IDF censor.

**Israel has used armed drones to strike numerous targets over the years, and according to reports, as early as the 2006 war in Lebanon and the 2008 war** in the Gaza Strip.

Images published by foreign media outlets have shown the Hermes 450 with pods attached to its wings, used to launch small guided munitions.

Israeli drones have been used in several targeted killings of Hamas officials in the Gaza Strip, including a leader of the terror group’s military wing, Ahmed Jabari, in 2012.

**Drones have also been used in a technique known as “knocking on the roof,”** in which an inert missile is fired at the roof of a building to warn residents to leave before the structure is destroyed by armed munitions.



*File: The IAF’s 161st Squadron’s fleet of Hermes 450 drones at the Palmachim airbase. (Barak Shalev, Tomer Matzkin/Israeli Air Force)*

**The Military Censor did not elaborate on what caused it to change its policy, other than saying it had held an “in-depth and topical” review of the matter.**

Israel has not disclosed how many attack drones it has. The Hermes 450 is operated by the Air Force’s 161st Squadron.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-years-idf-finally-admits-to-using-armed-drones-in-airstrikes/>

## Thousands of settler activists create mayhem in West Bank campaign

*In huge operation, settlers made their way to six locations to establish illegal settlements. Security forces have begun dismantling them*

By [Jeremy Sharon](#) Today, 10:38 pm Updated at 11:40 pm



*Settlers of the Nachala Settlement Movement set up tents near Kiryat Arba, with the intention to establish illegal outposts in Judea and Samaria, at the Gush Etzion Junction. July 20, 2022. (Yonatan Sindel/FLASH90)*

**Thousands of right-wing Israeli activists flocked to the West Bank on Wednesday in an effort to establish six new illegal outposts in the territory.**

**The massive operation was organized by the radical settler organization Nachala, which prepared detailed plans for where the activists should set up their outposts and which plots of land to move to once removed by the police.**

**A spokesman for the organization said some 10,000 volunteers participated in the initiative,**

although this number could not be independently confirmed.

**The organization's activists arrived at six sites on Wednesday** afternoon and set up encampments at these spots as precursors to new outposts.

**The police began dismantling these dwellings shortly after they were established, but Nachala said nearly 2,000 activists remained at several sites around the West Bank as of Wednesday night.**

**Religious Zionism MK Orit Strock issued a video message late Wednesday night from the newly minted illegal outpost of Orot Eliezer close to Kiryat Arba with numerous tents visible in the background and activists milling around.**

**"There are hundreds of families here, hundreds of people, with children, with babies, youth who have come from all over the country and have established a settlement here which should have always been part of Kiryat Arba," said Strock.**

**Nachala issued a call to Defense Minister Benny Gantz late Wednesday night to call off the evacuation operations** being conducted by the security forces and to "freeze the situation until at least the next cabinet meeting" scheduled for Sunday.

**During the course of the afternoon, Nachala's operatives were heard instructing activists to move on to new sites once they had been removed from their original designated location.**

The Israel Police and Israel Defense Forces issued a joint statement on Wednesday evening saying that they were "working to prevent the establishment of illegal outposts" in "several locations," adding that the head of IDF Central Command had issued closure orders for the sites in question.

**According to the right-wing legal aid organization Honenu, five activists were arrested during the operation,** although the police have yet to confirm this figure.

**Ahead of the Nachala operation, the military and police also issued a joint statement, stating that establishing outposts in the West Bank without the necessary permits "is illegal and forbidden" and warning that security personnel "will act to prevent illegal activities in order to ensure their central mission, preventing and thwarting terror."** **MUCH MUCH MORE- -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/thousands-of-activists-create-mayhem-but-no-new-outposts-in-west-bank-campaign/>

## **In campaign salvo, Lapid says strong Yesh Atid necessary to block 'extremists'**

**PM calls for domestic unity, but also assails right-religious bloc as 'those who think only of their own good' and a threat to Israeli democracy**

By [Carrie Keller-Lynn](#) Today, 11:29 pm



*Prime Minister Yair Lapid gives a campaign speech on July 20, 2022. (Elad Gutman)*

**Prime Minister and Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid transitioned into campaign mode on Wednesday evening, calling for "a strong Yesh Atid" as the "one thing" that can deliver a stable government "without extremists."**

**"These elections have been forced upon us, but they could be a one-time opportunity to get out of the mess. To establish a broad and stable national government, without the extremists.** Only one thing will allow this to happen: a big, strong Yesh Atid that will stabilize the Israeli ship," the prime minister said in remarks preceding his party's Tel Aviv faction meeting.



**While he did not specify who the “extremists” are, Lapid has previously pointed the finger at ultra-right nationalists** in the Religious Zionism party and lawmakers of the majority-Arab Joint List. He accused both opposition parties in April of having formed an “unholy, dangerous alliance.”

Lapid leads the Knesset’s second largest party. The architect of the most recent coalition, he guaranteed its investiture by bargaining away the top spot to Naftali Bennett. He only obtained his current seat three weeks ago, when the Knesset’s voluntary disbandment triggered a rotation from now-Alternate Prime Minister Bennett.

The upcoming November 1 elections, like the four that have preceded them since 2019, are quickly shaping up to be the fifth referendum on whether or not Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu should be at the helm of government. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/in-campaign-salvo-lapid-says-strong-yesh-atid-necessary-to-block-extremists/>

## **Environment minister seeks moratorium on new wind farms to probe impact on nature**

*Ministry says 200 new turbines, some as high as Israel’s tallest towers, planned for gusty Golan and other areas, endangering wildlife, with protective tech having ‘zero effect’*

By [Sue Surkes](#) Today, 5:19 am



*A dead common kestrel at the foot of a wind turbine at Sirin in 2017. (Israel Nature and Parks Authority)*

**Seven new wind turbines that will tower over the Golan at the height of Tel Aviv skyscrapers were given the green light Monday by the National Infrastructure Council. If Environmental Protection Minister Tamar Zandberg has her way, they will be the last ones for at least five years.**

**Zandberg said Monday she was seeking a five-year moratorium on new wind turbine projects to allow for an assessment of existing turbines’ effects on nature, and particularly on birds and bats.**

She made the request in a letter to Energy Minister Karine

Elharrar and Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked.

**The infrastructure committee nonetheless approved a request from Enlight Renewable Energy to add seven new turbines at its Valley of Tears wind farm on the Golan Heights. Enlight had applied for 11.**

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, backed by the Environmental Protection Ministry, had petitioned to reject the new wind farms.

The new turbines will be around 200 meters (656 feet) high, taller than the cylindrical Azrieli tower in Tel Aviv at 187 meters (614 feet).

Zandberg’s intervention followed a letter last week from the Israel Nature and Parks Authority’s Chief Scientist to the national infrastructure planning council that poured cold water on a technology installed by Enlight at the Valley of Tears farm to stop the blades from turning when a winged creature approaches.

The Golan Heights is an area of immense importance for species of birds such as vultures and eagles, many of them endangered **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/environment-minister-seeking-moratorium-on-new-wind-farms-to-probe-impact-on-nature/>

## **Britain launches free trade talks with Israel**

*Seeking to expand its trade agreements, UK looks to Israel as a 'modern, high-tech superpower' to join forces 'in a revamped deal' to 'boost trade, support jobs and help take economic relationship to the next level'*

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**Britain on Wednesday launched free trade talks with Israel, aimed at boosting services and tech sector ties as it seeks new trade deals after leaving the European Union.**

**The current trade deal between the two countries is based on an old EU deal that has no specific provisions on services, Britain said, adding that the trading relationship is currently worth 5 billion pounds (\$6 billion) a year.**

**When it left the EU, Britain signed deals to keep existing trade arrangements in place but later revisited them in search of better terms, including the agreement with Israel.**

**"The UK and Israel are both modern, hi-tech services superpowers, but our current trading relationship is based on an agreement from 1995, before smartphones, the internet, and digitally delivered services transformed the global economy,"** trade minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan said.

"Combining the power of our economies in a revamped trade deal will boost trade, support jobs and help take our economic relationship to the next level."

**Britain said a deal could boost UK service exports by up to 78 million pounds** and benefit over 6,000 businesses.

"Unlike in the past, we can now work with friends and allies like Israel to strike deals that are truly tailored to our strengths in areas like digital trade, services and life sciences," trade minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan said earlier this year.

Talks between the two countries have been taking place for more than a year and trade minister [Anne-Marie Trevelyan](#) visited Israel earlier this year to advance the negotiations.

"Unlike in the past, we can now work with friends and allies like Israel to strike deals that are truly tailored to our strengths in areas like digital trade, services and life sciences," Trevelyan said in advance of her visit.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/business/article/bljkrthnc>

## Liftoff: Israeli startup's 'flying car' acs first test

*AIR says its AIR ONE aircraft, a two-seater eVTOL (electric vertical takeoff and landing) vehicle, performed 'flawlessly' in a hover test in northern Israel*

By [Ricky Ben-David](#) Today, 11:21 am

**An Israeli startup that is developing a "flying" vehicle, an electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft for individual consumers, said its prototype aircraft successfully completed a first hover test with regulators recently, setting the company on a path for further flight certification.**

Pardes Hanna-based startup AIR began accepting pre-orders for its AIR ONE aircraft, an all-electric two-seater eVTOL, last October after [unveiling the first designs](#) for the consumer market.

**The aircraft, according to the company, offers a range of 110 miles (177 km) on a single charge at speeds of up to 155 miles (250 km) per hour, with a flight time of one hour.** It has collapsible wings for easy parking and the ability to take off from or land on any flat surface, the company says.

**The AIR ONE already has an airworthiness certificate, a permit to operate an aircraft in flight, and in June embarked on a hover test that saw the full-scale prototype take flight above the green fields of Kibbutz Megiddo** in northern Israel, under the supervision of the Civil Aviation Authority.

Rani Plaut, AIR's co-founder and CEO, told The Times of Israel that it was the first actual flight for the aircraft following airworthiness certification.

"This test is the first time that [AIR's] full-scale, full-weight aircraft was tested in flight," marking "the beginning of a long journey that will continue to a manned flight [test] and later evolve into mass production unit testing," he said.



Israeli startup AIR's AIR ONE prototype aircraft for the consumer market. (AIR/courtesy)



The AIR ONE eVTOL aircraft by Israeli startup AIR. (Courtesy/AIR)

**The aircraft completed multiple hovers throughout over two weeks, lifting off, hovering in place, and returning to the ground, "performing optimally in a stable flight envelope,"** the company said. (A flight envelope is the operating parameters and capabilities of an aircraft based on its design. It refers to factors like airspeed, altitude, and load factor.)

Plaut said this first flight was "intended to perform hover for a few minutes per flight and many parameters were measured such as energy consumption, flight control behavior and responsiveness to wind."

He said the aircraft performed “flawlessly” in its first hover test and the company is now preparing for its next milestone: a full-flight test sometime in October. **[Looks like it is now the time of the “jetsons” Lord Save Us. – rdb]**

“It was truly awe-inspiring to watch AIR ONE lift off the ground for the first time. We’ve been on this upward journey for nearly five years and cannot wait for the public to join us on this ride,” Plaut said in the official company announcement last week. “This momentous milestone secures AIR’s spot as a market leader in the personal air mobility space, making the thrill of flight achievable on a daily basis.”

In addition to Israeli regulators, **AIR has also been working with the US Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to obtain G1 certification, which outlines initial safety and environmental standards for civil commercial operations.**

Plaut said AIR is “on track with the certification process in the US,” a process that takes four to five years overall.

In a previous [interview](#) with The Times of Israel, Plaut explained that, pending all regulatory approval, the plan is to finish the certification process by the end of 2023 and start delivering the aircraft in 2024.

**In the meantime, the company would “continue to sign vendors for the supply chain** for the mass production of the AIR ONE in the US in 2024, in time for deliveries,” he said.

In March, AIR signed a deal with Australian company FlyOnE, an electric aircraft distributor, to deliver 25 of the first AIR ONE vehicles to local customers in 2025. FlyOnE will also serve as AIR’s local service and maintenance partner. Pre-orders for the AIR ONE were in the triple digits and the number is likely to grow as the certification process advances, Plaut has said.

### **Making flight accessible**

AIR was first conceived in 2017 by Chen Rosen, an aviation expert, who was later joined by Plaut and Netanel Goldberg, both serial entrepreneurs. Plaut is also the executive chairman of Israeli automotive startup Moodify, and an executive board member at Tactile Mobility, a Haifa-based startup that provides smart cars with the ability to “feel the road.”

With AIR, the founders set out to “make a true difference by making the freedom of flight truly accessible to people,” according to Plaut.



*The AIR ONE aircraft by Israeli startup AIR is shown at the Kentucky Derby, May 2022. (AIR)*



*Israeli startup AIR developed an eVTOL aircraft called AIR ONE for consumer use. (AIR)*

The company “combines sustainable aerospace innovation with automotive know-how” and is tapping into a nascent eVTOL market [estimated](#) to reach \$12 billion by 2030.

**AIR’s founders believe that while the overall sector is focused on “commercially piloted or autonomous air taxis for cities,” the AIR ONE offers “an alternative for those who want to enjoy the ultimate freedom of flying on their own terms.”**

“At the moment, flying for most of us involves getting into a huge metal tube and being transported in that way. You don’t really feel as if you are flying. We want to bring aviation to the masses and combine the range, simplicity and ease-of-use of fly-by-wire [computerized flight systems] with the DNA of cars — usability, low cost of maintenance and so on. And it’s electric so there’s a green element,” Plaut explained in our previous interview.

**“Aircraft can be easy to handle if you have good tech,” he said. To that end, AIR developed what it called “fly by intent” software, which will allow ordinary people to operate and navigate the vehicle, not just trained pilots.** The aircraft is also equipped with an AI-enabled monitoring system for frequent inspections to “ensure paramount safety, even for riders with minimal training,” the company says.



“We want to sell directly to consumers. Most of our competitors are doing things like air taxis and shuttles,” Plaut said.

“At the moment, there are approximately [1.5 billion cars](#) in the world, with about 80 million cars produced every year. If we can get 10,000 cars into the air, we can start making a dent. Nobody is doing this,” he said.

He doesn’t foresee AIR becoming a major auto/aircraft maker, but Plaut said the initial vision is to sell approximately 10,000 AIR ONEs per year. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/liftoff-israeli-startups-flying-car-completes-first-test/> [[I can’t imagine being in a city with about 500 or so of these flying around going to work.- rdb](#)]

## Elevator project at the Western Wall unearths an ancient archaeological trove

*Old City excavations, ahead of work to improve disabled access at holy site, uncover ornate 1st century villa, oil lamps and a ritual mikveh that overlooked the Temple esplanade*

By [Ilan Ben Zion](#) Today, 1:15 pm



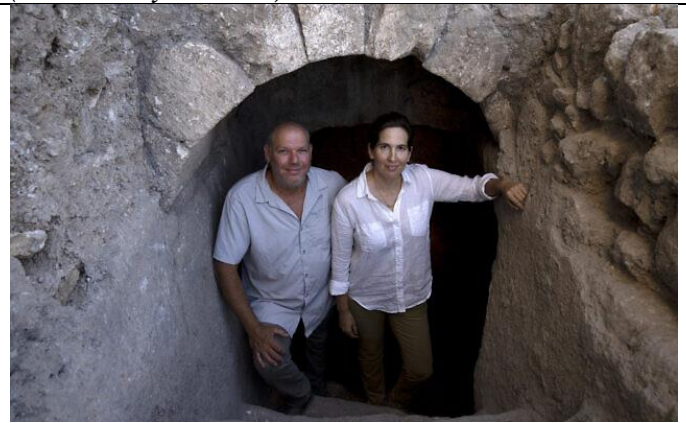
*The site of a Jewish ritual bath or mikveh, left, discovered near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, July 17, 2022 (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)*



*Hebrew University archaeologist Dr. Oren Gutfeld, center, opens a gate to the site of a Jewish ritual bath or mikveh, discovered near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, Sunday, July 17, 2022 (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)*



*Clay oil lamps from the Islamic period is displayed at site of a Jewish ritual bath or mikveh, near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, July 17, 2022 (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)*



*Hebrew University archaeologists Dr. Oren Gutfeld, left, and Michal Haber, pose at site of a Jewish ritual bath or mikveh (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)*

**AP– Installing an elevator doesn’t normally involve a 2,000-year plunge into an ancient city’s history. But in Jerusalem, even seemingly simple construction projects can lead to archaeological endeavors.**

**Archaeologists from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem say they have made numerous discoveries, including an ornate first-century villa with its own ritual bath, after a project began to increase access for disabled people to Jerusalem’s Western Wall.**

**The villa, located steps from where the biblical Jewish Temples stood, was uncovered during several years of salvage excavations in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem’s historic Old City.**

**Archaeologists perform salvage excavations to make a scientific study of ancient artifacts and buildings before they are removed to make way for modern construction.**

**Jerusalem's Western Wall is the holiest site where Jews can pray and millions of worshipers and tourists visit it each year. But to get to the site from the adjacent Jewish Quarter, visitors typically have to descend 142 steps, or take a long detour around the city walls** to one of the nearby gates.

In 2017, the Jewish Quarter Reconstruction and Development Company got the green light to begin construction of two elevators to let visitors make the 26-meter (85-foot) descent with greater ease. The location was a narrow sliver of largely undeveloped slope abutting the existing staircase on the eastern edge of the Jewish Quarter.



*Hebrew University archaeologists Michal Haber, left, and Dr. Oren Gutfeld pack up a vessel and other items they discovered at site of a Jewish ritual bath or mikveh, near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, July 17, 2022 (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)*

**"The Western Wall is not a privilege, it's elemental for a Jew or for any person from around the world who wants to come to this holy place,"** said Herzl Ben Ari, CEO of the development group. "We have to enable it for everybody."

However, like modern development projects in other ancient cities, such as Istanbul, Rome, Athens and Thessaloniki, archaeological finds slowed progress to a crawl.

**"This plot of land where the elevator is going to be built remained undisturbed, giving us the great**

**opportunity of digging through all the strata, all the layers of ancient Jerusalem,"** said Michal Haber, an archaeologist from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Five years into the undertaking, the archaeological work is nearing completion, but the elevators are only expected to be brought online in 2025.

**During their dig, the archaeologists carefully peeled back successive layers of construction and debris that had accumulated over two millennia, over nine meters (30 feet) in total.**

Historical waypoints included Ottoman pipes built into a 2,000-year-old aqueduct that supplied Jerusalem with water from springs near Bethlehem; early Islamic oil lamps; bricks stamped with the name of the 10th Legion, the Roman army that besieged, destroyed and was afterwards encamped in Jerusalem two millennia ago; and the remains of the Judean villa from the final days before the ancient Jewish Temple's destruction in the year 70 CE.



*A clay oil lamp from the Islamic period is displayed at site of a Jewish ritual bath or mikveh, near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, July 17, 2022. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)*

**Archaeologist Oren Gutfeld said they were surprised to uncover traces from Jerusalem's reconstruction as the Roman city of Aelia Capitolina in the 2nd century.**

Fragments of frescoes and intricate mosaics from the villa indicated the wealth of the home's occupants. **But upon reaching bedrock, Gutfeld and Haber's team made one last find: a private Jewish ritual bath hewn into the limestone** mountainside and vaulted with enormous

dressed stones.

Haber said the most significant thing about the bath, known as a mikveh, was its location overlooking the Temple esplanade.

While the elevator project is less contentious, development or archaeology excavations in Jerusalem, a city holy to three faiths, often take on a political dimension. The Palestinians claim East Jerusalem as the capital of their hoped-for state and Israel views the entire city and its eternal, undivided capital. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/western-wall-elevator-project-unearths-archaeological-trove-of-villa-artifacts/>

**[There is literally no place you walk in Jerusalem that you aren't encountering aspects of biblical history. That is why the land is so amazing. – rdb]**



## Meeting Palestinian leader Abbas, France's Macron calls for renewed peace talks

*French president stresses need for dialogue with Israel, saying there is no option other than negotiations, warns that violence could break out at any time*

By [TOI staff](#) and [AFP](#) Today, 5:37 pm



*French President Emmanuel Macron, right, and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas arrive for a meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris, July 20, 2022. (Ludovic Marin/Pool via AP)*

**French President Emmanuel Macron called for a return to Israeli-Palestinian peace talks at a press conference alongside visiting Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on Wednesday.**

**The French president stressed the need for the “renewal of direct political dialogue between the Israelis and the Palestinians.”**

**Speaking at the Elysee Palace in Paris, he warned that violence**

**could break out at any time** and that negotiations may be a “difficult path, but we have no other alternative.”

Direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians have not been held since 2014.

**In his own remarks, Abbas denounced Israeli activity and the killing earlier this year of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh “in cold blood without reason.”**

“Who killed her? We want them to find out who did it,” he said.

He also repeated comments similar to those he made alongside US President Joe Biden in Bethlehem [last week](#), urging a restart of talks based on a two-state solution.

**The Biden administration has come under fire from Abu Akleh’s family** and pro-Palestinian activists for announcing earlier this month that the prominent Al Jazeera reporter was not intentionally killed by Israel, even though it said an IDF soldier was likely responsible for shooting her. The US State Department said the bullet that killed Abu Akleh, and that the PA handed over for examination, was too damaged to make a more conclusive determination. **MORE**

- <https://www.timesofisrael.com/meeting-palestinian-leader-abbas-frances-macron-calls-for-renewed-peace-talks/>

## Nasrallah claims demarcation talks not moving despite Lebanese optimism

*Nasrallah warned that an tit-for-tat strikes between Hezbollah and Israel "may turn matters into a war."*

By [TZVI JOFFRE](#) Published: JULY 20, 2022 18:38

**Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah claimed on Tuesday night that indirect maritime border demarcation talks between Lebanon and Israel were not moving forward, despite optimistic statements by Lebanese officials** in recent weeks, according to the Lebanese *Al-Akhbar* newspaper.

**"So far, the American mediator in the border demarcation negotiations has not come up with a clear answer, although Lebanon has made great concessions, and what Lebanon wants at the minimum has not been obtained,"** said Nasrallah in remarks during a meeting with clerics ahead of Ashura, a Muslim holy day which marks the day God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites in the Exodus and for Shi'ite Muslims also marks the day when the Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein was killed in battle.

**The Hezbollah leader added that while there are "positive signs," Hezbollah is "still waiting, but there is no response from the enemy until today."**

Nasrallah also rejected claims that [the terrorist movement](#) was disrupting negotiations, claiming that a recent speech of his "led to affirming the negotiations, not disrupting them."

The **Hezbollah leader stressed that while the movement does not want a war, Hezbollah would stop Israel from extracting gas everywhere if Lebanon is not permitted to begin extracting gas in its waters.**

**"The enemy today feels weak and does not want war, and knows that a war is not only with Hezbollah, but may develop with the whole axis to overthrow it.** Going to war, for Israel, is a very risky and costly option," said Nasrallah. "We hope that we will not fire a bullet or a missile and that the enemy will retreat. We are waiting for developments and are ready for everything."

Nasrallah added that there may be a "localized targeting" conducted by Israel and "an appropriate response" by Hezbollah and that, depending on the Israeli response to Hezbollah's response, this "may turn matters into a war."

Lebanon is facing "a historic and golden opportunity to get out of its crisis, and if we do not take advantage of it, we may not extract oil for the next 100 years," warned Nasrallah, according to *Al-Akhbar*.

**Hezbollah says Lebanese government does not control them**

**Nasrallah's latest statements come just over two weeks after Hezbollah launched a total of four drones toward the Karish natural gas rig** in two separate incidents. The drones were shot down and did not pose a threat to the gas rig, according to the IDF.

**Last week, Nasrallah warned that the Lebanese government does not control the movement's operations against Israel**, stressing that "whoever promises the Americans that the resistance will do nothing is deceiving them and deceiving themselves."

**"If the goal is to prevent Lebanon from extracting oil and gas, no one will be able to extract gas and oil or sell gas and oil,"** warned the Hezbollah leader last week, stressing that the movement will attack all the gas fields and rigs along Israel's coast if Lebanon isn't permitted to extract gas.

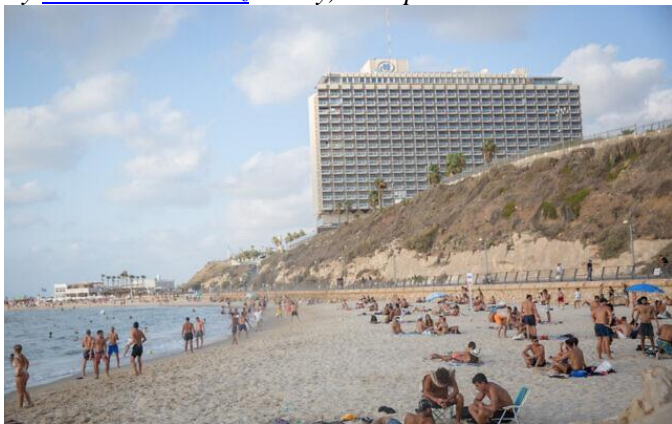
**Lebanese officials optimistic about demarcation talks**

**Despite Nasrallah's claims that demarcation negotiations are not moving forward, Lebanese officials have issued multiple statements expressing optimism** about the process and condemning actions by Hezbollah in recent weeks. **MORE - <https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/article-712622> [Read this carefully and think on it. Hezbollah is stating that now Israel is weak and we have an opportunity to remove the influence of the 'enemy'. It isn't a declaration of war but a hint. Much too much has transpired in the past few weeks from a prophetic perspective. – rdb]**

**As Europe swelters, Israeli heat to ease slightly in coming days — but future bleak**

*While this year's summer not out of ordinary, experts warn country to witness more intense summers and drop in average rainfall by middle of century, as global temperatures rise*

By [Michael Horovitz](#) Today, 8:20 pm



*Israelis enjoy the beach in Tel Aviv, September 22, 2021 (Miriam Alster/FLASH90)*

**Temperatures are set to ease over the next few days in Israel, before shooting back up over the weekend, according to meteorologists' predictions on Wednesday.**

**Temperatures hit 32°C (89.6°F) in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem by 3 p.m. on Wednesday according to the Israel Meteorological Service, while Beersheba in the country's south reached 36°C (96.8°F).** In the north, the weather was cooler, with Haifa recording a high of 29°C (84.2°F).

The mercury was set to drop by 1-2°C across the country before the weekend, with Beersheba expected to hit 34°C (93.2°F) Thursday, while temperatures in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem were expected to dip below 30°C (86°F).

**But temperatures were set to rise again over the weekend leading into next week,** according to forecasts.

**Israel is experiencing a relatively average summer, as Europe swelters through a heatwave** that has sparked fires in the continent's south, and caused the mercury to rise above 40°C (104°F) in the United Kingdom for the first time on record.

Climate scientists have warned that such extreme weather events will become more frequent due to global warming.



*Nir Stav, Director-General of the Israeli Meteorological Service. (Courtesy)*

**The IMS is predicting that the country will suffer heatwaves lasting 7-10 days starting from 2030,** with temperatures reaching 50°C (122°F) in certain parts of the country, according to their assessment revealed by the Haaretz daily on Tuesday.

By 2060, the number of annual heatwaves will rise from its current four to six, with the average summer temperature jumping from 33.5°C (92.3°F) to 35°C (95°F), Channel 12 news reported.

"If in the past, the chance of exceeding 50 degrees was once in 100 years, it's nearly certain that in the current climate, the probability is already once in 10," Nir Stav, director of the government body said according to Haaretz.



Daily highs during heatwaves will reach the mid-40s and sometimes 50°C (122°F) in the Jordan Valley in the country's north by 2050, while the Negev in Israel's south will also experience days reaching 40°C (104°F) to 45°C (113°F), Haaretz reported. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/as-europe-swelters-israeli-heat-to-ease-slightly-in-coming-days-but-future-bleak/>

## Putin predicts 'revolutionary' changes

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*Only "truly sovereign" states will succeed after "enormous" geopolitical transformations, the Russian leader claimed*

**A new epoch of world history is approaching and only "truly sovereign" states will be able to succeed in the changed environment, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.**

**Speaking at a business forum, Putin claimed that "truly revolutionary," "enormous" changes would lead to the creation of a new, "harmonious, fairer and more community-focused and safe" world order.**

In this new epoch, *"only truly sovereign states can ensure high growth dynamics,"* he said.

**By the term 'sovereignty' the Russian president means "freedom of national development, and thus of each person individually,"** as well as *"technological, cultural, intellectual, educational viability of the state"* and a *"responsible, active and nationally minded, nationally oriented civil society."*

Such a state, the president said, will serve as an example for others when it comes to *"the standards and quality of people's life, the protection of traditional values and high humanistic ideals."*

**This kind of world is in sharp contrast to the Western-dominated unipolar world order,** which, in Putin's opinion, is *"becoming a brake on the development of our civilization."*

He accused the West of being *"racist and neo-colonial,"* saying that its ideology *"is becoming increasingly more like totalitarianism."*

**The president argued that despite attempts by Western elites to preserve the existing world order, the changes are "irreversible."**

Putin has been discussing the end of the *"unipolar"* world for a long time. In his famous 2007 Munich Security Conference speech, the Russian president said that *"the unipolar world that had been proposed after the Cold War did not take place."* He explained that a world of *"one master, one sovereign"* is destructive not only for everyone within the system but also for the sovereign itself. He accused the US of neglecting the *"basic principles of international law"* and stressed that *"unilateral and frequently illegitimate actions"* had never solved any problems.

In May, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov expressed hope that his country's military offensive in Ukraine, when completed, would force the Western nations *"to stop promoting the so-called unipolar world under the dominance of the United States and its allies."*

The idea of a new *"multipolar"* world has been discussed in the West, too, most recently by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

However, following Moscow's offensive in Ukraine, the West declared its intention to *"isolate"* Russia and imposed tough sanctions on it. Russia views these actions as another manifestation of Western attempts to *"contain"* it and maintain the existing world order. <https://www.rt.com/russia/559338-putin-predicts-revolutionary-changes/>

## Russia's Lavrov talks Ukraine, sanctions and nuclear war with RT (FULL VIDEO)

*The Russian foreign minister sat down for an hour-long interview with RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan*



*Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks to RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan during an interview, July 2022. © Russian Foreign Ministry*

**Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov spoke about Russia's military campaign in Ukraine, sanctions and the confrontation with the West in an interview to RT and Sputnik on Wednesday.**

**Speaking with RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan, the minister explained why, despite a promising start, peace talks with Ukraine effectively broke down in spring.**

He shared his views about the risks of a nuclear war with the West and how Western-supplied heavy weapons affect the fighting on the ground in Ukraine, as well as decision-making in Moscow regarding the conflict.

Lavrov also discussed the effects of the sanctions on the European economy and the delivery of Russian gas to EU member states.

You can watch the full interview here: <https://www.rt.com/russia/559308-lavrov-full-interview-rt/>

## US to send more HIMARS to Ukraine

*Kiev will receive four additional advanced rocket systems in the next military aid package, Pentagon chief says*

Ukraine will receive four more high mobility artillery rocket systems (HIMARS) from Washington as part of the next security assistance package, US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin announced on Wednesday.

*"Later this week, we'll roll out our next presidential drawdown package of weapons, ammunition and equipment for Ukraine,"* Austin said while hosting a virtual meeting of the US-led Ukraine Contact Group.

*"It will include four more HIMARS advanced rocket systems, which the Ukrainians have been using so effectively and which have made such a difference on the battlefield. And it will include more rounds of MLRS and artillery ammunition,"* he added.

According to the Pentagon, once delivered, the new package will bring the total number of HIMARS in Ukraine's possession to 16.

Last Friday, Ukraine's defense minister, Alexey Reznikov, told the Financial Times that Kiev was confident the West would send more aid, including 300km-range munitions for the HIMARS. He described the American-made rocket systems as a game-changer.

HIMARS can fire guided rockets at a range of up to 80km but can also deploy tactical ballistic missiles a distance of up to 300km. Washington previously said it would not supply Ukraine with missiles having a range of 300km out of fear they could be used to strike Russian territory, thus greatly escalating the conflict between Kiev and Moscow.

*"I think it's a step-by-step movement. We give them proof that we can use it with precision and sophistication and we get more, and longer range,"* Reznikov stated.

However, according to the spokesman for the army of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), Eduard Basurin, Ukrainian forces may have already received 300km-range HIMARS missiles. DPR troops have found pieces of munitions with a range of 110km to 120km, which meant that Kiev could have the 300km missiles as well, Basurin posited in an interview with Russia's Rossiya 1 TV channel on Tuesday.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said today the West's persistence in pumping Ukraine with long-range weapons, including the HIMARS, has already made Moscow reconsider the goals of its military operation in the neighboring country. They now go beyond Donbass and include several other Ukrainian regions, the minister [explained](#) in an interview with RT and Sputnik. <https://www.rt.com/news/559336-us-send-himars-ukraine/>

## Russia's Campaign in Ukraine: Nearing an Inflection Point?

Posted on [July 18, 2022](#) by [Yves Smith](#)

**Notice how the amount of Western reporting on Ukraine has fallen off dramatically? That's because the war is going well for Russia and its allies.**

Russia is continuing its steady and systematic grind through Donbass. However, Russia has also picked up the pace of its shelling, has moved some of its best equipment into Ukraine, presumably pre-positioning, and just had the head of its Ministry of Defense, Sergey Shoigu, visit key commanders in Donbass. Not only did Shoigu state that Russia would [put an end to the Ukraine shelling of civilian targets in Donetsk](#), but also "gave the necessary instructions for further buildup of the troops actions in all operational directions." In concert, Russia has moved its most advanced armor to the front lines en masse ([see here at 42:45](#))

Part of this effort to stop the Ukraine shelling of civilians is recent and large uptick in Russian ballistic missile attacks. Jacob Dreizen (please filter out the Trumpian views for the comments on weaponry) [describes starting at 14:10 of his latest video](#) how the Ukrainians are so low on artillery that they are forced to use it strategically and are sending off 1-2 big salvos a day, targeting Russian ammo dumps behind the lines, with some effect. However, other Russia-friendly sources have claimed that Ukraine has been using Western munitions, including the HIMARS, to shell civilians in Donbass. Per Dreizen, Ukraine uses their Tochka-U's to tie up Russian missile defenses and then send some HIMARS and a few get through. **MORE -** <https://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2022/07/russias-campaign-in-ukraine-nearing-an-inflection-point.html>

## Chinese state media threatens US with 'unbearable consequences'

*Pelosi's visit to Taiwan could cause US-China relations to "fall off a cliff," per Global Times*

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**If House Speaker Nancy Pelosi goes through with her Taiwan visit in August, China will consider it a "strategic level provocation" that would push relations with the US "off a cliff," the newspaper Global Times said in a series of harsh editorials this week, citing several experts and government officials. The**



Chinese Foreign Ministry has already said the visit would have a “grave impact” and violate the existing agreements between Washington and Beijing.

**Neither Pelosi nor Taipei has officially confirmed the impending visit, but** Financial Times reported that the 82-year-old speaker of the House would take a congressional delegation to Taiwan next month, citing “six people familiar with the situation.” Her previously rumored visit, in April, did not take place – ostensibly due to Pelosi contracting Covid-19.

**If she goes ahead this time, Chinese experts told Global Times the visit would amount to a provocation prompting a military response from Beijing, with “hard” consequences for the already troubled American economy.**

“China needs to make its determination clear and show its strengths, and let the US side decide to avoid [a] crisis and ensure a relatively stable situation, or make the turbulent world more chaotic,” the outlet noted.

**A separate unsigned Global Times editorial piece warned that “if Pelosi really visits Taiwan, she would be included in China’s sanctions list,” and her family’s assets would be “frozen immediately.”**

Global Times noted that this wouldn’t be the first visit by a House speaker to Taiwan, as Newt Gingrich did so in 1997. However, he was a Republican in opposition to President Bill Clinton’s government, which had shown “sincerity and made efforts to fix ties with China” after the 1996 crisis over the island. Today, “Pelosi and President Joe Biden are both Democrats, and the China-US relations are very intense,” the outlet pointed out.

**“If the visit eventually happens, it would not be a miscalculation but an intentional provocation by the US side,”** Lu Xiang, an expert on US studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, told the Global Times. If Washington ignores Beijing’s warnings, “we will see the China-US relations fall off a cliff, for sure,” he added.

Military expert and TV commentator Song Zhongping speculated that Pelosi is trying to score points for the Democrats ahead of the upcoming midterm elections, while counting on China not to respond too forcefully because the Communist Party will be preparing for its national congress in the fall.

“The US, on one hand, asks for China’s cooperation on issues related to Iran, North Korea and Russia, but on the other hand, keeps provoking China on core interests,” Song said, adding that China could respond by strengthening relations with those three countries, or even making security deals in Latin America.

Global Times commentator Hu Xijin went so far as to suggest that the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) should send military aircraft to escort Pelosi’s plane and fly over Taiwan in a show of force. **MORE -**

<https://www.rt.com/news/559353-china-pelosi-taiwan-threat/> **Keep pushing the envelop until you can get a full blown war going dimwits. – rdb]**

## **The lies have it? 'Russia collusion' case takes abrupt turn**

*Halper's lawyer told his client 'may have made clear misstatements to the FBI'*

By [Bob Unruh](#) Published July 20, 2022 at 11:42am

**A lawsuit that could reveal many of the details of the Democrats' scheme to create a Russia-collusion claim to be used to damage then-candidate Donald Trump, a now-debunked conspiracy that they continued even after he was in the White House, has taken an abrupt turn.**

**A judge has refused to dismiss it, suggesting the defendant in the defamation claim "may have made clear misstatements to the FBI" and might be responsible for "falsehoods" told about the plaintiff.**

[WND reported recently](#) the case was brought by Svetlana Lokhova against Stefan Halper, a British academic and longtime "confidential human source" for the FBI.

The **case had been dismissed, but was returned by active status by an appeals court**, prompting [Just the News](#) to suggest, “**If the case proceeds to discovery or trial, it is likely to renew scrutiny about the weakness of evidence the FBI used to justify investigating Trump**, his campaign and his business associates for alleged collusion with Russia. No such collusion was ever found.”

Now Margot Cleveland at [The Federalist](#) has reported that in refusing to dismiss the case, a judge had some warning statements for Halper.



That is **that documents suggest he "may have made clear misstatements to the FBI"** and may be responsible for "some falsehoods" about Michael Flynn and Svetlana Lokhova.

*Stefan Halper*

The **lawsuit focuses on claims made by Halper when he apparently**

**discovered Likhova was writing a book about the whole Russia collusion scenario**, in which Halper played a leading role.

**Halper allegedly told his lawyer to contact the planned publishers to get the book project killed.**

But in doing that, Likhova charges, Halper made false claims about her, and then "escalated the threats and intimidation to [Simon & Schuster's] parent company, CBS Corporation."

The lawsuit **charges "[t]he sole purpose of Halper's actions was to interfere with [Likhova's] Book Contract and induce [Post Hill Press] to terminate the Contract."**

The book reportedly described Halper as a "spy, an evil spider at work within and around the Trump campaign."

It charges **he targeted for political destruction Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn**. Halper reportedly was the source for unsubstantiated claims that Likhova got into a cab with Flynn and traveled to London with him after a U.K. conference.

Cleveland noted, "Likhova explained her motivation for writing the book in the amended complaint she filed in the Virginia federal court. 'In February 2017, a month after the birth of her first child,' the document read, **Likhova 'was inundated by the media and others over false allegations that had suddenly surfaced that she had supposedly conducted a clandestine romantic affair with General Michael Flynn, an American military and intelligence official** whom she had met once at an academic dinner over two years earlier and had never seen or spoken to again.' Likhova explained how she then spent the next two-plus years, 'piecing together what had happened to her, partly through her own research, partly through the gradual release of information by the United States government, and partly through reporting by U.S. media outlets.'"

She charges that Halper was responsible for threatening her publisher and others, and causing the cancellation of her book contract.

She eventually published the project herself. **MORE -** <https://www.wnd.com/2022/07/likes-russia-collusion-case-takes-abrupt-turn/>

## **Recruiting alarm sounded: U.S. Army understrength by 28,000 in next year**

*'How about we stop kicking out some of the most seasoned, battle-hardened soldiers?'*

By [Art Moore](#) Published July 20, 2022 at 7:53pm

**Facing what a top general called "unprecedented challenges" in recruiting, the U.S. Army expects to have 28,000 fewer soldiers over the next two years than previously projected.**

**Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Joseph Martin, the Army's No. 2 officer, told a House Armed Services Committee panel Tuesday the military branch likely be understrength by at least 7,000 soldiers on Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year, [the Military Times reported](#).**

**By the end of fiscal 2023, he anticipated the Army will be 28,000 soldiers short of the 473,000 that originally was projected.**

In response, Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., said she wants the committee to hold a hearing on the "alarming" development and work on solutions.

An Army Times investigation published Monday found several reasons contributing to the plunge in recruitment. The reasons, the paper said, "are complex, including more detailed medical screenings, a shrinking proportion of Americans eligible to serve, poor marketing practices, low civilian unemployment and more." **MORE -** <https://www.wnd.com/2022/07/recruiting-woes-army-understrength-28000-troops-next-year/>

## **DOJ 'ignored a lawful instruction' to declassify Russia-conspiracy documents**

*Result is that FBI scheming to hurt President Trump remains concealed*

By [Bob Unruh](#) Published July 20, 2022 at 11:00am

**The U.S. Department of Justice "ignored a lawful instruction" from President Trump to declassify and release to the public hundreds of pages of information about how it participated in the now-debunked Russia collusion conspiracy against the president.**

That conspiracy, dreamed up by Democrats including Hillary Clinton, falsely contended that the Trump campaign from 2016 "colluded" with Russia on the election.

The **DOJ, FBI and other federal agencies jumped on the political agenda, created false documents to submit to the courts and then obtained permission from those courts to spy on Trump associates.**

A multi-year **investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller found the original claims were without foundation.** But the Democrats used the made-up claims to hurt Trump and his presidency for years.

Now, **former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows has confirmed that the documents, ordered**



declassified and released by Trump, "never became public," according to [Just the News](#).

**Meadows wrote in a memo at the time regarding the documents that exposed FBI abuses during the Russia collusion probe, how the agency used informants and FISA warrants to spy on the Trump campaign and misled both a federal court and Congress about failings in the evidence they relied on, that it was ordered to be released.**

His memo, at the time, stated, with approval of the president, "I am returning the bulk of the binder of declassified documents to the Department of Justice (including all that appear to have a potential to raise privacy concerns) with the instruction that the **Department must expeditiously conduct a Privacy Act review under the standards that the Department of Justice would normally apply, redact material appropriately, and release the remaining material with redactions applied.**"

Just the News explained it got the memo after going to the Trump collection at the National Archives and asking it to look for the binder of documents Trump had declassified. The Archives said it did not possess the documents, the Justice Department did and provided a copy of Meadows' memo.

**Meadows said during an interview on "Just the News, Not Noise," program that he was dismayed "that DOJ ignored a lawful instruction from a sitting president and said it was part of a larger dynamic in which the permanent federal bureaucracy repeatedly tied to undercut Trump to protect itself," the report explained.**

He told Just the News, "Well, you know, the swamp is pretty deep. But when we look at this, this particular president was all about draining the swamp, you know, and when he was running, that was more of a campaign slogan. When he got there, he realized that not only was the swamp very deep, but they would fight back. And oftentimes he said, 'You know, I want to do this and get this out to the American people, not just the classification in terms of issues that affected him or his campaign personally, but issues that affect the American people.'"

**Meadows explained to Just the News that the president would issue a directive, and people getting the instructions would "nodding compliance," but then they would go out and say, "Well, we're not going to do that..."** **MORE -** <https://www.wnd.com/2022/07/doj-ignored-lawful-instruction-declassify-russia-conspiracy-documents/>

## **'Absolute madness': Network star says Green New Dealers want you in 'pain'**

*'The trolls want to speed up the transition timeline before voters have their say in November'*

By [WND News Services](#) Published July 20, 2022 at 3:32pm By **Harold Hutchison** Daily Caller News Foundation

**Fox News Host Laura Ingraham ripped into proponents of the Green New Deal Tuesday night, claiming they were deliberately "inflicting" pain on Americans.**

**"This isn't happening by accident, they are inflicting this necessary pain on you," Ingraham said. "They believe it's necessary, it's a sacrifice you should make, and the list of what the climate trolls demand to take from you to save the planet, that keeps growing."**

"The gas-powered cars, they want that out," she said. "They want non-smart thermostats gone. They want to diminish farmland. Beef and other livestock, they want that out. Fertilizer, they want to control that. Generators – they don't like your generators. Discretionary travel? Not so much. Leaf blowers, they've always hated those."

### **WATCH:**

President Joe Biden has [called](#) inflation and high gas prices "the Putin price hike," but experts [point to the Biden administration's hostility toward fossil fuel production in the United States as a factor in the high prices](#).

Ingraham noted that the list of **things "climate trolls" wanted to ban even reached into the kitchens of Americans.**

"Gas ranges and gas heat," she said. "You think I'm joking about gas ranges? In dozens of counties on the West Coast, where the 'climate con trolls' are most influential, they have already banned natural gas in residential homes. Now the nation's capital is set to become the second East Coast city to ban gas boilers and water heaters. Now, this is absolute madness. It's going to drive up the cost of home heating for those who can least afford it."

Ingraham claimed those who back such bans don't care about Americans and ignore the increased use of coal by [other countries](#).

**"They know their climate con is about to unravel and Americans are tired of being told to sacrifice as they see China and India doing whatever they damn well please on climate stuff," Ingraham said. "Fossil fuels, forget about it, they will burn them — they don't care. Using fear and intimidation, the trolls want to speed up the transition timeline before the voters have their say in November."**

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the Daily Caller News Foundation.  
<https://www.wnd.com/2022/07/absolute-madnessfox-news-star-says-green-new-dealers-want-pain/>

## **Big Pharma jacked up drug prices over 1,000 times this year – research**

*Sky-high drug prices are forcing US patients to ration their medication*

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**The US pharmaceutical industry has raised drug prices some 1,186 times this year, according to Patients for Affordable Drugs, an advocacy group seeking to rein in the sky-high cost of prescription drugs.** The group published their analysis on Wednesday.

**Despite record profits, pharmaceutical companies jacked up the prices on 133 products between June 24 and July 5 alone, the group found, noting that the median price increase for 2022 was 5%. In July alone, 64 drug companies hiked their prices, according to Patients for Affordable Drugs.**

**Companies like Pfizer, who have made unprecedented profits on their Covid-19 vaccine, have nevertheless continued increasing their prices on other drugs.** Pfizer's leukemia medicine, Besponsa, for example, has seen four price hikes since the pandemic began and now retails at \$21,056 for a single vial.

**Another company, Amgen, has upped its price for autoimmune disease drug Enbrel** so much and so often since acquiring the rights to the drug in 2002 that it outstripped even the record-beating US inflation rate. Between that acquisition and 2020, the company increased the drug's price 27 times until it cost \$5,554.96 per month – an increase of 457% over its initial cost. Two more price hikes took place this year, despite a 2020 investigation into Amgen's pricing habits by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, in which the drug company's practices were roundly condemned.

**Noting that Americans are still struggling to make ends meet in the aftermath of the Covid-19 depression, Patients for Affordable Drugs founder David Mitchell said the industry was continuing "to raise drug prices with no regard for the health and financial well-being of Americans." He pointed out that there was widespread support for capping the cost** of prescription drugs across the political spectrum and questioned why nothing had been done.

While Senate Democrats advanced a bill earlier this month that would require Medicare to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies, critics have pointed out that the legislation only applied to those enrolled in the government's Medicare program. Given that just 18.4% of Americans were on Medicare as of 2020, that leaves the lion's share of drug consumers without any means of decreasing their own prescription costs. **MORE -** <https://www.rt.com/news/559348-big-pharma-drug-prices-skyrocketing/> **[No surprise here. - rdb**

### **Commentary:**

#### **The Wuhan 'Disinformation'**

by [Pete Hoekstra](#) July 20, 2022 at 4:00 am

"My sources," read the incoming email on January 24, 2020, "received reliable information according to which the situation related to corona virus infection is very serious and it's hundreds the people who drop in the streets like flies both in Wuhan and in other 12 provinces." The message continued:

"The information given by Chinese government don't represent the huge risk linked to new corona virus.

"My sources confirm the new corona virus escaped from National Bio-safety Laboratory, in Wuhan, which is BSL-4 lab, through a laboratory technician who went in touch with this new corona virus.

"My sources say Chinese Authorities are covering this 'incident' happened inside the laboratory. So, it's extremely urgent to understand and to face the situation like a lethal threat for US National Security and the rest of the world."

The message came from a reliable European intelligence source with whom I had worked after leaving Congress and who had shared information on multiple issues. Like all intelligence sources, his material always needed to be vetted and confirmed, and, as happens in the intelligence world, results sometimes vary.

Over the next two years, he sent hundreds of additional emails about the COVID pandemic. Some of the information was clearly out of the mainstream. The World Health Organization (WHO) and mainstream medical professionals made it very clear that the only accepted explanation for the source of the pandemic was via natural transmission from some wet market or lost bat.

There was little-to-no consideration given -- in fact there was only outright dismissal and derision given -- to the possibility that the virus might have been scientifically manipulated and released -- or had escaped from -- a laboratory.

That all officially changed in a stunning set of events within the last few days. First it was reported that WHO



Director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [believes](#) COVID most likely leaked from the Wuhan laboratory. The WHO revised its earlier position, that a natural explanation was the most likely, to now saying that all options for the origins of COVID should be on the table.

In addition, Jeffrey Sachs, the lead of the [Lancet COVID 19 Commission](#), has [stated](#) that he now is convinced that the pandemic started in the lab. These are startling reversals by both organizations: The WHO and the Lancet Commission. They have consistently ridiculed and downplayed the possibility that the virus originated and escaped from a laboratory in Wuhan, China. Now, nearly three years after COVID began devastating the world as we knew it, there is just this collective "Oops!"?

These two organizations had from the start been at the forefront of promoting -- insisting on -- the natural origin of the virus. As my source indicated in his correspondence, there were those who suspected in late 2019 and early 2020 that the virus had escaped from the Wuhan laboratory, that it was far more dangerous than the Chinese were telling the rest of the world, and that the Chinese were firmly trying to cover it up.

The key points made by my source on January 24, 2020, have proven to be totally accurate. With the recent admissions by Tedros and Sachs and the organizations they represent, the prevailing origin theory now rests on the Wuhan laboratory. The virus has proven to be more deadly than the Chinese have ever let on, and to this day, the Chinese Communist Party government has not cooperated with international organizations to [contain](#) the virus or [determine](#) its exact origins.

China has instead done the exact opposite. In the initial stages, it [cleansed](#) the Wuhan wet market, [refused](#) to allow outside investigators in, [refused](#) to share information with the international community, and as the virus developed, [allowed](#) people to flee Wuhan on flights to the outside world as the city itself was being locked down.

For two years the WHO, the Lancet and others have been stooges for the Chinese Communists. It is time to identify them all and hold them accountable for their grave errors. Their actions probably cost the lives of millions and have so far allowed China to escape accountability.

One would think that the WHO and the Lancet would be reserved in making any more statements and observations about COVID, but that is not what is happening. Sachs, his credibility now in tatters, has been making a new [pronouncement](#): that the COVID virus was created with the aid of U.S. biotechnology.

It seems that while covering for the Chinese Communists since the beginning of the pandemic, Sachs also decided to absolve them of accountability, and instead point the finger of responsibility at the U.S.

Sachs may have a point, but he is not in any position to deliver more messages. The U.S. Congress must thoroughly investigate the U.S. government's role and cooperation with China in biotechnology research, including the coordination between U.S. labs and labs around the world engaged in further, reportedly even [more dangerous](#) types of research.

If, as seems possible, U.S. research dollars and information might have found its way into places it never should have been, it is time for the American people to demand action. More than one million Americans have [died](#), yet Congress has done somewhere between little and nothing to determine the origins of or accountability for the virus.

While Congress needs to examine what role, if any, the U.S. government had in the research leading to the deadly virus, America's role is surely minor when compared to that of the government of the Chinese Communist Party. The Chinese government must be held to account for the Wuhan lab leak, the coverup, hoarding vital medical supplies, damage to the global economy, and most importantly, the [deaths](#) of more than 6.3 million people worldwide.

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<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/18737/wuhan-covid-disinformation>

## **Marxist Instructions: Never Talk About Politics & Religion, Don't Trust Your Parents and be the Silent Majority**

By [Karen Schoen](#)/July 20th, 2022

A newly released report from Steve Moore, states that there is no one, NOT ONE, ZERO person in the OBiden regime that knows anything about business. think about this: These people are pushing their untried, untested, complete failure policies on We the People because they don't care about people or results. They only care about power.

It seems as though our SCOTUS believes in the US Constitution. We won great decisions in the Supreme Court but got screwed by the Gutless Outrageous Prostitutes = GOP. (Thank you Sally Baptiste for that great new name for the GOP.) Are you still going to vote for the same traitors again? Chaney is out begging democrats to vote for her. I hope that even Wyoming Democrats are not that stupid.

To understand what's going on today we really have to go back and look at the 60s-70s. Most Americans pushing abortion are Boomers from that era. The boomers, myself included were the hippies, the flower children, the rock

n rollers, anti-G-d, Anti-family and Anti-America. Morality was tossed out the window when G-d was removed from public buildings, due to 1 person complaining in [Engel v. Vitale](#) . Then we accepted perversion, drugs, liquor, sex as the new lifestyle. We would do anything our parents didn't do. We hated the establishment.

In the 60s-70s we were so despondent and in such despair at seeing our great American heroes being assassinated in front of our very eyes. We strongly believed that the assassinations were part of a government coup. Of course we were told we were conspiracy nuts. HA! John F Kennedy, Martin Luther King JR, Robert Kennedy, our hope for a bright future was slowly fading. We were forced into a war by draft in Vietnam that no one wanted. We were forced to fight a war in Vietnam against communism while promoting communism at home in school. How sick was that? We were taught to lay our hatred on the heroes that were forced to fight. While those who avoided the draft became teachers in this new education called Social Studies/sustainability aka communism.

And so like all other peoples of the world when we were abused we responded. We were angry .We demonstrated, we marched and we rioted. We destroyed statues, burned buildings and listened to the emotional news about the war even though we knew they were lying.

We were taught to divert our attention into sex and drugs which we learned in school through a variety of "new" SEX Ed courses and we learned fast. After all we learned in school so it had to be OK. We had multiple outlets to express our new found "free love" like Studio 54, Plato's Retreat and Playboy Club. We often took out our hostility in our music and art. Bill Ayers (Obama's mentor and leader of the Weather Underground responsible for multiple bombings of federal buildings, now a professor) asked John Lennon to write a song for the revolution. John wrote "Revolution". Bill was pissed. (read the lyrics <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/johnlennon/revolution.html>)

We took massive quantities of drugs and had Love Ins with sex, drugs and lots of liquor hooking up at any time with anyone. Nothing has changed. Those teens, grew up and are now running America using their never tried utopian/Marxist theories that they write when under the influence of something. If they wanted the drug war over, they would end it instead of participating in it. These insane illogical theories don't work, can't work, will never work. They are instead designed to take forever and be way over budget. If their programs worked, they couldn't bleed us dry.

What did we learn? Well my group of teenagers were told *never talk about politics and religion*. Don't trust your parents after all anyone over 30 doesn't know what is going on. *Be the silent majority*. Never talk about the war. We were told the government knows best. We grew up to being so anti-establishment that it didn't matter what the establishment did or said we figured they were just lying. The GOP and DNC are filled with these globalists who vow to take down America's greatness and steal everything they can't get legally. . Check out the "GOP-Gutless Outrageous Prostitutes" who just voted to take away the only protection we have with our guns while they bring terrorists into America. They hate Americans. They want us to suffer so we will be happy with their government crumbs. We will do more for less while they take everything and we will be happy with drugs and video games. [Yuval Noah Harari from World Economic Forum describes their intent, video.](#)

War makes their problem of too many useless eaters, easy to dispose of. These globalists will protect the border of Ukraine and provide Ukraine guns while disarming Americans. All they want is for us to DIE (Diversity, Inclusion, Equity) so they can steal our property and keep power.

Where did we turn to vent our frustration and agree to transform America? Our educators took care of that. In 1989, Shirley Mc Cune from the McRel Foundation told the Governors Association:

We will change education from fact based to value based (*on emotion*) learning.

(*Emotional people are easier to control using emotional triggers.*)

We will stop focusing on the individual, and focus on the collective (*we can conform everyone to the group mentality.*)

We will train for work, not educate for life. (*We need workers not thinkers or experts*).

Communists learned that uneducated people are easier to control.

While all eyes looked at colleges, they infiltrated K-12 while convincing the family to "keep up with the Jones" by overspending so both mom and dad had to work ensuring the breakup of the family. The evolution of the family went from *Father Knows Best* to *All in the Family* to *Married with Children* showing how dysfunctional families are really the norm.

Today we suffer the results of those teachings as our government officials and experts are only capable of reading their talking points. *I am just following directions*, you will hear as their excuse for their third world actions of government against the people. Our police, after being emasculated (the goal of the feminist movement), will stand and watch as children are being slaughtered because they are just following directions. The hell with the Americans. They are just useless eaters. Less people is better they have been taught. According to Stalin, "Less people, less problems."

We turned to a new type of government called socialism. It sounded so social, fun and inviting. It sounded so nice. All

people will look after each other. Everyone would share. It will be wonderful. Everyone will all have the same stuff. And so the confused children turned to the communists who were so ready to open their arms for their new flock. The commies changed all the words and definitions to reflect Peace and Love. We followed Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals* and they offered the people exactly what Khrushchev said. *I will feed you little bits of socialism and one day you will be a communist.*

**Now we have America's new normal. How does that work?**

*Kevin Sorbo on Twitter:*

"Can I drive your car? No, you're 5

Can I have a beer? No, you're 5

Can I have a cigarette? No, you're 5

Can I have a gun? No, you're 5

Can I take hormones and change my gender? Of Course, you know what's best."

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*My conversation (Italics) with a Greenie:*

Greenie: I am getting an EV. I will save tons of money on fossil fuel since it will soon be outlawed. I can depend on clean green energy from wind or sun. No dirty fuel for me.

*That is great but what do you do if there is no wind or sun.* It won't matter because I will plug my car in the wall socket. *Where does the electricity in the socket come from?* It comes from the wires. *Where does the electricity in the wires come from?* It comes from the power company. *Where does the electricity in the power company come from?* From the grid. *Where does the electricity from the grid come from?* DUH! OOPS OK Where? *Fossil fuel.*) **NO FOSSIL FUEL = NO ELECTRICITY.** *We are assisting in our own failure.*

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CO2 is necessary to produce food not climate change. America is having a food shortage crisis. CO2 helps plants aka food to grow. CO2 is about .03% of the atmosphere and is a result of warming, NOT the cause. Joe said he doesn't know why or what to do about the food shortages but Joe has a plan. He increased ethanol aka corn aka soy in gas which burns our food for fuel resulting in less food at a higher cost for Americans and more expensive gas.

"Growing ethanol not food wastes: 5Billion tons of N Fertilizer; 68 Trillion BTU of natural gas; 57000sq MILES (not acres) of farmland." Dr. Sarah Taber. Joe has opened border for illegals to eat our food giving Americans less food; higher cost.

Then Joe wrote an EO forcing new furnaces to eliminate CO2. No CO2 = No Food. Since over 20 processing plants were attacked, Joe signed an EO to give \$1Billion to farmers to build new plants. Only the EPA regulations make it cost prohibitive. *Is it Joe's intent to starve Americans so he can trade food for guns?*

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American government schools teach their students to be mediocre. Multiple educators, myself included know that Common Core insures America's children will be 2 years below average. Now we are surprised that they are.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/identical-twins-raised-apart-korea-185552767.html>

Based on their IQ test results, the woman from the U.S. scored 16 points lower than that of her sibling in Korea.

<https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/05/31/fls-state-reading-results-troubling-about-25-percent-of-3rd-graders-could-read-proficiently/> This is a recent article regarding the low # of 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders who can read at proficiency level of 4 or 5 on the scale of 1-5

These programs DON'T WORK

<https://populistpress.com/san-franciscos-lowell-high-school-returns-to-merit-based-admissions-after-lottery-system-was-a-disaster/>

We just had LGBTQ month. Where is the Hetero Month? or the Cisgender Month. After all we are the majority and in a "Democracy" the majority wins. So why are we not recognized? These labels are just used to divide the people. Really who cares what anyone does in their bedroom? My question is: Can you do the job? It is obvious in this failed regime the answer is No, but not to worry their departments met their DIE quota.

Now the big question: Is America worth saving? What will you do about it? <https://newswithviews.com/marxist-instructions-never-talk-about-politics-religion-dont-trust-your-parents-and-be-the-silent-majority/>

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### CIA Director on Putin: As far as we can tell he is entirely too healthy

*CIA Director William Burns plays down reports that Russian President is suffering from health problems: He's got his own way of looking at reality.*

*Elad Benari Jul 21, 2022, 9:37 AM GMT+3*

**CIA Director William Burns on Wednesday played down reports that Russian President Vladimir Putin is suffering from any sort of health problems.**

"There are all sorts of rumors about Putin's health, and as far as we can tell he is entirely too healthy," Burns said at the Aspen Security Conference taking place in Colorado when asked if the Russian President seems unstable.

**"That's not a formal intel judgment. ... He's got his own way of looking at reality,"** added Burns.

"Putin really does believe his rhetoric that Ukraine is not a real country. He believes that it is his entitlement, Russia's entitlement to dominate Ukraine," the CIA Director continued.

There have been reports for months about Putin's failed health. In May, [a Russian intelligence official claimed](#) that the Russian President has been given just three years to live by doctors.

**Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov refuted the report, saying there were no signs pointing to any ailment.**

In April, documents published in *The Telegraph* claimed that the Russian leader [was visited by a thyroid cancer doctor](#) 35 times at his luxury Black Sea retreat, and regularly takes steroids.

**The Kremlin has denied that Putin, 69, has or had cancer but Proekt, a Russian banned investigative news organization, said it had proof this was** a lie.

In 2020, [there were reports](#) that Putin is planning on resigning the following year. The report cited rumors that Putin is suffering from Parkinson's disease.

In his remarks on Wednesday, Burns also said the United States estimates that Russian casualties in Ukraine so far have reached around 15,000 killed and perhaps 45,000 wounded, adding that Ukraine has endured significant casualties as well.

"The latest estimates from the US intelligence community would be something in the vicinity of 15,000 (Russian forces) killed and maybe three times that wounded. So a quite significant set of losses. And, the Ukrainians have suffered as well -- probably a little less than that. But, you know, significant casualties," he stated.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/356867>

### Ben Shapiro: Most US Jews aren't Jewish in their identity

*In an extensive interview with INN, Ben Shapiro warns of the dangers of progressive ideology,*

*Israel National News Jul 21, 2022, 4:58 AM GMT+3*

**American conservative political commentator Ben Shapiro was in the Israel National News-Arutz Sheva studio for a very special interview that touched on many topics.**

When asked if liberals and progressives are "the enemy," Shapiro told former Israel Hayom editor-in-chief Boaz Bismuth: "I don't think that liberals and progressives are the enemy as **people but I think that the ideas of liberals and progressives are extraordinarily destructive to the social fabric in the United States.**"

**"In order to have a functioning country you have to have a common philosophy, you have to have a common culture, and you have to have a common history.** Progressives in the United States are fighting against all three of these things," he says.

Shapiro explains that to have a culture, a nation has to have a set of values or ideals.

"When it comes to the culture of the United States that sort of requires you to at least speak the same language. You have to speak in terms of facts. And in the United States you have open debate over whether men and women exist caused by the left. It's going to be tough to have a conversation with people when words have no meaning. When it comes to history, the left in the United States believes that the history of the United States is an unending series of calamities filled with brutality and evil. And again, you can't have a nation built that way," he says.

**"The ideas of progressives are extraordinarily dangerous to the social fabric in any country,"** he adds. **MORE -** <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/356856>

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### **Urgent Appeal from Yaffa/Lev U'Neshama**

Normally, I don't send appeal emails because our supporters are generous and we manage our money carefully to enable our programs to function smoothly. However, I am compelled to contact you now because we urgently need donations to reach our goal for basic school supplies.

For the past several years, donations made to the Education Fund were used in August before school resumes. Much of the fund is used to purchase coupons at our one-and-only office supply store. The family-owned store is happy for the business and they give a generous discount to stretch our funds.

We have 82 families in our program and they are already calling us asking if they will be receiving a coupon to be redeemed at this store. Smaller families have 5 or 6 children and large families have 13 and some more. Last year we gave 150 NIS credit to each family. Not sufficient but something. This year, of course, cost of school supplies has risen and we need to give 200 NIS.

200 times 82 = 16,400 NIS. Presently I have almost 8,000 NIS. A bit short, you can see. Also, a bit short on time. It's the middle of July and we need to have funds in place within a month to allow the coupons to be completed and mailed.

The amount in dollars is approximately \$2,700. Not a huge amount in the scope of things but urgently needed by the kids here. About 1/3 of the children in Tzfat come from families who are in the poverty range. But they shouldn't be deprived of basic school supplies to have a good start in school.

Additionally, I am concerned that we will need funds to provide eye exams/eyeglasses and sport shoes and this is beyond what we are extrapolating for the school supplies.

I'm sending this appeal to everyone in the hopes of reaching our goal for school supplies and have some also for the shoes and eyeglasses; \$60 for eyeglasses/exam and \$30 for a pair of sport shoes).

You may already be a supporter of Lev U'Neshama and give generously but perhaps you can ask family or friends to join in this effort. If you haven't donated to us before or do so periodically, now is a good time.

### **Donations may be made by** going to our web site: [www.levuneshama.com](http://www.levuneshama.com)

Go to the "How You Can Help" page and select an option to donate. You can even use a credit card.

Or you can use PayPal (although a fee is taken). Recipient email address: [mortsmo@aol.com](mailto:mortsmo@aol.com)

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Or . . . you could send a check made payable to my son Simcha Smolensky and send it to:

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Chicago IL 60645  
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If you need/want a US Tax Receipt, email me and I'll give you the information.

Hoping you and/or someone you know, can help reach the goal to help our children.

Enjoy the remainder of summer in good health,

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