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NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

Attacks Continue

There were more bombs and violence in Gaza on Tuesday: Arab terrorists placed a large explosive near the greenhouses of Kfar Darom, along Israel's southern Mediterranean coast. IDF soldiers on patrol this morning spotted the suspicious device and shot at it, exploding it without injury...and Arabs fired two mortar shells at one of the communities there.

Modern Day Blood Libel

The Israeli Foreign Ministry will submit a serious complaint to the United Nations against Abu Dhabi, for broadcasting a TV program of a skit in which Prime Minister Sharon is portrayed drinking Palestinian blood. Foreign Minister Peres said he would use a video recording of the scene in the Israeli public relations campaign. "The broadcast shows a culture of incitement and blood-libels," Cabinet Secretary Gideon Sa'ar told reporters today.

PEOPLE of the BOOK

"Think good and it will be good." Part II

On the verse (Gen.), "The voice is the voice of Jacob," our Sages tell us that the power of the Jewish people is with "our mouth". Through our heartfelt prayers and Torah learning we can eliminate the plans of the "the hands of Esau," the terrible schemes of our enemies.

Thus there should be additional activities in Torah study and prayer and in mitzvos in general. Special emphasis should be placed on studying Torah diligently. For our Sages explain the verse, "If you will follow my statutes" to mean that if you will labor in Torah... "I will grant peace in the land. You will sleep without fear."

Through Torah study we eliminate all negative things and they are even transformed to good. Also, additional prayers should be said. Keeping with the spirit of "thinking positive" it would be advisable to recite daily three extra chapters of Psalms. One of these three chapters should be the final chapter of Psalms (Ch. 150), which concludes with the verse, "Let every being that has a soul praise G-d." This means that every man, woman and child praises and gives thanks to G-d for His benevolence, and for the blessings and good fortune that He bestows upon us and will continue to bestow upon us.

Letter of the Lubavitcher Rebbe on On the 28th of Nissan, 5750 (April 1990)

89% Support Israel

A large majority of the United States Senate has sent a letter to U.S. President George Bush, calling upon the Americans to give Israel the green light to deal with Palestinian terrorism. The senators rejected the notion of equating Israeli retaliatory strikes with ongoing PA-originating terrorism. The letter, signed by 89 of the 100 Senators, praised President Bush for not meeting with Yasser Arafat during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Textbook Peace

After reviewing 58 textbooks being used in the Palestinian Authority school system for the years 2000-2002, the Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace (CMIP) found no mention of Israel - which is perceived as a usurper or occupier - or its right to exist. Neither is there any mention of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians, nor any reference to the land of Israel, its cities or villages, on maps. "The textbooks state that Palestine stretches from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, and Jerusalem is presented as belonging to Palestinians alone.

Sources: IsraelNationalNews.com Jpost.com

STUFF you should know

What He Missed

Powell's call for the conclusion of yet another agreement with the PLO ignores its 37-year track record of systematically violating all its international commitments.

Powell said, "Palestinians need security, as well. Too many innocent Palestinians, including children, have been killed and wounded. This, too, must stop." The implication is that the "innocent" Palestinians who were killed by accident, or "not so innocent" Palestinians who were killed in the course of Israeli self-defense, are equivalent to the truly "innocent" Israelis who were deliberately targeted by Palestinian terrorism.

Powell noted, "The Palestinian leadership must arrest, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of terrorist acts" - but did not mention their Oslo obligation to extradite them to Israel for punishment.

The bottom line is that in return for an end to Palestinian terrorism, they will receive a state. "Would the American people tolerate awarding Bin Laden with a state in response to him calling off terrorism?"

Sources: IsraelNationalNews.

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SAY WHAT?

What Compromises?

"The Palestinians must end violence, stop incitement and prepare people for hard compromises ahead."

Secretary of State Colin Powell November 2001