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I want to wish everyone a good and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Veterans Home 4141 North 3rd Ave. next to the Indian Steele Park Refreshments will be served before the meeting. I would like to remind everyone that Veterans Day is Friday, November 11 and some of us will be participating in the parade and others will be selling poppies. Whatever your choice is, lets all participate in some activity to help and honor our veterans for their time and dedication. We will be discussing this more at the next meeting. I would like to thank Bill Rein for his continued dedication and hard work in the gathering of enlightened and informative articles that he puts in our paper. I want to remind everyone that Yom Kippur (the holiest day of the Jewish people) will be on Saturday, Oct 8 with the Kol Nidre service beginning Friday evening, Oct 7. There are three other holidays in October. Sukkot this year is October 13-14 and Shimimi Atzeret is October 20 and Simchat Torah is October 21. See everybody at the next meeting.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is probably the most important holiday of the Jewish year. Many Jews who do not observe any other Jewish custom will refrain from work, fast and/or attend synagogue services on this day. Yom Kippur occurs on the 10th day of Tishri. The holiday is instituted at Leviticus 23:26 et seq. This year the Holy Day falls on October 8.

The name "Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement," and that pretty much explains what the holiday is. It is a day set aside to "afflict the soul," to atone for the sins of the past year. On Yom Kippur, the judgment entered in the books is sealed. This day is, essentially, your last appeal, your last chance to change the judgment, to demonstrate your repentance and make amends.

Yom Kippur atones only for sins between man and G-d, not for sins against another person. To atone for sins against another person, you must first seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrongs you committed against them if possible. That must all be done before Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath; no work can be performed on that day. It is well-known that you are supposed to refrain from eating

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ARABS THROW ROCKS

Arabs threw rocks Wednesday, September, 14, 2011, at an Israeli car between Migdalim and Tapuach Junction in Samaria. A 20 month old girl was injured in the face. The baby girl received treatment from Samaria Regional Authority medics and evacuated to a hospital. The Authority Head Gershon Mesika said: "The 'men of peace' of the Palestinian murder authority provide yet more proof, to those who still need it, as to just whom we are facing. We face low life terrorists who try to murder babies."

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and drinking (even water) on Yom Kippur. It is a complete, 26-hour fast beginning before sunset on the evening before Yom Kippur and ending after nightfall on the day of Yom Kippur. The Talmud also specifies additional restrictions that are less well-known: washing and bathing, anointing one's body (with cosmetics, deodorants, etc.), wearing leather shoes (Orthodox Jews routinely wear canvas sneakers under their dress clothes on Yom Kippur), and engaging in sexual relations are all prohibited on Yom Kippur.

As always, any of these restrictions can be lifted where a threat to life or health is involved. In fact, children under the age of nine and women in childbirth (from the time labor begins until three days after birth) are not permitted to fast, even if they want to. Older children and women from the third to the seventh day after childbirth are permitted to fast, but are permitted to break the fast if they feel the need to do so. People with other illnesses should consult a physician and a rabbi for advice.

Most of the holiday is spent in the synagogue, in prayer. In Orthodox synagogues, services begin early in the morning (8 or 9 AM) and continue until about 3 PM. People then usually go home for an afternoon nap and return around 5 or 6 PM for the afternoon and evening services, which continue until nightfall. The services end at nightfall, with the blowing of the tekiah gedolah, a long blast on the shofar.

It is customary to wear white on the holiday, which symbolizes purity and calls to mind the promise that our sins shall be made as white as snow (Is. 1:18). Some people wear a kittel, the white robe in which the dead are buried.

Sukkot

The Festival of Sukkot begins on Tishri 15, the fifth day after Yom Kippur. It is quite a drastic transition, from one of the most solemn holidays in our year to one of the most joyous.

This festival is sometimes referred to as Zeman simkhateinu, the Season of our Rejoicing. Sukkot lasts for seven days. The two days following the festival are separate holidays, Shemini Atzeret and Simkhat Torah, but are commonly thought of as part of Sukkot.

The word "Sukkot" means "booths," and refers to the temporary dwellings that we are commanded to live in during this holiday. The name of the holiday is frequently translated "The Feast of Tabernacles," which, like many translations of technical Jewish terms, isn't terribly useful unless you already know what the term is referring to. The Hebrew pronunciation of Sukkot is "Sue COAT," but is often pronounced as in Yiddish, to rhyme with "BOOK us."

The festival of Sukkot is instituted in Leviticus 23:33 et seq. No work is permitted on the first and second days of the holiday. Work is permitted on the

remaining days. These intermediate days on which work is permitted are referred to as Chol Ha-Mo'ed, as are the intermediate days of Passover.

In honor of the holiday's historical significance, we are commanded to dwell in temporary shelters, as our ancestors did in the wilderness. The commandment to "dwell" in a sukkah can be fulfilled by simply eating all of one's meals there; however, if the weather, climate, and one's health permit, one should live in the sukkah as much as possible, including sleeping in it.

A sukkah must have at least three walls covered with a material that will not blow away in the wind. Canvas covering tied or nailed down is acceptable and quite common in the United States. A sukkah may be any size, so long as it is large enough for you to fulfill the commandment of dwelling in it. The roof of the sukkah must be made of material referred to as sekhakh (literally, covering). To fulfill the commandment, sekhakh must be something that grew from the ground and was cut off, such as tree branches, corn stalks, bamboo reeds, sticks, or two-by-fours. Sekhakh must be left loose, not tied together or tied down. Sekhakh must be placed sparsely enough that rain can get in, and preferably sparsely enough that the stars can be seen, but not so sparsely that more than ten inches is open at any point or that there is more light than shade. The sekhakh must be put on last.

This year the holy day of Sukkot begins at sundown on Wednesday, October 17, 2011.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

THE RIGHTEOUS TAXI DRIVER

Rabbi Greenberg dies and is now standing in a line of people waiting to find out whether they are going to heaven, a line containing among others, the righteous, academics, religious leaders and the virtuous. As Rabbi Greenberg looks around, he sees an angel bowing and speaking reverently to a rather rough looking man. The angel then leads this man to the front of the line.

Rabbi Greenberg is very surprised by this action. "How odd" he says to himself. "It seems that this ordinary looking man is going to get precedence over all of us here. Who can this man be?"

The angel notices the look of surprise on Rabbi Greenberg's face so goes over to him and says, "I know it looks a bit odd rabbi, but this man is a taxi driver from New York." "But if that is all, why does it make him a special person?", asks Rabbi Greenberg.

"Let me explain, rabbi," replies the angel. "It's simple really. We obviously realize up here that in your lifetime, you have influenced quite a lot of people and explained to them why they should believe in Hashem. But the thousands of people who have travelled in this man's taxi immediately began to pray with 100% sincerity".

UNFORGETTABLE FACE

Sam Greenberg is waiting for his wife to come home from shopping when his doorbell rings. When he opens the door,

there are two grim-faced police officers standing there.

"Can we come in sir?" asks one of them. "Of course," replies Greenberg. They come in and he shuts the door. "How can I help you?" asks Greenberg. "Do you have a photo of your wife we could look at?" "Of course I have," replies Sam Greenberg. "Why do you want to see it?" "Could we please see the photo first" says the other officer, "and then we'll tell you why." Greenberg gets a recent photo and shows it to them. The police officers study it carefully, then one of the officers says to Greenberg, "I'm sorry sir, but we have to inform you that it looks like your wife got hit by a truck." Without thinking, Greenberg says, "I've known that ever since I met her, but she makes up for it by being a great cook and she has a terrific sense of humor!"

ARNOLD SCHWARTZ THE LUMBERJACK

A large, well established, Canadian lumber camp advertised that they were looking for a good Lumberjack. The very next day, Arnold, a skinny little Yid, showed up at the camp with his axe, and knocked on the head lumberjack's door. The head lumberjack took one look at little Arnold Schwartz and told him to leave. "Just give me a chance to show you what I can do" said Arnold. "Okay, see that giant redwood over there" said the lumberjack. "Take your axe and go cut it down." Arnold headed for the tree and in five minutes he was back knocking on the lumberjack's door. "I cut the tree down," said Arnold. The lumber-

jack couldn't believe his eyes and said, "Where did you get the skill to chop down trees like that?" "In the Sahara forest," replied little Arnold. "You mean the Sahara Desert don't you?" said the lumberjack. Arnold laughed and answered back, "Oh sure, that's what they call it now".

THE NEXT BEST RABBI

Rabbi Epstein was moving to another city and was saying farewell to his congregation at the synagogue for the last time. Old Mrs. Rosenberg approached him and said, "Your successor won't be nearly as good as you." "Nonsense", said Rabbi Epstein, in a flattered tone. "No, really", said the old lady. "I've been here under five different rabbis, and each new one has been worse than the last".

AW NUTS

Rabbi Epstein is known for practicing the mitzvah of bikur cholim or visiting the sick. One day Rabbi Epstein was visiting Mrs. Hyman who was battling a nasty flu. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No not at all" Mrs. Hyman replies. They chat for about an hour and as Rabbi Epstein stands up to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh that's all right," Mrs. Hyman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

VA Posts Updated Ship List

The VA has posted an updated list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships confirmed to have operated on Vietnam's inland waterways, docked on shore, or had crewmembers sent ashore, at this website to assist Vietnam veterans in determining potential eligibility for compensation benefits. Comprehensive information about the 14 recognized illnesses under the VA "presumption" rule for Agent Orange is also located on www.va.gov.

In practical terms, veterans with qualifying Vietnam service who develop a disease associated with Agent Orange exposure need not prove a medical link between their illnesses and their military service. This presumption simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits.

For questions about Agent Orange and the online list of ships, veterans may call the VA Special Issues Helpline at 1-800-749-8387 and press 3. When a claim is filed by a veteran, surviving spouse or child, VA will determine whether the veteran qualifies for the presumption of exposure based on official records of the ship's operations. Ships will be regularly added to the list based on information confirmed in these official records.

More Problems for Arlington Cemetery

The House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing to obtain an

update from Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) on the problems that have plagued the Cemetery. It was disclosed at the hearing that boxes of records from the Cemetery had recently been discovered at an off-site public storage facility on June 10, when a bill for the facility went unpaid.

The subcommittee was assured that the Army Criminal Investigation Division was thoroughly investigating the discovery and when complete a report will be issued and sent to the subcommittee. Preliminary indications are that the boxes contain photocopies of records of individuals buried at the cemetery. All of the boxes are now being held at a secure Army facility while the investigation continues.

Department of Labor Supports Vets

As part of an ongoing effort to support America's veterans, the Department of Labor (DOL) recently announced \$37 million in grants to provide job training for about 21,000 veterans, many of them homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Twenty-two grants totaling more than \$9 million will provide job training to about 4,000 veterans to help them succeed in civilian careers. Those funds, provided through the Veterans Workforce Investment Program, emphasize training in "green" jobs related to energy efficiency and renewable energy, modern electric power development and clean vehicles.

DOL also announced an additional 122 grants totaling more

than \$28 million to provide job training to about 17,000 veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. These grants, awarded under the Labor Department's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, include \$4.3 million for the homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families Program and \$3.9 million for the incarcerated Veterans Transition Program that helps veterans who have served time in justice facilities.

SOME BENEFIT INCREASES LIKELY IN 2012

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the Consumer Price Index for April was up 0.8 percent over the March CPI. This is important for military retirees and veterans drawing VA benefits, because the CPI is used to determine the annual cost living adjustment {COLA} and rate adjustments to VA Disability and Compensation, Vets Pension programs and other VA rates for the following year. The Military Officers Association of America reports that the April 2001 CPI is up 2.9 percent from the 2008 CPI, which means veterans and survivors may see an increase in

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TIDBITS

Local VA Health System Lauded

PHOENIX - The Phoenix VA Health Care System was one of 20 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers recognized this week by the Joint Commission as "top performers" on quality measures for 2010. Although all VA medical centers are accredited by the commission, the "top performer" list is based on data reported about evidence-based clinical processes for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care and children's asthma.

For the full list of top performing hospitals:

[Jointcommission.org/top-performers](http://jointcommission.org/top-performers). For information about the medical center, visit phoenix.va.gov.

Australian Leader Announces \$3M Gift to Education Center at the Wall

During a recent visit Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced the Australian government will donate \$3 million to help build the Education Center at The Vietnam Veterans Memorial. According to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the organization heading up the project, it is the first foreign donation to the Education Center and a reflection of the friendship and mutual support between the US and Australia.

Web-based TRICARE Assistance Program

(TRIAP) Extended TRICARE's Web-based counseling service has been continued through March 2012. This program gives active duty service members and their families' around-the-clock access to licensed behavioral health counselors via the internet and a Web site. Learn more about the TRI-CARE Assistance Program at: <http://www.tricare.mil/triap>.

GI BILL REFORM WON'T DELAY PAYMENTS

Many feared that passing the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act would cause huge delays in GI Bill benefits payments this fall. The concern was that last minute changes would derail the VA's implementation of the pending GI Bill changes under the post-9/11 Veteran's Education Assistance Improvements Act. However, the VA has softened its stance and is now saying that it will still see payment challenges ahead if the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act becomes law this year, they no longer fear a system wide impact.

Subject: Vietnam Stats

There are 58,267 names now panel IE and going out to the end of the East wall, appearing to recede into the earth (numbered 70E - May 25, 1968), then resuming at the end of the West wall, as the wall emerges from the earth (numbered 70W - continuing May 25, 1968) and ending with a date in 1975. Thus the

war's beginning and end meet. The war is complete, coming full circle, yet broken by the earth that bounds the angle's open side and contained within the earth itself.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall. 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. The largest age group, 8,283 were just 19 years old Submitted by Eugene Cox, a Post 194 member, a marine Captain who served in Vietnam.

New Flag Rules for Cemeteries

VA Secretary Eric Shinseki recently announced changes that will allow flags to be placed on gravesites at National cemeteries on Memorial Day and any other day of the year on a case-by-case basis. Federal rules had previously prohibited placement of American Flags on any day other than Memorial Day, including Veterans Day. The rule change was made at the request of Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R- TN).

Panetta Confirmed

In a unanimous vote, 100 to 0, the Senate voted to confirm Leon Panetta as the next Secretary of Defense.

WHICH MEDICINES TREAT HIGH CHOLESTEROL?

Statins are the type of medicine used most often to lower bad cholesterol. They can reduce your chance of a heart attack or stroke. How much statin medicine you take depends on your risk of heart attack or stroke. Your doctor may suggest a higher dose of a statin if you are at moderate to high risk. You may be at higher risk if you smoke, have high blood pressure or are using high blood pressure medicine, have low good (HDL) cholesterol, have family members who have had heart disease, or are a man age 45 or older or a woman age 55 or older.

Not everyone with high cholesterol needs a statin. Your doctor may use expert guidelines when deciding whether you should use statins. Your doctor may suggest other medicines or suggest combining a statin with another medicine.

Other medicines for high cholesterol that your doctor may prescribe include:

Bile acid binders, such as cholestyramine (Questran) and colesevelam (Welchol). They lower LDL cholesterol.

Fibric acid derivatives, such as fenofibrate (Tricor) and gemfibrozil (Lopid). They raise HDL cholesterol and lower triglycerides.

Nicotinic acid (niacin), such as Niacor or Nicolar. It raises HDL cholesterol and lowers LDL cholesterol and triglycerides.

Contributed by Lenore Katz, Post Surgeon

SMALL CHOICES SAVED LIVES

Greer Epstein never took breaks. An executive director at Morgan Stanley, she rarely left her office on the 67th floor because she never had time. But twenty minutes before 9 A.M., one of her buddies called. "How about getting a cigarette?" He wanted to talk to her about an upcoming work meeting. It was a calm day with clear blue skies .. the most beautiful day she had ever seen from her view from the World Trade Center. Epstein figured why not. While riding down the elevator, she felt a jolt, but ignored it since the elevators had always acted strangely. When she stepped outside to light up her Benson and Hedges, she saw people frozen in place. Their eyes were fixed to the sky. Paper rained down like chaotic confetti. As she stared at the fire and smoke billowing from a hole in the North Tower, she wondered: "How do they fix something like that?" That's when a plane flew through her office at the South Tower.

A cigarette break had saved her life. Epstein realized later that had it not been for that rare morning break, she could have lost everything. "I never took a break before noon" Epstein said. "It was something that happened that day .. And thank God for it. I was safely out of the building when the plane hit. A fireball went through my office. Had I been sitting there, who knows what would've been?"

Today she tells her colleagues not to let their lives revolve

around their jobs. That day ten years ago also gave her a break from one of her mother's lectures. "My mom never picked on me for smoking again."

SOME VETS TO GET MEDICAL IDs

Medical IDs save lives by communicating medical information to Emergency responders. Medical IDs are advised for those with diabetes, food or drugs allergies, seizure disorder, heart conditions, blood thinner prescriptions, multiple medications, metal fragments in body and many other medical conditions. In fact a 2009 VA directive states that it is VHA policy that medical ID bracelets and pendants must be available for veteran patients whose pertinent medical information would be valuable to emergency medical care providers. Ten medical manufacturers are currently working with VA organizations across the nation as registered suppliers of customized medical IDs. They are working to help VA organizations with processing and ordering procedures. Veterans should contact their local VA clinic for information or contact Justin Noland of American Medical 10 at (713) 600-6713 .

Remains Buried

The remains of 9 WWII airman shot down and killed after a successful bombing run in Papua New Guinea in 1943 were buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The remains excavated from the crash site in 2001 could not be individualized to any one person.

HOTEL SAID TO HAVE ONCE BARRED JEWS

A southeast Chandler elementary school bears Adolph Weinberg's name and sits on land donated by the family. Civic leaders who knew him before he died 25 years ago still talk about Weinberg's generosity and business acumen. But a dark part of local history is rarely mentioned and was never documented in museums or dedication speeches. During the early 1950s, when Weinberg was traveling on business between his home in Southern California and then rural Chandler, he was not allowed to stay at the San Marcos Hotel because he was Jewish, said Donna Ellsworth-Bolen.

A longtime Chandler real estate broker, Ellsworth-Bolen, 83 knows first hand about the incident said the hotel's anti-Jewish policy, she was a San Marcos employee studying for her real estate license at the time. She later befriended Weinberg through her real estate dealings and said he played a key role in the growing Arizona dairy industry of the 1950s and 1960s, persuading farmers to move to Arizona and helping them buy land.

Discrimination against Jews by Valley resorts and upscale hotels was common in the 1950s and early 1960s, said Larry Bell, executive director of the Arizona Jewish Historical Society. He doesn't have documentation about the San Marcos' policies but has letters detailing the practice at the Camelback Inn and reports about how a 1954 National Bar Association conference had to be moved out of Arizona because so many hotels would not allow Jews.

"The way it worked, if a potential patron inquired about a room and had a Jewish sounding name, a hotel employee would say there were no rooms available or ask for more information about the person's nationality or what church they attended. It was all done in a weird sort of code that wasn't all that secretive."

Rose Dunkel, executive assistant at Crowne Plaza San Marcos Resort, said she keeps much of the 99 year old hotel's history but had not heard of a policy that barred Jews. Nate Meyers, Chandler Museum's curator of collections, said he has heard about the San Marcos anti-Jewish policy but knows of no documentation.

Weinberg was a Romanian immigrant whose family fled Europe during WWI, said Earnest Robinson, a Weinberg Elementary School videographer who documented the namesake's history. Because he wasn't allowed in the city's only hotel, Weinberg stayed at a guest house or with local dairy families when he came to Chandler, Ellsworth-Bolen and others said. "He'd sit for hours and talk to people, and he loved to stay at my house, he slept on the couch," said Billie Wood, 84, who used to operate a dairy with her late husband, Jack.

Grocery magnate Eddie Basha said Weinberg was a close family friend whose generosity built a Chandler Catholic convent and rescued his family's dairy in 1958, shortly after Basha's father, Eddie Sr., died. The dairy operation was deeply in debt, and "I was 31 years old and overwhelmed by it all," Basha said. Weinberg called a meeting with Basha and the lender. "He (Weinberg) took off his hat and put it on the table. "This boy's father was my best friend, whatever this boy needs, I sign." Tears were coming down his face," Basha said.

A few years before that, Weinberg contributed \$75,000 to build a convent at St. Mary Basha school, Chandler's first Catholic school. It was build by Eddie Basha Sr. in honor of his late brother, Ike, who moved to Phoenix so he could send his children to Catholic school. The building is now a library, and the website describes St. Mary Basha as a school that "opened 60 years ago in Chandler to provide primarily Hispanic children opportunities for a solid Catholic education that was not being met by the segregated public schools."

Basha said Weinberg was a "financial genius" who bought, sold and financed dairies, supplied the farms with feed and eventually made many Arizona dairy owners rich when they sold their Valley land for development and moved to more remote locations.

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The grocer said he never heard the San Marcos story and would be 'sorely disappointed' if it were true. "He was a magnificent man; I remember him and his family in my daily prayers."

Bell, the Jewish historian, said "for every example of discrimination, you also find these acts of kindness. But it's important for people to know this kind of discrimination existed so we don't repeat the mistake."

Chandler is no longer a rural community with several dairies. In 2009 a Chandler site next to the East Valley Jewish Community Center at Alma School and Ray roads was selected as the spot for the nation's fifth Tolerance & Holocaust Museum.

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Google launches Street View in Israel

Google launched its Street View project in Israel. Google Israel's managing director Meir Brand and Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat launched the project Sept. 12 in front of the Old City walls. The Google cars and tri-cycles; fitted with 360-degree cameras to take panoramic images, will begin collecting images in Jerusalem, including the Old City, the Israeli business daily Globes; reported. Tel Aviv and Haifa also will be covered, as will tourist attractions such as the Dead Sea and the Ramon Crater. Google Street View, an online mapping tool, provides a 3-D view of buildings, landmarks and streets around the world. It is available in 30 countries. Israel's Justice Ministry set several conditions on its approval, including the right for Israelis to request further blurring of residences and license plates. Israeli officials reportedly had been concerned that terrorists would use the service to plan attacks in Israel.

Hamas Founder Detained Near Shechem

Hamas founder and leader Sheikh Hassan Yousef was re-arrested by the IDF Wednesday and taken to an undisclosed location.

Yousef was stopped at the Zatar checkpoint south of Shechem, according to the Bethlehem-based Ma'an news agency. He was reportedly "held at the checkpoint for hours before detaining him," witnesses said. He was attending a

meeting in the Samaria city of Jenin. His wife and several of his children were with him at the time.

The Ramallah-area resident had been released a few days earlier after serving a six-year sentence in an Israeli prison. Yousef was originally from the village of Al-Ghaniyeh, and was a key player in the founding of the Hamas terrorist organization.

Last month he was one of 200 Palestinian Authority Arab prisoners who were freed early as a goodwill gesture for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"The Israeli policy of kidnapping the elected legislators and officials will not succeed in deterring the Palestinians from pursuing their legitimate rights of liberation and independence," Dr. Ahmad Bahar, deputy head of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), said in response to the arrest.

The senior Hamas leader is considered a popular grassroots activist among the PA Arab population in Judea and Samana.

Yousef's son, Mosab Hassan Yousef, converted to Christianity several years ago and moved to the United States. There he published a book, "Son of Hamas," on his experiences as an agent for the Israel Security agency (Shin Bet) over 10 years.

Most of Shalit's Captors Killed in Accidents

"Unfortunate accidents" killed most of the terrorists who captured kidnapped soldier Gilad Shalit, Homeland Security

Minister Maran Vilnai said during Jerusalem Unification Day remarks at a school. He told students at a Jerusalem school that even de facto Gaza Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh and his military leader "do not know where Gilad is being held." He was abducted nearly five years ago during a deadly raid on a checkpoint adjacent to the Gaza region in which two of Shalit's comrades were killed.

Hamas has not honored the Geneva Convention that requires contact with the families of kidnap victims and allows for Red Cross visits. Shalit is assumed to be alive, but there have been no signs of his condition since an audio of his voice, obviously under duress, was released two years ago. Vilnai advised that the movement for freeing Shalit at any price - a move that is backed largely by left-wing academics - actually hurts their cause.

Vilnai did not detail what "unfortunate accidents" happened to the terrorists, and the IDF and government generally maintain a tight-lipped policy on undercover operations against terrorists.

A TAXABLE DONATION

Rabbi Rosen answered his phone. "Hello" "Is this Rabbi Rosen?" "Yes, it is". "This is the IRS. I wonder if you could help us out" "If I can, I'd be happy to." "Do you know a Schlomo Epstein?" "Yes, I do." "Is he a member of your congregation?" "Yes, he is". "Did he donate \$10,000. To your synagogue?" "hmm, yes, he will".

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THEY GROW UP SO FAST

It's census time and the Levy family haven't yet returned their census form. So a clerk from the municipality goes to their house to remind them. The clerk rang the doorbell and when the door opened, there stood 6 year old Sarah Levy.

So the clerk says to her, "Hello little girl, is your father in?" "No," says Sarah, "he's a doctor and he's away at the hospital carrying out an appendectomy operation.

The clerk smiled and said, " Appendectomy is a very big word for a little girl. Do you know what it means?" "Of course I do", replies Sarah, "I'm not stupid. It means \$5,000. And it doesn't even include the cost of my uncle, who's the anesthesiologist."

MORE TROUBLE FOR ISRAEL

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan coolly moved his country step by provocative step towards an armed clash with Israel. Not just over the Palestinian issue, but because he covets the gas and oil resources of the eastern Mediterranean opposite Israel's shores. He recently announced that Turkish warships will escort any Turkish aid vessels for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. In his remarks to Al Jazeera television, the Turkish prime minister also said that he had taken steps "to stop Israel from unilaterally exploiting natural resources from the eastern Mediterranean."

He did not say what steps he had taken. However, for some time now, he has moved mountains to isolate Israel by drawing a double diplomatic noose around it . If Turkish ships breach the Israeli blockade of Gaza, which a UN report last week pronounced legitimate under international law, Erdogan will become the first Muslim leader to embark on military action in the Palestinian cause. The Arab nations which fought Israel time after time in the past will be made to look ineffectual and the Turkish leader the regional big shot. Even Iran would be put in the shade for never daring to provoke Israel the way Turkey has.



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