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## News and the Jews

The week in review

### Another 48 Hours

US special envoy Anthony Zinni, at a trilateral security meeting Tuesday night, called on Israel and the PA to commit themselves to 48 hours of quiet, during which the government would halt targeted killings, and the PA would arrest terrorists.

Hours later the terror continued, when a public bus traveling from Bnei Brak to the Shomron community of Emanuel was bombed and fired upon from three different directions, at about 6 PM. The #189 bus was several hundred meters from the entrance to Emanuel, when two roadside bombs were detonated alongside it, killing four passengers almost instantly.

The driver managed to keep driving out of the line of fire, but when he neared the gate and some of the wounded were finally able to get off the bus, the three terrorists began spraying the area with automatic weapons fire. No one was able to approach the bus to help the wounded who could not alight on their own.

Nearby cars, and those who escaped from them, were also shot at. One terrorist

actually stood on the road and continued firing; a car ran him down, but he kept firing until a jeep ran him over a second time and killed him. The two other terrorists escaped, but not before they fired on emergency vehicles that arrived on the scene.

### A Welcome Reward

The US government announced plans to publicize rewards of up to \$5 million for "Rewards of Justice for information leading to the capture of Palestinian killers of US citizens". At least 21 Americans have been killed in terrorist attacks in the region since the signing of the Oslo Accord on Sept. 13, 1993.

### Chemical Warfare

The Israeli media reports that one of the suicide bombs that exploded in Jerusalem (Dec. 1) contained chemical poison, apparently rat poisoning. The area around the bomb was checked after police detected an odd smell.

According to Israel's internal security minister, Uzi Landau, the bomb contained large quantities of poison, but most of it burned up in the explosion. Otherwise, many of the 180 wounded by bomb fragments would have suffered from a direct injection of the poison, which can cause lethal hemorrhaging.

Sources: IsraelNationalNews, JPost

## PEOPLE of the BOOK

### The Land Belongs To Us By Divine Right Part II

This uniquely Jewish combination of openness, firmness, and diplomacy is an ancient heritage of Israel from our forefather Avraham (Abraham). Avraham asked the Hittites politely to give him a burying-place for his wife in Hebron. Avraham declared, "I am a stranger and a sojourner with you." (3) The Midrash interprets: "If you agree to my request, you can regard me as a stranger (who is entirely dependent upon your good will). But if not, I am a sojourner (settler and citizen) and can take what I desire by right - since G-d has promised this land to me and my children." (4) Avraham's diplomacy was to be polite and to imply to the Hittites that the conditions could be discussed. If money was an issue, he was ready to pay 400 full shekels of silver. But the actual granting of the land could not be argued - for his right to the Holy Land was a Divine Mandate.

From the talks of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Rabbi M. Schneerson 5738 (1978)

## STUFF you should know

### Green Means Go

"First of all, he feels that Arafat has personally betrayed him, and more than once... In addition, he is a student of former President Ronald Reagan, who reacted forcefully against Muammar Kaddafi and ports in Tripoli when five American soldiers were killed by Libyan terrorists in Germany... Also, Bush is surrounded by veterans of the Gulf War who remember that the Palestinians were the bad guys at that time, who helped and cheered Saddam Hussein, and have since helped other terrorist elements as well... Another consideration is that he is in the midst of fighting the Taliban, and so it's hard for him to tell the Israelis to sit quietly, as the State Department would like, in the face of its own terrorist threat."

"Israel does not seem to be noticing the American green light for strong Israeli action against Arafat," Ettinger said. "The green light is flashing even more brightly of late, but for some reason Israel seems to be suffering from color blindness and is translating the green light into a red light. There has never been a better time for Israel in terms of American public opinion... This could change, but the question is whether President Bush will then go on to fight other terrorist organizations around the world..."

Former Israeli liaison to the U.S. Congress, Yoram Ettinger explaining why U.S. President Bush has taken such a notably pro-Israel position of late:

Sources: INN

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### "True Peace"

"We want peace, we pray for peace, we hope for peace...true peace and not the romance of peace"

NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani December 9, 2001