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Yes, I'm Jewish. Yes, I'm Scared.





By Roger Simon

I don't generally consider myself to be the type who cowers in the closet, nor am I now, but at this moment I am genuinely scared, almost on a soul-searing level, for a variety of reasons, some obvious.

I am haunted in sleep or waking sleep with an image.

At the age of seven or so (1950ish) I was visiting my doctor father in his office. He brought me over to meet one of the nurses who seemed elderly at the time (maybe 40), was sweet as I remember her, and had a thick Eastern European accent.

"Mrs. Mindus," he said. "Show Roger your arm."

The nurse rolled up her sleeve and showed me numbers tattooed to her arm.

I had never seen anything like that before, but even at that age instantly suspected they were from the death camps, from Auschwitz. Indeed, they were.

A camera flash must have gone off in my little boy's

mind because somehow those numbers were imprinted permanently in my brain to pop up on many occasions, now more than ever.

I could type them out right now but won't for fear I easily could have misremembered them and am simply repeating a zip code I read somewhere.

It should be no surprise then that I have always been a Zionist, though not always religious—much more so now.

It also should not be a surprise that I don't see what's happening as "Israel's 9/11." A quick comparison of the numbers dead and wounded based on the populations of Israel (8 million) and the United States (330 million) make this obvious.

I see a second Holocaust.

When babies are having their heads lopped off, what else could you think of?

I could relieve some of my dread by getting on a plane to volunteer for the IDF (most know by now that's the Israel Defense Force) but getting a flight is practically impossible and even if I could, I would be thought to be out of my mind, justifiably at my

be thought to be out of my mind, justifiably at my age, on the other end.

So I am left to do what I can with my laptop, something for which I am infinitely better prepared, although still not enough. No one is under these circumstances.

But what I would like to do, to the extent of my competence, in this newsletter and in my regular column at The Epoch Times, is analyze the situation as it goes along, based on my limited understanding of what we are being told.

We are going to be lied to a lot and/or spun.

The most important thing now—if one is to believe “Never Again”—is to see through that, to know the truth.

We are, after all, in a period when our most august universities, two of which I attended and another of which my wife attended—are acting as if there are no such things as good and evil.

I may be scared, but the people who run these institutions and much of their faculties, unless they're terminally “woke” themselves, are outright

petrified of their protesting students.

That even a small number of CEOs are making themselves heard about the acting out on our campuses by young people whose knowledge of history wouldn't fit in a thimble is heartwarming. More of these courageous folks are needed.

The Babylon Bee would have “won the internet,” on the subject with its [“Harvard Student Leaves Lecture on Microaggressions To Attend ‘Kill the Jews’ Rally”](#) but, unfortunately, it's no time for levity.

I was going to call this newsletter “Nothing's More ‘Woke’ Than Hamas,” but it's not really true because Hamas would eat the “woke” for lunch. It also is not funny.

The true subject underlying today's newsletter is something that I have written about before but has become, if that's possible, more crucial by the day: Who or what is responsible for all this?

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By that I am not even slightly referring to whatever intelligence errors occurred. I don't know enough to say, but suspect it had something to do with a combination of complacency and wish-fulfillment (wishing the enemy were something they weren't).

But we all know what the direct enemy— Hamas—is now. They kill babies. Enough said.

But what about the far more powerful enemy behind them— Iran? How and why are they able to get away with what they have been getting away with for decades?

Who, as hard and disconcerting as it may be to look, is on what side?

A day or so ago, when President Joe Biden finally appeared in front of the public for what was meant to be an “impassioned” speech in defense of Israel, many of us noted a glaring omission. Tony Badran writing in [Tablet](#) has it right:

“For those who care about actual U.S. policy rather than feel-good schmaltz, the point of Biden's speech was not the oft-repeated dubious anecdote about

meeting with Golda Meir during the Yom Kippur War. Nor was it Biden's rich declarations about how he was raised in synagogues—along with being raised in Puerto Rican communities and growing up in Black churches. Rather, the entire speech was centered around the absence of one word: Iran.

“Biden's glaring omission of Iran, the chief sponsor, funder, and weapons supplier of Hamas, and the intended beneficiary of its monstrous suicide attack, was an affirmation that his administration's policies remain unchanged after a weekend of unprecedented horror in Israel. Namely, Biden still fully intends to continue providing cover for the Iranian regime, to whom he released \$16 billion of held funds before the attack—in addition to the tens of billions more that the administration has gifted Iran by not enforcing sanctions on its oil sales.”

Worth noting, of course, is the figure \$16 billion, not the \$6 billion we are constantly hearing that, as of this writing, has been put in some kind of temporary hold by the folks Nancy Pelosi used to call “our friends in Qatar.”

Hamas's friends, she should have said, because Qatar has long been the reliable off-books conduit

Qatar has long been the reliable oil source conduit for money between the United States and Iran, therefore ultimately Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and so forth.

President Biden and his secretary of state, Antony Blinken, held out as long as they could, ignoring the Iranian elephant in the room, before they acquiesced and made noises as if the \$6 billion was being held up.

For how long, they're not saying. Particularly Mr. Blinken, peppered with press questions, is prevaricating—or is it spinning?—whatever, parsing words, while reminding us, almost continually, as if to anesthetize himself, that his grandparents were Holocaust victims, therefore we should trust him.

I don't.

Almost all Ashkenazi Jews have relatives somewhere who were in the camps if they look far enough on their family trees.

Somehow, since the Obama administration, with the exception of the Trump presidency, our government has been clinging to the self-destructive chimera of an Iranian nuclear deal.

Incredible as it may seem, after the Hamas invasion, the current administration still appears to be doing that.

When the Iranians chant “Death to Israel! Death to America!” they’re just kidding, right? It’s a “façon de parler,” as the French would say. Ignore that overstatement of what some said they learned from the Holocaust: “When somebody says he wants to kill you, believe him.”

President Biden spoke again with more apparent passion, again with no more than a veiled warning to the mullahs to stay out of it. Maybe they will. Until next time.

Israel is in the terrible position of having to mollycoddle President Biden and his minions to keep the ammunition flowing in what is likely to be a long war. For that reason, sadly, you can’t always believe what they’re saying either.

Buckle up, stay safe, watch the Southern Border (for terrorists especially) and look under the necessary rocks for the truth.

Your life and that of your family, whether you are

the “Saturday people” or the “Sunday people,” may depend on it.



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