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IDF PUTS FINISHING TOUCHES ON MASS EVACUATION PLAN IN CASE OF WAR WITH HEZBOLLAH: Israeli authorities have already made contingency plans in the eventuality that hostilities are re-ignited with the terrorist group Hezbollah just over the northern border in Lebanon. According to the latest emergency preparations formulated by the IDF, residents of the northern frontier towns that are in closest vicinity to the border will be evacuated. These communities would instead be used to quarter soldiers from elite units. The decision to evacuate civilians in the North stems from expert assessments according to which the next round of fighting with Hezbollah will seriously disrupt the daily routine within Israel. Military planners are in the final stages of putting together detailed evacuation plans, which are due to be soon submitted to the political-civilian leadership for approval.

The plan calls for residents from the North to be housed in hostels and motels. Never in the history of the state have authorities deemed it necessary to vacate civilians from their homes during conflict. "The threat level in the North has essentially changed, and the enemy with whom we are required to deal is no longer the same," an IDF official told Israeli media sources. "This set of circumstances requires a different kind of preparation for the soldier whose job it is to protect towns, both on the professional level as well as on the mental level." (Jerusalem Post)

ISIS AFFILIATE IN GAZA CLAIMS FAILED ROCKET LAUNCH ON FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR: Terrorists in Gaza attempted to fire a rocket at the Ashkelon region Tuesday morning, 1 September, 2015 triggering Israel's rocket alarm system. The rocket fell inside the confines of Gaza. The attempted attack was claimed by Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis, also known as the Sinai Province of ISIS. The timing of the rocket fire from Gaza coincided with the start of the new school year in Israel with some 2.2 million students entering classrooms. Yair Farjoun, the head of the Hof Ashkelon

Regional Council where the rocket sirens sounded on Tuesday, said schools were opening as usual. Farjoun called on the Defense Ministry to immediately increase protection against rockets for the educational institutions in his regional council. Two rockets, fired by Gaza terrorists on Tuesday night, likewise exploded on the Gaza side of the border. Palestinian Authority-based media reported that one of the rockets exploded in the vicinity of a home, causing casualties. The incident marked the second time in less than 24 hours that Gaza terrorists unsuccessfully attempted to fire rockets on Israel. (J.PostINN)

IDF: HAMAS SEIZING GAZAN CONSTRUCTION IMPORTS FOR ATTACK TUNNEL BUILDING: Hamas is seizing construction imports to the Gaza Strip and using the materials to build tunnels to attack Israel, the IDF's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Maj.-Gen. Yoav Mordechai told Palestinian media sources this week. Mordechai said that Hamas is seizing large quantities of wood and other materials, designed for civilian construction projects in the Strip. He accused the terrorists of delaying Gaza's recovery from last year's 50-day war with Israel. "Hamas operatives have forcefully taken over storage facilities housing construction imports, and seized them for the organization's underground infrastructure," said Mordechai . Israel has allowed the entrance of 1,700,000 tons of construction material for civilian rebuilding since the war, he added. (J. Post)

PALESTINIANS: TURNING REFUGEE CAMPS INTO WEAPONS WAREHOUSES: Most of the Palestinian camps in Lebanon and Syria have long served as large weapons warehouses controlled by various militias belonging to different groups. The 120,000 Palestinians living in Ain al-Hilweh are "unfortunate" because they are not being targeted by Israel. Otherwise, there would have been an international outcry and the UN Security Council would have held an emergency session to condemn Israel and call for an immediate cessation of hostilities. Instead, Ain al-Hilweh may soon fall into the hands of Al-Qaeda and ISIS terrorists. The Syrian Army has also been dropping barrel bombs on the camp almost on a weekly basis. But because Israel cannot be blamed, Palestinians killing Palestinians is not something that the international media and community are interested in. For the past two weeks, dozens of Palestinian families from Ain al-Hilweh have fled their homes after fierce clashes that erupted between rival terrorist groups. The UN Security Council has clearly not heard of the fighting in Ain al-Hilweh. That is why it has not even issued a statement expressing "concern" over the plight of the Palestinians in the camp. (Gatestone)

PAKISTANI MUSLIMS TO REFUGEES: CONVERT, OR BECOME SLAVES: Heavy flooding in Pakistan has washed away thousands of homes – and the Pakistani government has responded curiously: It has offered aid to homeless Muslim families, but ignores hundreds of Christians facing the same plight. As if that were not enough, Muslim charities then stepped up to the plate with an offer they hoped the Christians couldn't refuse: "Convert and we'll help you, or you'll remain homeless and we'll enslave you to boot." Specifically, the Muslims are threatening to turn the homeless Christians into bonded servants, essentially a form of modern-day slavery. Among the thousands of

homes destroyed by flooding this summer in the Kasur region of Pakistan were those belonging to more than 60 Christian families. The Muslims were provided with temporary shelter, clean water and food by the government and Muslim charities – while the Christians were not. Christians were told to renounce their religion and convert to Islam if they wanted to receive aid, but that they rejected this choice. The Muslims then offered them another option by which they could receive aid: "Become our bonded servants." This offer was not categorically rejected and several families have already now signed contracts, which have now made them slaves for their Muslim landlords. (Arutz-7)

UK: LOCAL MUSLIMS PERSECUTE CONVERTS FROM ISLAM: Two British converts from Islam have been plagued by the persistent presence of mobs outside of their home in Bradford. After Nissar Hussain and his wife converted from Islam to Christianity in 1996, they have been harassed by local Muslims. "We are quite simply living as prisoners in our home and as soon as we try to venture outside we are jeered at, mocked, and sworn at," said Hussain. Years of persecution had forced Hussain's family to move from their home in 2006. But after the couple participated in "Unholy War" - a BBC documentary that highlighted the plight of Muslim converts to Christianity - the family has again been singled out for abuse. Unfortunately, in the UK converts from Islam get little help from the police, local authorities or even other Christians. (Worthy News)

ISRAELI DOCTORS RESTORE EYESIGHT OF 90 ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN KYRGYZSTAN: A group of doctors from Israel restored the eyesight of 90 adults and children in Kyrgyzstan in August, 2015 in an ambitious endeavor undertaken by the Eye from Zion organization. Many of the patients treated last month had been blind for years. Eye from Zion is a volunteer Israeli-Jewish group established to provide medical treatment to underprivileged populations around the world. The organization sends delegations of experienced medical professionals and advanced equipment to places where they are needed most. The delegation remained in Kyrgyzstan for a week and a half to perform complicated procedures such as cornea surgery, plastic surgery, tumor removal and the treatment of cataracts in children. Many patients remain blind only because the doctors in their countries do not possess the know how or the modern means to perform these surgeries. (Israel Hayom)

ISRAEL THE FOURTH-BEST PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY, SURVEY FINDS: The Family Life Index ranks 41 countries according to a variety of factors, including availability of childcare and education, costs of childcare and education, quality of education, family well-being, and leisure activities for children. Israel was topped in the overall Family Life ranking only by Austria, Finland and Sweden - who took first, second and third place respectively. Expats who moved to Israel were more likely than most to have done so in search of "greener pastures," the poll found. The Jewish state did particularly well in the subcategory of "Family Well-Being," ranking third after Australia and Austria. The results are all the more intriguing given that expats living in Israel work the 5th-longest work-week (47.9 hours), but rank among the worst in terms of personal finances (62nd place - above only Finland and Greece) and cost of living (61st place,

above Brazil, Nigeria and Mozambique). Some 34% said their income had decreased since moving to the country. But Israel's family-orientated and child-friendly culture trumped those considerations. (Arutz-7)

DEMOCRATS END SUMMER MEETING WITH NO RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OBAMA'S IRAN DEAL: The Democratic National Committee failed over the weekend to pass a resolution supporting President Obama's Iran nuclear deal, with Congress set to vote on the issue as early as next week. Florida Rep. Debbie Schultz, the committee chairwoman, prevented the resolution from being considered at the group's summer meeting in Minneapolis. Obama and his White House team have worked diligently to get enough Capitol Hill votes for the resolution to pass, amid strong opposition from the Republican-controlled House and Senate. The group failing to pass such a resolution is largely being considered a setback for what would likely become Obama's signature foreign policy victory. Some congressional Democrats who are Jewish also oppose the deal, fearing it will put Israel at greater risk of attack by its bitter rival Iran. If the deal is approved, the United States and five other world powers would lift billions of dollars in crippling economic sanctions on Iran in exchange for the rogue nation curtailing its nuclear-development program. The House and Senate are expected to have enough votes to pass a resolution of disapproval for the deal. However, Obama will almost assuredly veto the resolution, and neither chamber is projected to have the 2/3 majority needed to override the presidential veto. (Fox)

FORMER VP CHENEY LIKENS IRAN DEAL TO MUNICH PACT: Former USA Vice President Dick Cheney and his daughter Liz are blasting the nuclear deal between Iran and the six world powers, likening it to the Munich agreement which paved the way to World War II. The harsh criticism of the deal came in a joint op-ed the two wrote for The Wall St. Journal on Friday, 28 August, 2015. The two wrote that "Allowing the Iranians to continue to enrich uranium and agreeing to the removal of all restraints on their nuclear program in a few short years virtually guarantees that they will become a nuclear-weapons state, thus undermining the fundamental agreement at the heart of the NPT," they warn. "President Obama is unraveling this international structure as part of an agreement that provides a pathway for the world's worst state-sponsor of terror to acquire nuclear weapons. The Obama nuclear agreement with Iran is tragically reminiscent of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's Munich agreement in 1938. Each was negotiated from a position of weakness by a leader willing to concede nearly everything to appease an ideological dictator. Hitler got Czechoslovakia. The mullahs in Tehran get billions of dollars and a pathway to a nuclear arsenal. Munich led to World War II. The Obama agreement will lead to a nuclear-armed Iran, a nuclear-arms race in the Middle East and, more than likely, the first use of a nuclear weapon since Hiroshima and Nagasaki," they warn. (Arutz-7)

GAZANS FLEEING TO ISRAEL, RISKING DEATH TO ESCAPE HAMAS OPPRESSION: A growing number of Palestinians are fleeing the Gaza Strip for Israel, an Israeli news site reported this week. According to the report, the reason for the exodus is the oppressive rule of terror group Hamas, which has controlled the coastal enclave

since 2007. The number of Gazans attempting to make the move has steadily risen since Israel's 50-day war against Hamas terrorists last summer, dubbed Operation Protective Edge. When apprehended by Israeli authorities, the absconders told interrogators about their poor living conditions and the repressive Hamas regime. The IDF interrogations revealed that the refugees are even willing to risk going to prison - or being killed by security forces mistaking them for terrorists - due to widespread hunger and fear of Hamas. The fugitives also said that Hamas was acting to prevent the exit of Palestinians from Gaza into Israel, for fear they will become Israeli collaborators. (Algemeiners)

MAJOR USA INDUSTRIAL UNION JOINS BDS MOVEMENT: A major industrial union in the United States has voted in favor of supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. Citing the Jewish state's "long history of violating the human rights of the Palestinians," the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America have become the first nationwide union to join the boycott against Israel. The UE's national convention met in Baltimore days ago where it voted on several foreign policy issues including the call to boycott Israel as well as support for the Iran nuclear deal. In a statement on the UE's website, the union attacks Israel for its human rights record "starting with the ethnic cleansing of 750,000 Palestinians in 1947-48 that turned most of Palestine into the State of Israel." The goal of endorsing BDS, the union said, was "to pressure Israel to end its apartheid over the Palestinians just as similar tactics helped to end South African apartheid in the 1980s." The UE also called on the USA to cut off financial aid to Israel as well as to issue support for the Palestinian "right to return." (INN)

RIGHT OF RETURN: A BRIEF REVIEW: More than a generation has passed since Arabs fled their homes in 1948 at the behest of Arab leaders who warned they were about to purge the land of Jews. Israel on the other hand encouraged its Arab residents to stay put, promising no harm would come to them due to Israeli military aggression. They chose otherwise and then demanded to return after Israel's miraculous victory over five Arab nations, encouraged by their defeated leaders to cause violence and upheaval from the inside. Understandably, the plan was blocked. Countless opportunities to resettle under better conditions and more UN refugee aid given to the Palestinian people than any other refugee group in history has not budged them from passivity and bitterness. To this day residents of sprawling Palestinian refugee camps, plus their children and in many cases children's children are still claiming international aid and waiting to return to forfeited property. Israel's concerns about demographic imbalance and having to be responsible for resettling over 5 million people (increased from the original 750,000 refugees) who are professed enemies of the Jewish State has made this an impossible condition for peace in the Middle East. (JNN editors)

PLIGHT OF THE JEWS IN ARAB NATIONS AFTER 1948: Thousands upon thousands of Jewish residents in Arab countries were forced to flee their homes following the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. Jewish refugees far outnumbered so called Palestinian refugees who voluntarily left Israel decades ago - having been counseled to do so by Arab warlords - and now clamor for the right to return by the millions and

reclaim land, houses and Israeli citizenship. Jews, on the other hand, suffered the losses, remade their lives and prospered in other lands, mainly in Israel who absorbed and nurtured them. They have not been standing at Arab doors with their hands outstretched, demanding to be let back in and compensated along with their progeny. It is an issue often overlooked as Arab leaders dictate the Palestinian “Right of Return” be agreed to in their long list of unreasonable demands for peace with Israel. (JNN editors)

REPORTS ON THURSDAY CONTINUED TO INDICATE THAT THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND ITS CONGRESSIONAL ALLIES ARE PUSHING FOR A FILIBUSTER OF THE RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL REGARDING THE IRAN DEAL. A senior White House official indicated to The Jerusalem Post that the White House would not oppose efforts made by Democrats in Congress to block a vote. Roll Call reported, “The White House is not explicitly campaigning for a filibuster but it is privately understood to badly want one in order to prevent the Republican-controlled Congress from voting down the deal and requiring the president to use his veto.” Such an occurrence would, the article continued, “send a confusing signal to international audiences about where the United States stands on the agreement and so is something the Obama administration and its proxies are eager to avoid.” The Wall Street Journal’s editorial board criticized a potential filibuster, saying that it would be “using a procedural dodge to avoid voting on the merits of so consequential a deal.”

On Wednesday, Chris Coons (D-Del.) told CNN that “it would be really regrettable if we didn't ultimately go to the floor and cast our votes for or against this deal.” When the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, which calls for congressional review of the Iran deal, was signed in May, President Obama “was pleased that Congress did pass this piece of legislation” but a filibuster would go against the spirit of the legislation. According to a recent Quinnipiac University poll, a majority of American voters oppose the deal, and preventing Congress from voting on it would deny representatives of the American public the ability to represent their constituents’ positions.

HUNDREDS OF FLORIDIANS PROTESTED THE NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN OUTSIDE A COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN ARRIVED TO DELIVER A SPEECH IN FAVOR OF THE AGREEMENT, CBS MIAMI REPORTED TODAY. Carrying signs and waving banners, protestors set up camp near the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie Thursday morning where Vice President Joe Biden met with Jewish community leaders to discuss the administration’s nuclear deal reached with Iran. The vice president’s limo passed several hundred anti-Iran deal protestors gathered on the street across from the center. One was waving a large Israeli flag. Several waved signs which read “Stop Iran Deal”; “Nuke the Deal Before They Nuke Us” and “We need a better deal” According to the Sun Sentinel, nearly 800 people had attended the protest. A Quinnipiac University poll last month showed that Florida voters opposed the nuclear deal by a 61% to 25% margin, while a poll released last week by Secure America Now found that 82% of Americans don’t want Iran to receive sanctions relief without congressional approval. Despite this widespread public opposition, which is reflected in the position of a bipartisan majority in Congress, there is a movement to recruit enough

senators to filibuster the vote over the nuclear agreement. Ben Cohen, senior editor of The Tower, wrote yesterday that a filibuster would “mean that critical reservations about the deal, even among its supporters, will not be articulated in Congress.” Sen. Chris Coons (D – Del.), who earlier this week announced his support of deal, rejected the idea of a filibuster, saying, “I think it would be really regrettable if we didn’t ultimately go to the floor and cast our votes for or against this deal.” (via TheTower.org)

A MEGA ACQUISITION DEAL WORTH ROUGHLY \$929 MILLION OF ISRAELI REPLACEMENT HEART VALVE MAKER VALTECH CARDIO BY HEARTWARE INTERNATIONAL HAS ISRAEL’S STARTUP SECTOR BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT. The US-based heart technology company announced late yesterday that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the privately held Or Yehuda company, which employs just 40 people, and specializes in the development of devices for mitral and tricuspid valve repair and replacement. It is the biggest buy-out of an Israeli medical device company ever, and one of the biggest deals in any industry in Israel. It comes in the wake of a bumper year when in one week alone in January acquisitions of companies including Annapurna Labs, Red Bend Software, CloudOn and others reached \$900 million. “By joining HeartWare, we can more quickly and fully realize the potential of our pipeline technologies and further influence the underpenetrated markets that we serve,” said Amir Gross, founder and CEO of Valtech. Terms of the deal will see Valtech shareholders receive an up-front consideration of 4.4 million shares of HeartWare common stock; 800,000 shares of HeartWare common stock, contingent upon CE Mark approval for Cardioband; and 700,000 shares of HeartWare common stock upon the earlier of first-in-man implants for either Cardioband tricuspid or CardioValve. The deal is said to be worth at least \$929 million. The buy-out is subject to regulatory approvals as well as HeartWare stockholder and Valtech shareholder approvals, the Massachusetts company said. The deal is expected to be closed later this year. (via Israel21c)

WHERE IS ISRAEL ON EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN VOTERS’ LIST OF PRIORITIES? Seventeen Republican presidential candidates are vying for the support of evangelical Christian voters from the swing states of Ohio and Florida, to the cornfields of Iowa, to the small towns of the Deep South. Within the varied spectrum of 2016 election issues such as the economy, immigration, and health care, do evangelicals highly prioritize candidates’ positions on Israel and the Middle East? Major evangelical leaders in America are saying, “Yes.” Tony Perkins-president of the Family Research Council (FRC), a Christian education and lobbying group said days ago, “Studies show us there are approximately 90 million Christians in America who consider their beliefs to be evangelical. Of that number around 9-10 percent have what we call a ‘biblical worldview,’ in that they believe what the scriptures say pertaining to Israel. That’s a large number of voters who can definitely make a difference in a primary or general election.” Perkins said, “Among core evangelical voters, Israel is easily one of the top 10, maybe even the top five issues when considering who to support in a presidential primary. The Old Testament tells us that whoever blesses Israel will be blessed and it’s certainly important to be on the right side of God’s word.” (Algemeiners)

IRAN RENEWS SUPPORT FOR HAMAS TERRORISTS: Iran's foreign ministry days ago reiterated its support for Hamas and other anti-Israel terrorist groups and said that aiding those who "stand against the Zionist regime is a principle of Iran's policy." The Islamic Republic's renewed backing of Hamas comes amid reports that relations between the two have been strained in recent months. However, Iran made clear this week that it will continue to back terrorist entities that seek Israel's destruction. "Iran's support for all resistance groups continues similar to the past," said Marzieh Afkham, a spokeswoman for Iran's foreign ministry, to reporters in Tehran when asked whether the country's position on Hamas had shifted. Afkham went on to stress that "supporting members of the resistance front and those who stand against the Zionist regime is a principle of Iran's policy." Iran's renewed interest in and public support for Hamas is another sign that the Islamic Republic has no intention of moderating its extremist views in light of the recently secured nuclear deal, which officials in the Obama administration claimed would bring Iran into the global community of nations. (Worthy News)

UN TO DECIDE SEPTEMBER 15 ON WHETHER TO RAISE PALESTINIAN FLAG AT HEADQUARTERS: A draft resolution was presented to the United Nations on Thursday, 27 August, 2015 to request that the Palestinian flag be raised the next time world leaders convene at UN headquarters. The resolution was presented in advance of the annual 193-nation UN General Assembly set for 25 September, 2015. A vote on the resolution, sponsored by 21 countries, will take place September 15. Among the co-sponsors are Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Algeria and Jordan. Both the Vatican and Palestinians have observer status at the UN and are not considered to be full members. Currently, only member states' flags fly at UN headquarters. UN diplomats say the United States and Israel, which do not recognize Palestinian statehood, would likely be irked by any move to fly the Palestinian flag at UN headquarters. One Foreign Ministry official in Jerusalem dismissed the resolution as a "cheap and unnecessary gimmick." (Jerusalem Post)

POPE FRANCIS SENDS SUPPORT, THANKS TO AUTHOR OF GAY CHILDREN'S BOOK: Pope Francis has sent his blessing to a lesbian author of children's books dealing with same-sex families, wishing her and her wife well in their work, it emerged on Friday, 28 August, 2015. The author told reporters she had been pleasantly surprised to have received such a positive response. Francesca Pardi, who writes and publishes books such as "Why you have two mummies", wrote to Francis in June after the publishing company she runs with her wife came under fire from Christian groups. She included examples of her works, some of which have recently been controversially withdrawn from nurseries and primary schools in Venice. "My books present different types of families without setting any of them up as a model," Pardi told media sources, praising the pope for having responded in a manner that showed "respect and dignity" towards her, her wife and their four children. In his message, the pope wished the two women "ever more fruitful work in the service of young generations and in spreading authentic human and Christian values." (News Max)

‘JEWS HAVE TOO MUCH POWER AND MUST BE STOPPED,’ KANSAS SHOOTER TELLS JURY: Frazier Glenn Cross, 74, a white supremacist charged with killing three people outside two Jewish centers in Kansas last year asked a jury on Friday, 28 August, 2015 to find him not guilty because he was acting on the belief that Jews have too much power and must be stopped. He also is charged with the attempted murder of three others. Cross has pleaded not guilty to all the charges. The former member of the Ku-Klux-Klan, who is representing himself in the trial, admitted to jurors on Friday that he killed a man, woman and teenage boy and tried to kill more people during a shooting spree on the eve of the Jewish Passover holiday. None of the victims were Jewish but Cross said he did not know that at the time. He said he believes Jews have committed genocide against white people, and control both the media and Wall Street to the detriment of white Americans. "I had no criminal intent, I had a patriotic intent to stop genocide against my people. I hate Jews," Cross said. "They are the ones who destroy us." (Jerusalem Post)

NETANYAHU: ISRAEL’S CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD OVERSHADOW EFFORTS TO ISOLATE IT: Israel's PM Benjamin Netanyahu was in Italy on Thursday, 27 August, and visited the 2015 Expo in Milan. At Israel's exhibition at the convention, he said that Israel's technological and agricultural developments to improve the world are stronger than all the attempts to boycott and isolate it: "This is stronger than any attempt to push us to the margins, because we are center-stage in agriculture, scientific innovations, technology, and creating a better future for everyone." Israel's exhibit at the conference is showcasing Israel's technological and agricultural advancements, and the Prime Minister expressed that not only have the conference attendees (about a million people) seen these innovations, but that millions around the world have personally benefited from these advances – in India, China, Latin America and Africa. Regarding Israel's water desalination innovations, Netanyahu said "we have ten times more population than we had when the state was founded 67 years ago and we have half the rainfall. Yet Israel has no water problems because we were able to solve this with all these techniques." Additionally, Netanyahu said that Israel was sharing that information with people across the globe "so they can have water, they can have crops, and they can have cows that give a lot more milk." (i24)

JNF HOSTING WATER SUMMITS ACROSS USA TO SHARE ISRAELI EXPERTISE: Jewish National Fund (JNF) has announced that it will host a series of water summits across the United States starting in October, 2015 and concluding in June of 2016, in order to share Israel’s drought solutions with American communities. Seth M. Siegel, author of the upcoming book *Let There Be Water: Israel’s Solution for a Water-Starved World*, will be the keynote speaker at the conferences. "We are on the brink of a global water crisis and California’s drought is only the beginning," Siegel said. "The American government predicts that 40 of our 50 states—and 60% of the Earth’s land surface—will soon face alarming gaps between the supply and growing demand for water. Without immediate action, food prices will rise, economic growth will slow, and political instability is likely to follow."

I thought that rather than just laying out the problem, concerned citizens and policymakers would want to have a model for what actually works and how we can blunt the worst of this coming water crisis. Israel is that model.” Laureine Greenbaum, chair of JNF’s National Water Task Force, said, “For many years, JNF has worked to help bolster Israel’s water economy by developing alternative water sources and advancing Israeli agriculture while improving the environmental water quality and saving the country millions every year. We are so happy to partner with Seth on these summits to heighten American awareness on this relevant and urgent issue.” (Algemeiner)

BEER SHEVA TO BUILD BIGGEST ARTIFICIAL LAKE IN ISRAEL:

Construction to build Israel's largest man-made lake, spanning 90 dunams, in the southern city of Beer Sheva began recently, the Israeli Ynet news site reported Friday, 28 August, 2015. The lake will be filled with high quality reclaimed water from the city's water treatment facility and will feature a range of fish, swans and small boats. Work on the lake is set for completion in 2018. The construction is an important and central step in the project to develop a large park in the Beer Sheva River area, which will include a body of water spanning 90 dunams, a boardwalk, bike and running paths, a central island, a bird island, a pier and bridges, unique water fountains, three picnic areas, 15 dunams of decking, meeting areas, commercial areas, restaurants, cafes and restrooms, as well as large grass fields for the public at large to enjoy. (Ynet)



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