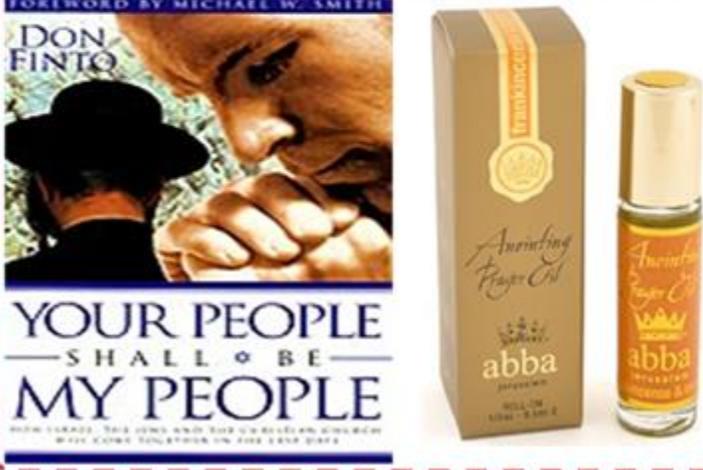


## ***Yachad Ministries' Israel's News Update August 14, 2015***

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**TEN MONTHS AFTER BABY MURDERED IN TERROR ATTACK, BRAUNS WELCOME NEW DAUGHTER:** Ten months after their baby daughter was killed in the vehicle terror attack at the Ammunition Hill light rail station in Jerusalem, Chana and Shmulik Braun have welcomed a new baby girl. Haya Braun was the couple's only child, and was born after many years of waiting. When she was only three months old, a terrorist struck her stroller head-on as the family was returning from the Western Wall. In the attack, in which Karen Mosquera was also killed, Haya Braun was thrown a few dozen meters away, suffering critical injury to her head. She was taken to a nearby hospital, with no pulse and not breathing, where doctors pronounced her dead soon after. Following the tragedy, Chana became pregnant again, and this week the couple welcomed their new daughter. "We are grateful to the Almighty for everything," said Shmulik Braun. "We thank Him today for bringing us a daughter." Hundreds of people attended Haya Zissel's funeral ten months ago. Her father tearfully eulogized then: "You were pure. I want you to look at me and smile. Tomorrow will be your three month birthday. Everything is in God's hands, we will remember you." (Ynet)

**HAMAS CONTINUES TO INCITE YOUNG PEOPLE TO VIOLENCE AND JIHAD AGAINST ISRAEL:** On Tuesday, 11 August, 2015 the Hamas terrorist group concluded a course entitled “Al-Quds Army for Girls”, which trains young female Hamas activists on basic combat skills and assistance to fighters. Rajaa al-Halabi, who heads the Hamas women's movement, said at the closing ceremony, "the Al-Quds Army, will liberate Palestine from the defilement of the occupation and the next battle will be the decisive one." Halabi continued that, "The Israeli occupation has begun to realize that it has no place on Palestinian land and the primary mission of the military camps of Al-Quds for girls is to liberate Palestine, as all of Palestine belongs to us, and we will never give up a single grain of its land. Hamas has continuously incited youths in Gaza towards violence against Israelis. One of its trademarks is the annual military-style summer camp for 25,000 Gazans, in which young children are encouraged to commit jihad against Jews. Past clips of footage from the group’s youth camps have shown young cadets learn how to use weapons and simulate the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier. Hamas has also in the past released a cartoon honoring its “military wing,” and last year began a program to teach “resistance” to Israel in Gaza’s public school system. (Arutz-7)

**HAMAS HAS DUG ‘SEVERAL TUNNELS’ INTO ISRAEL, IN NEW IRAN-FUNDED WAR DRIVE:** A year after a bitter 50-day war, Hamas has again dug numerous attack tunnels from Gaza into Israeli sovereign territory, and is gearing up with major Iranian assistance for another conflict. The Israel Defense Forces has confirmed that 'not a small number' of terror tunnels have been dug by Hamas under the border into Israel, including one in the area of the Kerem Shalom border crossing. According to the report, Israel has 'information' on the tunnels, and has troops 'working around the clock' to grapple with the threat. However, Israel prefers to wait rather than send troops into the Hamas-held Gaza Strip to tackle the tunnel network there, because it knows that if it does so, it will trigger a new war. Iran's assistance in the new Hamas war effort includes cash, military training for Hamas fighters, weaponry, and electronics equipment including for use against Israeli drones, the report said. (Times of Israel)

**KERRY: “SNAPBACK” SANCTIONS WON’T BE TRIGGERED SHOULD IRAN VIOLATE ARMS EMBARGO:** USA Secretary of State John Kerry revealed Tuesday, 11 August, 2015 that violations by Iran of the arms embargo in place by the nuclear deal will not trigger automatic “snapback” of UN sanctions. “The arms embargo is not tied to snapback, so they are not in material breach of the nuclear agreement for violating the arms piece of it.” Kerry, who was speaking at a media conference, warned that allied confidence in American leadership would fall should USA lawmakers not approve the agreement. He further cautioned the collapse of the dollar as the world’s reserve currency. “If we turn about and nix the deal and then tell them, ‘You’re going to have to obey our rules and sanctions anyway,’ that is a recipe, very quickly for the American dollar to cease to be the reserve currency of the world,” the secretary stated. Also on Tuesday, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin hosted a delegation of Republican members of Congress visiting Jerusalem. “Along with Israelis on all sides of the political spectrum, I am deeply concerned about the recent nuclear deal signed with Iran,” he said. (Breaking Israel News/Reuters)

**SWITZERLAND BECOMES FIRST NATION TO LIFT IRAN SANCTIONS AFTER NUCLEAR DEAL:** The government of Switzerland became the first country to officially lift its sanctions against Iran in the wake of last month's nuclear deal. The decision, which took effect Thursday, 13 August, 2015 will remove a ban on precious metal transactions with Iranian state bodies, as well as requirements to report the trade and transport of Iranian petrochemical products, crude oil, and petroleum. "This agreement opens up new political and economic prospects with Iran, including bilateral relations," and emphasizes Switzerland's "support for the ongoing process to implement the nuclear agreement, and its confidence in the constructive intentions of the negotiating parties," the Swiss government said. (Algemeiner)

**POLL: MOST ISRAELIS FEEL THEIR NATION IS IN DANGER:** The monthly Peace Index survey conducted in late July, 2015 found that a firm majority of Israeli Jews believe their nation is in serious danger from various security and military threats. Over 26 percent of respondents described the level of danger to Israel as "very high," while another 51.4% said it was "moderately high." Despite this, 26.1% of Israelis Jews feel the defense establishment receives enough funding, and 41% said the army eats up too much of the national budget. Less than 20% said the IDF was under-funded. The results come amid mounting debate over the USA- brokered Iran nuclear agreement, which Israelis from across the political spectrum view as a strategic error that puts the Jewish state at grave risk. (Israel Today)

**CHRISTIAN GROUPS BATTLE ANTISEMITISM AT THE UN:** Two major Christian organizations took the fight against antisemitism to the UN on Tuesday, 11 August, 2015 in a special forum aiming to shine a light on human rights violations faced by Jewish communities around the world. A special emphasis was placed on antisemitism within the Christian World in the symposium, led by the Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN) organization and the World Council of Independent Christian Churches (WCICC). The latter represents over 40 million Christians worldwide. "The Catholic Church denounced antisemitism five decades ago, yet millions of Christians still believe the heresy of Replacement Theology, believing that the Jewish people are no longer the inheritors of the Covenant and that the Land does not belong to all Israel," said Laurie Cardoza-Moore, President of PJTN and a Special Envoy for WCICC. "This is unacceptable and must be condemned in the strongest terms possible," she added, stating that PJTN will continue to "act as a firewall around our Jewish brethren. 'Never again' isn't just an empty statement- it is something that needs to be worked on daily." She asserted that further than condemning antisemitism, the Catholic Church explicitly said you cannot be a good Christian and an anti-Semite. The forum sought to provide practical advice and data to promote an environment that prevents negative seeds from flourishing, through the vehicles of education, faith and action. (Jerusalem Post)

**MORE THAN 30 HOMES, CARS IN SAN ANTONIO JEWISH COMMUNITY SPRAYED WITH ANTISEMITIC GRAFFITI:** Police in San Antonio, Texas are investigating an extensive case of anti-Semitic vandalism in which graffiti was found spray-painted on more than 30 homes and vehicles in a predominately Jewish community, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Members of the area's Rodfei Sholom Congregation discovered the vandalism on Wednesday, 12 August in the area around the synagogue after they finished morning prayers. The graffiti included images of swastikas, and other hateful slurs. One vehicle had the word "Jew" spray-painted on it and a large rock thrown through the driver-side window. "We are outraged that in this day and age there are people who still live in their own minds and own worlds where it seems to be okay to hate people based on their religion," said a board member at the congregation. Community members are reportedly working to remove the hateful graffiti. So far, Police haven't announced any arrests in connection to the crime. (Algemeiner)

**TINY ISRAEL IS GIANT WHEN IT COMES TO NOBEL PRIZES:** Times Higher Education last week ranked Israel fifth best in the world for overall Nobel performance this century. In a separate table, ranking global academic institutions by their Nobel Prize winners, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology came eighth, beating Harvard and every British university, and coming just one place after the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The table takes into account the prestige attributed to different awards and the number of Nobels received by citizens of each country - but not the differences in population size, which makes Israel's performance all the more remarkable. (Jewish Chronicle)

**ISRAELI UNIVERSITY DEBATERS TAKE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BY STORM:** Stav Singer and Iddan Golomb, a pair of debaters from Tel Aviv University, brought home a gold trophy from the European Universities Debating Championship that took place in Vienna over the past week. More than 700 students from all over Europe participated in the debating competition, vying for prizes in two language categories – English as a first language (EFL) and English as a second language (ESL). Singer and Golomb were declared champions in the latter category. In an academic world where Israeli institutions are facing boycotts, the world of debating has great respect for the Israeli teams and adjudicators. (Jerusalem Post)

**ISRAEL EXPECTS USA CONGRESS TO BLOCK IRAN DEAL, TOP LIKUD FIGURE SAYS:** Israel anticipates that the USA Congress will heed its call and vote down the Iran nuclear deal against the wishes of the Obama administration, the head of the powerful Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee said on Tuesday, 11 August, 2015. "I'm convinced that the American Congress will reject by a large majority the nuclear agreement with Iran," MK Tzachi Hanegbi (Likud) said. "There is a plethora of explanations and reasons as to why the agreement weakens the United States." Hanegbi told Israel Radio that the government in Jerusalem was urging members of Congress to view the agreement through the prism of "what was good for their country, not Israel." PM Benjamin Netanyahu opposes the agreement, as do a number of Jewish groups in the United States Most Republicans have also said they oppose the deal, which was unveiled on July 14, 2015 . (Jerusalem Post)

**94 GOP LAWMAKERS DEMAND TEXT OF IRANIAN NUCLEAR SIDE DEALS:** GOP lawmakers are demanding President Barack Obama give Congress details of the side deals related to the Iran nuclear arms deal. In a letter dated 4 Aug., 2015, 94 House of Representatives members, along with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R.-Calif., called the lack of details no small matter. At least two undisclosed agreements have been reached between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the organization responsible for ensuring that Tehran abides by the stipulations in the deal, the lawmakers write. The deals pertain to the IAEA's inspection of Iran's Parchin military complex believed to have housed nuclear testing as well as the extent to which Tehran must admit to the details of its alleged nuclear weapons program. "Under the clear language of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, which you signed into law, members of Congress are entitled to the text of these two side deals," the lawmakers write. (Newsmax)

**OBAMA: I DON'T INTEND TO LOSE BATTLE OVER IRAN DEAL:** President Barack Obama "doesn't intend to lose" the battle with Congress over the Iran deal, he told CNN's Fareed Zakaria on Sunday 9 August, 2015. Those who are opposed to the deal, he said, "can't just say we want a better deal. They can't just say we're going to be tougher. If Congress were to reject this deal," he warned, "then that central goal would be harder to achieve. And the international unity that we've brought about over the last several years would fray, not just with respect to sanctions, but with respect to the world's attitude about USA leadership and how they gauge who's at fault in this dispute between the United States and Iran. What Congress needs to understand is that we are the most powerful country on Earth. Our power derives from the fact that since World War II, we have put together international institutions that have served our interests but have also served the interests of the world," said Obama. (Arutz-7)

**EVEN AMERICAN JEWS OPPOSE IRAN DEAL, BY 2-1 MARGIN:** A poll released days ago by McKeon & Associates reveals that American Jews oppose President Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran by a margin of more than 2 to 1. That is, 45% of registered Jewish voters said straight out that they oppose the deal, while only 22% said they favor it. Around the same time, a Quinnipiac University survey showed that a similar margin of Americans oppose the deal – but whereas only 45% of Jews expressed their opposition straight out, a full 58% of Americans said the same. It was also announced Monday 10 August, 2015 that B'nai B'rith International had come out against the Iran deal, urging Congress to reject it. "It is impossible to look at Iran's track record," the organization announced, "and trust the regime to adhere to the terms of this pact." The Zionist Organization of America's Chairman Dr. Michael Goldblatt, warned "that every substantive assurance previously given by President Obama regarding stopping Iran from becoming a nuclear weapons state had been discarded in favor of an agreement that actually gives Iran a pathway to nuclear weapons in about ten years. The American Jewish public, like the broader American public, is finding that, the more it understands and learns about this deal, the more alarmed and opposed it becomes." (INN)

**ISRAEL CONFRONTS THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL:** More than 70% of Israelis believe the Iran nuclear deal is dangerous and will not block Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. They believe the stakes are higher for them than for anyone else. Israel regards Iran as the most serious threat to its national security - an assessment based squarely on Tehran's extreme ideology, its calls for eliminating Israel, its nuclear and regional ambitions, and its heavily armed proxies on Israel's borders (including Hizbullah and its 100,000 rockets). Tehran may be discouraged from brazenly breaking out to nuclear military capabilities in the next few years. Yet the deal allows Tehran to maintain its nuclear infrastructure and advance its nuclear technical capabilities with international help. Israelis do not believe that sufficient safeguards are in place if things go wrong. (Washington Institute for Near East Policy)

**STUDY: IRAN TERROR FUNDING GETS \$4.8 BILLION BOOST UNDER NUKE DEAL:** Sanctions relief provided to Iran under a recently inked nuclear accord is expected to boost the Islamic Republic's military spending by nearly \$5 billion dollars, with much of that money going to fund Iran's terror forces, according to a new study by a Washington, D.C.-based think-tank. Under the parameters of the deal, Iran will receive nearly \$150 billion in sanctions relief and cash assets. Because the money comes with no strings attached, it is expected that Iran will spend the money to fund its global terrorism operation, as well as its defense sector. The cash windfall will allow Iran to put another \$4.8 billion into its defense budget if current spending trends remain the same. About 65 percent of the money budgeted for defense is spent on Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps the elite paramilitary fighting force that is known to coordinate and conduct terror activities across the globe. (Washington Free Beacon)

**UNRWA WORKERS IN GAZA THREATEN TO REBEL:** Suheil al-Hindi, Chairman of the Hamas-affiliated Arab Teachers Union of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) that serves "Palestinian refugees," has threatened a rebellion as UNRWA warns it will have to close schools due to a more than \$100 million deficit. Last month, Hamas claimed that UNRWA is "giving up its role" of providing services to "refugees," a status designated to the Arabs who left Israel in the 1948 War of Independence as well as their now roughly five million descendants. That hereditary "Palestinian refugee" status operates in contradiction to all other refugees in the world, who are all handled by the UNHRC. Journalist David Bedein, head of the Center for Near East Policy Research, has revealed how UNRWA schools indoctrinate children in Gaza to create a "civilian army." He has also documented the symbiotic relationship between the agency and Hamas. While the UN body was established for the roughly 800,000 "Palestinian refugees" in 1949, the UN took no action to aid the 850,000 Jewish refugees expelled from Arab lands after the establishment of the state of Israel. (Arutz-7)

**THE SECRET ETHNIC CLEANSING OF PALESTINIANS:** According to researchers, many Palestinians captured by Shiite militias in Iraq have been brutally tortured and forced to "confess" to their alleged involvement in terrorism. Since 2003, the number of Palestinians there has dropped from 25,000 to 6,000. Most tragic is the complete indifference displayed by international human rights organizations, the media and the Palestinian Authority (PA) toward the mistreatment of Palestinians in Arab countries. International journalists do not care about the Palestinians in the Arab world because this is not a story that can be blamed on Israel. The UN and other international bodies have obviously not heard of the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in the Arab world. They too are so obsessed with Israel that they prefer not to hear about the suffering of Palestinians under Arab regimes.

PA leaders say they want to press "war crimes" charges against Israel with the International Criminal Court. However, when it comes to ethnic cleansing and torture of Palestinians in Arab countries such as Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, they choose to look the other way. An Arab killing or torturing an Arab is not an item worth publishing in a major newspaper in the West. But when a Palestinian complains against the Israeli authorities or Jewish settlers, many Western journalists rush to cover this "major" development. Not only do the Arab countries despise the Palestinians, they also want them to be the problem of Israel alone. Since 1948, Arab governments have refused to allow Palestinians permanently to settle in their countries and become equal citizens. Now these Arab countries are also killing and torturing them and subjecting them to ethnic cleansing, all while world leaders continue to bury their heads in the sand and point an accusing finger at Israel. (Gatestone)

**OBAMA: NETANYAHU'S 'INTERFERENCE' IN USA AFFAIRS 'UNPRECEDENTED':** Israeli PM Binyamin Netanyahu's "interference" in USA affairs is 'unprecedented,' President Barack Obama asserted during an interview which aired Sunday night, 9 August, 2015. Speaking to CNN interviewer Fareed Zakaria, Obama addressed tensions between himself and his Israeli counterpart over the Iran nuclear deal, arguing that Netanyahu's opposition to the deal is wrong. Zakaria asked Obama if it was "appropriate for a foreign head of government to inject himself into an American affair" to the extent Netanyahu has, and if he could recall similar conduct by another foreign head of state. The President tried to dodge the question, suggesting that Zakaria should pose his query directly to Netanyahu. Obama did, however, note that he could not "recall a similar example." In March, 2015, in the midst of world powers' negotiations with Iran, Netanyahu spoke out against a potential accord before Congress, incurring the wrath of the Obama administration. But tension between Israel and the United States has remained high since the deal's announcement last month, with Obama recently singling out the Jewish state as the only country who opposed the agreement. (Arutz-7)

**ON IRAN DEAL, OBAMA HAS THROWN AMERICA AND ISRAEL UNDER THE BUS:** The Iran nuclear deal reached by the Obama Administration is a dangerous agreement for both the United States and Israel. Almost as disturbing as the deal itself is the fact that Obama has demonized opponents of this giveaway to the devil, suggesting the only choice was between the deal and all-out war. At a speech to the VFW National Convention, Obama made it clear that those who opposed him were warmongers – opposed not to the deal, but to peace itself. This is not the first time the President has characterized opponents of his policies in extreme terms. Obama abandons all of America’s principles, and then blames his detractors when his policies fail. In the run-up to the negotiations, Americans were told that Iran would not be permitted to enrich uranium. Of course, that stipulation was soon thrown under the bus. We were then told that “anytime, anywhere” inspections would be a foundation of the talks. This promise too was immediately done away with for the sake of Obama’s legacy.

Even some Democrats loyal to Obama are balking at the lies told to the American people. Allowing Iran to continue enriching uranium, something Obama claimed he would never allow, has only pushed the problem down the road. It is a farce to believe that Iran will abide by any of the terms of this agreement. Iran will develop a bomb thanks to this agreement. There are no real safeguards. Iran must be provided 24 days of notice prior to any inspections and military nuclear sites are off limits – not a valid inspection protocol. Rather than negotiating from a position of strength, Obama has given the Iranians everything they could possibly want. The appeasement of the mullahs and Obama’s concerns for his legacy will only serve to spread the nuclear problem throughout the Middle East, as other countries in the area ramp-up programs of their own. Even so, Obama will not accept any discussion or opposition to a policy that cannot work and will only make matters worse. (Algemeiner)

**SCHUMER PLEDGES VOTE TO OVERRIDE OBAMA VETO OF LEGISLATION OPPOSING IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL:** New York Senator Chuck Schumer escalated his confrontation with President Obama over the Iran nuclear deal on Friday 7 August, 2015 by promising a vote to override an expected Presidential veto of congressional legislation seeking to block the agreement. “Yes, the Senator would be prepared to vote to override a Presidential veto of the bill,” a representative from the leading Democrat’s office told media sources. Schumer’s pledge comes soon after announcing his opposition to the deal late Thursday night 6 August, 2015 in a lengthy and detailed critique of the controversial agreement. Schumer summed up his decision saying it was guided by his belief that “Iran will not change” and therefore, under the agreement, the country “will be able to achieve its dual goals of eliminating sanctions while ultimately retaining its nuclear and non-nuclear power.” (Algemeiner)

**PALESTINIAN STRIKES THREE IDF SOLDIERS WITH VEHICLE IN TERRORIST ATTACK:** A Palestinian terrorist struck and wounded three soldiers as they walked with their unit in Judea & Samaria on Thursday, 6 August, 2015. Two of the soldiers were seriously wounded, and were transported to Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. The third soldier, Lt. Daniel Albaz, was taken to Beilinson Medical Center in Petah Tikva where he described for reporters how the white four-door car plowed into them. "I understood it was a terror attack," he said with his arm in a cast. Albaz explained he was able to shoot the Palestinian driver, whose vehicle then flipped over. The driver, who was seriously wounded, was taken to Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. The soldiers were part of a unit that had been stationed in the area to deal with any issues that might arise in the aftermath of a terrorist attack by Jewish extremists in the nearby village of Duma, which claimed the lives of a Palestinian toddler and the child's father. Palestinian terror groups praised the car-ramming earlier in the day and called for more assaults to "teach the occupation a lesson." "We welcome the brave attack carried out against the Zionists," a Hamas spokesperson said. (J. Post)

**REPORT ON PA EDUCATION SYSTEM SHOWS WIDESPREAD GLORIFICATION OF TERRORISM:** A new report, "Palestinian Authority Education: A Recipe for Hate and Terror," reveals why there won't be peace in the next generation unless this PA education process is immediately reversed. The report includes chapters on names of schools (dozens named after terrorists), school activities (e.g., visiting homes of terrorists), statements and activities of educators (e.g., presenting murderers as role models and promising a world without Israel), schoolbooks, informal education (children reciting poems on kids' TV programs: e.g., Jews are monkeys and pigs; Tel Aviv is "occupied Palestine"), and a chapter with examples of honoring Hitler. (PMW)

**ISIS ABDUCTS CHRISTIANS AT CHURCH:** ISIS terrorists stormed a town in the central Syrian province of Homs over the weekend and took at least 230 people hostage, including dozens of Christians who were attending church. Sources specified the number of abducted Christians could be as high as 150. "People have tried to reach their relatives on their mobile phones with no success," said Demand for Action sources, an organization that campaigns for Christian minorities in the country. "ISIS has said that they have 'arrested' more than 100 Assyrian/Syriacs from the town of Qaryatain in Homs, Syria." The fate of the captives isn't known, but ISIS has executed, both privately and publicly, on video, those considered infidels – like Christians – and those who refuse to swear allegiance to the group. (WND)

**ACTIVISTS: HUNDREDS OF SYRIAN CHRISTIANS FLEE 'ISLAMIC STATE' ADVANCE:** Activists issued a mass appeal Saturday, 8 August, 2015 to call attention to the fate of hundreds of Christian families said to be fleeing Islamist extremist fighters in central Syria. 'ISIS' has gained more ground in central Syria, capturing the villages of Moheen and Houreen from the Syrian army, said the head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. As a result, "hundreds of families" are imperiled by the fighters' advance. "Now Sadad, which has a population of 5,000 people, is in danger," said an additional human rights spokesman. He added that Sadad's residents were fleeing towards the government-controlled areas in the central province of Homs and the capital, Damascus. ISIS is notorious for mass abuses against non-Sunni Muslim minorities in Syria and Iraq where it controls vast territory. "People are living in fear in the area," the source said. "Many Christians fear what happened to ethnic Yazidis in Iraq and other Christians in ISIS-controlled territory could happen to them: Choosing between fleeing, converting to Islam or death. (DW/Ynet)

**OHIO STATE MARCHING BAND'S NAZI SONG DRAWS JEWISH IRE:** Jewish organizations are livid following reports that members of Ohio State University's marching band published a satirical songbook containing lyrics making fun of Jews being murdered in concentration camps. Both the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center issued scathing condemnations this month after The Wall Street Journal published selections from the book. One song, titled Goodbye Kramer and set to the music of the song Don't Stop Believing, contained lyrics such as "small town Jew who took the cattle train to you know where," "head to the furnace room, 'b out to meet your fiery doom," and "oh the baking never ends, it goes on and on and on." A project of the marching band, the songbook was passed around by members with a warning that it should not be shared with outsiders. Administrators discovered its existence following an investigation. The Journal report cited the university as saying the songbook reflected the sort of "shocking behavior" the school is "committed to eradicating." The condemnation was welcomed by the ADL. (J.Post)

**EGYPT UNVEILS SUEZ CANAL EXTENSION:** Egyptian President el-Sissi presided Thursday, 6 August, 2015 over the unveiling of a major extension of the Suez Canal, saying its completion was the first step toward economic recovery. The new extension involved digging and dredging along 45 miles of the 120-mile canal, making a parallel waterway to facilitate two-way traffic. The project was funded entirely by Egyptians, millions of whom bought canal bonds. (AP)

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