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Former Islamic State Captive Says Israel a Beacon of Hope for Yazidis

In 2014, Nadia Murad was taken captive by the Islamic State and sold into slavery along with thousands of other Yazidi women and girls in the Mount Sinjar region of northwestern Iraq.

After a daring escape, Nadia emerged as the voice of the Yazidi people's suffering.

During a visit to Israel in 2017, she said, "Like the Jews, the Yazidis have an ancient history thousands of years old. Despite recurring persecution, both our people have survived.

"My time in Israel has shown me that in the wake of oppression and genocide, a community can emerge stronger."

Source: Daily Alert, 10/08/18; i24News, 10/05/18

Corners of Coexistence in Jerusalem

On a Saturday during the Jewish High Holidays, I ran out of the medication I was taking for an infection, and went to a branch of the Terem emergency medical clinic in Jerusalem.

The whole team at the clinic - doctors, nurses, lab technicians, receptionist and cleaners - were Palestinian - some Israeli Arabs and some from east Jerusalem. Most of the patients were religious Hassidim.

What was most surprising was the calm atmosphere, the efficiency of the medical, technical and secretarial team, and the total lack of tension in the air, even though the whole show was run by the Palestinian team.

THE JERUSALEM Botanical Gardens in Givat Ram is another magical corner in our divided and embroiled capital, where coexistence, involving school children, is part of daily life. It is not just coexistence between Jews and Arabs, but also between seculars and religious (both haredi and national religious). True, the activities are not mixed. Each group is provided with separate activities, dovetailed to its special requirements and requests. But the various groups nevertheless coexist, without tension or conflict, to the benefit of all.

Source: The Daily Alert, 10/0818; Jerusalem Post, 10/07/18

End Funding of Palestinian Terror

The Taylor Force Act became law six months ago, and by now the State Department should have sent several unclassified reports to Congress detailing the pay-for-slay program, PA laws supporting it, and U.S. and UN efforts to inform allies how the PA uses foreign aid money.

In cutting aid to the Palestinian Authority, the administration is showing the Palestinian leadership that actions have consequences. What's missing now is enforcement of the Taylor Force Act and a strong public case by the administration explaining that the U.S. must get out of the business of inadvertently funding Palestinian terror, hate and corruption in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Palestinian Authority's recalcitrance matters, because U.S. aid was never envisioned as a permanent entitlement or act of charity. We have provided aid because we judged it in our national interest to support state-building and peace, and we believed money would promote those goals.

But our money has had the opposite effect: It has rewarded rejectionism, promoted contempt among Palestinian leaders for the United States and encouraged a Palestinian society in which virtually every function of governance -- from trash collection and schools to hospitals and infrastructure -- comes from Western aid.

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Netanyahu: "Israel on the Golan Heights Is a Solid Reality Based on Ancient Rights"

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke Monday at the dedication of a restored 1,500-year-old synagogue at the Ein Keshatot archaeological site in the Golan Heights.

- "Today we see what is happening over the border [in Syria] - Iran's attempts to establish a military presence and the aggression of terrorist fanatics."
- "Israel on the Golan Heights is a guarantee for stability in the surrounding area. Israel on the Golan Heights is a solid reality based on ancient rights."
- "Israel on the Golan Heights is a fact that the international community must recognize, and as long as it depends on me, the Golan Heights will always remain under Israeli sovereignty because otherwise we would have Iran and Hizbullah on the shores of the Kinneret."
- "We will continue to act with determination against Iran's attempts to open an additional front against us on the Golan Heights, and in Syria we will act against all attempts to transfer lethal weapons to Hizbullah in Lebanon. I will discuss these matters with President Putin when I meet with him soon."
- "I know that President Putin understands my commitment to the security of Israel and I know that he also understands the importance...that we all ascribe to the Golan Heights and to the heritage of Israel."

Source: Daily Alert, 10/09/18; Prime Minister's Office, 10/08/18

Childhood Friends Separated by Holocaust Reunite 75 Years Later

Chaya Levy, 91, and Esther Sheinberg, 88, were childhood friends who grew up in the same Transylvanian village of Beclean, in what was then Hungary and is now Romania, before being deported to Auschwitz.

Until Sunday, neither suspected the other had survived the Holocaust.

When their daughters were introduced through a mutual friend, they were surprised to discover that both their mothers had grown up in the same village.

When the daughters later told their mothers the story, Levy and Sheinberg immediately recognized the other's name.

"Estike," Chaya Levy called out as her childhood friend Esther Sheinberg walked in through the door to her apartment and the two met in person for the first time in 75 years.

After greeting one another with warm embraces and kisses, the two sat down to reminisce about what it was like growing up in the Transylvanian village of Beclean, in what is now Romania.

Up until Sunday, neither of the childhood friends could ever have imagined the other had survived the Holocaust.

Both Levy, 91, and Sheinberg, 88, were deported to the Auschwitz death camp in Poland. At the end of the war, they both made the decision to move to Israel, where they unknowingly lived adjacent to one another in the central Israeli city of Bnei Brak for a short time.

The reunion between the two friends came about by accident when their daughters were introduced through a mutual friend and ended up spending the Sukkot holiday together in Safed. While there, they were surprised to discover that both their mothers had grown up in the same village in what was then Hungary. When the daughters later told their mothers about the other girl who had grown up in Beclean, Levy and Sheinberg immediately recognized the other's name and remembered their childhood friend.

"My sister passed away two years ago," Sheinberg said. "I have no one to reminisce with. Now I have found that someone. She is like a sister."

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