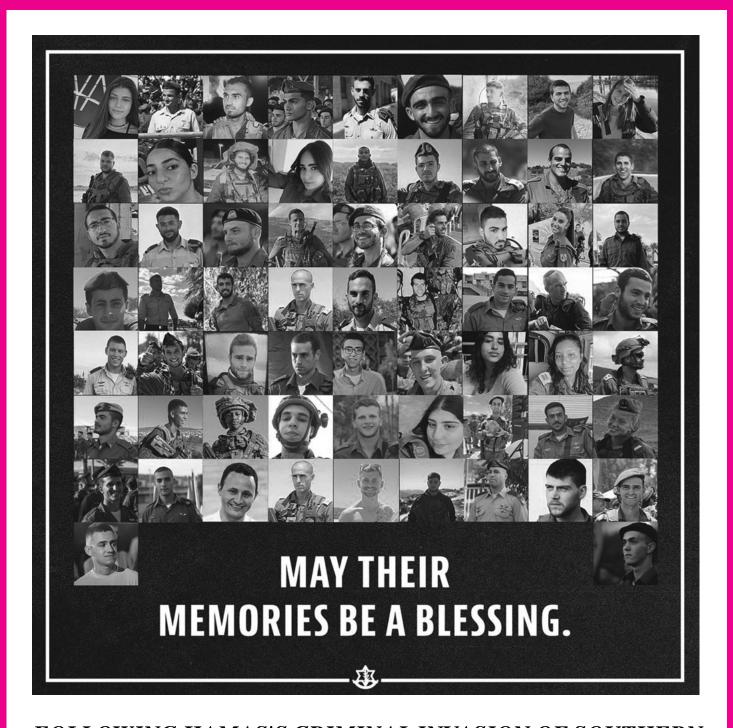
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## FOLLOWING HAMAS'S CRIMINAL INVASION OF SOUTHERN Israel, brave men and women stepped up to protect their homeland,

with dozens sacrificing their lives in the process. These are some of the men and woman who have died defending Israel. (Photo: Israel Police, IDF Spokesperson's Unit)

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### NOTE TO OUR READERS

This issue went to press just as an agreement was reached to free some of the hostages. - The Editor

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### And If You Wrong Us Shall We Not Revenge? Shylock

The staggering death count in Israel, civilians and soldiers, has had a numbing effect on Jews everywhere, not alone in Israel. We think of these dead as they were when they were alive - young men and women, self confident and full of promise, and our hearts break with the infinite sadness of their loss. We grieve for parents who have lost their children and children who are now orphans. We bleed for the mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, wives and husbands who, if they survived the massacre or live through the ordeal of captivity or manage to return safely from the mission in Gaza, will bear the wounds all their own lives.

The knowledge that some of the anguish could have been avoided had Israel's leadership, political and military, not been oblivious to Hamas' plans for October 7 only deepens our anguish. But who bears responsibility for allowing these barbarians to enter Israel and take selfies as memorabilia can wait to be determined at a later date. For now, Hamas and its sympathizers need to be continually shown what wrath and resolve can do to those who slaughter with impunity the innocent and the defenceless. Hitler learned it when he invaded Russia and Japan learned the same lesson after bombing Pearl Harbor. By shredding Jewish blood, by decapitating month old babies, Hamas united a fractured Israeli society. The reservists who threatened not to serve during the judicial reform protests answered the call immediately. An "unprecedented" number ultra-Orthodox ignored their military service exemption. IDF Brigadier General Dedi Simchi returned to duty days after his son was mowed down at the music festival. We cannot help but recall the words of the Dutch writer Maurits Dekker who, in urging Jews to join the fight against the Nazis, told his readers and followers to arm themselves as "throughout our history, we as Jews have repeatedly taken it all lying down. Now, the time has come for us to take action ourselves."

Meanwhile Jews in this country and elsewhere in the Diaspora are forced to listen to ignoramuses like Greta Thunberg giving Hamas either open support or benign approval. We hear union leaders and college professors tell their members and students that Hamas is simply doing what freedom fighters must do, ridding the

globe of yet another colonial oppressor. And then there are the avowed antisemites who glorify the atrocities because after all the "plague of the Jews" is the cause of all the world's problems.

We should not surprised by the celebratory rallies being held across the country by brainwashed Muslims. But Jews are dismayed at the tepid response from non Jewish neighbours and co-workers. It's not that these Canadians think the Hamas terrorists are brave freedom fighters. Nor are they linking arms with those who are justifying that which cannot be justified. Rather, it's their unwillingness to give Israel unwavering support for the pain it suffered in a murderous rampage that had nothing to do with the rights of Palestinians. Many expressed sympathy for Israel in the immediate aftermath of the chilling scenes from the Supernova music festival. But now they are accusing the IDF of too harsh a response, pleading with the victim to adhere to that obsession with "proportionality". They don't see what should be obvious, that Israel cares more about the civilians in Gaza than the butchers who lead them and that the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is not on Israel's conscience.

But we'll conclude on a more positive note. The Jewish Standard has some 150 non-Jewish advertisers throughout the GTA, southwestern Ontario, Ottawa and Montreal. Many of them have sent us letters expressing their solidarity with the Jewish community in which they reside and their support for Israel. From Liza Mrak, Executive Vice president of Mark Motors in Ottawa: "First, with everything going on in Israel, I am thinking about you and the community. It is a terrible situation and cannot imagine what it would be like to have family or friends over there." From psychologist Dr. Chris Lane in Kitchener-Waterloo: "Here's to ongoing support of the Jewish community in Canada and abroad. Best wishes in these troubled times". And from Nadege of Toitures Gilles Mongeon et fils in Gatineau, Quebec: "Dear Michael, In these very difficult times, we wanted to let you know that we were thinking of you and hope that all your families, loved ones and friends are safe. We are saddened by this terrible news and are at your side. We share your sorrow".

# RAPE AS AN ARAB TERRORIST WEAPON

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME TERRORISTS HAVE RAPED THEIR VICTIMS

#### By RAFAEL MEDOFF

The news that some women at the Israeli music festival were raped by Hamas terrorists before they were murdered is a reminder that this is not the first time Palestinian Arab terrorists have employed sexual violence as a weapon.

Nearly a century ago, in the aftermath of the Arab pogrom against Jews in Hebron in 1929, a journalist visiting one of the victims' homes reported:

"The 12 foot-high ceiling [was] splashed with blood. The rooms looked like a slaughterhouse...the severed sexual organs and the cut-off women's breasts

(Dr. Medoff is founding director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies and author of more than 20 books about Jewish history and the Holocaust. His latest is America and the Holocaust: A Documentary History, published by the Jewish Publication Society & University of Nebraska Press.) - The Editor

lying scattered over the floor and in the beds...Not a single item had been left intact except a large black-andwhite photograph of Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism. Around the picture frame the murderers had draped the blood-drenched underwear of a woman."

Many accounts of the Arab invasion of the newborn state of Israel in 1948 have described the sexual mutilation of Jewish corpses that was discovered after Arab forces overran the Kfar Etzion bloc. Likewise, Amnon Rubinstein, later a Member of the Knesset, wrote in his diary about the genital mutilation of three of his comrades who were guarding a stranded tank in

the 1967 war when Arab troops came upon them.

In her acclaimed book Against Our Will: Men, Women, and Rape, the sociologist Susan Brownmiller wrote about the use of rape as a weapon against Jews in Europe before and during the Holocaust. Brownmiller quoted from Red Cross reports about anti-Jewish pogroms in Ukraine in 1919. In a "typical" pogrom, "the gang breaks into the township, spreads all over the streets, separate groups (Please turn to page 9)

#### THE HAMAS HANDBOOK ON TERROR



THE GUIDE EXPLAINS IN DETAILED STEPS HOW HAMAS terrorists should capture and gather hostages, including directions to use shock grenades, electrocution, violence, and gunfire to cause chaos and terrify the hostages. The guide adds that hostages should be "killed when necessary" and that some of them should be used as human shields.

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## BLAMING KISSINGER

REVISIONIST HISTORIAN CLAIMS SECRETARY OF STATE HELD ISRAEL BACK in 1973

#### By MOSHE PHILLIPS

In recent days, there have been numerous articles, seminars, and lectures in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. Yet, somehow, they all managed to miss one of the most crucial aspects of the conflict: how Henry Kissinger prevented Israel from launching a preemptive strike.

On Yom Kippur morning, hours before the 1973 Arab invasion, Prime Minister Golda Meir was informed by her military intelligence officials that Egypt and Syria were massing their troops along Israel's

The following article was submitted just prior to the current war with Hamas.

borders and would attack later that day. The Israelis immediately contacted Kissinger.

Matti Golan, long-time chief diplomatic correspondent for Ha'aretz, described in his book The Secret Conversations of Henry Kissinger what happened next: "Till the very outbreak of the fighting, Kissinger remained more concerned with the possibility of an Israeli preemptive strike than an Egyptian-Syrian attack." Kissinger

instructed the U.S. ambassador in Israel to personally deliver to Mrs. Meir a "presidential entreaty" —that is, a warning, in the name of President Nixon—"not to start a war."

Abba Eban, who was then Israel's foreign minister, confirmed in his autobiography that Israeli Army Chief of Staff David Elazar proposed a preemptive strike, but Prime Minister Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan rejected it on the grounds that

"the United States would regard this as provocative."

Further confirmation comes from the widely acclaimed book, The Prime Minister, by the late Yehuda Avner, a distinguished Israeli diplomat who witnessed Kissinger's actions up close.

Avner (1928-2015) was a speechwriter, secretary, or adviser to five different Israeli prime ministers, from both sides of the political spectrum—Golda Meir, Levi Eshkol, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, and Shimon Peres. He also served

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# HAMAS'S WILLING EXECUTIONERS

WHY TERRORISTS SLAUGHTER INNOCENT CIVILIANS

#### By RAFAEL MEDOFF

As details emerged about the atrocities committed by Hamas terrorists against dozens of Israeli infants in Kibbutz Kfar Aza and elsewhere, one struggles to understand how human beings could be capable of such savagery.

Inevitably, episodes from earlier periods in recent history come to mind. As President Joe Biden said in his October 10 statement, "This attack has brought to the surface painful memories and the scars left by millennia of anti-Semitism and genocide of the Jewish people..."

The question of why some ordinary individuals are capable of committing acts of brutal murder was the centerpiece of Daniel Goldhagen's landmark 1996 book, Hitler's Willing

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Executioners. Perhaps his account of the actions of one particular German police unit, Reserve Battalion 101, can help shed light on the mindset of Hamas's own executioners.

In June 1942, 502 battalion members were sent

to the town of Jozefow, in southern Poland. They were assigned the task of forcing local Jews out of their homes, taking them to a nearby forest, and then shooting them point blank. Ablebodied men were temporarily spared for slave

labor; the killing would focus on Jewish women, children, and the elderly.

Just before the mass murder began, the unit's commander, Major Wilhelm Trapp gave the policemen a pep talk in which

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he said that slaughtering Jews was necessary because the Jews were to blame for Allied bombings of German cities. Trapp also informed the men that anyone who did not feel he could do the job would be excused without penalty. Only a dozen of them did so.

Prof. Goldhagen's careful analysis of the murder process focused on the close proximity of the killers to their victims. When a truck unloaded its Jewish prisoners at the edge of the Jozefow forest, each of the waiting policemen would select a victim. The two would then walk together to the nearby execution site. Many of the captives were children.

The walk "afforded each perpetrator an opportunity for reflection," Goldhagen noted. "It is highly likely that, back in Germany, these men had previously walked through woods with their own children by their sides...In these moments, each killer had a personalized, face-to-face relationship to his victims."

Goldhagen wondered if the typical policeman ever

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did the killer simply "see a Jew, a young one, but a Jew nonetheless," and therefore accepted "the reasonableness of the order, the necessity of nipping the believed-in Jewish blight in the bud."

The mechanics of the killing were "a gruesome affair," Goldhagen pointed out. "Each of the Germans had to raise his gun to the back of the head, now face down on the ground, that had bobbed along beside him, and pull the trigger." The executioner had to "remain hardened to the crying of the victims, to the crying of women, to the whimpering of children."

Even being spattered with blood and gore did not deter these reserve police officers. They continued to willingly slaughter defenseless children in this manner for hours on end.

Both Goldhagen and Christoper Browning, author of the book Ordinary Men, examined the possible explanations for the behavior of the men of Battalion 101. Both scholars (especially Goldhagen) emphasized the crucial role of antisemitic ideology.

"The men of Reserve Police Battalion 101, like the rest of German society, were immersed in a deluge

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of racist and anti-Semitic propaganda," Browning wrote. "Furthermore the men received indoctrination both in basic training and as an ongoing practice within each unit. Such incessant propagandizing must have had a considerable effect in reinforcing general notions of German racial superiority...as well as Jewish inferiority and otherness."

Goldhagen described what he called the uniquely "eliminationist" quality of German antisemitism. Dehumanizing propaganda in the government-controlled news media and (Please turn to following page)

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schools depicted Jews as rats, spiders or lice who had to be destroyed. The only solution to the "Jewish problem" was the "final solution."

Such imagery did not disappear when the Holocaust ended. It merely moved to other parts of the world. By coincidence, the fate of the babies at Kfar Aza was revealed almost

simultaneously with the news that the Bethlehem branch of the Palestinian Authority's ruling faction, Fatah, posted a video celebrating the Hamas massacres. One image in the video showed a boot with the colors of the Palestinian flag squashing a rat on an Israeli flag.

The website of Palestinian Media Watch, the

agency that exposed the Fatah video, is replete with similar examples of dehumanizing images circulated both by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. Jews are depicted as vicious rodents, ravenous insects, and other predatory creatures. Such images have be-

come staples of Palestinian Arab popular culture.

This Middle Eastern version of eliminationist antisemitism may help explain the mindset that Hamas's willing executioners to do what they did to Jewish children in Kibbutz Kfar Aza and elsewhere

#### THE GREEN PRINCE SPEAKS WITH PIERS MORGAN

Beginning with his release from prison in 1997, Mosab Hassan Yousef was considered the Shin Bet's most reliable source in the Hamas leadership, earning himself the nickname "The Green Prince" – using the color of the Islamist group's flag, and "prince" because of his pedigree as the son of one of the movement's founders. Here are some of the comments the oldest son of Hamas co-founder Sheikh Hassan Yousef made during his interview. - The Editor

"Wiping out entire communities, messing with a nuclear power, the most powerful country in the region, a country with a great trauma from the past, with a memory of a Holocaust, and all the Nazis did in the past century. They opened

the gates of hell on the Palestinian people."

"Since its establishment, Hamas has one goal in mind, which is annihilating the State of Israel. It's not a secret that Hamas wants nothing less than (Please turn to page 13)

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break into the Jewish houses killing without distinction or age and sex everybody they meet, with the exception of women, who are bestially violated before they are murdered."

A report on a pogrom in another village, Kremenchug, referred to "three hundred and fifty cases of rape...neither children of 12 nor old women of 60 were spared. After they had been ravished, the little girls were thrown down the water-closets."

In the town of Fastov, where six hundred Jews were massacred, the pogromists "threw themselves upon the girls under age with a perfect brutal fury and ravished them before the very eyes of their parents, powerless to inter-

fere." Some "particularly atrocious scenes took place in the courtyard of the synagogue where the Jews had sought refuge." The courtyard was "covered with the bodies of women, children, old men, and young girls who had been ravished. Many people became insane."

Brownmiller then pointed to the synthesis of rape and anti-Jewish violence in the ideology of Nazism. She noted a remark by Nazi war production chief Albert Speer: "Hitler always said that the masses are essentially feminine and aggressiveness charm elicited an almost masochistic surrender and submission in his dience—a form of psychic rape...He didn't convince his audiences, he conquered them."

"Rape "is the quintessential act by which a male demonstrates to a female that she is conquered—vanquished—by his superior strength and power," Brownmiller wrote. "It was perfectly logical within the framework of fascism that rape wold be employed by the German soldier as he strove to prove

himself a worthy Superman."

Thus during the Kristallnacht pogrom of 1938 and throughout the Holocaust years to follow, there were numerous instances of Nazis raping Jewish women. Many of those atrocities have been documented in books such as Sexual Violence against Jewish Women During the

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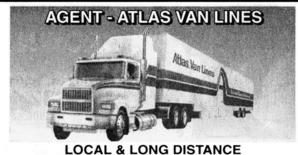
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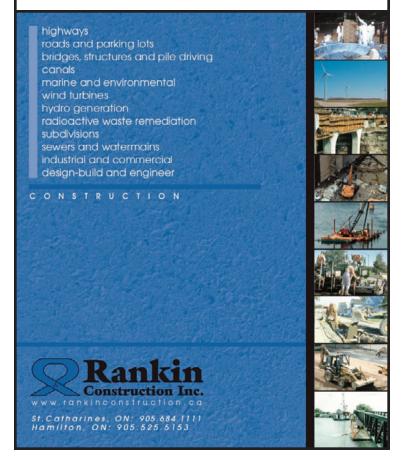
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Holocaust, coedited by Sonja Hedgepeth and Rochelle Saidel. The USC Shoah Foundation has more than 1,700 testimonies by survivors about rapes and other sexual vio-

In fact," Brownmiller continued, "it would have been highly illogical if rape were not in the German soldier's kit bag of weapons... Rape for the Germans... played a serious and logical role in the achievement of what they saw as their ultimate objective: the total humiliation and destruction

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as Israel's ambassador to various countries, as well as other senior diplomatic positions.

Avner bluntly wrote that American officials meaning Kissinger—"tied" Golda's hands on the eve of the Yom Kippur War, telling her "in no uncertain terms not to fire the first shot." They even "warned" her "against full-scale mobilization" of Israel's reserve forces.

Kissinger did not want Israel to win a decisive victory because he thought that would make it hard to wring concessions out of the Israelis after the war. Having prevented Israel from striking first, Kissinger then exploited Israel's suffering in the early days of the war in order to advance his strategy.

The Israelis immediately requested a U.S. airlift of military supplies. But Kissinger stalled them—for an entire brutal week. Kissinger's plan was to orchestrate "a limited Egyptian victory," according to David Markovs. formerly Obama Administration Middle East envoy. Writing in the Jerusalem Post in 1993,

of 'inferior peoples' and the establishment of their own master race."

Rape appears to play a similar role in the psychology of Palestinian Arab terrorists, from the 1920s to our own times.

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Makovsky confirmed that the secretary of state feared an Israeli victory "would cause Israel to strengthen its resolve not to make any territorial concessions in Sinai."

Walter Isaacson, in his definitive biography, Kissinger, confirmed: "Kissinger opposed giving [Israel] major support that could make its victory too one-sided." Kissinger told Defense Secretary James Schlesinger that "The best result would be if Israel came out a little ahead but got bloodied in the process."

A "little bloodied"? Try 2,656 dead Israeli soldiers.

Back to Avner's The Prime Ministers. Avner quoted from a conversation between Kissinger and President Richard Nixon on the ninth day of the war. Israel was begging for U.S. weapons. Kissinger, with Nixon's agreement, was still stalling on the weapons shipments. "We've got to squeeze the Israelis when this is over and the Russians have to know it," Nixon said. "We've got to squeeze them goddamn hard".

Kissinger replied: "Well, we are going to squeeze them; we are going to start diplomacy in November after the Israeli elections." And squeeze them he did, pressuring the Israelis to release the encircled Egyptian Third Army and various other concessions.

The process culminated in early 1975, by which time Nixon had resigned and Gerald Ford was president-but Kissinger was still directing America's Middle East policy. When Israel's new prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, hesitated to give into Kissinger's demands for more territorial withdrawals, the secretary of state orchestrated what Avner called a "brutal" message from President Ford to Rabin. The message blamed Rabin for the absence of peace and announced a "reassessment" of America's policy toward Israel. The "reassessment" consisted of a cut-off of all U.S. weapons shipments. Within months, Rabin surrendered to the pressure.

It's troubling that so many descriptions of the Yom Kippur War skip over these crucial events. Fortunately, we have the accounts by Yehuda Avner, Matti Golan, Abba Eban, David Makovsky and Walter Isaacson to set the record straight.

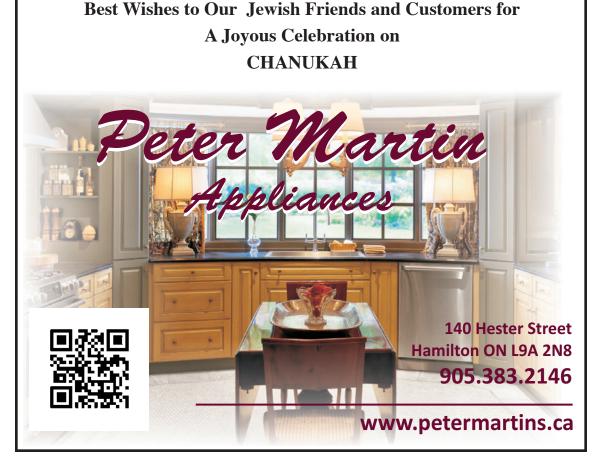


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to destroy the State of Israel. They cannot accept Israel or accept Israel's right to exist."

"They(Hamas) killed, actually, and tortured hundreds of prisoners. And this is when I start asking myself the question: What if Hamas becomes the ruler at some point? What will they do to our people? And many years later, Hamas became the ruler of Gaza. And I wasn't surprised by their brutality."

"We have to separate between what is the socalled Palestinian cause and Hamas cause. Hamas's cause is a sick one. It's coming from the pit of hell, and they need to be removed from power. This is my message as an ex-Hamas member, as a son of one of Hamas founders, enough of this. If we don't stop them now, the next war is going to be deadlier, and only God knows what will happen next."

"Unfortunately, now Hamas left Israel, and the free world as well, with no choice but to fight them and put an end to their violence. Many civilians are dying. I understand this. Their blood is on the hands of Hamas and Hamas only"

"Look, since my childhood, I am hearing the stories from pro-Palestine activists and from those who are using what's socalled the Palestinian cause: They care the least for the Palestinian children and their future. The Palestinian society has been hijacked by criminals and anybody who takes their side is participating in their crime."

"We have a fundamental problem and we need to stop blaming Israel. We invited this upon our heads and the rest of the world, if they don't know the reality on the ground, it's better that they shut up."

"That's enough involvement from people who don't care. They are just warriors on keyboards and they're just storming world capitals saying,

'Free Palestine, free Palestine.' They don't know what the hell Palestine is. I am Palestine, and I say it's 'Enough of Hamas.' It's enough of the corrupt leadership that is killing our people."

"Listen to this: We are going to remove Hamas from power. Remember my words, okay? And Hamas did not only bring the wrath of Israel over Gaza, Hamas brought the wrath of God. We are going to remove them from

power and we are going to prosecute their leaders. And we are going to bring them to justice, and the world will witness their punishment."

"And everyone who takes their side today, in this state of confusion, thinking that this is a joke, I tell those people that you are going to regret taking the side of Hamas. You are going to regret taking the side of those criminals who are killing the Palestinian people."

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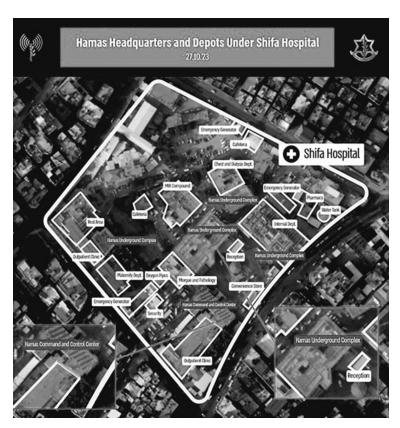
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On that darkest of days, in a tragedy unprecedented in Israel's 75-year history, the Hamas terrorists infiltrated into the country and murdered more than 1,400 people, including infants, children, students, and senior citizens - Jewish, Muslim, and Christian alike. The attack also included the abduction of 240 civilians of all ages into Gaza; additional missing persons have not yet been identified and accounted for. In the aftermath of these horrific events, we find it disturbing that certain narratives from academic institutions misrepresent the situation, or, in the worst cases, actively target Israelis and Jews.

We find ourselves facing a war on two fronts: one against the atrocities of Hamas, and another in the global arena of public opinion. Regrettably, we have noticed an alarming trend in which Israel, despite its right to self-defense, is mischaracterized as an oppres-This is а false equivalence between the actions of a murderous terrororganization and a sovereign state's right to defend its citizens, which unfortunately results in the loss of innocent Palestinian lives. Any attempt to justify or equivocate Hamas's brutal and grotesque actions is intellectually and morally indefensible.

It's unsettling to note that many college campuses have become breeding grounds for anti-Israel anti-Semitic and timents, largely fueled by a naive and biased understanding of the conflict. It is ironic that the very halls of enlightenment in America and Europe, ostensibly the bastions of intellectual and progressive thought that are campuses, your have adopted Hamas as the cause célèbre while Israel is demonized. Universities, as

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hubs of enlightenment and rational discourse, must take responsibility for the views they perpetuate.

There is no moral equivalency here. Let's be clear: Hamas shares no values with any Western academic institution. Hamas is an organization that has repeatedly pledged to annihilate Israel and its people.

Its ideology is antithetical to the values of human life and the liberal values we hold dear. Hamas funnels international aid into armament rather than to the welfare of its citizens. While Israel uses weapons to shield its citizens, Hamas uses its citizens as shields for its arms which it hides in hospitals, schools, and mosques. It is crucial to distinguish between Hamas' terrorist objectives and the legitimate

aspirations of the Palestinian people for statehood. The conflation of the two only serves to fuel hatred and ignorance.

Academic institutions stand as lighthouses with the ability to think critances that separate right from wrong. Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of academic freedom, but it should not be manipulated to legitimize hate speech or to justify violence.

We urge you to delineate the boundaries between constructive discourse

in the intellectual landscape, and we ask you to illuminate them. Your roles as leaders of these institutions confer upon you an extraordinary responsibility: to guide the moral and ethical development of your students, to imbue them ically and to discern the nu-

#### CUTTING TIES WITH HARVARD



THE WEXLER FOUNDATION HAS ENDED ITS FINANcial support of Harvard over the university's response to the Hamas terror attack and its failure to combat antisemitism on campus. "We are stunned and sickened by the dismal failure of Harvard's leadership to take a clear and unequivocal stand against the barbaric murders of innocent Israeli civilians," the Wexler Foundation's leaders wrote in a letter to the Harvard board of overseers. The Wexlers, worth an estimated \$6 billion, specifically objected to a statement released by a coalition of student groups that blamed Israel solely for inviting the Hamas atrocities. Citing the absence of any degree of morality, the Wexler Foundation said it has determined the Harvard Kennedy School is no longer a "compatible" partner for its organization.

destructive propaganda, and promote evidence-based, nuanced thinking that challenges simplistic narratives. Expose the falsity of justifications for acts of terror; expose and condemn disingenuous statements; and reject hypocritical voices that justify murder, rape, and destruction in the name of "resistance".

Moreover, we expect that Israeli and Jewish students and faculty on university and college campuses will be accorded the same respect and protections as any other minority. The principles of inclusivity and campus safety must unequivocally extend to include Israeli and Jewish members of vour academic communities. Just as it would be unthinkable for an academic institution to extend free speech protections to groups targeting other protected classes, so should demonstrations that glorify violence against Jews be explicitly prohibited and condemned.

What the world witnessed on October 7 were not methods to help disadvantaged peoples build better futures for themselves. The events of this terrible day should be taken as a wake-up call to all of the dangers of nihilistic organizations like Hamas and ISIS that represent the very opposite of freedom and libertv.

As leaders of Israeli universities, we have been heartened by clear statements of solidary and support for Israel, which are, at their heart, statements in solidary with humanity, enlightenment, and progress. At the same time, we are calling for a sea change in clarity and truth in academia on the matter of Israel's war against Hamas, so that light will triumph over darknow and always.

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