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Friends: Please take a minute to read the text of Netanyahu's UN address from last week. Thanks, Terry

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From: dona Levy
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Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2009 4:48 AM
Subject: THANK YOU!!!

Dear Janet and Terry,

Thank you so much for a very pleasant evening, it was great to finally meet you, and I hope it was the first of many meetings.. :)

Find below, as promised, Netanyahu's great speech to the UN General Assembly.

HATIMA TOVA,
All The Best,

Dona Levy

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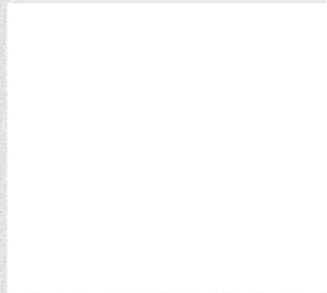
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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Speech to the UN General Assembly

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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nearly 62 years ago, the United Nations recognized the right of the Jews, an ancient 3,500 years-old, to a state of their own in their ancestral homeland.

I stand here today as the Prime Minister of Israel, the Jewish state, and I speak to you on behalf of my country and my people.

The United Nations was founded after the carnage of World War II and the horrors of the Holocaust. It was charged with preventing the recurrence of such horrendous events.

Nothing has undermined that central mission more than the systematic assault on it. Yesterday the President of Iran stood at this very podium, spewing his latest anti-Semitic rant. Just a few days earlier, he again claimed that the Holocaust is a lie.

Last month, I went to a villa in a suburb of Berlin called Wannsee. There, on January 20, 1942, after a hearty meal, senior Nazi officials met and decided how to exterminate the Jewish people. The detailed minutes of that meeting have been preserved by successive German governments. Here is a copy of those minutes, in which the Nazis issued precise instructions on how to carry out the extermination of the Jews. Is this a lie?

A day before I was in Wannsee, I was given in Berlin the original construction plans for the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Those plans are signed by Hitler's deputy, Heinrich Himmler himself. Here is a copy of the plans for Auschwitz-Birkenau, where one million Jews were murdered. Is this too a lie?

This June, President Obama visited the Buchenwald concentration camp. Did President Obama pay tribute to a lie?

And what of the Auschwitz survivors whose arms still bear the tattooed numbers branded on them by the Nazis? Are those tattoos a lie? One-third of all Jews perished in the conflagration. Nearly every Jewish family was affected, including my own. My wife's grandparents, her father's two sisters and three brothers, and all the aunts, uncles and cousins were all murdered by the Nazis. Is that also a lie?

Yesterday, the man who calls the Holocaust a lie spoke from this podium. To those

refused to come here and to those who left this room in protest, I commend you. You stand up for moral clarity and you brought honor to your countries.

But to those who gave this Holocaust-denier a hearing, I say on behalf of my people, Jewish people, and decent people everywhere: Have you no shame? Have you no

A mere six decades after the Holocaust, you give legitimacy to a man who denies that the murder of six million Jews took place and pledges to wipe out the Jewish state.

What a disgrace! What a mockery of the charter of the United Nations! Perhaps so you think that this man and his odious regime threaten only the Jews. You're wrong.

History has shown us time and again that what starts with attacks on the Jews eventually ends up engulfing many others.

This Iranian regime is fueled by an extreme fundamentalism that burst onto the world stage three decades ago after lying dormant for centuries. In the past thirty years, this fanatical regime has swept the globe with a murderous violence and cold-blooded impartiality in its selection of victims. It has callously slaughtered Moslems and Christians, Jews and Hindus, and others. Though it is comprised of different offshoots, the adherents of this unforgiving ideology seek to return humanity to medieval times.

Wherever they can, they impose a backward regimented society where women, minorities, gays or anyone not deemed to be a true believer is brutally subjugated. The struggle against this fanaticism does not pit faith against faith nor civilization against civilization.

It pits civilization against barbarism, the 21st century against the 9th century, those who sanctify life against those who glorify death.

The primitivism of the 9th century ought to be no match for the progress of the 21st century. The allure of freedom, the power of technology, the reach of communications should win the day. Ultimately, the past cannot triumph over the future. And the future offers nations magnificent bounties of hope. The pace of progress is growing exponentially.

It took us centuries to get from the printing press to the telephone, decades to get from the telephone to the personal computer, and only a few years to get from the personal computer to the internet.

What seemed impossible a few years ago is already outdated, and we can scarcely imagine the changes that are yet to come. We will crack the genetic code. We will cure the incurable. We will lengthen our lives. We will find a cheap alternative to fossil fuels and clean up the planet.

I am proud that my country Israel is at the forefront of these advances – by leading innovations in science and technology, medicine and biology, agriculture and water and the environment. These innovations the world over offer humanity a sunlit future and an unimagined promise.

But if the most primitive fanaticism can acquire the most deadly weapons, the march of history could be reversed for a time. And like the belated victory over the Nazis, the progress and freedom will prevail only after an horrific toll of blood and fortune has been exacted from mankind. That is why the greatest threat facing the world today is the clash between religious fanaticism and the weapons of mass destruction.

The most urgent challenge facing this body is to prevent the tyrants of Tehran from developing nuclear weapons. Are the member states of the United Nations up to that challenge?

international community confront a despotism that terrorizes its own people as they stand up for freedom?

Will it take action against the dictators who stole an election in broad daylight and c down Iranian protesters who died in the streets choking in their own blood? Will the international community thwart the world's most pernicious sponsors and practitioners of terrorism?

Above all, will the international community stop the terrorist regime of Iran from developing atomic weapons, thereby endangering the peace of the entire world?

The people of Iran are courageously standing up to this regime. People of goodwill the world stand with them, as do the thousands who have been protesting outside the UN. Will the United Nations stand by their side?

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The jury is still out on the United Nations, and recent signs are not encouraging. Recently condemning the terrorists and their Iranian patrons, some here have condemned the victims. That is exactly what a recent UN report on Gaza did, falsely equating the terrorists with those they targeted.

For eight long years, Hamas fired from Gaza thousands of missiles, mortars and rockets at nearby Israeli cities. Year after year, as these missiles were deliberately hurled at civilians, not a single UN resolution was passed condemning those criminal attacks. Hamas heard nothing – absolutely nothing – from the UN Human Rights Council, a misnamed institution if there ever was one.

In 2005, hoping to advance peace, Israel unilaterally withdrew from every inch of Gaza, dismantled 21 settlements and uprooted over 8,000 Israelis. We didn't get peace. Instead, we got an Iranian backed terror base fifty miles from Tel Aviv. Life in Israeli towns and cities next to Gaza became a nightmare. You see, the Hamas rocket attacks not only continued but they increased tenfold. Again, the UN was silent.

Finally, after eight years of this unrelenting assault, Israel was finally forced to respond. How should we have responded? Well, there is only one example in history of thousands of rockets being fired on a country's civilian population. It happened when the Nazis rained fire on British cities during World War II. During that war, the allies leveled German cities, hundreds of thousands of casualties. Israel chose to respond differently. Faced with an enemy committing a double war crime of firing on civilians while hiding behind civilians, Israel sought to conduct surgical strikes against the rocket launchers.

That was no easy task because the terrorists were firing missiles from homes and schools, using mosques as weapons depots and ferreting explosives in ambulances. Israel, in contrast, tried to minimize casualties by urging Palestinian civilians to vacate the target areas.

We dropped countless flyers over their homes, sent thousands of text messages and thousands of cell phones asking people to leave. Never has a country gone to such extraordinary lengths to remove the enemy's civilian population from harm's way.

Yet faced with such a clear case of aggressor and victim, who did the UN Human Rights Council decide to condemn? Israel. A democracy legitimately defending itself against terrorism is morally hanged, drawn and quartered, and given an unfair trial to boot.

By these twisted standards, the UN Human Rights Council would have dragged Ro

and Churchill to the dock as war criminals. What a perversion of truth. What a perversion of justice.

Delegates of the United Nations,

Will you accept this farce?

Because if you do, the United Nations would revert to its darkest days, when the wrongdoers of human rights sat in judgment against the law-abiding democracies, when the weak was equated with racism and when an automatic majority could declare that the end justifies the means.

If this body does not reject this report, it would send a message to terrorists everywhere: Terror pays; if you launch your attacks from densely populated areas, you will win. And in condemning Israel, this body would also deal a mortal blow to peace. Here's

When Israel left Gaza, many hoped that the missile attacks would stop. Others believed that at the very least, Israel would have international legitimacy to exercise its right of self-defense. What legitimacy? What self-defense?

The same UN that cheered Israel as it left Gaza and promised to back our right of self-defense now accuses us – my people, my country – of war crimes? And for what? For acting responsibly in self-defense. What a travesty!

Israel justly defended itself against terror. This biased and unjust report is a clear-cut case against all governments. Will you stand with Israel or will you stand with the terrorists?

We must know the answer to that question now. Now and not later. Because if Israel is asked to take more risks for peace, we must know today that you will stand with us. Only if we have the confidence that we can defend ourselves can we take further risks for peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All of Israel wants peace.

Any time an Arab leader genuinely wanted peace with us, we made peace. We made peace with Egypt led by Anwar Sadat. We made peace with Jordan led by King Hussein. If the Palestinians truly want peace, I and my government, and the people of Israel, will make peace. But we want a genuine peace, a defensible peace, a permanent peace. In 1947, this body voted to establish two states for two peoples – a Jewish state and an Arab state. The Jews accepted that resolution. The Arabs rejected it.

We ask the Palestinians to finally do what they have refused to do for 62 years: Recognize a Jewish state. Just as we are asked to recognize a nation-state for the Palestinian people, the Palestinians must be asked to recognize the nation-state of the Jewish people. The Palestinians are not foreign conquerors in the Land of Israel. This is the land of our forefathers.

Inscribed on the walls outside this building is the great Biblical vision of peace: "Nations shall not lift up sword against nation. They shall learn war no more." These words were spoken by the Jewish prophet Isaiah 2,800 years ago as he walked in my country, in my city, in the hills of Judea and in the streets of Jerusalem.

We are not strangers to this land. It is our homeland. As deeply connected as we are to this land, we recognize that the Palestinians also live there and want a home of their own. We want to live side by side with them, two free peoples living in peace, prosperity and

But we must have security. The Palestinians should have all the powers to govern themselves except those handful of powers that could endanger Israel.

That is why a Palestinian state must be effectively demilitarized. We don't want another Gaza, another Iranian backed terror base abutting Jerusalem and perched on the hills kilometers from Tel Aviv.

We want peace.

I believe such a peace can be achieved. But only if we roll back the forces of terror in Iran, that seek to destroy peace, eliminate Israel and overthrow the world order. The challenge facing the international community is whether it is prepared to confront those forces or to accommodate them.

Over seventy years ago, Winston Churchill lamented what he called the "confirmed unteachability of mankind," the unfortunate habit of civilized societies to sleep until nearly overtaken by them.

Churchill bemoaned what he called the "want of foresight, the unwillingness to act, the action will be simple and effective, the lack of clear thinking, the confusion of counsel: when emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong."

I speak here today in the hope that Churchill's assessment of the "unteachability of mankind" is for once proven wrong.

I speak here today in the hope that we can learn from history -- that we can prevent the same mistakes in time.

In the spirit of the timeless words spoken to Joshua over 3,000 years ago, let us be brave and of good courage. Let us confront this peril, secure our future and, God willing, find enduring peace for generations to come.

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Obama
Addresses
World Leaders
at the UN
General
Assembly**

*"The time has
come to relaunch
negotiations with
no
preconditions...
The goal is clear:
two states living
side by side in
peace and security
— a Jewish State
of Israel, with true
security for all
Israelis; and a
viable,
independent
Palestinian state"*

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**Rallies/Events for
Freedom in
Iran/Sanctions on Iran**

**In rallies
across the
U.S. and
Europe
Wednesday
and Thursday
(Sept. 23 and
24), people
gathered to
support
freedom in
Iran and to
protest
Iran's pursuit
of nuclear
weapons as
Iranian
President
Mahmoud
Ahmadinejad
addressed
the UN
General
Assembly
Wednesday.
Rally
speakers
included
Iranian
student
activists and
dissidents;
U.S.
congressmen
and other**

**government
officials;
victims of
Iranian terror;
and others.
Rallies took
place in
Washington,
D.C., New
York, St.
Louis, Detroit
and Los
Angeles, as
well as Paris,
France and
Vienna,
Austria.**

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the U.S.
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