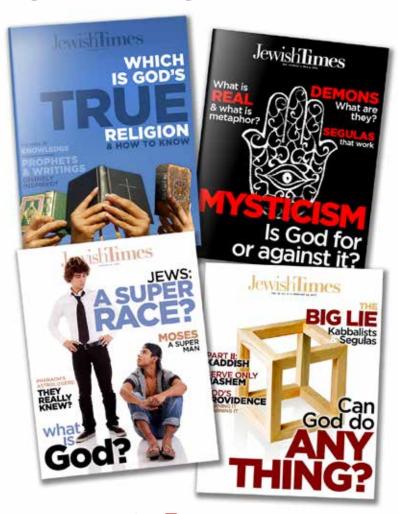


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US funds the **PA**, after teens are murdered?

Question: I am speechless. How can we stop this?

Moshe - New York, NY

Answer: We have labored to publish this issue with highly graphic images and themes to captivate readers and heighten all senses to this tragic reality. We hope our cover metaphor sinks in, and our "Postcards to Washington" motivates readers — and congress members — to take all measures to halt aid to the PA/Hamas terrorist government. We too are alarmed by the silence of elected officials allowing America to fund terrorism. Now is the time we will see who are the true leaders, that rise and protest.

Postcards to Washington

"Dear Mr. Obama,

Thank you for the \$440 million. Enjoy some photos of our day at grade school."

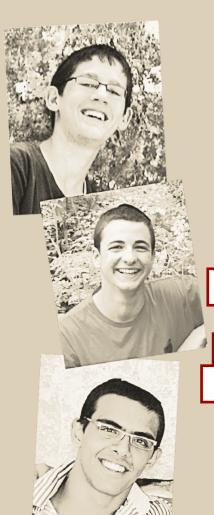




STINIAN

We don't want this world, we want the Afterlife.

I have drenched with all my blood.



Hamas murdered three Israeli teens: one an American, And the Ohama administration wishes to sustain \$440 million in aid to this terrorist Hamas/Palestinian government, which continues its call for Israel's annihilation. House Foreign Affairs Chairman Ed Royce said, "Hamas is no partner for peace; nor a legitimate recipient of aid." Fatah spokesman Ahmad Assaf said, "The PA pays their released prisoners \$12 million each month." This is an incentive for terrorists to continue murdering Jews: the greater the terror inflicted, the

greater the reward for the terrorist.

The facts:

- The PA and Hamas have joined.
- They both want Jews dead, sustaining a charter of martyrdom and the indoctrination of youth into this philosophy.
- Despite this, Obama wishes to fund the PA.
- US taxpayer dollars are thereby made available to Hamas.



PM Benjamin Netanyahu who urged the United States and others not to recognize the new PA/Hamas unity government, has called for ending peace negotiations due to the PA's alignment with Hamas.

We must all reach out to US officials and influential individuals to take immediate real steps to fight Obama, and end aid to the PA. Otherwise, we're putting a gun in the hand of our worst enemy.

ISRAEL

World Rushes to Blame Jews for Palestinian Boy's Murder— Without Evidence



IN THE AFTERMATH of the kidnapping and killing of three Jewish boys in Hebron, the world has now fixed its attention on the killing of Muhammad Abu Khdeir, 17, a Palestinian youth whose burned body was found in the Jerusalem Forest. The world immediately jumped to the conclusion that the vengeful Jews killed have the boy. must

Ben Shapiro

The goal of that evidence-less assertion: to craft a moral equivalence between a Palestinian government that supports, backs, funds, and includes the murderers of children, and an Israeli government and people that condemn such murders.

The media provided no evidence for the notion that Khdeir's killing was based on revenge. They simply cited Arab rioters with an interest in blaming Jews, despite the fact that no suspects or motives have been ascertained.

In fact, the only evidence thus far released to the public suggests that Khdeir was not killed by Jews bent on revenge, but by other Arabs. The Jerusalem Post reported today that Israeli Public Security Minister Yitzhak Aharanovitch stated that there were leads, but no determination of

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motive. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld went further, stating, "We are investigating whether it was nationalistically motivated or criminal right now. Police forensics teams are carefully examining the body and the area of the forest where it was found to search for evidence of who may have done this."

The Post continued:

Though the cause of Abu Khdeir's death remains unannounced, Rosenfeld said the boy's body had significant burn marks. The spokesman added that police are investigating previous attempts to kidnap members of Abu Khdeir's family, stemming from a personal dispute.

Meanwhile, an ex-police official told Arutz Sheva that the teen's murder was "likely [an] inside job" and ripped into officials for blaming Jews for the murder without evidence:

The official noted that the family of the murdered 16-year-old was well known to police sources in Jerusalem, adding "it's a problematic family with internal clashes that have been ongoing for many years."

"I have no doubt that as time passes it will be clarified that the murder was criminal and nothing more," declared the official, who spoke to Arutz Sheva on condition of anonymity.

In another telling addition to the unfolding story, leftist Justice Minister Tzipi Livni immediately tweeted, "we must punish those who want to turn us into a society of killers. This cannot be allowed to happen in Israel." The implication: Jews were behind the murder. Just a few minutes later, Livni deleted the post. Oops.

In short, there is no information yet confirming that Jews were behind the vicious kidnapping and murder.

But that didn't stop the Obama administration from reacting with force and fury they never showed when it came to the kidnapping and murder of three Jewish boys, including an American citizen. National Security Advisor Susan Rice tweeted:

US strongly condemns the heinous murder of Muhammad Hussein Abu Khdeir in Jerusalem. US sends condolences to his family and Palestinian people. Perpetrators must be brought to justice. US paying close attention to investigation.

Secretary of State John Kerry condemned "in the strongest possible terms the despicable and senseless abduction and murder... It is sickening... There are no words to convey adequately our condolences to the Palestinian people." Contrast that language with Kerry's initial response to the kidnappings of the Jewish boys: "The United States strongly condemns the kidnapping... We are still seeking details on the parties responsible for this despicable terrorist act."

There would be no such calls for patience from Kerry this time:

Those who undertake acts of

vengeance only destabilize an already explosive and emotional situation. We look to both the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to take all necessary steps to prevent acts violence and bring their perpetrators to justice. The world has too often learned the hard way that violence only leads to more violence and at this tense and dangerous moment, parties must do everything in their power to

protect the innocent and act with reasonableness and restraint, not recrimination and retribution.

Kerry has labeled this a revenge killing. Unless he knows something the Israeli Justice Minister and the spokesman for the police do not, he is playing politics with murder.

But that's no surprise. The world press is doing the same thing. There have been no suspects named as of yet.

But in its efforts to tar Jews and Israel, the press went ahead with its accusations anyway. Its headlines all labeled the murder a "revenge" killing.

Perhaps the killing was an evil act of vengeance. If so, the Israeli government and Jews everywhere will condemn it and call for justice - unlike the Palestinians, who largely celebrated the murders of the Jewish boys, and whose government includes Hamas, the terrorist organization behind those murders.

But if the killing was not an act of vengeance, we are watching a slow-motion blood libel. A blood libel pushed along by the Obama administration.

"In fact, the only evidence thus far released to the public suggests that Khdeir was not killed by Jews bent on revenge, but by other Arabs."

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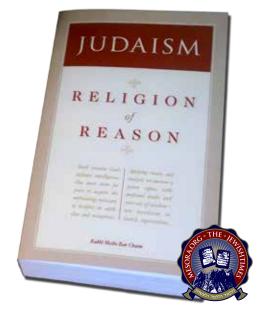
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Our Martyred Children: Who is Guilty?



Rabbi Reuven Mann

The Jewish people suffered a grievous blow this week as the news we dreaded the most about our three kidnapped children materialized. We are a nation that has known great suffering and tragedy throughout our turbulent history. Nothing can match the Holocaust, which makes every other calamity pale in comparison. Yet there was something unique about the abduction and murder of our three yeshiva students. This did not happen in Nazi Germany, but in the Jewish state of Israel.

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Our belief in the safety and security we are supposedly afforded by the privilege of having a Jewish state with Jewish defense forces has been shaken to the core. No one is safe from the terrorists, not even children. The Nazi predilection for inflicting unspeakable suffering on Jewish children, and even babies, is emulated by the Muslim tormentors. No atrocity is too gruesome for these barbarians. We should have no delusions about the character of the enemy we face. He is not restrained by any of the merciful tendencies we associate with civilized people.

This does not apply to Hamas alone. The Arab world encompasses many terrorist groups, one more cruel than the other. The Palestinian Authority, formerly the domain of Yasser Arafat, is no less guilty or complicit in this horrible crime. They do not condemn terrorism, except to say, under American pressure, that it is harmful to their goals. They never say that it is

morally wrong to kill innocent Jewish life. However, their responsibility for the murders is significant.

The Palestinian schools constantly incite their young students to hate and revile the Jews. All their media and religious institutions subject them to a continual barrage of vile antisemitism. They fill the minds of the Palestinians with hatred and anger against the Jews, whom they blame for all their problems. Is it any wonder that Palestinians celebrated the kidnappings and that parents of suicide bombers

publicly laud the "great deeds" of their offspring?

Does it make any sense to negotiate peace with an entity that perpetuates violent hatred of Jews in the schools and through all aspects of the culture? The Palestinians are unwilling to undergo the psychological and educational transformation necessary to undo the anti-Jewishness that is essential to genuine peace and reconciliation.

None of the key players who champion the peace process ever address this point. President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry have much to say about Jewish settlements being obstacles to peace, but they say nothing about the indoctrination of the young with the most poisonous antisemitic propaganda. Or about the public celebration of the vicious murders of innocent Jews.

However, while we point the finger of blame at the Arabs and the European and American peacemakers, we must be able to look within and acknowledge our guilt. Can the government of Israel truly proclaim, "Our hands have not shed this blood"? Israel has released thousands of terrorist prisoners, including those with blood on their hands. Many of these simply picked up their nefarious activities where they had left off.

What is the point of risking our soldiers' lives in the hunt for terrorists if they will be released under pressure? Why should terrorists refrain from murdering Israelis if they will face no death penalty and will be provided with all the amenities in Israeli prisons while they look forward to being released in lopsided hostage tradeoffs? The Israeli government bears great guilt for its immoral policy of releasing terrorists. The Israeli public that supports these releases must realize that they also share

> responsibility for the blood spilled by the freed killers.

The Israelis and all Jews must rethink the faulty and immoral policies that have emboldened our enemies and contributed to the atrocity of the murdered teenagers, as well as the thousands who have been victims of Arab terrorism since the Oslo accords. The abduction of the three children united the Jewish people in concern and prayer as no other event in recent history. If the tragedy engenders a new sense of Jewish unity and commiseration with the plight of every Jew, this

"Why should terrorists refrain from murdering Israelis if they will face no death penalty and will be provided with all the amenities in Israeli prisons while they look forward to being released in lopsided hostage tradeoffs? The Israeli government bears great guilt for its immoral policy of releasing terrorists."

will be a partial consolation.

The prayer, increased good deeds, and return to Jewish observance are of the utmost significance. However, we must remember that we cannot rely on prayer alone. We must divest ourselves of the foolish and wishful thinking that governs our attitude toward the so-called peace process. It is time to recognize our failures and to adopt realistic and sensible policies.

Above all, we must remember that the Palestinian Authority has no desire for true peace, but seeks the destruction of Israel, Heaven forbid. We must resist the harmful pressure of the U.S., E.U., and U.N. When it comes to the preservation of Jewish life, we must not put our trust in man, but only in Hashem, the Guardian of Israel.

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Our Values Our Boys —

Rabbi Mark Wildes

here are no words to describe the utter sense of sadness, loss and outrage we all feel on behalf of the Shaar, Frenkel and Yifrach families. What these families have been put through is indescribable and the dignity and grace with which they have confronted this tragedy is nothing short of inspirational.

Last week I participated in a Rabbinic conference call with Racheli Frankel, mother of Naphtali z"l who told us that the sense of Achdut (unity) and Ahavat Yisrael (love of one Jew for the next) were "not just clichés" but something she was truly feeling from Jews all over the world and something she asked us Rabbis to continue to promote here in the United States. She wanted something good to come of this terrible situation. I feel we owe her at least that.

Racheli said she felt tremendous love and support from all segments of society, from the Charedim (ultra-orthodox) and their prayer gatherings to the Chilunim (secular). Yair Lapid, Israel's Finance Minister visited the families. In an article, he was quoted as saying to the mothers, "I haven't prayed in six years. I haven't gone into a synagogue since my son's Bar Mitzvah. When I heard what had happened to your sons, I turned my house upside down to look for my grandfather's prayer book. I sat down and prayed." Interior Minister Gideon Sa'ar said that because of what was happening he was going to



begin observing Shabbat and publicly | unique value for which Judaism can said he would not answer his phone until the stars come out on Saturday night. President Shimon Peres said, and I quote, "Three families like this can lift up a nation to heights previously unknown and I'm not exaggerating. It's been several days that Israel has been different, unified, joined, praying, fighting." One of the other mothers (Bat-Galim) said that a chatan, a groom came to her home on the morning of his wedding to encourage them, and Racheli referenced a large prayer gathering in Talmon organized by both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic Chief Rabbis of Israel.

She ended the conference call with her prayer that the current sense of unity should serve as a tikkun, as a spiritual rectification for the divisiveness spoken of in that week's Torah portion, Parshat Korach. And so in our sadness and outrage we shouldn't lose the sense of love and unity that was somehow brought about and which is so often missing from our community.

truly be proud: our love for life and basic sense of humanity. Could you ever imagine a Jew celebrating the abduction and murder of a child, even one from our enemy? It's unheard of in the Jewish community ultimately, Judaism celebrates life. The Torah is a guidebook to filling our lives with meaning and purpose. By celebrating the kidnapping and murder of innocent children our enemy has shown their true colors and demonstrated that the god they worship is not the God of life and love, but one of hatred and death.

Ultimately this is a tragedy of immense proportion and the Jewish people will never be the same without our three boys. But the way these brave families and Jews from all over the world have reacted to this huge blow only strengthens the treasured Jewish values of unity and love for life. May our continued celebration of life through Torah be inspired by the remembrance of Eyal, Naftali and Gilad, zichonam livracha. May their families be comforted amongst all the We should also recognize one more | mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



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Your boys did not die in vain. And know, they are now more alive than we are. They are now the inspiration through whom Am Yisroel will unite, love each other, and together, strive to end evil at all costs. We will look to Eyal, Gilad, and Naftali as eternal examples of Torah Jews, and spread God's Torah truths and morality to the world in their fame.

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