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Lessons from a great man

Uri Savir | The Jerusalem Post | 4 November



Fourteen years ago on this day, Israel was forever scarred. On November 4, 1995 prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated, along with the hopes and dreams of many who yearned for a peace agreement. This moment was not only tragic because of the loss of an outstanding human being who took upon his shoulders the weight of Israel's hope for peace, but specifically because this murder was committed to put a halt to the Oslo process.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin z"l.

The lessons for today are the following: through all the difficulties, we must resolve the Palestinian issue and create a two-state solution. This must come with the understanding that land, in the modern era of missiles and terrorism, has little importance. Furthermore we must understand that we are a small country in need of the international support that will come parallel to a peace

process.

Most importantly, the notion of leadership must be re-evaluated. A leader must understand that his job is first to do what is necessary for the country, not what is popular. Rabin understood this lesson, and it cost him his life. [READ MORE](#)

Global antisemitism demands a united response

Denis MacShane | Ottawa Citizen | 3 November 3

The beast of anti-Semitism is back.

In Europe, politicians who deny the Holocaust or trivialize the massacre of Jews are elected to the European Parliament.

In Britain, the leader of the anti-Jewish National Party has been elected to the European Parliament. There, alongside openly anti-Semitic MEPs from Hungary, France, Belgium and Italy, he enjoys parliamentary immunities and lavish allowances and expenses to spend peddling his poison.

Dislike of Israel has permitted dislike of Jews to become tolerated politics again. Of course to criticize Israel is not anti-Semitic. There was no doubt after our evidence sessions and visits outside

of London that British Jews faced levels of anti-Semitic pressure that was not acceptable in a modern democracy. Worse were the attacks on rabbis or Hasidic students and the organized network of anti-Semitic Islamist ideologues making university life a misery for Jewish students if they did not bow to the anti-Israel hate of Hamas and Hezbollah.

Government departments, editors, university leaders, diplomats and all decent politicians have to wake up to the return of organized anti-Semitism in too many of the world's democracies. [READ MORE](#)

On Jewish terrorists

Editorial | The Jerusalem Post | 2 November

He acted alone. He might have been mentally unstable. An entire community should not be expected to apologize for, or be put on the defensive over, the behaviour of one man.

That is what people said about Husam Taysir Dwayat and Ghassan Abu Tir, the two Jerusalem bulldozer terrorists, and about Alaa Abu Dhein, the perpetrator of the Mercaz Harav massacre.

Leaders of the settlement movement are making a similar-sounding argument about alleged Jewish terrorist Ya'acov Teitel. Yisrael Medad, a veteran settler ideologist, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "Don't blame the Teitel family, or the 100 families of Shvut Rahel, or the 8,000 residents of Gush Shiloh, or the 300,000 settlers who live in Judea and Samaria for what Teitel is accused of doing."

Indeed so. What distinguishes one terrorist from another? Answer: the reaction of their communities. There's a world of difference between the settler milieu Teitel called home, and the society that spawned Dwayat, Tir and Dhein. [READ MORE](#)

Is the Turkish-Israeli alliance over? Yes it is

Barry Rubin | The Rubin Report | 2 November

The Turkey-Israel alliance is over. After two decades plus of close cooperation, the Turkish government is no longer interested in maintaining close cooperation with Israel nor is it—for all practical purposes—willing to do anything much to maintain its good relations with Israel.

The U.S.-Turkish alliance, which goes back about six decades, is also over but much less visibly so, though the two relationships are interlinked.

And that's one important point in the first development. If the Turkish government was really concerned about protecting the kind of tight links with America that have existed for so long, it would be far more cautious about jettisoning the old policy toward Israel.

But let's take a step back and talk about the nature of the bilateral relationship and why it has come to an end. Basically, there were four important reasons for the close cooperation between the two countries which made eminent sense in the 1980s and 1990s. [READ MORE](#)

Israel: Leader of business innovation

Dan Senor, co-author of 'Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle,' discusses with CNBC how Israel has managed to become a leader in business innovation. [WATCH HERE](#)

Did the Amnesty Water Report fairly portray Israel

Mitchell Bard | Myth & Facts | November

MYTH: "Amnesty's water report fairly portrays Israel."

FACT: Amnesty International released a report in October 2009 condemning Israel's water-usage policy in the West Bank. Before the report's release, the Israeli Water Authority offered to issue a report or presentation to Amnesty, but was refused. Before 1967 Israel's water usage was approximately 500 cubic meters per person per year. In that time, Palestinian water consumption has increased from 86 to 105 cubic meters per person per year. Palestinians accuse Israel of stealing their water, despite the fact that the majority of Israel's water comes from within the pre-1967 armistice lines. Prior to 1967, of the 430 Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank, 50 had access to running water. Palestinian mismanagement has already destroyed the aquifer in Gaza, making the water undrinkable. In light of the Palestinian Authority's inability to serve its own people's water needs, one can understand Israel's reluctance to share more precious water resources. Still, Israel has offered to supply Palestinians with desalinated water but, due to political posturing, Palestinian leaders have refused.

As recently as 2007, Israeli and Palestinian municipalities released a joint memorandum declaring their shared interest in protecting water resources. [READ MORE](#)

Comparing Islamic anti-Semitism to Nazi Germany at its worst

Robert S. Wistrich | Ha'aretz | 3 November

On November 9, 1938, a massive nation-wide anti-Jewish pogrom took place during peacetime across the entire territory of the Third Reich.

The pretext for this orgy of violence against German Jews was the shooting in Paris two days earlier of German diplomat Ernst vom Rath by Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old Polish-Jewish refugee. The economic expropriation of German Jewry, its complete social ostracism and public humiliation swiftly followed. Jews were banned from public transport, from frequenting concerts, theaters, cinemas, commercial centers, beaches, or using public benches.

Islamist anti-Semitism is thoroughly soaked in many of the most inflammatory themes that initially made possible the atrocities of Crystal Night and its horrific aftermath during the Holocaust. This modernised version of inverted anti-Semitism which sails under the mask of "anti-Zionism" and anti-Americanism, is today a global phenomenon, but it has special resonance in the Middle East as a result of the unresolved "Palestinian question." [READ MORE](#)

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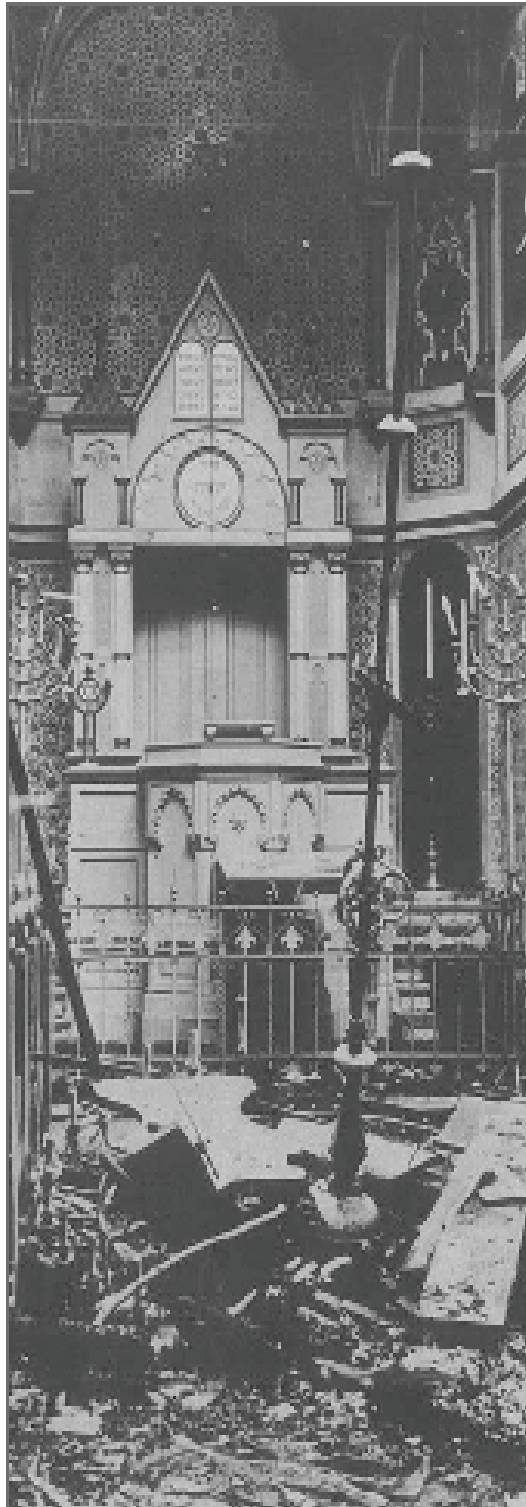
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Kristallnacht Commemoration



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SPEAKERS



Kevin Russell

Great-grandson of William Cooper, an Aboriginal man who protested outside the German

Consulate against the persecution of German Jews in 1938.



Fred Stein

A Holocaust survivor who will recount his personal experience of Kristallnacht.

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