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COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Michael Halperin

Although we have succeeded in getting several new members, our membership is below 50. We need in the coming year to increase our membership an additional 10 members so that in the coming year we can reach 60 members and we hope not to loose any as a result of a demise.

We still must improve membership participation. This means more of you need to come to our monthly meeting. We have tried in the past to get speakers for the meeting; however, it is embarassing to have less than 10 for the speaker. Twenty members would be acceptable.

This month we will be celebrating two occassions. On the evening of December 2, 2018, we will observe the first night of Chanukah. To all, I wish a very Happy Chanukah.

At the end of December and specifically on the night of December 31st, we will be ushering in a new year 2019. Again, to all our membership, I wish each and everyone a very Happy, Healthy and properous New Year. Please remember to make a resolution to attend some of Post meetings.

Chanukah or the Festival of Lights

This Jewish celebration begins on the evening of Sunday, December 2, 2018 and ends on the evening of TMonday, December 10, 2018. This festival is post Biblical. It is not mentioned in the Torah. It is found in the Book of Macabees I and 2.

13 Hanukkah Facts Every Jew Should Know. #1 is that this festival lasts for eight days. There are light nine candles on the last day of the festival. Number 2. Every night of Chanukah, we kindle an additional light. So on the first night, you light the shamash and one more. On the second night, the shamash plus two are burning. By the time the eighth and final night of Chanukah rolls around, there are nine candles burning: the shamash plus all eight Chanukah lights. That said, there is a different kind of menorah, the golden candelabra, which was lit in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. That menorah had seven flames, which were lit every day of the year.

Why We Light the Menorah. Some 2100 years ago the Land of Israel came under the rule of the Syrian-Greek emperor Antiochus, who issued a series of decrees designed to force his Hellenistic ideology and rituals upon the Jewish people. He outlawed the study of Torah and the observance of its commands, and defiled the Holy Temple in Jerusalem

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with Greek idols. A small, vastly outnumbered band of Jews waged battle against the mighty Greek armies, and drove them out of the land. When they reclaimed the Holy Temple, on the 25th of Kislev, they wished to light the Temple's menorah (candelabrum), only to discover that the Greeks had contaminated virtually all the oil. All that remained was one cruse of pure oil, enough to last one night—and it would take eight days to procure new, pure oil.

Miraculously, the one-day supply of oil lasted eight days and nights, and the holiday of Chanukah was established.

Many have the custom to place the menorah in a doorway opposite the mezuzah (such is the custom of Chabad-Lubavitch), so that the two mitzvot of mezuzah and Chanukah surround the person. Others place it on a windowsill facing a public thoroughfare. (If placed on the windowsill, it should be no higher than 20 cubits—about 29 feet—above street level.) Make sure the menorah is on a sturdy, fireproof surface that is out of the reach of children and not near curtains or other flammable materials (more safety tips).

When To Light Your Menorah. The Chanukah lights are kindled in the evening preceding each of the eight days of Chanukah. The custom of many communities (and such is the Chabad-Lubavitch custom) is to light the menorah shortly after sunset; other communities light it at nightfall. In either case, the menorah must contain enough fuel at the time of the lighting to burn until 30 minutes after nightfall. Note: The standard Chanukah candles last only approximately 30 minutes. If using those candles, then light after nightfall every night (aside from Friday). On Friday evening the candles must be light before the Shabbath candles are lit. With the exception of Friday evening, if one did not kindle the Chanukah lights early in the evening, they can be kindled later, as long as there are people in the streets (or others awake in the house).

From the time the Shabbat candles are lit (Friday evening) until Shabbat ends (after nightfall Saturday night) and until the havdalah prayer (separating Shabbat from the weekday) is recited, the Chanukah menorah should not be relit, moved or prepared. Chanukah lights for Saturday night are kindled only after Shabbat ends after nightfall.

When lighting the menorah there are three prayers on the first night of Chanukah. For the remaining seven days you recite the first two. Then there are several songs which you may sing.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

And G-d Created Israel

On the sixth day, God turned to the Angels and said: "Today I am going to create a land called Israel, it will be a land of mountains full of snow, sparkly lakes, forests full of all kind of trees, high cliffs overlooking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life."

God continued, "I shall make the land rich so to make the inhabitants prosper, I shall call these inhabitants Israeli, and they shall be known to the most people on earth." "But Lord, asked the Angels, don't you think you are being too generous to these Israeli's?"

"Not really, God replied, just wait and see the neighbors I am going to give them."

Wanting to become a Rabbi

A boy decided that he wanted to become a rabbi when he grew up, so his father suggested that he go to speak to their shul rabbi to find out what the job entailed.

"Ask me any question about the rabbinate and I'll give you the answer," declared the rabbi when the boy went to meet him.

"Well, besides giving a sermon for about fifteen minutes on a Shabbat morning, what else do you do all week?" the boy asked.

"You don't want to become a rabbi," thundered the rabbi. "With questions like that you want to become the shul president!"

Medical Relief

A rabbi once went to see his doctor, complaining of terrible stomach pains.

The doctor examined him thoroughly and then asked him if

there was a sermon that he had intended to give, but hadn't been able to do so.

"It's funny you should ask," replied the rabbi. "I prepared a sermon for Shmini Atzeret, but what with Yizkor and the Prayer for Rain, the service was running so late that I didn't have time to deliver it." So the doctor told him to preach the sermon there and then in the surgery which the rabbi promptly did. After about twenty minutes the rabbi collapsed exhausted into a chair and the doctor asked him how he was now feeling. "Wow! Much better," said the rabbi. "The pains have all gone."

The doctor replied: "I'm not surprised now that you've got all that rubbish out of your system."

Rothberg and Rochmis' Garment Dispute

Rothberg, the manufacturer, and Rochmis, the wholesaler, enjoyed a fine business relationship for many years, but they got into a dispute about a shipment of garments which Rothberg swore he had sent and Rochmis insisted he had never received.

Thereafter, on the first of each month, Rothberg would send a bill, and just as regularly Rochmis ignored it.

But when a year had passed without payment, Rothberg instructed his accountant to draft a telegram demanding his money. Dutifully, the accountant prepared his telegram:

"DEBT NOW A YEAR OVERDUE. REMIT AT ONCE. CAN WAIT NO LONGER."

But Rothberg hit the ceiling. "Who needs so many words?" he said crossly, his sense of frugality

outraged. "You couldn't make it shorter?"

"I don't see how," answered the accountant.

Rothberg grabbed a pencil and quickly reduced the telegram to one word: "NU?"

And the reply which came back from Rochmis the same day was: "SUE!"

Essence of a Sermon

A rabbi delivers a sermon of monumental depth and pith that lasted nearly one hour. As soon as he finishes, the president walks up to him and tells him that, since he is a newspaper editor, he could assure that the sermon would make it into print. However, he would have to reduce it into the written equivalent of half the time that it took to deliver.

"No problem" says the rabbi. "I'll reduce it to fit." ...and so he does. The article appears and another member of the Shul Board, who is a TV producer, invites the rabbi to deliver it on the air... BUT... he had only a five minute spot. "No problem" says the rabbi. "I can reduce it to fit the time slot." ...and so he does.

At the end of the TV show, the producer says to the rabbi "that was a wonderful sermon. Beautifully written and delivered but tell me something, please. If you could reduce it to fit the article and the TV spot... why the heck did you waste 55 minutes of our precious Shabbat sleep time?"

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Shift or strategy: US votes 'no' on UN resolution censuring Israeli control over Golan Heights

By Sean Savage, JNS

The decision by the United States to change its stance on the resolution, after previously voting for years to abstain, may be part of a broader shift in American policy towards the Golan Heights.

Hamas's Military Wing

(November 25, 2018 / Israel Hayom by Lila Shoval JNS) Hamas's military wing has grown more sophisticated in recruiting personnel for its terrorist networks in Judea and Samaria, Israel's Shin Bet security agency revealed.

In an unusually detailed statement, the agency said on Thursday that Hamas has increasingly taken advantage of Israel's humanitarian gestures to facilitate attacks.

"Activists from Hamas's military wing in the Gaza Strip have been recruiting in Judea and Samaria, training recruits with explosives and instructing them to find targets inside Israel," said the agency. "This is a departure from the activities undertaken by Hamas in recent years, both in scope and in potential threat."

The agency said this activity is "designed to create a new reality [in Judea and Samaria] in light of the ongoing events in the Gaza Strip."

According to the Shin Bet, the effort is being overseen by the senior Hamas leadership in the Gaza Strip. A substantial part of the mechanism includes exploit-

ing the special permits Israel grants Gazans for emergency medical care in Israel.

"To establish contact with operatives in Judea and Samaria, Hamas exploits residents of Gaza who have permits to receive life-saving care in Israeli hospitals," the Shin Bet said.

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Hamas's efforts in Judea and Samaria were discovered after the arrest of Ayus Rajoub, a 25-

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Rajoub was arrested on Sept. 23, and in an unusual step, the Shin Bet released a tape of his interrogation. In it, Rajoub reveals that he was promised financial help by Hamas's military wing because it wanted Judea and Samaria residents to stage major attacks inside Israel, in shopping malls, hotels, buses and trains.

Rajoub was hoping to carry out the attacks in early October. He had recruited operatives from a nearby village and told them to find targets for attacks inside Israel, as well as prepare explosives for a bomb while he was building the detonator, as per instructions from the Gaza Strip.

"This adds to a long list of attempts by Hamas's military wing to stage attacks by means of recruiting activists in Judea and Samaria," said a senior Shin Bet official. "This has led to the arrest of hundreds of young activists in Judea and Samaria, including female students and young women. This is how Hamas's military wing sabotages the lives of Palestinians in Judea and Samaria, taking them down the dark path of terrorism."

Religious customers threaten to boycott El Al for 'Shabbat flight' accusations

By Yehuda Shezinger and Israel Hyom Staff

Allegations surface that religious passengers aboard an El Al flight became violent towards the crew, rabbi gives airline until Sunday to issue a public apology

- Group of platinum and top "haredi" customers to cut up

membership cards in protest.

A group of religious El Al customers planned to demonstratively cut up their membership cards at the airline's Tel Aviv offices on Sunday in protest of what they are calling false accusations of violent behavior toward the crew aboard the now-infamous "Shabbat flight."

The controversy began when a passenger aboard an El Al flight from New York to Israel posted a Facebook tirade accusing the religious passengers aboard the flight, which was delayed and ultimately diverted to Athens, of behaving violently towards the crew. The religious passengers, who were concerned that they would either be forced to violate the Jewish Shabbat or be stranded on the Shabbat because of the flight delays, uniformly denied the violence allegations and further charged that they were misled by the pilot and the company.

The protesters, members of the airline's platinum and other exclusive services club, want the company to publicly retract its accusations that haredi passengers acted violently towards the crew upon learning the flight in question would not arrive in Israel before the Shabbat.

Meanwhile, one prominent haredi rabbi threatened on Friday that he would call on his constituents to boycott the airline unless El Al issued an official, public apology to the ultra-Orthodox passengers.

In a letter to El Al CEO Gonen Usishkin, Rabbi Shalom Ber Sorotzkin, who was aboard the flight, wrote Friday: "To my regret, a week has passed since the incident in which the entire

[religious] public was slandered for something that absolutely never happened."

"Furthermore, instead of praising and hailing the observant passengers who voluntarily disembarked into the unknown and sanctified God in front of everyone ... you took advantage of an incident that was actually your fault and tried to deflect the issue, generating strife and division among the Israeli public," the letter said.

Sorotzkin issued an ultimatum, giving the airline until Sunday evening to recant its initial version of events.

"I hereby declare, after all the negotiations of the past several days, during which the disrespect toward the Shabbat-observant public persisted unabated, that if by Sunday evening an apology and explicit clarification isn't forthcoming ... we will regretfully have to act within the [haredi] community and choose other airlines, which at the very least don't discriminate between people and don't disparage that which is dear and holy."

El Al declined to comment on the matter.

Pinpoint operations won't work on Hamas

In an interview with Israel Hayom, Education Minister Naf-tali Bennett explains why he withdrew his demand to be made defense minister • According to game theory, the first one to blink loses.

(November 25, 2018 / Mida) "Behold it is a people that dwells alone, not reckoned among the nations." (Numbers 23:9) The Pagan prophet, Bilaam,

whose curse upon the people of Israel was Divinely transformed into a blessing, understood what the secular Zionists at the turn of the 20th century did not. Secular Zionists, driven by a vision of becoming a nation like all others, believed that global Jew-hatred would end once we, the Jewish people, returned to our ancestral lands and reestablished our state.

They were wrong. We can never be like any other nation. Other nations can be multi-religious. Other religions can be multinational. Whereas we are the only nation that is defined by our religion. Our nationhood was consecrated at Mount Sinai, upon receiving the Torah. For the Jewish people, there is no separation between nation and faith. We cannot be one without the other. Nor can we fully observe the Torah without our land. The Jewish nation, the Torah, the land of Israel are all forever intertwined.

And since we can never be like other nations, Jew-hatred will never cease to exist. There may be phases of varying severity, but it will never disappear. It's always there. If not blatant, just beneath a very thinly veiled surface.

Today, however, it is indeed blatant throughout Europe and the United States—from leftist government officials to academia, from college campuses to the United Nations, the masks are off. With this hatred, they effortlessly unite with the racist extremists on the right and the maniacal Jihadists. They share the same "cause." Kill the Jew. Exterminate the Jew. Incinerate the Jew. Destroy Israel. From the

river to the sea.

The most overwhelming voice of Jew-hatred stems from the Muslim world. They expertly utilize their ever-willing collaborators among the Europeans, experts themselves in Jew-hatred, and eager to fund the Palestinian Authority under the guise of humanitarianism. They know well that the money they send goes directly to the P.A.'s initiative to kill Jews and its endeavor to destroy Israel.

As in the past 1,900 years, the world is consumed with Jew-hatred, incapable of progressing without its proverbial scapegoat. Although this psychotic hatred is in effect debilitating to themselves and to their people, imperiling their own advancement, they choose to cling to it, to feed it, and to wade in the manure of their loathsome beings.

While no Jew is safe from this hatred in the Diaspora, re-establishing our state in our ancestral land of Israel has inspired our haters to focus their immediate attention on the tiny enclave in the Middle East we call home. While the area of Israel is slightly more than 20,000 square kilometers, the area of the Arab world measures at 11,352,502 square kilometers. Israel's area is about 0.18 percent that of the Arab countries.

But even that, is too much of a thorn to "the others." There is no place on this earth small enough for the Jewish nation to be able to live in peace. Hence, blood libels against us surge, false narratives created by the Arab Muslims are voraciously devoured, our identity, our history erased by world bodies, and the International Court is steadfastly

at the ready to take our people to task for having the temerity to defend our lives. In our world, we are denied the rights of "the others."

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Our adversaries will make us bleed. They will use every means to rob us of our heritage. They will plot, conspire and employ all methods to destroy us. They will break us. Temporarily. For the outcome will always be the same until the end of days as we know it. We will again. We will persevere. We will flourish. They simply can't destroy us. It's not in God's plan.

You would think that the Jew-hating hordes of miscreants would finally get a clue. They don't. They won't.

We therefore must keep our eye on the ball. Ridding the world of Jew-hatred is not a realistic goal. Thriving in our God-given land is.

It is our destiny to dwell alone, and that's OK. Because we are not like "the others." That is a reality of our existence, one we must accept and not fight. But fight back against the Jew-haters, absolutely. With every last breath of our being.

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Hamas Has New Tactics

In new tactic, Hamas leaders in Gaza take advantage of Israel

gesture of allowing Palestinians into Israel for medical treatment to stage attacks in Israel, says Shin Bet security agency says, by Lilach Shoval.

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CBSN corrects: Palestinians fired 100s of rockets at Israeli civilians, not military

CAMERA prompted the correction of a Nov. 14 report falsely stating that Palestinians had fired “hundreds of rockets at Israel’s military.”

In fact, as CAMERA first reported last week, the report by CBS News’ 24/7 digital streaming service was false as Palestinians fired several hundreds rockets at scores of Israeli communities, not at Israel’s military, targeting civilians across the country’s south.

As CAMERA previously noted, a Cornet anti-tank missile that hit a bus that just unloaded soldiers was an exception to the Palestinian barrage, in which civilians were the targets.

Particularly hard-hit was the southern coastal Israeli city of Ashkelon, where homes were destroyed and one civilian was killed, but smaller communities along the border also were not spared, and were likewise targeted, forcing their residents to flee for protected spaces. They include villages like Ofakim,

Maslul, Pedum, Rennen, Ohad, Tzohar, Sde Nitzan, Talmei Eliyahu, Eshbol, Zru'ah, cities like Kelacxhim, Shevi Darom, Givolim, Sderot, Nachal Oz, Omer, Lakia and many more.

Following communication from CAMERA staff and members, CBSN aired the following correction.

In our report on Nov. 14, we said that Palestinians had fired hundreds of rockets at Israel's military. In fact the rockets were fired into Israel including several cities and civilian targets.

CBSN has removed the erroneous report from its web site, but it still appears on YouTube. Editor's Note: FAKE NEWS The government should fine the stations for deliberately stating false information.

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U.S. Troops are Sent to Border

The 5,200 troops mobilizing to the U.S. southern border are headed there to deter a caravan of migrants, but some of the direct threats they are preparing for are homegrown, according to documents obtained by Military Times.

In those documents, the military is concerned about the already dangerous drug cartels

that operate with impunity on both sides of the border, armed U.S. citizens taking the law into their own hands — or pilfering their gear — and far-right or far-left protesters inciting violence.

The deployment was ordered by President Donald Trump to counter a caravan of thousands of migrants who are traveling primarily by foot and aren't expected to reach the U.S. border for weeks. The president has ratcheted up the potential threat posed by the caravan, tweeting that the caravan potentially contains terrorists, gang members and other threats.

The deployment has been questioned for its use of active-duty troops over National Guard forces, who would typically have the border security mission, and for its timing right before the Nov. 6 election.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, when questioned on the deployment Wednesday, took issue with the suggestion that it was political.

"We don't do stunts in this department. Thank you," Mattis told reporters.

In the operations order for the mission, which was obtained by Military Times, U.S. Army North stated that the reason behind the deployment was that the level of violent drug and gang activity and the influx of illegal border crossings had reached crisis levels.

"The security of the United States is imperiled by a drastic surge of illegal drugs, dangerous gang activity and extensive illegal immigration threatens the safety of citizens and undermines the rule of law," the order states.

In the planning documents that follow, the deploying units are cautioned against homegrown militias roaming along the U.S. southern border and violence incited by extremist groups.

From the papers, the military is preparing to defend against an "estimated 200 unregulated armed militia members currently operating along the [Southwest Border]. Reported incidents of unregulated militias stealing National Guard equipment during deployments. They operate under the guise of citizen patrols supporting [Customs and Border Patrol] primarily between [Points of Entry]."

There will be a Chanukah Party on December 5, 2018, at 10 A.M. until?

The party will be held at the Community Living Center in the Hayden VA Hospital. This is the nursing home.

Chanukah refreshments will be served. No reservation is needed and come as you are.

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VA Marks 15th Anniversary of My HealtheVet - This month, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is celebrating the 15th anniversary of My HealtheVet, an online patient portal created to empower Veterans to become active participants in their health care. (11/27/18)

VA's Office of Transition and Economic Development engages Puerto Rico's Veteran community - WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently hosted and participated in a series of partnership events in Puerto Rico to advance the economic success of service members, Veterans and families living on the island. (11/26/18)

VA hosts music therapy retreat in Nashville to help Veterans heal - WASHINGTON — Aimed at helping former service members process some of their military experiences, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the nonprofit Operation Song launched the first of a series of national music therapy retreats Nov. 14-17 in Nashville, Tennessee. (11/26/18)

VA researchers named to TIME Magazine's list of 50 most influential people in health care - WASHINGTON — Two research scientists with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) were recently named to TIME Magazine's list of the 50 most influential people in health care in 2018. (11/26/18)

VA's Benefits Delivery at Discharge program improves service to Veterans - WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) program has made significant improvements in disability claim processing over the past year, with most service members who submitted claims through the program receiving decisions within 30 days of discharge. (11/21/18)

VA realigns several program offices to improve efficiency in meeting Veterans' health care needs - WASHINGTON — As part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) modernization efforts to improve efficiency in care coordination for Veterans and meet a presidential executive order for reorganizing the executive branch, VA plans to realign several programs within its Veterans Health Administration (VHA) into four offices. (11/21/18)

VA takes key step to improve its website to provide Veterans an enhanced digital customer experience - WASHINGTON — This week the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) took a key step in its digital modernization effort by revamping its website accessed by 10 million customers per month who use VA's tools and content online. (11/13/18)

VA returns medical professionals currently serving unions to serving Veterans - Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it will be moving nearly 430 medical professionals from taxpayer-funded union work

back to health care jobs serving Veterans. (11/8/18)

VA scientists elected as National Academy of Medicine members for outstanding professional achievement, commitment to service - WASHINGTON — Four senior U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers were recently elected as new members of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. (11/7/18)

VA accelerates pending Veterans benefits appeals claims for victims of Super Typhoon Yutu - WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it is prioritizing Veterans benefits appeals claims, effective Nov. 1, for victims in the Northern Mariana Islands who have been impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu. (11/6/18)

VA mobilizes federal agencies to offer free legal services to help Veterans - WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) together with representatives from the departments of Labor, Justice, Defense, Homeland Security, the U.S. Navy and others, signed a joint statement aimed at improving access to free legal services for Veterans in need. (11/5/18)

VA recognizes Vietnam Veteran with first Medal of Honor Medalion during ceremony at Mississippi cemetery

VA celebrates National Veterans and Military Families Month with events honoring Veterans.



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