What is really behind the curtain?

As we stand alone in the voting booth with the envelope, we will not be thinking about the price of Milky pudding in Berlin, or about recycling the bottles or garden furniture. As we stand there we will think of our beloved Land of Israel.

Head of Knesset Yuli Edelstein says: The world wants to hear the Right’s alternative

Minister Naftali Bennett is convinced: The vision of annexation in Judea and Samaria is taking hold within the Israeli public

Yoni Chetboun: Sovereignty will prevent the vacuum that would be filled by terror

Attorney Dafna Netanyahu views the Palestinian Authority as an embryonic Palestinian state and shows us an alarming ultrasound examination
Israel is in the final stretch of complex elections. Parties that entered the election season with their heads held high and a sense of confidence find themselves crashing; some parties combine and others divide; there are those that disappear and those that have only just appeared and already are winning flattering results in the polls.

In the present whirlwind activity of the campaigns, the economic-social aspect garners attention as well as accusations of corruption, but it seems that behind matters of recycling bottles, garden furniture and the price of dairy desserts, hide the clear biases of those on the Left, who are convinced that they have come up with the right way to confuse and deceive the Israeli voter; to speak to his heart and his pocket and the economic situation in order to generate a revolution, to establish a leftist government that would restore and promote the momentum of the negotiations to divide the Land and establish a Palestinian terrorist state in the heart of the Land.

One detail in the surveys and news about the elections that is downplayed is the party that is expected to become the third or fourth in size in the next Knesset – the Joint Arab List. This list is expected to receive 12-14 mandates and to be a significant factor in shaping the next government, if indeed it will become the Left camp’s role to build it. One might easily guess what political direction they would like to take. And this fact is in addition to the fact that the current American president’s term is approaching its end, when he will not be vulnerable to the pressures of the American voter and will be able to place enormous pressure on the elected Israeli leadership. As of now, they are working hard in the White House to conceal the plans under consideration as much as possible, until the day after the elections and are taking care not to attack the Israeli Right because they understand that this would only strengthen it. But after the ballots are counted, we can expect the political pressure cooker to burst.

In this issue of the Sovereignty Journal, we hope to intensify the call to strengthen the national camp at this critical political juncture; to strengthen those who carry the banner of battle against a nuclear Iran; to strengthen those who are leading the battle against the idea of dividing the Land and establishing a terror state in its heart; to strengthen those who call for the application and implementation of Israeli sovereignty over all parts of the Land of Israel; and to strengthen those who are leading the camp that is restoring the People of Israel to Zionist values, to settlement and to security.

We wish you a pleasant reading experience.

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The motives for the attack on Netanyahu’s speech in Congress - politicization and lack of understanding

Professor Moshe Arens is convinced that even if Obama and his people do not like Netanyahu’s speech in Congress, this will not cause a degradation of relations between the United States and Israel, a relationship that is based on mutual interests, which the United States also understands should not be given up.

A lack of understanding and political biases. These are the two reasons that former Foreign Minister Prof. Moshe Arens finds for the frontal attack by the political opposition regarding his speech in the American Congress and the claim that Israel’s relations with the government in Washington are being damaged.

Arens underlined tremendous American interest in the recognition of Yitzhak Shamir’s government and the present stress on Netanyahu’s government appears to be to be of vastly different proportions than how they are described in the Arab media.

“Relations with the United States are very good,” he stated and clarified that even if it seems that in the fabric of Israel-American relations, that Israel is the receiver and the United States is the giver, the reality is quite different. “The relationship is based on the interests of both countries. The connection between the two countries is advantageous to both countries. No country would harm relations that it considers to be advantageous for it. Therefore I am sure that Netanyahu’s speech in Congress cannot harm these interests. Everyone who is concerned can rest reassured.”

Arens also relates to Israel’s degree of freedom, especially in light of the Israeli sense that the Israeli prime minister cannot take a different political stance from which is demanded from him by the White House. Arens totally rejects this approach and states that an Israeli leader must have only Israeli interests in mind. “It is true that we must care of our own interests and our interests in Judea and Samaria are essential and necessary for our security. We must state our policies according to our interests and with all due respect to former American president Bush and his letter, I am not sure that this letter represents the epitome of the State of Israel’s security interests”.

Arens reminds us that there have already been leaders who stood up for Israel in the face of American dictates, and under much tougher circumstances. “Begin did it and he told them that we are not a banana republic. Why is it a problem to say this?” he says, and mentions that this stance was taken with the Americans during the period when Israel’s economic dependence was far greater than that of today. “The State of Israel has progressed in giant steps since then. Israel of today is a relatively rich state showing impressive growth for years. It is nice to get grants but we must remember that this support also serves American interests. These are not gifts. But even during the economic crisis, when there was no choice and they had to cut their governmental budget, and also the support to Israel, it became clear even then that we can even get by without this. Their support resides perhaps one and a half percent of the Israeli gross national product and if this is decreased or eliminated it will not harm us, and certainly not harm us critically. We do not need to change direction because of some dependence or other on a friend like the United States.”

For economic minister and member of the security cabinet Naftali Bennett, the dangers represented by a Palestinian state are a fatal combination of security and economy, but it all begins with the biblical promise.

The annexation of Judea and Samaria is not far off. We must only really believe’
Within the framework of his current political vision, Bennett insists that the two-state solution is a thing of the past. He believes that the Palestinian Authority should be replaced with a Palestinian state that would be “autonomy plus,” giving the Palestinians the right to live in the territories, to manage their own affairs, and to have a say in the decisions that affect them. He also believes that any peace agreement must be based on principles that are both just and realistic.

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Sovereignty will close the Vacuum that leads to Terror

MK Yoni Chetboun: Only a wearied society would be willing to sell its values for quiet. Such exhaustion begins with giving up the ideal of the Land and leads to a degradation of social values in single area.

Dividing the Land - a Symptom of Leftist Exhaustion and a Fear of Challenges

Chetboun uses the Left’s drive to divide the Land and establish a Palestinian state as a symptom of weariness and an apprehension about taking on challenges, which forces to withdraw into the good of the individual and his enjoyment and gives up the national pride and national strength. “The talk about a Palestinian state is like saying that it is difficult for me and I haven’t got the strength to stand up to creeping sense and to a world that befools me and therefore I will give up communism, just me & me”, he says and again explanation that these things are said despite the knowledge of the security echelon that the establishment of a Palestinian state “This danger is greater than the security danger”.

To this, Chetboun adds “Moreover, as a believing person, the Torah tells me that at the root of these things is the belief that Almighty gave the Land to us and we have no moral right to give parts of the Land to foreigners. The very fact that we are here and not in Uganda, comes from the right that is anchored in the Book of Books. We are progressing in the Land, we have no authority or right to withdraw when we are at the height of the process”.

MK Yoni Chetboun with MK Rachel Sitron. Photo: Ruth Shalmoi

Chetboun believes that the essence of our belonging to the Land of Israel. The best example of this, as he defines it, Chetboun finds in the year 2005, the days of the uprooting and expulsions from Gush Katif, days when “the entire country and political and military organs were engaged in the question of how to support the.base of Zionism value of settlement and one year afterward we found ourselves involved in the Second Lebanon War. We then realized that the expedition that was engaged in weekday did not succeed in stabilizing the center because against a guerrilla entity that was not specifically or completely. The soldiers’ tactical withdrawal, the battalion commanders and so forth, performed as necessary, but we saw what happens to a country that does not know how to define in defense and compose for itself. There is a connection between Zionism values and our ability to cope in the defense and societal areas."

Sovereignty is essential. The lack of sovereignty would lead to a vacuum, that leads to Terror.

“The there is no choice but to apply sovereignty in Judaism and Samaria. Our party supports this idea. Our problem began in 1967 when we did not apply then our legal standing over the state. This fact has led to a vacuum which led to attacks coming from the world and from the Left. Application of sovereignty would cause the world to understand that Israel has decided and there is no reason to delay, he says Chetboun, who hustles to clarify that he does not deny the complexity of the process that he suggests and the difficulty

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The “center”, the Left and the media do not stop prodding us so that it is impossible to stop the establishment of a Palestinian state in the heart of our Land, at a distance of a few kilometer from our homes, our cities, from the Knesset, and from essential and strategic installations.

Those who call for the establishment of such a state, which, everyone knows, would become a Hamas state, like in Gaza, are behaving like ‘lycans’. The events in the Middle East and the world, as well as the presence on our borders of organizations supported by Iran in the process of becoming nuclear, do not change their opinions. They just repeat the empty and illegal slogan that the establishment of that country – without admitting that it would be a Hamas state – is the only way available for Israel. The people of a country of peace try to talk us by saying that if it becomes clear that the appearance of a Palestinian state fails, we could, at any time, go in and ‘straighten things out’.

These people who preach the establishment of a Palestinian state in Judea, Samaria and Gaza totally ignore what is written in chapter no. 9 of the Palestinian National Covenant, “the armed battle is the only way to liberate Palestine and it, therefore, is a strategy and not a tactic”, while chapter 20 and 21 declare the annulment of the Balfour Declaration, the state of the Mandate, the UN decision of 1947 on the partition and the decision to establish the State of Israel.

But worse than anything: they do not take into account what the nature of such a state would be, and what kind of reality we would be subjected to on the day after its establishment.

As of now, in Judea, Samaria and Gaza there is a sort of embryonic state, or “Arab state in progress”. And just as with pregnancy, it is possible, with ultrasound, to see the embryo’s organs and know generally, what shape the fetus will be when it is born, it is so when speaking of a country as well. When we “wear a state in progress” – meaning an embryonic state – we establish a health care system, a labor union, cities, libraries and museums, theaters, and opera; we developed an educational system in which was taught, in addition to the Jewish religious and secular culture, the best of humanistic Western cultural heritage; the various political parties had newspapers, held discussions on the duty of army and equality; religious and non-religious lived side by side, and the state was founded as a liberal and democratic state. And indeed, when the State of Israel was born, it was founded in a democratic state, which, until today, under almost impossible conditions, maintains its humanistic values – human rights, freedom, rule of law; democracy, and a free economy.

But how does the embryonic state, and in an Abu-Mazen-Hamas look? Why, we are already familiar with enough of its characteristics to know what form it will take if we allow it to arise:

1) It would be a free state. Judeans. If God forbid, a Jew lost his way and entered its borders, he would immediately be lynched, as happened in Ramallah.

2) The enormous sums of money that are poured into the Palestinian Authority from Western states would be directed primarily into two channels: one, into the private pockets of the leaders – that is, the Palestine embryo would be characterized by corruption – robbing from the cradle; the other channel, in acquiring and creating means of destruction and developing martyrs, which would be ready to kill the residents of the State of Israel. Despite the fact that Abu- Mazen holds the civilian role of more than 90% of the Arab population in Judea and Samaria, and Hamas has 100% of civil role of the residents of Gaza, only small amount is invested in creating an economic, cultural, educational, health care, infrastructure – which should serve the state in the future. Instead of this, most of those resources are channeled toward one purpose: domination of the State of Israel.

3) In the areas under the civil control of Abu-Mazen and Hamas there is no freedom of the press, Christians are persecuted and radical Islam is the sole ruling religion. Human rights, women’s rights in particular, are trampled. Those who oppose the regime, those who belong to competitors, are trampled. They oppose the regime, those who belong to competing parties, are trampled. These who “are suspected of collaborating with the State of Israel”
There is no solution to the Palestinian problem other than by means of “jihad” under its control, and with nobody being able to prevent this over the course of time. It would bring millions of Arabs into the territories of the Land of Israel that were under its control, and with them, tens of thousands of jihad fighters.

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This embryonic state carries out – in schools, in mosques and in the media – brainwashing on an entire generation. It puts into the heads of its youth the idea that “there is no solution to the Palestinian problem other than by means of ‘jihad’” (clause 13 of the Hamas Covenant), and turns them into human bombs imbued with a deep hatred of Jews. Despite all of this, people in the parties of the “center”, the Left, academia and our media try to convince us that if only such murderers had a state – they could form a peace pact with us.

The population that is controlled by Hamas and the PA is brainwashed with anti-Semitism of the worst sort. According to clause 7 of the Hamas covenant, there is only one fate for any Jew, in any place in the world: death; the Jews are guilty for all of the world wars, including having organized World War I and World War II. The elections in the PA show that Hamas is not a marginal movement, and its propaganda is not “for internal use only”. Also the “calming” rhetoric, as if support for Hamas is primarily a protest against the corruption of Abu-Mazen’s people, has been proven to be baseless, and brings to mind the state of affairs that the IDF has carried out – in order to stop its attacks on us, is fully. The IDF’s entry would be an act of war against such a state, with all of the resultant international implications. Fighting with it would be much more complex, complicated and dangerous than it is today.

One need not be a prophet in order to know what a monster would be born from the Palestinian “embryonic state” in Judea and Samaria. Today, after the unending launching of missiles and mortar shells towards the communities of southern Israel, and after the operations that the IDF has carried out – in order to suppress them, it is clear that all of the forecasts and evaluations of those among us who support an independent Arab state in Gaza and in Judaea and Samaria – have been proven false and without foundation. Hamas’ and the PA principle goal is one thing: the destruction of the State of Israel, killing the Jews that are in it, and aided by the Muslim territorial contiguity that would be created from Iran to the Mediterranean Sea – turning it into a bridgehead of the Arab nations’ and Islam’s attack on the Western world.

One need not be a prophet in order to know what a monster would be born from the Palestinian “embryonic state” in Judea and Samaria. We would not be able to live with it in any kind of peace. And if this state would achieve in goal – our destruction – there is no way that we would continue to live as all.

The security dangers posed by a Palestinian state are well known to MK Moti Yogev, not only as a member in the Knesset’s Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and not only because of his military past as a colonel in the IDF, but rather and perhaps primarily, as a result of his familiarity with the area as someone who has presided in the past as deputy head of the Council of BENYAMIN. Along with all of this, Yogev begins speaking on the security aspects of a Palestinian state with a sort of title to the entire discussion: “The Land of Israel is ours not because of security reasons but because of the divine promise, by which the divine good is revealed to us and to the entire world.”

And after this title he details one by one the security dangers posed by a Palestinian state, which would be only the first step in the PLO plan of phases.
dangers of the idea of dividing the Land. When it was agreed to surrender area C, Arab homeland and purify Palestine of the Zionist presence and annihilation of the Zionist state in battle until the sea. This is further claimed that if the covenant had been changed in that gathering, a new covenant would have been written and issued, and such a document was never published.

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And what about the international promises to keep security guarantees to Israel? It is impossible to depend on them!

“Any international promise is worthless. It was so in Sinai and in the Golan Heights and the best example is from last year in the Golan Heights where UN forces were overcome and they retreated. No Norwegian mother would send her son to endanger himself on the borders between Israel and its neighbors. Such forces are actually no longer relevant in the Middle East. Even American forces would not be loyal to our defense. Until now, they could be depended upon only to thrust to Ben Gurion Airport in the Gush Dan area.”

Yogev adds to these words a reminder from the days of Operation Protective Edge, where a single missile was launched from Gaza to the area of Ben Gurion Airport.

“Who noise and commotion there was here when Israel’s last arms were closed for a day... These front-line positions in strategic areas of the mountain ridge of Judea and Samaria could become an appropriate base, for the purposes of the Palestinian Covenant, for the occupation of Judea and Samaria in negotiations, and from that point, to continue the annihilation of the Zionist state in battle until the sea.”

The liberation of Palestine, from an Arab point of view, is a national obligation in order to repel the Zionist, imperialist invasion from the greater Arab homeland and purify Palestine of the Zionist presence.

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Exposing, as he suggests, the word of God, reveals the aggressive clauses of the covenant, and below as a few of the “pacts”:

“Palestine is the homeland of the Palestinian people and it is an integral part of the greater Arab homeland... armistice is the only way to liberate Palestine and is, therefore, a strategy, not a tactic. The Palestinian people affirms its absolute resilience and irreversibility of the decision - to continue the armistice and progress toward armed popular revolution to liberate its homeland and to return to it, to maintain its right to live in its natural land and upon the existence of its right to self-determination and to sovereignty over it... guarantee operations constitute the nucleus of the Palestinian popular war of liberation, and this requires its escalation and expansion, in Sinai and in the Golan Heights and the best example is from last year in the Golan Heights where UN forces were overcome and they retreated. No Norwegian mother would send her son to endanger himself on the borders between Israel and its neighbors. Such forces are actually no longer relevant in the Middle East. Even American forces would not be loyal to our defense. Until now, they could be depended upon only to thrust to Ben Gurion Airport in the Gush Dan area.”

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In order to clarify all of this it seems that to the style of discourse, to the vision that they see in front of their eyes not only as an ideal, but as a process to be implemented step by step. In order to clarify all of this it seems that there is no one better suited than Itamar Marcus, head of the Palestinian Media Watch, who describes several insights that the average Israeli must know.

To get an idea of how serious the Palestinians are, we must examine their internal discussion, their schoolbooks, the official Internet sites of their leadership there, the speeches and children’s television programs in the PA. The person who does this every day is Itamar Marcus, head of Palestinian Media Watch, who describes several insights that the average Israeli must know.

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In light of all of these words about the security dangers entailed in the existence of a Palestinian state, whether in the local context or within the aspect of the Middle East, the simple question is sharpened – and they, the people of the Left, are not familiar with these facts? Don’t the security dangers bother them? How did they miss this date?

Yogev has an answer to this question as well. “The Left has a number of misgivings. The first is the lack of an appropriate relationship to the Land of Israel, which they did not learn in their educational institutions, schools that neglected everything concerning the faith, the commandments and our relationship to the Land of Israel. Moreover, there is also the demographic fear because of the low birth rate, among the non-religious public. On the other hand the religious and haredi public, because of its high birth rate can feel optimism and hope in the future, which does not exist in those who have created a culture of late marriage and low birth rate. In addition to this, they have anxiety in relation to the nations of the world and international relations with an emphasis on the United States. When the belief in the justice of your cause weakens and on the other hand the apparently real aspect of international relationships seems to be more serious, it seems to be a question of fact. If someone has a basis of faith and opinions, and does not depend on a miracle, but strengthens the settlement enterprise, the birth rate, security and immigration, the national strength can stand against any changes in the reality in the Middle East and Samaria.”

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The religious battle is more intense than the national battle.

There are two wars going on here – a national war and an Islamic war, which is even more meaningful, because while in a national war there is a chance that perhaps a leader will come in the future and say that their nationalist opinions have changed, a religious ideology believes that the entire area of Israel belongs to the Muslims and can never be transferred and cannot be promised. This view does not accept the possibility of Israel’s existence and everything is written in the name of Islam, he says, and comments that secular Palestinians, who perhaps would be able to, in the distant future, to have a discussion on common ground are disavowed from every position of official influence in the PA.

Jewish settlements in the PA is invariably disappearing, explains Marcus. “Many years ago, when Farah was established, it was a secular movement. Then, even the expression ‘G-d willing’ was not mentioned in the Palestinian Covenant. Today, Farah and other settlements are totally absorbed by the ideology of Hamas, which believes in the Islamic obligation to liberate all of Palestine.”

Itamar Marcus is not impressed by expressions “these are our lands” and expressed that “you make peace with them.” From this time, the Palestinian people have been dealing with those gangs in every way and with every means in order to show that the right that was stolen from us, and it is still awaited this long-dated dream.

The problem is the fantasy and the lie that they only want Judea and Samaria.

The “basic problem is that some of the public in Israel and the world have the fantasy that the Palestinian Authority is an independent state and in its name become Israel, the Zionists imposed the land of Palestine and expelled the residents as the world saw, but did not lift a finger, and more accurately, the superpower of that time, which covered for the Zionists gangs, made the fool are easy for them, and gave them all of their support. This is a crime that was unprecedented in history. The occupation of Palestine was the greatest crime that has ever been committed. From that time, the Palestinian people have been dealing with those gangs in every way and with every means in order to show that the right that was stolen from us, and it is still awaited this long-dated dream.”

The things the PA says are almost totally canonical to the Hamas totalitarian program in Palestinian television – the House of Houses. In her discussions with the children, the presenter repeats over and over again the definition of cities such as Haifa, Acre and Jaffa as occupied Palestine since the year ’48, cities that Palestinians should long for and expect their liberation. And then, in an example of a typical discussion in the program.

Child: “I have never been to Israel or to Gaza.”

Palestinian Television Emcee: “What is Israel? This is our land.”

Child: “Israel is our land – the lands of the Bible.”

Emcee: “That is our land, occupied Pal-

stein.”

Child: “The lands of ’48.”

Emcee: “These are our lands, occupied Palestine. They are Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem. These are our occupied lands, the lands of ’48 that Israel occupied in ’48. Israel occupied them in ’48. Those are our Palestinian lands that will remain Palestinian, G-d willing, someday they will return to us, and they will no longer be under the rule of the occupation.” (Official PA television, 04/10/2014)

“These citations are the essence of the Palestinian ideology – the Jews and Israel have no right to exist and in the future they will not exist in any place. Everything that occurs in the Palestinian world is intended to promote this view,” says Marcus and goes on to an even more essential problem – the religious ideology, according to which the entire area of the land of Israel belongs to the Way (the Islamic en-
vironment), which cannot be surrendered. “G-d willing,” says Mahmoud Habbash, Abu Masar’s personal advisor for religious affairs, who was also minister of religion in the past and the second most important minister in the PA. “The things he said are almost totally identical to the Hamas totalitarian program.”

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Terrorists are praised because the desire for genocide against the Jewish people is sanctified.

The people of Palestinian Media Watch also track the phenomenon of official Palestinian praise for terrorists. “The PA continually demonizes Jews and Israel, spreads a great deal of grounds slander to justify terror, and in its official definition its enemies constitute children programs with songs that describe the Jews as the descendants of apes and pigs, as the devil with a tail and teeth because they are the enemies; the enemies’ right to resist for a call for the need to harm Jews and the Jewish People is part of Islam.”

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“The words of praise and approval of terrorists, as well as making payments to those who are in prison, and issuing certificates of appreciation to members of murderous terrorists’ families, doesn’t come out of no-21 where. Marcus mentions the words of the Palestinian Mufti, who spoke recently in Jerusalem and quoted the hadith (a collec-

tion of religious laws) that calls for bring-

ing genocide upon the Jews. “We published this fact and it led to much criticism and even a police investigation. It is not clear to me why we were not arrested. Ap-

parently, political reasons are the answer for this,” says Marcus and notes that an investigation revealed that 65 percent of the Palestinian public believes in this hadith. “I don’t think that the people of the Jewish People is part of Islam. For them, the final solution for the Jews brings the Muslim redemption. The Palestinian so-

ciety is very religious. Polls show that 90-98 percent see religion as very significant for them. When the religious leaders say that the State of Israel has no right to exist, this has an influence,” he says.

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Marcus notes the data from this poll and additional, similar data to the data

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The San Remo Conference April 25th, 1920.

Prof. Eliav Shochetman, an expert in international law, states: according to documents of international law accepted by the nations, the rights over Judea and Samaria belong exclusively to the Jewish People and to its national home. So why is it that everyone is convinced that international law is not on our side and why doesn’t Israel use these arguments?

These days, when the Leftist organizations are warning about the dangers presented by the court in the Hague and international law, Prof. Eliav Shochetman, a world-renowned expert in international law, has warned that these organizations do not understand why Israel keeps repeating security justifications and totally ignores the best card in its hand – Judea and Samaria are areas that belong to it according to any reading of international law, in addition to the historical justification.

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It turns out that what the radical Left has managed to embed within the Israeli public’s consciousness during three and a half decades simply lacks any factual basis. And while the average Israeli might define his own position in Judea and Samaria by the familiar cliché – occupation – it seems that the international documents state the total opposite: it is not occupation, but Israel standing up for the right of the Jewish People as it was determined by the nations, and yes, even if we have not understood it until now, it relates to Judea and Samaria also, and not just to Tel Aviv and its surroundings.

In order to understand the background and the sequence of events, Prof. Shochetman has set out a short but essential historical survey for every Israeli. “The right of the People of Israel to the Land of Israel was recognized by the League of Nations in 1919 and again after the end of the First World War. The international organization determined the partition of states that was accomplished as a result of the changes in the Ottoman Empire and in Europe. Within the framework of this assembly, the right of the People of Israel to the Land of Israel was confirmed in the text of the Mandate in which it was recognized that “the Land of Israel is the ancestral home of the Jewish People.” This recognition was achieved with the international adoption of the Balfour Declaration, which, until then, had only been accepted by the British government and from this moment on, became accepted by all of the nations. “This decision was unanimously taken in San Remo by all of the 52 countries that were members of this organization”.

“After the People of Israel had been in exile for so many years, its right was recognized to return to its Land. The practical translation of this recognition of the right of the Jewish People to its land was ex­tended in the text of the British Mandate for the Land of Israel, within which framework, Britain was named to be the executor of the plan to establish a national home for the People of Israel”, Shochetman explains.

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The way to implement this international decision was to add it to several clauses, which also dealt with assuring Jewish immi­gration to the Land of Israel, the Jewish People being a small minority in the Land, faced with an absolute Arab majority. “In addition to this, in order to assure that the government of Britain would indeed carry out this plan, a specific clause was defined in the text of the Mandate in which it was stated that the government of Britain was forbidden from transferring any of the territory of the Land of Israel to a foreign sovereignty.

This decision did not differentiate between the western part of the Land of Israel and the eastern part. Actually, every necessary step was taken in the framework of the text of the Mandate to assure the establishment of a national home for the Jewish People in the Land of Israel”.

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“Within a short time, the government of Britain that had led the Balfour Declaration, the government under the leadership of Lord Balfour, fell, and was replaced by another government, which was hostile to the Zionist idea and within a short time it led to an interpretation that allowed terri­tory of the Land of Israel east of the Jordan River, which the British mission was to establish a Jewish homeland and this territory was transferred to the Royal Hashemite family”. Prof. Shochetman does not wish to enter into pedantic political arguments about Britain’s authority (whether it had such authority or not), to act in this manner since ultimately the present, concrete real­ity until today is that on the eastern side of the Jordan River, the government of Jordan exists and this is not the time to deal with questions of “what if”.

Shochetman adds a comment that testi­fies to the historical uniqueness of clause 80, which, in accepted diplomatic jargon, was called the “Palestinian clause”, since its entire purpose is to assure the rights of the Jewish People, despite the fact that the name of the Land of Israel is not men­tioned.

This international paragraph received more reinforcement a few decades ago in the shadow of the African conflict, which, seemingly, does not relate to the Jewish People. “In southwest Africa, in the coun­try that today is called Namibia, there were arguments about the rights that had been recognized by the League of Nations. In the decision of the court in The Hague, it was said that all of the rights that had been
recognized by the League of Nations are still binding and still exist. This is correct regarding Nablus and of course, it is also correct regarding the rights of the Jews in the Land of Israel, and this thing takes us even more valid from the international court in The Hague.

Prof. Shochetman summarizes these things with a clear and resolute statement: "there is no document in international law that grants rights of sovereignty to anybody other than to the Jewish People. This is the legal position".

If this is so, it really not clear why the State of Israel does not officially make use of this argument in international arenas. "It is just as unformal as it is unimportant.""To the best of my understanding, there is no answer to this argument".

Shochetman adds that he is not an answer to this legal argument that he presents except, in the main, a legal argument that makes an inappropriate treatment of the Arabs located in Judaea and Samaria. "This is indeed a legal argument that makes an inappropriate treatment of the Arabs located in Judaea and Samaria. Legally, to stop my understanding, there is no answer to this argument".

These words are said not only by Shochet- man, but also by Israeli jurists, who do not have access to the public stage in order to say them, but they do express the opinion of jurists in the world. Prof. Shochetman mentions a few examples – Prof. Julius Stone, Prof. Shnaid and others.

Shochetman proves the claim from an- other direction. According to him the legal claim that he presents here was at the basis of the view that guided the government of the United States after the Six Day War when questioned how to act in the UN, which talked about Israeli withdrawal from territories and not from the territories. "Why? If Israel had been considered an occupier, they would have called on her to withdraw from all of the territories and would have used the term 'the territories'. The reasoning here is that since it is not occupied territories at issue, but territories that Israel has a legal right of sovereignty over, she need not withdraw from all of the territories but only from territories accord- ing to a legal claim that touches the essence of the matter. The American forces, but our fate must only be in our own hands. I have respect for the American forces, but our fate must only be in our own hands."

In short, dear people of the Left, are you serious? Is there really not even a little mercy in your hearts for the poor Palestinians, that you enslave them to life under such a regime? What – aren't they human beings? What have they done to you, Israelis, that you wish so diligently to impose upon them a life of oppression and maltreatment? Do I not think for a moment that there is one clear-thinking person among you who believes that the Arab people in their land for more than one day. You are not that naive, right? Or am I wrong?

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Deputy Minister in the prime minister's office, MK Ofir Akunis, connects together the values of history, Bible and security as the basis for his long-term opposition on the principle of the idea of dividing the Land.

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There is no People in the World that would surrender their Homeland

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Along with the all-important discussion of the historical, biblical rights, security, faith and other things, we have forgotten one more small matter – human rights.

We have become accustomed to taking the issue of human rights to the Left, but if we stop for a moment and think about everything anew, we will come to the correct conclusion – there is no reason for the arbitration. A Palestinian state is the farthest thing from human rights that it is possible to imagine. One might say that the Left's success in trying to have its hands on a Palestinian state is even more -

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Following a summer and spring filled with visitors and activity at the Oz veGaon Preserve, which was established by Women in Green immediately after the murder of the three youths, Gil-Ad, Ayal and Naftali (GaOn) HaY”D, became known, there was a slight concern about our ability to cope with the stormy winter days.

In preparation for these days, volunteers and youths strengthened the tents of the technical staff and helped by preparing paths, improving the electrical system and indeed, thank G-d, two snowstorms came and went without causing damage. Nevertheless, Women in Green tell of a minor problem that occurred during the last snowstorm. It was when water pipes froze and the guardians of the forest had no choice but to melt the snow so that it would be possible to cook food for Shabbat, using the melted snow.

The high point of the snow tourism was during Shabbat Parashat Truma, when hundreds of visitors came to the site from all parts of the Land, from Bat Yam, Modi’in, Be’er Tuvia, Kfar Menahem, Yinon and other locales. They all came to enjoy the beauty of the white landscape. The visitors left behind them many original snow sculptures and many loaded snow on their cars in order to “export” it to the lower-lying areas.

Hundreds of youths continue to come to the preserve, to enjoy the instruction in self-defense and the work in the forest, under the supervision and guidance of Elyashiv Kimhi. “There is nothing like work and blisters on your hands to make you feel close to the Land of Israel”, they say there.

In light of past experience, we are preparing to welcome the many visitors that are expected to come during the spring and summer seasons. As part of this preparation at Oz veGaon, we are working diligently to add more equipment for leisure, recreation and entertainment. Likewise, the fascinating lectures will continue at the site, every Friday as planned; these lectures that are attended by visitors from nearby communities as well as from throughout the Land, who are supporters and boosters of the settlement enterprise. Updates of activities can be viewed at the Women in Green site.

Groups that are interested in taking part in the activity at the preserve are invited to call Elyashiv Kimhi directly, at 054-2007354.

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