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## NEWS and the JEWS

The week in review

### 2 Israelis killed, 2 wounded in Gaza Strip ambush

Two Israelis were killed and two were wounded Thursday when they were ambushed near the Sufa crossing in the southern Gaza Strip.

The four were hurt when a bomb exploded. They then came under gunfire by Palestinian gunmen waiting nearby.

A helicopter and an ambulance took the wounded to hospital, Israel Radio reported.

### Barak condemns Tel Aviv bus bombing

Thirteen people were injured - one of them seriously - when two bombs went off inside a bus travelling along a busy thoroughfare in Tel Aviv at lunchtime Thursday.

The Hamas took responsibility for

the blast which experts called "a Chanukah miracle" because of the moderate wounds of most of the passengers.

There were some 30 people on the bus at the time of the blasts.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak condemned the attack but said it would not deter Israel from trying to reach a peace settlement with its neighbors.

### Barak offering 97% of Yesha

The Jewish Council of Judea, Samaria and Gaza reported that Ehud Barak asked the ministers attending the government meeting to authorize him to hand over 97% of Judea and Samaria. According to reports that the Council has received, Barak is also prepared to give up Kever Rachel (Rachel's Tomb) to the Palestinians. The Council has termed Barak's actions "dangerous acts of desperation, yet another attempt to woo the terrorist Arafat".

Sources: Haaretz, Jerusalem Post, Israel National News.

## STUFF you should know

### Arabs Turned Ancient Jewish Gravestones Into Latrines!

To promote tourism, the late King Hussein permitted the construction of a road to the Intercontinental Hotel at the summit of the Mount of Olives across the Mount of Olives cemetery, destroying hundreds of Jewish graves, some of which were from the First Temple Period. The gravestones were used by the engineer corps of the British—led Jordanian Arab Legion to construct the foundations, walls, pavements, and latrines of a military camp. Inscriptions on the stones are still visible. Some were used to build the garden wall of a hotel, and a small mosque was built over the Jewish graves.

Similarly, the Jewish cemetery in Hebron was destroyed. The Jewish quarter was ravaged, with 34 synagogues being destroyed, some of which were centuries old. The Hurva synagogue was blown up as its dome challenged the mosques on the Temple Mount. Arab squatters arrived from Hebron, and converted the Jewish quarter into a slum. The Kotel was desecrated by slum dwellings and latrines.

Source: OneJerusalem.com

## PEOPLE of the BOOK

### The Domino Effect

*Has "land for peace" ever brought peace?*

The proposition of exchanging land for peace is unheard of in the annals of history. Whenever has a nation that won territory in a defensive war surrendered it to the very nations which attacked it?

And will giving land lead to peace? Let us look at the situation as it is. Never in the history of Israeli-Arab relations have concessions led to an attitude of conciliation and peace. Instead, the initial concessions have communicated feelings of weakness and insecurity that have been exploited by the Arabs and have encouraged them to make further and more excessive demands. Every retreat before pressure has called forth greater pressure to retreat even further.

*From the Book "Eyes Upon the Land" (SIE)  
Based on the Public Talks and Writings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.*

WHAT?  
SAYS

### Guess Who Said This?

"We have red lines: A united Jerusalem, under our sovereignty, capital of Israel forever, period." ....

A government under my leadership will not give away 90%, and not 50%..."

*Ehud Barak as head of the opposition, speaking in Ofrah in 1997.*