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## PM to French ambassador: First rule in fighting terror is not to be afraid

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Prime Minister Netanyahu meets with French Ambassador Patrick Maissonave

The first law in fighting terrorism is to not be afraid, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Friday, at the start of a meeting with French Ambassador Patrick Maissonave. "I know that there are many in France who are asking themselves, how can we fight this dreadful fear-imposing barbarism. Should we continue to publish our views? Should we express our opinions? Should we now cut back?" Netanyahu said. "My message - in Paris, in Jerusalem, anywhere - is that the first rule in fighting terrorism is to refuse to knuckle down and knuckle under fear and pain of fear, to refuse to be afraid," he said. Another important point, he said, "is that we have to unite to roll back this tide of fear." Netanyahu told the ambassador that Israel is mourning "with our French brothers and sisters" and is committed to joint action "to defeat the enemies of the democratic values we all cherish." The Prime Minister said that Israelis, who have experienced barbaric terrorist attacks, know the anguish and pain that the French people are experiencing. Netanyahu said that the terrorists who gunned down journalists in Paris are cut from the same cloth as those who behead aid workers in Syria, kidnap schoolgirls in Nigeria, blow up churches in Iraq, slaughter tourists in Bali, fire rockets on civilians from Gaza, and strive to build a nuclear weapon in Iran. While the names of the different terrorist organizations may be different, they are all "driven by the same hatred and bloodthirsty fanaticism. And all of them seek to destroy our freedoms and to impose on all of us a violent, medieval tyranny," he said. He added that this was a global struggle that necessitates a broad offensive around the world against radical Islam. "The terrorists have shown that they have the will to crush us, but they don't have the capacity. Now we must show that we have the will to defeat them and crush them," he said. "This is the essence of the battle that we're fighting: Freedom against barbarism. Freedom must win, but to win, we have to stand together and fight together. This is our message to the people of France, and this is our message to all the citizens of civilized countries."

## Several hostages killed in police raids on Paris sites

Source: The JERUSALEM POST-1/9/2015

(JTA) — Several hostages were killed as simultaneous police raids on Friday ended the two hostage crises in Paris, one of which was at a kosher supermarket. The raids also left all of the captors dead, including the two brothers suspected with perpetrating Wednesday's attack at Charlie Hebdo. The hostage situation at Hyper Cacher, a kosher supermarket near Porte de Vincennes in Paris' 12th arrondissement, began at 1 p.m. local time Friday, when the store is usually full of Jewish shoppers preparing for Shabbat, according to Chlomik Zenouda, vice president of the National Bureau for Vigilance Against Anti-Semitism. At the same time, French police stormed a printing shop north of Paris where Cherif and Said Kouachi — the brothers whom French police named as the shooters in the Charlie Hebdo attack — had holed up with a hostage. The brothers were killed and the hostage was freed. On Wednesday, twelve people were killed in the attack at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical newspaper that frequently published items considered offensive to Islam — and offensive to other religions, politicians and people. Police sources in France said the hostage takers at the kosher supermarket were in contact with the brothers. Police received threats that the hostages in the kosher shop would be killed if the brothers were harmed. The terrorists involved in the various attacks were followers of Djamel Beghal, a charismatic Islamist, Le Monde reported. At last report, four hostages were killed in the kosher market and several others wounded. One hostage taker, a 27-year-old female remains at large.

## Shemot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

The children of Israel multiply in Egypt. Threatened by their growing numbers, Pharaoh enslaves them and orders the Hebrew midwives, Shifrah and Puah, to kill all male babies at birth. When they do not comply, he commands his people to cast the Hebrew babies into the Nile. A child is born to Yocheved, the daughter of Levi, and her husband, Amram, and placed in a basket on the river, while the baby's sister, Miriam, stands watch from afar. Pharaoh's daughter discovers the boy, raises him as her son, and names him Moses. As a young man, Moses leaves the palace and discovers the hardship of his brethren. He sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, and kills the Egyptian. The next day he sees two Jews fighting; when he admonishes them, they reveal his deed of the previous day, and Moses is forced to flee to Midian. There he rescues Jethro's daughters, marries one of them (Tziporah), and becomes a shepherd of his father-in-law's flocks. G-d appears to Moses in a burning bush at the foot of Mount Sinai, and instructs him to go to Pharaoh and demand: "Let My people go, so that they may serve Me." Moses' brother, Aaron, is appointed to serve as his spokesman. In Egypt, Moses and Aaron assemble the elders of Israel to tell them that the time of their redemption has come. The people believe; but Pharaoh refuses to let them go, and even intensifies the suffering of Israel. Moses returns to G-d to protest: "Why have You done evil to this people?" G-d promises that the redemption is close at hand.



"Why have You done evil to this people?"

## Shemot Haftarah

Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23.

This week's haftarah parallels the week's Torah reading on many levels. One of the parallels is the message of Redemption conveyed by Isaiah -- "and you shall be gathered one by one, O children of Israel" -- that is reminiscent of the message of Redemption that G-d spoke to Moses at the burning bush; a message that Moses then communicated to Pharaoh. The haftarah vacillates between Isaiah's prophecies concerning the future redemption, and his admonitions concerning the Jews' drunken and G-dless behavior. Isaiah starts on a positive note: "In the coming days, Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom, filling the face of the earth..." He mentions G-d's mercy for His nation and the measure-for-measure punishment He meted out upon the Egyptians who persecuted them. And regarding the future redemption: "And you shall be gathered one by one, O children of Israel. And it shall come to pass on that day, that a great shofar shall be sounded, and those lost in the land of Assyria and those exiled in the land of Egypt shall come and they shall prostrate themselves before the Lord on the holy mount in Jerusalem." The prophet then proceeds to berate the drunkenness of the Ten Tribes, warning them of the punishment that awaits them. "With the feet, they shall be trampled, the crown of the pride of the drunkards of Ephraim..." The haftarah ends on a positive note: "Now Jacob shall not longer be ashamed, and now his face shall not pale. For, when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, who shall sanctify My name . . . and the God of Israel they shall revere."

### Dershowitz takes the stand

Source:JTA-1/8/2015



For decades, Israel has found its most eloquent defender in Alan Dershowitz. It's not only that he has the highest credibility as a world-renowned Harvard law professor and one of the great criminal defense attorneys - perhaps the greatest - of his generation. It's also that he is just so good at being Israel's advocate. Dershowitz is among the finest debaters I have ever encountered, both live and in print. Some of the arguments he has advanced on Israel's behalf are legend. Responding to the Palestinian argument that humiliation at the hands of Israel is the reason they've resorted to terrorism, Mr. Dershowitz said that even if that were true, which it is not, no one people in history have ever suffered more than the Jews of the Holocaust. No one was ever been more degraded, incarcerated or slaughtered. Still, the Jews never chose to blow up German kindergartens or school buses in response. There is simply no excuse for murder and one always retains the power to choose one's response. Now come the scurrilous and downright weird accusations that Mr. Dershowitz and Prince Andrew engaged in under-age sex with a woman tied to a once-jailed financier. Mr. Dershowitz has categorically denied the allegations completely and utterly. Moreover, he has gone on the attack, demanding that the woman in question repeat the allegations under oath and not just in a civil suit. He has also vowed to have the woman's attorneys disbarred for making these allegations without checking flight manifests and other forms of evidence that would give them credence.

### Snow shuts schools as Israel shivers

Source:The JERUSALEM POST-1/9/2015

Schools across the country of Israel were closed on Friday due to inclement weather of rain and snowfall which hit hardest in the northern Golan Heights and Upper Galilee. Heavy snow began falling in Gush Etzion in the early morning, blanketing much of the settlement bloc south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was largely spared. In Beit El, near Ramallah, snow accumulated as well. Bus lines ceased to run and most of the roads to and from the area were closed off. Despite the heavy rain and snowfall, the Sea of Galilee, Israel's biggest reservoir, has only risen by about 8 centimeters (3 inches) since the start of the storm. But melting snow should eventually give a further boost to the depleted lake.

### U.S. Jews still mostly Democrats, but GOP sees gains

Source:JTA-1/8/2014

WASHINGTON (JTA) – Twice as many Jewish-Americans identify as Democrats over Republicans, but the GOP has made strides, according to the latest Gallup polling. The poll published this week showed 61 percent Jewish support for Democrats and 29 percent for Republicans – marked gains for the GOP since 2008, when Barack Obama was elected president and garnered significant Jewish support. In that year, 71 percent of Jewish respondents leaned Democrat and 22 percent Republican. Gallup said that the 7 percent hike corresponded with similar gains for the GOP in the general public, although to a slightly greater degree among Jews. “As is the case with other Americans, Jewish Americans’ political leanings vary significantly by religiosity, gender and education,” Gallup said in describing the results. “Jewish men are more Republican than Jewish women, highly religious Jews are more Republican than less religious Jews, and Jews with lower levels of education are more likely to be Republicans than those with more formal education.” The polling compiled responses from 4,116 Jewish-Americans during 2014 and had a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

### Rand Paul bill cuts U.S. funding to Palestinians until ICC bid is dropped

Source:JTA-1/8/2014



WASHINGTON (JTA) – Sen. Rand Paul introduced a bill that would cut U.S. funding to the Palestinian Authority until it withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court. The bill introduced this week would close a loophole in legislation rushed through last month at the tail end of the previous congressional session. That legislation, packed into an omnibus spending bill, suspended aid to the Palestinians only after the launch of any investigation targeting Israelis. The United States provides approximately \$500 million in an annual assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

### WEEKLY HEADLINES RELATING TO JEWISH CONCERNS

Source:JTA-1/9/2015

Crisis in France: Jews on edge after 4 killed in Paris siege. The Grand Synagogue of Paris was closed during Friday's terror attacks and did not reopen for Shabbat services, marking the first time the synagogue has not held services since World War II.

Qatar reportedly has deported Hamas leader-in-exile Khaled Meshal to Turkey.

Jordan suspends talks on \$15 billion gas deal with Israel. There can be no deal until it is clear who will own the Leviathan gas field, from where the 45 billion cubic meters of gas will come, a Jordanian lawmaker said.

Republican Jewish Coalition hosting Cruz at victory party.

Bess Myerson, only Jewish Miss America, dead at 90.

### Polish university to restore Ph.D.s stripped by Nazis

Source:JTA-1/8/2014

(JTA) – A Polish university will symbolically reinstate 262 doctorates, mostly of Jewish academics, annulled by the Nazis almost eight decades ago. The University of Wroclaw, in the Polish city of the same name, announced Monday that it will restore the degrees at a ceremony on Jan. 22. The announcement is somewhat complicated by the fact that the degrees were issued by a university that no longer exists, the French news agency AFP reported. Under German rule, the city and the university had been known under the German name of Breslau. After World War II ended in 1945, the city became a part of Poland and the university was dissolved. Its students and teachers became a part of the University of Cologne in Germany, while the university campus was reorganized as the University of Wroclaw. “It's a symbolic gesture,” University of Wroclaw spokesman Jacek Przygodzki told AFP. During the Nazi regime, universities regularly stripped degrees and titles from Jews and other scholars seen as hostile to the Nazis, and the then-University of Breslau stood at the forefront of this dubious practice.

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