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Netanyahu's Hour By Melanie Phillips

For the better part of an hour on Wednesday, it was possible to believe that the Western world had not lost its mind.

For some 54 minutes, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the U.S. Congress truth after truth about the war against Israel and demolished the malicious and grotesque accusations against it of war crimes and genocide.

In a magnificent, impassioned and pitch-perfect address, he roused Congress to its feet with at least 54 standing ovations.

They cheered and applauded when he declared that Israel's battle against Iran was America's battle.

They cheered and applauded when referring to U.S. intelligence that Iran was behind the pro-Hamas protests, he said those demonstrators "stand with evil" and are "Iran's useful idiots."

They cheered and applauded when, in a veiled reference to the Biden administration's decision to slow down the supply of arms to Israel that Congress had mandated, Netanyahu said: "Give us the tools faster and we'll finish the job faster."

For the duration of that hour, it was possible for Jews reeling from the murderous antisemitism that has erupted around the world since the Oct. 7 pogrom, the refusal of Western governments to tackle it and the near-universal adoption of Hamas propaganda by liberal elites, to believe that the Jews are not standing alone after all.

But this ecstatic audience was composed of Republicans who get it and Democrats who were prepared at least to give Netanyahu the courtesy of a hearing. The same could not be said of the 70 Democrats who boycotted Netanyahu's address, including the new Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris.

This was the most ominous signal possible that, if she becomes president, Harris will be a danger to both Israel and the West. Her absence wasn't just a deliberate insult to Netanyahu. It showed contempt for America's principal Middle East ally as it fights for its life against forces that menace America and the free world.

Far from marking her out as a statesman, Harris's boycott was the act of a petulant partisan. And the claim made by such Democrats that they only loathe Netanyahu, not Israel, doesn't hold water for a moment.

While dutifully intoning concern about the hostages and maintaining hand-on-heart their iron-clad commitment to the Jewish state, Harris and like-minded Democrats demand an immediate ceasefire by Israel, which would be tantamount to handing victory to Hamas.

They recycle Hamas blood libels about the IDF wantonly killing Gaza civilians and deliberately withholding aid. They support the appeasement of Iran—the Biden administration policy that laid the fuse for the Oct. 7 pogrom and has systematically undermined Israel's self-defense ever since.

And with a few weaselly caveats, Harris has expressed her sympathy and understanding for the mobs who have turned college campuses into no-go areas for Jews.

Such mobs were on the rampage in the capital while Netanyahu was speaking, screaming "Allahu Akbar" as they burnt the Stars and Stripes and hoisted the Palestinian flag outside Union Station, whose exterior they also vandalized.

The Democrats, many of whom have acted as Hamas shells, can't shrug off this sickening, anti-American behavior. They own it.

Harris's attitude towards Israel is of a piece with her left-wing positions on other issues that place her to the left of President Joe Biden. She also has a track record of utter incompetence and asininity.

Yet since the convulsive developments that propelled her to the

Democratic nomination, Harris has had the wind in her sails. Her first, carefully controlled speech was widely praised. On TikTok, she's become a viral pin-up. Liberal websites are attempting to conceal her central role in the catastrophic collapse

of U.S. border controls. The media will fall into line in sanitizing her and demonizing her opponent, former President Donald Trump, still further.

Will American voters fall for this? There are signs that the Trump campaign has been knocked off balance. Its strategy of focusing on its core vote, which was predicated on the enfeebled Biden fighting the election, is no longer appropriate.

According to some polling, the vice-presidential nominee J.D. Vance—who was selected in order to further fire up the base—is not going down well. And his own strange absence from Netanyahu's address was an inexplicable error.

In these most febrile times, anything could happen. But Jews must face the fact that come November, America might have elected a president viscerally hostile to Israel backed by similarly hostile administrations in Britain, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. As the free world staggers over the edge of its own civilizational abyss, Israel and Diaspora Jews could find themselves shockingly isolated.

Oct. 7 and its aftermath should provide a wake-up call for the Jewish people. This is not just about the massive security failure of Israel's political, military and intelligence elites and their inability to understand what Hamas was planning. Nor is it just about the omnipresence of vicious antisemitism throughout the West, of which the Jewish people should have needed no reminder.

The more urgent realization now must be the danger posed by the liberal mindset that characterizes the Democratic Party in America and the cultural elites that rule the West.

The failure to recognize this danger has done Israel immeasurable damage over the years. Israel's elites allowed themselves to be seduced by the liberal article of faith that war must be replaced by law, all global actors are susceptible to reason and all conflict must be resolved by negotiation and compromise.

Israel accordingly went along with the "peace process" orthodoxy that required it to negotiate with genocidists in the belief that they don't speak for the majority of the Arab and Muslim world, who only want jobs and security. This fantasy was institutionalized through the 1993 Oslo Accords, which created structures designed to lead to a Palestine state and a "two-state solution."

Israel has paid for this terrible error in blood. From 1994 until today, more than three times as many Israelis have been murdered by Palestinian Arabs than between the formation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the signing of the Oslo Accords.

The lesson taught so agonizingly since Oct. 7 is that Israel can never achieve security through diplomatic means. It can never expect acceptance from the world, nor rely on America or anyone else. It can only make itself safe and secure through military means, an unequivocal defeat of its enemies and a clear-eyed acknowledgment of what it is up against.

Since Oct. 7, a number of Israelis have woken up to this. The young generation performing so heroically on the front line certainly gets it. So do Mizrahi or Eastern-origin Israelis who understand the Arab and Muslim world all too well.

So too do many former leftist dreamers in Israel and the West, who have found to their profound shock that people they thought were on their side suddenly turned out tragically to be their mortal enemies or have been cheering on those who want the Jews gone from their world altogether.

In his address to Congress, Netanyahu spoke repeatedly of achieving victory over the enemies of Israel and America. To Western leftists—including many Jews and too many elite Israelis—such talk is anathema because it involves the exercise of military force rather than diplomatic compromise.

They assume that Jews who talk about achieving security through Jewish power are fascists because leftists associate all free-world power with fascists. They believe instead that the powerlessness displayed by compromise with genocidists is the way to achieve the brotherhood of man.

This default position of Western liberalism has resulted in the murder of thousands of Israelis and is exposing the West to existential danger.

And that's something those who care about Israel, America and civilization should keep in mind when they cast their ballots. (JNS Jul 25)

Were Americans Listening to Netanyahu's Message?

By Jonathan S. Tobin

What Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in his address to a joint meeting of Congress was important. Both Americans and Israelis need to understand that the war in the Gaza Strip is just one front in a conflict with Iran that is, as he rightly said, a battle "between civilization and barbarism." He gave the best possible argument for Americans to understand that Iran's fomenting of terrorist wars across the Middle East was a threat to their security. The speech was also a brilliant defense not only of the justness of Israel's war policy and tactics, but of the Jewish people's right to live in peace, security and sovereignty in their ancient homeland.

Far more vital than what he said is whether enough people who matter are prepared to listen to that message and draw the appropriate conclusions. And, much like the outcome of the November election that will have a major impact on the future of U.S.-Israel relations, the answer to that question is yet to be decided.

That's not just because there were many prominent members of the House and Senate who chose to boycott the speech or the presence of angry mobs of pro-Hamas antisemitic protesters as he spoke. Rather, it is because those who have hurled libelous charges at Israel since it was attacked on Oct. 7 as well as those—in the Biden administration, the media, pop culture and college administrators—who have feared to confront or offend them, don't understand that they are illustrating America's most crucial problem as much as their incomprehension of events in the Middle East.

In this war "between civilization and barbarism," those who spread the toxic woke ideologies of critical race theory and intersectionality essentially give aid and comfort to the latter. It's important to realize that the debate among Americans about Israel isn't really about its military tactics or the advisability of a ceasefire agreement or even if they comprehend the threat from Iran, key as those topics may be.

The argument is really about whether the lies about the one Jewish state on the planet being an "apartheid" state composed of "white" oppressors of people of color will be accepted by the American people. It is those fashionable ideas that have conquered the U.S. education system, as well as much else throughout its culture, media and government that are behind the mobs in the streets tearing down American flags, and waving those of the Palestinians and Hamas. And it is the influence of those who embrace these radical sentiments and their enablers that have created the resistance within the Biden administration to Netanyahu's war goals.

Netanyahu had some clear political objectives in coming to America.

He was eager to take advantage of the opportunity afforded him by the decision of House Republicans to invite him and then pressure a reluctant Democratic majority in the Senate to go along. At no point since the Oct. 7 terrorist attacks has he had the chance to directly address the American people to explain to them the situation Israel is facing and what it hopes to accomplish without the filter of a biased corporate mainstream media.

In doing so, he reminded Americans of the horrors of Oct. 7 that have largely been forgotten in the discourse about the subsequent war that followed and the stakes for Israel in a conflict with an organization like Hamas, whose goals are Israel's destruction and the genocide of the Jews. He also directly addressed and refuted the false charges about Israel inflicting disproportionate casualties on

Palestinian civilians or causing a famine there. Both claims are nothing more than Hamas propaganda talking points that have been endlessly repeated by the liberal press and accepted by the political left as truth.

The main point of the speech, however, was to reinforce support for Israel's efforts by pointing out that Hamas's assault was just one of a multi-front war being waged against the Jewish state and the West by Iran. He wanted it understood that the demonstrators chanting for Israel's extinction ("from the river to the sea") and for terrorism against Jews are doing the bidding of Tehran, therefore serving as "Iran's useful idiots."

The address earned him numerous standing ovations from both Republicans and Democrats who were present and doubtless played well to the national audience that tuned in to C-SPAN and the cable news networks that ran it live.

It also should have done him some good at home. The spectacle of Netanyahu getting another hero's welcome by Congress and making a record fourth such address (the most ever for a foreign leader) should send the message to the voters that will ultimately decide his fate that the prime minister hasn't lost his talent for speaking to Americans in unaccented English in a way that no other Israeli politician can.

But the fact that so many of those who should have been there stayed away can't be brushed off by the cheers for his rhetorical excellence.

The most prominent of the boycotters was Vice President Kamala Harris, who chose to prioritize a campaign appearance speaking to a college sorority in Indiana. The political motivation of Harris, who nevertheless scheduled a private meeting with the prime minister for the day after his speech, was obvious.

She was desperate to avoid being seen on television and in photos published afterward sitting behind Netanyahu as he spoke and, as she would have been obligated to do, joining in the standing ovations for his appeals to the common interests of the two allies and denunciations of their Islamist foes. Such images would have been political poison to a presidential candidate hoping to avoid the pro-Hamas mobs turning on her the way they have Biden and ludicrously labeling her "genocide Kamala." Her goal now is uniting all Democrats, including the antisemitic left, behind her and avoiding the same sort of chaos outside of the Democratic National Convention next month where she will be coronated as their nominee, as there was on the streets of Washington during Netanyahu's address.

That she and then House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (who also boycotted Netanyahu's speech) had no qualms about appearing behind Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy when he addressed Congress in December 2022 and even held up one of his country's flags, speaks volumes about which cause their party views as the most important.

All in all, about half of the Democratic caucuses in both the House and Senate stayed away, illustrating that the members of the Progressive Caucus—as opposed to the even more radical House "Squad"—in both bodies make up roughly half of those representing the party. Even some of those who did show up, such as Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, did so only after saying that they attended grudgingly.

It should also be noted that the only Senate Republican who wasn't there was Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), who was tapped to be his party's vice-presidential nominee last week. Vance is an ardent supporter of Israel and his vote against the aid package to Israel that was passed was not in opposition to the Jewish state but to the administration's insistence on tying it to the far larger allocations to Ukraine that he opposes. Now that he is running on a national ticket, his time is not his own, and he must go where the Trump campaign tells him to be—meaning he will be spending precious little time in the Senate until November. But his absence was still an unforced error that will be thrown in the face of his party's advocates throughout the campaign.

The fact that so many Democrats stayed away is an indication not so much of the way Democrats resenting his opposition to the Obama administration's appeasement of Iran—the focus of his congressional

address in 2015—or that they see him as an ally of former President Donald Trump and the GOP, though those are certainly factors. It's that the base of their party, the activists and congressional staffers (some of whom staged their own walkout to demonstrate their antipathy to Netanyahu) is under the spell of those same toxic ideologies embraced by the protesters that make them believe that Israel is inherently in the wrong in this conflict.

The ability of Netanyahu to rally those at the Capitol to the cause of Israel in such a rousing fashion is partially a tribute to his personal abilities. It is also due to the fact that most Americans remain strong supporters of the Jewish state, albeit the numbers reflect a deep partisan divide with the minority opposing it being overwhelming Democrats. That this is so even after nearly 10 months of nonstop incitement and biased reporting by the liberal media that have often acted as Hamas's stenographers is a reflection of the way support for Zionism is baked deep into the political DNA of the United States rather than due to opinion about individuals or events.

Still, the cheers from those who were there should not be seen as erasing the problems Israel currently faces in the United States.

In evaluating the impact of this visit, both the American pro-Israel community and Israelis need to understand that the anger expressed at the prime minister in the streets, the boycotts and the cool reception he'll get from the administration is not so much about him. Nor is it really linked to the desire of some Israelis for a ceasefire deal that would free at least some of the estimated 120 hostages (some already confirmed dead) still being held by Hamas, despite the desperate claims of the families of those who were kidnapped by the terrorists rather than Israel continuing the fight until Hamas no longer has the capacity to continue fighting.

Nor is the issue of whether Americans will embrace Netanyahu's vision of a postwar Gaza that is run by Palestinians who don't want to destroy Israel, a demographic slice of the population that is currently so small that it must render the idea more of a fantasy than a pragmatic plan. His idea for a "NATO-style" regional "Abraham alliance" also isn't likely to interest either major party, since Democrats don't like Israel's Arab allies and many GOP supporters of Israel would prefer the Jewish state and its regional friends take on Iran without further involving American forces.

The reason why Israel has become a partisan issue with the overwhelming majority of Republicans backing it and the Democrats split on it isn't about Netanyahu, Trump or specific accusations about the conduct of the war. Rather, it is that more and more of those Americans who identify with the Democrats have bought into the false assumptions about the Middle East conflict being an extension of racial strife in the United States.

The future of the U.S.-Israel alliance won't be decided by speeches, even ones as good as the one Netanyahu delivered. If Israel is to retain the support of the United States in the years to come, it will only happen if the woke tide driving the libels about the war and Zionism is rolled back by Americans who are fed up with their institutions being captured by radicals.

That Harris fears running afoul of such sentiments speaks volumes about the problems facing supporters of Israel now and in the future. It also demonstrates that the outcome of the battle for Western civilization—to which Netanyahu rightly tied his country's fortunes—will be deeply influenced by the decisions that will be made by American voters. (JNS Jul 24)

Fatah Fraud By Ruthie Blum

Former U.S. President Donald Trump took the opportunity of his announcement on Tuesday that he was "looking forward to seeing Bibi Netanyahu on Friday, and even more forward to achieving peace in the Middle East," to share with his Truth Social followers a letter he had received nine days earlier from Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas.

"It is with grave concern that I have received news and later on watched footage of your attempted assassination," wrote Abbas. "Acts of violence must not have a place in a world of law and order. Respect for the other with tolerance and valuing of human life is what must

prevail."

Anyone who stopped reading at this point due to a fit of laughter missed out on the rest of the comedy routine—and chutzpah.

"Despicable acts of attempted or successful assassinations are acts of weakness with failed understanding of peaceful measures to resolve conflicts," Abbas continued. "Differences must be resolved through communication with freedom of expression."

Ramallah's chief terrorist-in-a-tie concluded, "Our thoughts are also with the families of those who lost their life and were injured."

Referring to himself as the "president" of the "State of Palestine"—an entity that exists solely in the fantasies of Israel-haters—he signed off by bidding Trump "strength and safety."

As Trump frequently does when responding to someone else's printed words, he replied to Abbas with a handwritten note in the margins of a copy of the original page.

"Mahmoud," he penned with a Sharpie, adding his signature at the end. "So nice. Thank you. Everything will be good. Best Wishes."

That he headlined the July 14 exchange with a cheerful reference to his upcoming meeting at Mar-a-Lago with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was clearly purposeful. The comment about "peace in the Middle East" kind of gave that away.

And Trump knows something about the art of the peace deal, as he illustrated through the Abraham Accords that he brokered between Israel and four Muslim countries in the region. Nor could he possibly be fooled by Abbas, who snubbed him for treating Israel like the true U.S. ally it is.

In his gut, Trump understood what Netanyahu has been saying for decades: that the road to Mideast peace doesn't require Palestinian statehood—or even Palestinian participation, for that matter.

What does run through Ramallah, though, is war. Despite gargantuan efforts to portray Abbas and his Fatah faction that rule the roost in the P.A. as "moderate"—and to differentiate them from Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other terrorist organizations popular among Palestinians—the jig has long been up.

In the first place, Fatah members took part in the Oct. 7 atrocities. Secondly, Abbas educates the populace he governs to glorify martyrdom in the name of Allah.

From the moment they're born, children in the P.A. are taught that Israel is evil and illegitimate and educated to strive for its annihilation, with extra brownie points for killing Jews.

The P.A.-controlled press and preachers convey hate-filled messages about the Jewish state and the West. None of the "free speech" or "valuing of human life" that Abbas lied about in his letter to Trump. But that's OK because he says what he means in Arabic.

He's been clear in his native tongue, for instance, that he has no intention of reversing his "pay for slay" policy. He thumbed his nose at the Taylor Force Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in 2018 to coerce the P.A. to cease incentivizing and rewarding terrorists through hefty monthly stipends.

He has reiterated time and again that if he had "only a single penny left, it would be paid to families of the martyrs and prisoners."

Furthermore, well before Fatah and Hamas met in Beijing this week to bury the hatchet that both have been using separately as a tool with which to slaughter Jews, the P.A. was forking out oodles of cash to those who carried out the massacre and mass abductions nearly 10 months ago.

As the research organization Palestinian Media Watch revealed on Tuesday, there are 9,750 terrorists in Israeli prisons now deemed by the P.A. as eligible for monthly payments. This number is up from 4,300 before Oct. 7.

Not only that. According to PMW, the P.A. has accepted Hamas's "martyr" count, leading to a total of 38,983 new families of terrorists killed in the line of murder duty currently eligible to be put on Abbas's payroll. The P.A. also recognizes 899 terrorists who were captured in the Gaza war as "prisoners of war," which entitles them to lots of money as well.

This is the body that the incumbent administration in Washington views as deserving of independent statehood, the realization of which is key to peace in the region. It beggars belief that anyone in his right

mind still holds that position.

No, this isn't a dig at President Joe Biden's questionable mental acuity. The official who's been most vocal on this issue is Secretary of State Antony Blinken. And if it weren't for the major upheaval that's taking place in D.C., he'd probably still be shouting it from the rooftops of Foggy Bottom.

Meanwhile, the Knesset voted overwhelmingly last week in favor of a resolution rejecting the establishment of a Palestinian state. The perpetration by Palestinians of the worst attacks on Jews since the Holocaust will do that.

Even Trump acknowledged recently that a two-state solution wasn't likely in the cards, let alone on the table. "I'm not sure anymore [it's] gonna work," he told Time magazine in May.

Note to Trump: It was never going to work. Just ask Abbas. (JNS Jul 24)

The UN World Court War Against the Jews By Anne Bayefsky

The UN's World Court, also called the International Court of Justice, issued an 80-page attack on the state of Israel in the late afternoon of Friday, July 19, 2024. It had been five months since the Court heard oral arguments and yet the Court chose to release their missive on the eve of Shabbat. The majority opinion was accompanied by hundreds of pages of further declarations and opinions by various judges. Formally, it was called an "advisory opinion." Actually, it was a legal obscenity from start to finish.

The only judge to consistently dissent from the opinion was ICJ Vice President Julia Sebutinde from Uganda.

The Court is the "World Court" of the United Nations, a body controlled by an entrenched anti-Israel majority. The members of the Court are elected by the United Nations. Its legal "experts" include alleged authorities from places devoid of the rule of law, such as China and Somalia.

The man who read the non-binding "opinion" aloud to the world, all dressed up in judicial robes with pomp and circumstance, was ICJ President Nawaf Salam. Salam is a Lebanese politician, whose name was on the ballot in the last two elections for prime minister of Lebanon — a country that does not recognize Israel's right to exist. He was his country's UN ambassador for 10 years up until 2017, serving as president of the Security Council and vice-president of the General Assembly during that time. His social media activities include memes telling Israel "unhappy birthday to you."

The request for the non-binding "advisory opinion" from the Court came from the UN General Assembly in early 2023. The General Assembly resolution was adopted with only 87 votes in favor, less than half of the UN membership.

The question posed by the hostile mob was framed as: Israel is guilty of the following violations of international law, so what are the consequences? ("What are the legal consequences arising from the ongoing violation by Israel of the right of the Palestinian people to...")

There were no Palestinian violations of anything on the agenda.

The Court said that it would nevertheless reconsider Israel's guilt, proceeded to summarily declare Israel guilty, and then held forth on the consequences. How did it find Israel guilty? In its words, without the facts.

The Court shockingly said: "It is not necessary for the Court to make findings of fact with regard to specific incidents allegedly in violation of international law." It was sufficient, they said, that the UN Secretary-General said so. That would be the same Secretary-General, António Guterres, who has repeatedly invented ways to backstop Hamas. As early as October 9, 2023, he explained that the atrocities of October 7th did "not come in a vacuum."

Among the results, this grotesque kangaroo court said Israel was guilty of the crime against humanity of apartheid. It took them less than 250 words to come to this far-reaching conclusion, intended to create an avalanche of legal and political ramifications isolating and permanently debilitating the Jewish state.

The case also calls for the ethnic cleansing of Jews from whatever land Palestinian Arabs and the UN say belongs to Palestinians. "All settlers" must leave; "all Palestinians" must be allowed "to return;"

"the wall" (that put an end to the suicide-bombing carnage) must be dismantled wherever they say so. What is actually "Apartheid Palestine" is apparently just fine.

"Palestinian" territory — which Israel is said to occupy, including Gaza and the West Bank/Judea and Samaria — is suddenly defined by the Court to consist of "a single territorial unit, the unity, contiguity and integrity of which are to be preserved." It is not clear where the Jews are left in this actually non-existent contiguous Palestinian territory.

The "opinion" has a whole section called "Violence against Palestinians." There is no section on violence against Israelis. In fact, there is no discussion or findings about violence, terrorism, rockets, suicide-bombing, knifings, vehicle-rammings, shootings, kidnappings and rapes against Israelis at all, ever. The only mention of "gender-based violence" paints Palestinians as the victims. One more disgusting example from the UN of "MeToo_Unless_Ur_A_Jew."

The "opinion" rests on lethal historical fiction. The opinion says: "On 14 May 1948, Israel proclaimed its independence with reference to the General Assembly resolution 181 (II); an armed conflict then broke out between Israel and a number of Arab States, and the Plan of Partition was not implemented." "Broke out" is the UN-euphemism for the attempted annihilation of the nascent Jewish state by Arab states and Palestinian Arabs.

Likewise, the opinion says: "In 1967, an armed conflict (also known as the "Six Day War") broke out between Israel and neighbouring countries Egypt, Syria and Jordan," And again: "In October 1973, another armed conflict broke out between Egypt, Syria and Israel."

"Broke out" is how the UN covers up the systematic campaign by Arab states and Palestinians to destroy the Jewish state from May 14, 1948 onward, through the UN and on the field. This blatant historical revisionism from the UN's highest legal body makes a mockery of its subsequent conclusions built on a mountain of lies.

The opinion is heavily reliant on lengthy discussions of Palestinian Arab "self-determination" and associated "rights." There is no mention whatsoever of Jewish self-determination. The Court says the "key element of the right to self-determination is the right of a people freely to determine its political status and to pursue its economic, social and cultural development." Except for Jews. For Jews, the UN decides the political status of Jews in the Jewish state and authors an "opinion" clearly intended to drive BDS — sanctions, boycotts, and global efforts to devalue and destroy economic, social, and cultural development in the case of Israel.

Moreover, a mere 75 years after the Holocaust, the UN Court twisted the laws written in response to the atrocities committed against Jews, to demonize the refuge of the Jewish people. The Court purported to use the law addressing the Nazi's criminal deportation of Jews from their homes to concentration camps as a means to criminalize the voluntary movement of Jews within the land of Israel. This isn't law. It is war by another name. It's the contorted face of modern antisemitism. The spectacle saw German judge Georg Nolte and Japanese judge Iwasawa Yuji sitting on the UN court, and joining the majority in applying a law for Nazis and their followers to the Jewish survivors and their families in Israel.

The inversion of right and wrong was on full display when Hamas reacted to the decision. An organization dedicated to the violation of law and the basics of human decency immediately welcomed the Court's opinion.

The so-called "peace process" is dead, killed off by alleged peace-loving UN judges. From now on, Palestinians have zero incentive to negotiate anything or finally accept the legitimacy of a Jewish state. The UN has purportedly decided the outcome of all the items that were supposed to be subject to negotiation — as specified in Oslo and other agreements — territory, borders, settlements, Jerusalem. All the Palestinians have to do is sit back and enjoy the squeeze play. And perpetuate more Jew-hatred, incite more violence, and foment more wars, with impunity. (Times of Israel July 20)
