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News and the Jews

The week in review

Only A Matter Of Time

Almost 60% of the new immigrants who have arrived in Israel from the former Soviet Union, since the beginning of 2002, are not Jewish. The Interior Ministry reports that in the first seven months of this year, Israel has absorbed some 9,300 immigrants from these areas, of whom only 3,800 are Jewish. Interior Minister Eli Yeshai says that the statistics indicate the gravity of the situation and "emphasize the urgency with which the Law of Return must be changed." The law currently grants automatic citizenship to non-Jewish grandchildren of a Jew immigrating together to Israel. "If this law is not changed," Yeshai said today, "the State of Israel will lose its Jewish identity within eight years." Previous attempts to change the law encountered strong opposition from the Yisrael B'Aliyah party and others.

MK Yuri Stern (Yisrael B'Aliyah) said that changing the law would affect only a small percentage of the problem: "It

would do nothing to prevent non-Jewish fathers, wives, husbands, children, and children-in-law from immigrating to Israel. The problem is not the law, but rather how to deal with those who immigrate and help them integrate into our society."

Terrorist Among Us

The police and General Security Service arrested the six members of a major Hamas terrorist cell over the past few days. The terrorists, mostly Israeli-Arab residents of the Jerusalem area controlled by leaders in Ramallah, are responsible for the murders of 35 people in eight different attacks. The gang's leader is Wallid Kassam, 31, of Ras el-Amoud, adjacent to the new Ma'aleh HaZeitim neighborhood east of the Old City. Ten other Arabs were taken in for questioning.

The attacks include the following:

* Sheffield Pool Hall in Rishon LeTzion, May 7, 2002: A suicide bomber murdered 15 people and wounded over 50.

* Moment Cafe in Jerusalem, March 9, 2002: A suicide bomber murdered 11 and wounded over 50.

Source: IsraelNN.

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Our Right to the Land of Israel Part III

So central is this principle to our faith, that Rashi, the foremost of the traditional commentators on the Torah, begins his commentary by stating:

Rabbi Yitzchak said: The Torah should have begun with the verse, "This month shall be for you the first of the months..." for this introduces the first commandment given to Israel.

Why then does it begin with the narrative of creation?...

So that if the nations of the world say to Israel, "You are robbers, because you took by force the lands of the seven nations [of Canaan]," Israel will reply to them: "The entire world belongs to the Holy One, blessed be He; He created it and gave it to whomever He pleased. Of His own will He gave it to them, and of His own will He took it from them and gave it to us."

Based on talks of the Rebbe Concerning the Integrity of the Land of Israel .

STUFF you should know

It's All In The Numbers

The following is a recent pole amongst the Arabs in Judea and Samaria.

On leadership qualities:

"... the most important character trait for a new Palestinian leader is the ability to confront Israel, and the second is adherence to Islam."

On boycotting American aid and American and Israeli products:

61% support boycotting US governmental funding agencies.
62% responded that they boycott Israeli products.
63% responded that they boycott American products.

On reforms in the Palestinian Authority:

91% believe that the US seeks reforms in the [Palestinian] Authority in order to achieve political goals.
65% view the reforms as giving in to the American-Israeli desire.
26% are of the opinion that the reforms carried out by the [Palestinian] Authority are authentic reforms for the good of the Palestinian people.
81% do not know the name of even one of the new government Ministers.

Source: Israelinsider.com

SAY WHAT?

Arafat's Heroes

"...The child who is grasping the stone, facing the tank; is it not the greatest message to the world when that hero becomes a Shahid [dies for Allah]? We are proud of them."

Arab Terrorist Yasser Arafat on PA TV in January, 2002