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Memory & Indictment: Today's Jewish Taliban, Not the Israel I Grew Up in

Jewish Supremacism, like American Exceptionalism, breeds barbarism

Israel has rendered Gaza a “[moonscape in war](#),” uninhabitable for years to come, reduced to rubble by “the most intense air campaigns [in the modern record](#).” Not only is Israel murdering tens of thousands of Gaza’s civilians — 22,313 Palestinians to date (via *Ha’aretz* Israel News, Wednesday, January 3); an average of [200 to 300 souls a day](#) — but it has gone and done a Taliban on the Gaza strip’s heritage sites, some dating back to antiquity.



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Even the *Wall Street Journal*, in support of Israel’s “operation,” is now hip to the wanton death and destruction. [Writes](#) its Middle East correspondent:

By mid-December, Israel had dropped 29,000 bombs, munitions and shells on the strip. Nearly 70% of Gaza’s 439,000 homes and about half of its buildings have been damaged or destroyed. The bombing has damaged [and destroyed] [Byzantine churches and ancient mosques](#), factories and apartment buildings, shopping malls and luxury hotels, theaters and schools. Much of the water, electrical, communications and healthcare infrastructure that made Gaza function is beyond repair. Most of the strip’s 36 hospitals are shut down, and only eight are accepting patients. Citrus trees, olive groves and greenhouses have been obliterated. More than two-thirds of its schools are damaged.

Glad as I am that the *War Street Journal* has awoken to this unbridled barbarism, there is so much more to add to the butcher’s bill.

By November, 2023, Gaza City [was gone](#). Anshel Pfeffer, at *Ha’aretz*, an Israeli national newspaper, believed that his gimlet eye alone [had spied](#) that “The IDF now sits on top of a mound of ruins that was once Gaza City.... Cities have been destroyed before, in the Middle East and across the world, in both ancient and recent history. But when this happens, it is a seismic event for nations.”

What a load of self-important tosh, I thought at the time, to claim as an “insight” what was in plain sight. But Pfeffer was right: Gaza City, the largest Palestinian city, was gone and Israel’s lickspittle supporters in the civilized world had not noticed, much less protested, aside from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, who [threatened](#) to raise an army on Israel.

So, the Devil rolled on. He, ☐☐☐, was loosed in Gaza.

The “*Ham*as Made Me Mass Murder” Argument



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By December 3, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) was unleashing on the “safe” Southern Gaza, the enclave to which it had directed the refugees to flee. Those little grey donkeys, indubitably dropping dead, too, for lack of food and water — ostensibly carting their owners and their meager belongings to safety: They were going... nowhere.

Little donkeys [dying in the rubble](#) conjured Shai Agnon, Israel’s greatest writer, whose masterpiece novels I read and reread in the Hebrew, in thrall to the perfection of the writer’s sentences and the purity of his soul.

[In his 1966 acceptance speech](#) — Agnon, a devout Jew, won the Nobel Prize for literature when it was still worth something — this pious, humble, righteous soul (the term for his ilk in the Israel of my youth was *na'ar-ru'ah*, “beautiful of soul”) paid spiritual tribute to the critters:

Lest I slight any creature, I must also mention the domestic animals, the beasts and birds from whom I have learned. Job said long ago (135:11): “Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?” Some of what I have learned from them I have written in my books, but I fear that I have not learned as much as I should have, for when I hear a dog bark, or a bird twitter, or a cock crow, I do not know whether they are thanking me for all I have told of them, or calling me to account.

In truth, Israel owns the killing field that is Gaza, circa 2023/2024. The offensive it has waged on Gaza is as close to [Total Warfare](#) (a term reserved for war against any and all) as modern war has gotten.

And war against civilians is war on civilization.

Yet, all Israel has to do to make world leaders turn tail is intone psychopathically that “ Hamas made me do it. Hamas ate my homework; I mean my conscience.”

The “ Hamas made me murder 23,000 souls (at least) and displace two million men, women and children” excuse-making “argument” will not wash as an argument for mass murder. For, as I hope we have established [here](#) before, whether it is committed by decree of the one or by the will of the many; by actors *within* or *without* The State; by the designated “good guys” or by the “bad guys” — murder of innocents is still murder. Murder by “democratic” approval is also still murder, however many approve of it.

Besides, mass murder is never “unintentional” when you know it is inevitable and incidental to your “mission.”

Annoying as they are, neither do the pitiful caches of arms, [ostensibly located in hospitals](#), begin to justify the grotesquely disproportionate sallies against Gaza’s Al Shifa Hospital and all other hospitals, murdering patients and refugees. A hospital should never be demolished.

Instead, demolish we must the demented “argument” that claims for Israel a right to drop [dumb bombs](#) on Gaza’s doctors and patients. The former, apparently, are expected not only to palliate their imperiled patients, but also account for Hamas’ whereabouts.

Ha’aretz (Israel News, Thursday, December 14) relays that, “Nearly half of the munitions Israel’s Air Force used in Gaza have been unguided, also known as ‘dumb bombs’ [imprecise], according to a new U.S. intel assessment.”

I said 23,000 souls murdered, “at least,” because many are still buried beneath the rubble. There are



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now more than 1.9 million displaced persons in Gaza, [reports Human Rights Watch](#). These include the littlest of children: [Babies in incubators](#), their tiny bodies pierced by IV drips (which must be deftly inserted by dedicated healthcare providers), evacuated, and shuttled from hospital to hospital in constant peril. Some of Gaza's [preemies were driven to Cairo](#), most without their parents for the babies may be orphans. Egyptian doctors were to try and stabilize these critically ill, malnourished neonatals who had been deprived systematically of oxygen, nutrients, and medicine.

By the Devil.

If murder of the unborn is evil, one might ask those who live by the light of truth, what about fully formed little people? Is it okay to make repeated attempts on their lives?

No opinion poll poses direct questions. It is, however, becoming less difficult to divine what the Israeli public thinks of mass murder and displacement of civilians committed in its name. The gateway that is Google is in defend-Israel-at-all-costs mode, offering sparse information. It has, however, allowed into the "Israeli public support" search the fact that "[More than 90 percent of Jewish Israelis support the twin goals of crushing Hamas and saving the hostages.](#)"

Combine that reasonable sentiment with the fact that fully 83 percent of a representative sample of Israelis replied favorably to this "Direct Polls" question: "[To what degree do you support encouraging the voluntary emigration of Gaza Strip residents?](#)" Since nothing that has befallen Gazans has been "voluntary," the question is as cynical as the enthusiastically supportive answers are sincere.

By and large, Israelis are down with their leadership's orgiastic, indiscriminate bloodletting in Gaza. Most are merely demanding a return of the hostages and the continuance of the assault on Gazans, punctured by ceasefires. Israelis appear oblivious to the unutterable, irreversible, irremediable ruin adjacent.

Israel in Which I Grew Up: Gone

Indeed, today's Israel is qualitatively different from the Israel in which I spent formative years. Progressives dismiss any "back then" insights as nostalgia; obsolete people making obsolete observations about a past long gone, they say.

Like left-liberals, lite libertarians ("[The Kochtopus](#)" now supporting Nikki Haley) also seem to suggest that the past has nothing to offer, and all change is good, always. Memorably reviewed by libertarian philosopher Dr. David Gordon, Virginia Postrel's book [The Future and its Enemies](#) fits this category. All that glitters is gold was the essence of Postrel's second manifesto, *The Substance of Style*.

From a position on the opposing libertarian hard right, and as a reactionary, I see reactionaries as enlightened conservators. One of the advantages of age, then, is historic perspective, harking back to the past. There is value in looking back, even if it is only to lament what is no longer. Doesn't the Left preach the merits of processing grief?

The country in which I was raised, Israel, is no longer. It is now "Little America on the Mediterranean." By this moniker I mean to denote a country that is now run — and overrun — by diaspora-supported religious fanatics and neoconservatives, Jewish and gentile. A slick, [monied American and immigrant Jewry](#) and attendant gentile interests stateside have the run of the place, especially in the West Bank. (See "[More U.S. Jews Moved to West Bank Settlements in 2021...](#)".)

Little Jewish America lives on "[beyond the Green Line.](#)"

With plenty comes complacency. This is to be expected. Israel no longer has the pioneering spirit of its



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inception. Witness the lazy, lumbering, and late-to-the-rescue military. The IDF reflects the mindset that comes with development. Its failure on October 7 is, to an extent, an adjunct of affluence, the typical standing army of a regional, well-to-do power.

But there is more. The Israel in which I spent my formative years was led by the country's founding generation. This more sober, secular Left had permeated early Israel's institutions; the German Jews, the [Yekkes](#), in particular. Religion was not taught or even alluded to in our schools, unless one attended a private religious school. These were not genocide-preaching madrassas.

In my experience, Israel's German Jews, especially, were not Jewish supremacists. Rather, they were influenced by the [חִשְׁבוֹנֵי הַמַּסְכָּה](#) (Haskalah), a Jewish Enlightenment. Of that formative generation of German Jews was [Uri Avneri](#), an early ethical voice against Israeli state aggression and war.

Avneri, editor of the now defunct [הַיּוֹמֵי הָאֹלָם הַזֶּה](#) (HaOlam HaZeh), was to later feature on America's Antiwar.com website (where [my work](#) appeared, too). HaOlam HaZeh was aptly [described by the Financial Times](#) as "oscillating between path-breaking investigations and scurrilous gossip, between the sensational and the salacious." All true. The saucy pictures on the back cover were a magnet for most males. My father, who certainly qualified, had introduced me to Uri Avneri's thinking.

Later in life, dad, of blessed memory, drifted into inchoate American neoconservatism, along with the rest of an Americanized world. Growing up in Israel, however, he was a man of the Old Left. Center-left *Ha'aretz* was thus a staple in my reading. Then the most highbrow of Israel's dailies, *Ha'aretz* had intellectual ballast and was known for its solid news reporting and exposés. The other two broadsheets, *Maariv* and *Yediot*, were markedly inferior. I don't know if, in those days, there was anything as intellectually debased as [Israel Hayom](#), because I was expected to read the aforementioned newspapers, in that order.

Grubbier than Fox News, if you can believe it, Israel Hayom was founded by American billionaire gambling tycoon Sheldon Adelson, a big Bibi patron. The reader can see what I mean by "Little America on the Mediterranean," but with a touch of Vegas.

For reading on the Right, I had sought out and read erudite thinkers such as [Menachem Begin](#), who brokered peace with Egypt's [Anwar Sadat](#); and [Ze'ev Jabotinsky](#), a more [Misesian](#) classical liberal.

In time, this eclectic influence would smooth my transition into the [Old American Right](#). The American Old and Only Valid Right — [Murray N. Rothbard and Lew Rockwell](#) leading the paleolibertarian flank; Russell Kirk at the helm of [paleoconservatism](#) — had rejected unjust war. The Old Right's brief I see as very much congruent with the Biblical injunction of "Justice, and justice alone, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

Murder and Ethnic Cleansing Mainstreamed

These days, Israel's political discourse is marred by the likes of [Eliyahu Yossian](#), a mainstream opinionator. [Listening](#) as I did with difficulty to Yossian, I detect the delicate Iranian twang in his accent, although there is no sign of delicacy in this zealot's worldview. Nothing authentically American, either. " Hamas is not the enemy," he [vociferates](#), "Gaza is. You level the area, and you kill the largest possible numbers, because the woman there is an enemy, the baby there is an enemy and the first grader is an enemy ... and the pregnant woman is the enemy." Yossian goes on to explain that Israel must not entertain "Western values" because these "blur basic logic."

And so the IDF has done. Should you want proof that this man's views have gone mainstream in Israel,



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look at Gaza. It's a moonscape. What are your lying eyes telling you, to use [Richard Pryor's wry phrase](#) for he who has been caught in [flagrante delicto](#)? As they were turning Gaza into Dresden on TV before our very eyes, Israel's quicksilver state propagandists were also telling us, their American funders, that "this is not happening. Who are you going to believe? Democratic Israel, or your 'lying eyes'?"

I believe my "[lying eyes](#)," thank you very much. Those "lying eyes" speak to the scale of Israel's depredations against Gazans. By any other name, this is evil incarnate. You cover up this truth at your peril — fail to bear witness to it, and your soul is doomed. Yet, many Christian Israel Firsters have turned away from those whom God commands them to succor. Some even proceeded to deny the Gaza holocaust as it was unfolding. The number of dead, via "the Hamas-controlled health ministry," is suspect, I have been lectured.

Ha'aretz is Israel's newspaper of record. Daily, they relay "the Hamas-controlled health ministry's" numbers. *Ha'aretz*, which supports the war, would not be using these figures were they not "broadly reliable," a phrase used widely by reputable humanitarian, aid-rendering organizations worldwide.

"The numbers may not be perfectly accurate on a minute-to-minute basis," [said Michael Ryan](#) of the World Health Organization's Health Emergencies Program. "But they largely reflect the level of death and injury." ("[What is Gaza's Ministry of Health and how does it calculate the war's death toll?](#)")

Essentially, believe your "lying eyes."

Satellite-radar science certainly doesn't lie. Satellite companies had restricted images of Gaza, [reported SEMAFOR](#), effectively concealing crimes against humanity. My educated guess: They're beholden to the clientèle, the military-industrial-complex, and the National Security Agency (NSA). The Top Dog client is the U.S. military. The client state is Israel's defense force.

A counter — and a cause for patriotism — came via [Scientific American](#): "Amid restrictions on optical satellite images, [American] researchers had developed a radar technique to gauge building damage in Gaza." The charred smudges from space, where once the Gaza Strip was, are apocalyptic. Dystopian. Undeniable.

The science belied the holocaust denial, and other good souls bore witness to it too: "We are no strangers to human suffering — to conflict, to natural disasters, to some of the world's largest and gravest catastrophes — but we've seen nothing like the siege of Gaza." [So wrote leaders of some of the world's top humanitarian organizations](#), in a *New York Times* op-ed on Tuesday, December 13 (via Jake Johnson, of [Common Dreams](#)).

You are what you do. The IDF has hunted down and killed its own with the same zeal it has reserved for letting the blood of Gaza's civilians. A preliminary IDF report about those Israeli "[hostages killed by soldiers, as they waved a white flag, and yelled for help in Hebrew](#)," revealed the following: "IDF soldiers had spotted a building two days prior with the inscription 'SOS' and 'Help! Three hostages,' inscribed on a wall." (*Ha'aretz*, Saturday, December 16) On encounter, the three had indeed waved a white flag, and had stripped down to their skinny torsos. Still, the IDF opened-fire on them. The hostages were hunted down. They died running from the Jewish State's soldiers.

The IDF's appetite for destruction is worse than unwholesome. The near-gleeful chase and murder of hostages by IDF soldiers exists on a continuum of depravity. Extrapolate one can from this — the IDF's killing of surrendered, manifestly unarmed men — to the IDF's Rules of Engagement with Gaza's civilians, evident in the orgiastic bloodletting and heartless ethnic cleansing winding to a close (as there are no more ethnic Gazans to uproot). Killing their own with such unexamined ease says something



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about this army's Rules of Engagement with its prey, Gaza's civilians.

Honest military experts, including Avner Gvaryahu, who heads "Breaking the Silence," a whistleblower group that documents testimonies of former Israeli soldiers, [concurred](#): "The army said this happened in violation of the rules of engagement. I'm skeptical of that, based on what we know of previous operations in Gaza."

More evidence that Eliyahu Yossian's [genocidal talk](#) is normal currency in Israel was provided, in October, by a Netanyahu government policy paper. I read Israel's [population eviction document](#) in Hebrew, in English, and in incredulity.

Where does the Devil wish Gaza's two-million-plus displaced and hobbled civilians to go? Option C of the ["Israeli Intelligence Ministry\['\]s\] Policy Paper On Gaza's Civilian Population, October 2023"](#) had spelled it out:

To the Sinai desert!

The "policy" paper expounds on ["The evacuation of the civilian population from Gaza to Sinai"](#) and the creation of אֲרָבוֹת-אֹהֶל (Arei Ohalim, "tent cities"), in the Sinai desert! (It has since been "doctored," denuded of the אֲרָבוֹת-אֹהֶל phrase pursuant to [national and international grumbling](#).)

From the vertiginous heights of his contempt-dripping arrogance, Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen has [mock-asked](#) that "countries interested in taking in Gazan refugees send his office an email, including 'the address of the country.'" In the same vein, Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, the leader of the far-right Religious Zionism party, [has said](#) that, "What needs to be done in the Gaza Strip is to encourage emigration."

Point proven! [QED](#)! *Quod erat demonstrandum*, or אָוֶד, which is how my Russian-Israeli math teacher taught us to sign our mathematical proofs. There is good evidence to show that Eliyahu Yossian does not appear to be an outlier in Israeli civil and political discourse.

By contrast, many of the October 7 victims were lefties, peace activists, lovers not haters, nowhere as ideological as their West Bank counterparts and the illiterate bobble heads of Israeli TV.

I wonder, then: Were the Israeli communities in the South, victims of October 7, political outliers? Is it perhaps more than symbolic that forsaken by the Jewish State, on October 7, were poorer Israelis, politically less-influential communities, who more resembled the Old Israel to which I harken here?

[Ehud Barak](#), a remnant of that older Left, is a former prime minister, defense minister, and decorated soldier. Parroting American constitutional and natural rights, he told a reporter that the pursuit of happiness is predicated on the right to life, which the IDF failed to uphold. It was worse than that: The rights to life of the Israelis on the southern front were treated as forfeit by the Jewish State.

The spectral IDF took nine hours to arrive on the scene, but just in time to [rain](#) indiscriminate Hellfire missiles from helicopters [on survivors](#) (as אֲרָבוֹת אֹהֶל [attested](#) in a Ynet article on October 15) and count the dead. Israeli reservist pilot Colonel Nof Erez — [speaking](#) in good Hebrew, not in the excitable, anglicized Pidgin Hebrew heard from most of the TV operatives out of Israel — [described the Israeli army's response to October 7](#) as "mass Hannibal."

Again: After observing what has been done in Gaza — an obscene, operationally idiotic offensive in which [70 percent of the casualties are women and children](#) — almost anything appears possible. In conversation with broadcaster Aryeh Golan, Yasmin Porat, a survivor of October 7 — quiet, calm, logical, she too orating in fine Hebrew absent the ugly Anglicisms — attests to the same: ID forces shot



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their own civilians. [Listen](#).

Was a doctrine such as “[Hannibal](#)” still extant? God help Israel if this is so.

Fox News, War Porn Militarytainment

To explain their support for willy-nilly mass murder in Gaza, Israelis often send me articles from another country, America, in a language not their own, English. Their source, in particular, is the intellectually subpar Fox News, the war-porn channel; the channel that produced the “Militarytainment” that accompanied Genghis Bush’s war against Iraqi civilians.

Back home, on Fox News, “[Israelism](#)” is the gospel which they never cease to proclaim. Everything Israel is papered over, excused, and finessed.

In Fox News’ neoconservative nirvana, the broads and their enablers are ever [turned-on, tuned-out, and hot for war](#), inadvertently and reflexively. It’s the nature of the [high-time-preference](#) character. People who are in a constant state of heightened emotional arousal tend to want to remain that way; the emotions have a self-reinforcing urgency. War — for Bush or for Bibi — its propaganda and its prosecutors get the Foxettes hot. Perverted warpath patriotism gets these folks and their followers hot. The military-industrial complex thrives when women on display, enabled by their male accomplices, [shake their wares for war](#).

Not for naught do Fox types give frequent ode, as do all in the Israel First media, to the hotness of distaff IDF. It’s called war porn, and is a feature of the [high-time-preference individual](#) who follows, and performs on, Fox News in wartime.

The Antisemitism Libel and Set Theory

Holding forth in favor of pulverizing the people of Gaza and their meager belongings is Fox News’ Tyrus (real name George Murdoch). Among his repertoire of factoids is a lot of belching about antisemitism, allegedly rife in America. This antisemitism nonsense is more offensive than Tyrus’ inked flesh, spilling over copiously into a studio armchair. Wailing about “antisemitism,” as perceived by the opposition’s speech or protest against Israel, is intended to silence opposition to mass murder and ethnic cleansing in Gaza.

The words people speak, write, tweet; the beliefs they are known to hold; the flags they fly or burn; the symbolic, non-violent ceremonies and rituals they enact; the insignia, paraphernalia, the goose-stepping, the Hitler salutes they muck around with — all that is protected speech. You may not like it, but it’s licit in natural law.

Again: The “antisemitism” claims-making is meant to silence and sunder free speech, one of the [most cherished](#) American (Voltairean) values, clearly not shared by our Israeli “democratic allies.”

Americans are hardly deficient in their solidarity for the Jewish State and for Jews, in general. American society is philosemitic, even Zionist. If anything, it is not antisemitism that plagues American institutions, but systemic anti-whiteness. Jews, generally, offer daggers if one dares to suggest that gifted Caucasian American men are being ejected from all echelons of society.

It so happens that in the United States, the overlap between the two solitudes, whites and Jews, is near complete. Picture a [Venn diagram](#) in mathematical [set theory](#). Most Jews in America are manifestly Caucasian. Therefore, Jewish complaints about endemic antisemitism might just redound to the benefit of American Caucasians, in general, who do endure real, systemic discrimination. And that will be a good thing for our society.



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The ILLOGIC of the Justification

In sum, and quite simply, vis-à-vis Gaza, anyone born in His Image, בְּצֵלֶם (b'tzelem), should be able to grasp these rules, instantiated in the Decalogue. In particular, by the Sixth Commandment, "[Thou shall not murder.](#)"

Often mistranslated, Exodus 20:13 enjoins against murder, *not* against righteous killing, as in the right of self-defense, instantiated in our Second Amendment. The biblical text reads לֹא תִרְצַח! (Lo tirtzach!), which means "do not murder." In the original (unless mistranslated from the Hebrew), it does *not* say לֹא תַהַרֵג (Lo taharog), which is "do not kill." Big difference.

There is nothing righteous about Israel's murder spree in Gaza.

If one is enjoined against aiding and abetting in the murder of a *single* innocent individual, by logical extension, we Americans should not knowingly aid and abet in the murder of *the many*. Not in our name.

"But what else could the Israelis have done," [asks](#) reader Rich, a question posed to me by quite a few smart people. The question "What else could the Israelis have done?" is rooted in a logical fallacy. This is so, for the question sets up a false dichotomy or a false dilemma not in evidence, and is thus an error of reason.

The Hoover Institution's Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr. [traces the contours of this illogic](#):

In classical logic, the false dichotomy, or false dilemma, is defined as an argument where only two choices are presented yet more exist, or a spectrum of possible choices exists between two extremes. False dilemmas are usually characterized by "either this or that" language but can also be characterized by the omission of choices. This insidious tactic has the appearance of forming a logical argument, but under closer scrutiny it becomes evident that there are more possibilities than the either/or choice that is presented.

It's too late now, but "it was indeed possible to defeat Hamas and prevent the carnage in Gaza." Outlined in "[How To Defeat Hamas And Stop The Carnage In Gaza](#)," a podcast, was a worldwide judicial plan. It's prefaced with a caveat: The plan seems lefty and weak. It's not. It's strong and just and would have been far and away more effective than the mass murder and ethnic cleansing conducted, which equals recruits for Hamas in perpetuity.

[My focus](#) was on the judiciary, at first: The Israeli high court could have initiated criminal proceedings, engaging the International Criminal Court in issuing arrest warrants for all members of Hamas. It could have demanded that the civilized world refuse to succor or give them safe passage, arresting Hamas and its henchmen forthwith. Independent agencies would have easily been corralled to do the processing, as we know just how effective the Surveillance and Security State is, American and Israeli, in gathering intelligence on us, its law-abiding subjects.

Israel's borders would have then been closed temporarily to all Gaza's workers. In this, Israel would be following Egypt and Jordan, and merely enforcing the negative rights of its citizens to live violence-free. These actions do not infringe on the *Other's* right to life. Nobody is owed a job in Israel proper.

Here's an even more radical idea: Place the useless IDF and its celebrity generals on the border, *before* the citizens, not *behind* them. If the IDF practice enough, they can reach the kibbutzim and yishuvim they had abandoned, on October 7, in less than nine hours. With the best of its special-operations units,



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be it the “Golani” or “Sayeret Matkal,” Israel could then have conducted regular precision operations into Gaza’s tunnels.

What world admiration would Israel have garnered. And how effective would the world have been in galvanizing on behalf of the stricken Jewish State. Instead, Jews in the diaspora have become targets; the Jewish State’s leaders rightly regarded as butchers of babies.

The world was with Israel on October 7, 2023, as it was on July 4, 1976 at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda, where the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine held 100 hijacked Jews and Israelis hostage. Led by Lieutenant Colonel Yonatan Netanyahu, Bibi Netanyahu’s late, brave brother, 100 members of the “Sayeret” traversed 2,500 miles to rescue their brethren. They righteously killed only those who needed killing.

Unlike the October 2023 Israeli invasion of the Gaza Strip, Entebbe was a courageous and moral military mission. The world was with Israel, as it was on October 7. In the same year, an Israeli girl, [Rina Messinge](#), was crowned Miss Universe. Goodwill toward Israel ran eternal, because its men had acted justly and heroically! They knew they could die. Yet they came to claim their own, despite the odds of not returning. In that mission, Bibi’s brother perished leading his men into battle.

It used to be that leaders like “Yoni” Netanyahu charged with their men into battle. Not anymore. Nowadays, celebrity, champagne-swilling generals give the order, after appearing on Fox News, to chubby men in front of AI consoles to bomb the anthills from above and afar. The broad and short of it is that no reparations can fix Gaza, although these are owed.

The Israel of my formative years was no Eden before the Fall, but it was not a terrorist state. Jewish supremacism, like the American exceptionalism driving the United States’ foreign policy, breeds barbarism.

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