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Hamas's Sinwar Threatens a 'Regional, Religious War' if Al-Aqsa is Again 'Violated'; In a speech Saturday night, April 30, filled with murderous threats and denunciations of Israel, Hamas's Gaza leader Yahya Sinwar said the terror group "will not hesitate to take any steps" if Israel violates the Al-Aqsa Mosque. "Our people must prepare for a great battle if the occupation does not cease its aggression against the Al-Aqsa Mosque," Sinwar said. "Violating Al-Aqsa and Jerusalem means a regional, religious war," he said. Gesturing at a photo behind him of Israeli police inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Sinwar threatened violence against synagogues around the world if the action were repeated. "Whoever makes the decision to allow this photo to be repeated, the violation of Al-Aqsa — he has decided to allow the violation of thousands of synagogues all across the world," Sinwar said.

Iran Backs All Groups That Are Ready to Fight Israel; Iranian officials threatened Israel on Friday, April 29, as thousands of Iranians marched in Tehran to mark "Al-Quds Day," The Associated Press reported. Friday was the first time such marches were held since before the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. Al-Quds Day was declared in 1979 by Ayatollah Khomeini, the leader of the Iranian Revolution. It is marked throughout the Middle East and in countries around the world, including the United States. During Al-Quds Day, rallies are held around the world and are used to incite against Israelis and Jews. Demonstrators chanted "Death to Israel" and "Death to America" and set fire to American, British, and Israeli flags during Friday's rally, according to AP. Iranian state TV later showed a variety of ballistic missiles on display at the rally, describing them as "Israel hitters." The head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's expeditionary force, known as the Quds force, said that Iran backs all groups ready to fight Israel. "We support any front that is formed against this criminal regime, and we will support any community that is ready to fight this criminal regime," Gen. Esmail Ghaani said at a speech in the northeastern city of Mashhad.

Ahead of Memorial Day: 24,068 Fallen IDF Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism; Ahead of Memorial Day, which begins on Tuesday night, May 3, the Ministry of Defense publishes the number of fallen IDF soldiers and victims of terrorism from 1860 to the present day: 24,068. From Memorial Day last year and until today, 56 people have been added to the tally, as well as another 84 handicapped people who died as a result of their disability and were recognized during the year as IDF casualties. The Department

of Families and Commemoration at the Ministry of Defense, which is responsible for the Memorial Day events, has completed the preparation of the 52 military cemeteries, the Memorial Monument to the Bedouin Warriors at Hamovil junction, hundreds of military burial plots, and thousands of graves scattered in various localities from Kiryat Shmona to Eilat. The works included renovation, accessibility, maintenance, cleaning, landscaping as well as polishing and replacing damaged or old tombstones. In recent weeks, the department's employees have initiated calls to the bereaved families in preparation for Memorial Day, in order to provide any assistance they may need.

More Mariupol Residents Died in Russian Invasion than Under Nazi Occupation; "In two months, the Russian army killed twice as many people in Mariupol than the Nazis did in the two years of occupying the city during World War II," said Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko in a Telegram message on Saturday, April 30. "In two years, the Nazis killed 10,000 civilians in Mariupol. And the Russian occupiers in two months killed more than 20 thousand Mariupol residents. More than 40,000 people were forcibly deported. This is one of the worst genocides of civilians in modern history. The Russian army is purposefully and ruthlessly destroying our city and its inhabitants," he continued. The United Nations is conducting a "safe passage operation" for civilians from the Azovstal steelworks in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, a spokesperson for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said on Sunday. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed that about 100 people were being evacuated. Mariupol's Azovstal steel plant, which has served as the last bastion for pro-Ukraine fighters, has been shown to be "significantly destroyed" by Russian attacks. Photos show damaged roofs and buildings reduced to rubble.

True Faith. Incredible Hardship; Ambushed and stoned by terrorists. In self-defense, he responded by shooting at the ground to drive them away. A few years later, in 2002, Boaz tragically lost his wife and 3 of their children in a separate terror attack. Still, Boaz is such an inspiration to us—having lived through tragedies that most of us will never experience, yet keeping an optimistic and positive outlook on life.

Israeli Population at 9.5 million Ahead of 74th Independence Day; Just ahead of the celebration of Israel's 74th anniversary, the population of the Jewish state stands at 9,506,000, the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) announced Sunday, May 1. That includes nearly 7.02 million Jews, accounting for 73.9 percent of the population; 2 million Arabs, just over one-fifth of the population; and 478,000 members of other groups, amounting to 5% of the population. About 79% of Israel's Jews are native-born. Since last year's Independence Day, 191,000 babies were born, 55,000 people died, and 38,000 people immigrated to the country, according to CBS. A considerable percentage of the immigrants who have arrived in the past year are from Ukraine, Russia, and surrounding areas. This was the largest number of new immigrants to reach Israel's shores in 20 years, according to the Jewish Agency, the quasi-governmental organization tasked with encouraging and facilitating immigration to Israel. Roughly half of the 38,000 immigrants came from Ukraine and Russia, overwhelmingly in the last two months since Moscow launched its invasion. The remaining 19,000 or so immigrants came from the United States, France, Belarus, Argentina, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, Ethiopia, and Canada, among other countries, the Jewish Agency said. "Every Jew and Jewess who immigrates to Israel contributes to the resilience of the state and the strength of Israeli society," the acting chairman of the Jewish Agency said in a statement. Overall, the Israeli population increased by some 176,000 people, amounting to a 1.9% rise.

Israel, UAE to Collaborate on Beresheet 2 Moon Mission; Israeli space company SpaceIL signed an agreement with the United Arab Emirates to cooperate on a joint mission to the moon in 2024, according to the Technion UK. The mission, called Beresheet 2 in a reference to the Book of Genesis is one of many new collaborations between the two countries following the signing of the Abraham Accords normalization agreement. It follows the original Beresheet spacecraft launch in 2019, which failed when

the craft crash-landed. SpaceIL called the Beresheet 2 mission "the first scientific-technological project to create a common history for the two peoples: the flags of Israel and the Emirates on the moon," adding that "it is about creating a model for cooperation between the two peoples in many aspects — technological, scientific and educational — which will deepen the connection between the countries and serve as inspiration for further cooperation between Israel and all Arab countries." "The company is committed to promoting science and science education, as well as regional peace via cooperation with "peace-loving and space-seeking countries," SpaceIL CEO Shimon Sarid said. The mission is projected to cost \$100 million and would be the first double moon landing in the same mission and the launch of the smallest spacecraft ever, according to Technion UK, which it says is the leading British organization promoting education, science, and technology through the support of the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology Public Research University in Haifa. One of the orbiters will remain in space for five years so that scientific research can continue, the Technion added.

Israeli Tech Firm Says it Can Delete Your Digital Footprint; Three young Israelis formerly serving in military cyber units have figured out how to locate your digital footprint — and give you the tools to delete it. The company Mine, co-founded by Gal Ringel, Gal Golan, and Kobi Nissan, says it uses artificial intelligence to show users where their information is being stored — like whether an online shoe store kept your data after a sneaker purchase three years ago. Ringel said Mine's technology has already been used by one million people worldwide, with over 10 million "right to be forgotten" requests sent to companies using the firm's platform. Mine launched after the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) — now an international reference point — set out key rights for users, including the deletion of personal data that was shared with a site for a limited purpose. The company's AI technology scans the subject lines of users' emails and flags where data is being stored. Individuals can then decide which information they want deleted and use Mine's email template to execute their right to be forgotten.

Eight-Year-Old Israeli Wins European Chess Championship; Noam Sason from Ganei Tikva won on Friday, April 29, the European school chess championship for children under 9 years of age in Rhodes, Greece. Sason, 8, won the top spot for his age group after a long match with a player from Turkey. He won seven out of nine games in the championship against competitors from Turkey, Greece, Georgia, Romania, and Ukraine. The player from the club "Chess4All" adds the championship to a growing list of accomplishments. By the end of 2019, Sason won the Israeli championship for the under-6 group by winning six out of six matches. Before the COVID-19 outbreak at the beginning of 2020, Sason won first place in an international competition for children under age 8 in southern England. Chess4All is an Israeli organization that encourages children to learn the game of chess as well as its culture and to develop learning and decision-making skills while mastering the game.

IDF Fires Dozens of Shells at Targets in Lebanon After Rocket Attack on Israel; The Israel Defense Forces said early Monday, April 25, that it attacked targets in Lebanon after a rocket was fired into Israel earlier in the night. "IDF artillery is now attacking targets in Lebanon and firing at the launch area in retaliation for the rocket fired into Israeli territory," the IDF said in an initial statement. Later it said it struck the launch area with dozens of artillery shells, as well as "an infrastructure target," without elaborating further. The rocket that was fired into Israel from Lebanon landed in an open area near Kibbutz Matzuva, close to the border, without causing damage or injuries. Hezbollah-linked media in Lebanon also reported that a rocket had been fired toward Israel, from an area between the towns of Qlaileh and Maaliyeh, southeast of Tyre. No rocket warning sirens sounded in Israel as the rocket landed in an open area, and the military said that alert levels in the area remain "normal." The United Nations peacekeeping force along the border, UNIFIL, urged restraint.

Iran Increased Military Spending in Past Year; Tehran has raised its military budget for the first time in four years, a report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) found. Iran raised its military budget to \$24.6 billion in 2021, an increase of 11%, the report said, despite ongoing economic problems in the country because of years of sanctions imposed on the Islamic Republic by the United States. Last year SIPRI said Iran's military spending fell by 3% to \$15.8b., part of a downward trend that began in 2018 when the sanctions over the country's nuclear activities were reinstated. Between 2018 and 2020, Iran's military spending fell by 20%. In December, Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi submitted a budget bill that more than doubled the amount allocated to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for the fiscal year 2022 (which began March 31), allocating the organization 930 trillion rials (\$22b.). Meanwhile, Iran's conventional army was allocated 339.68 trillion rials (US \$8b.) for 2022. Iran also increased its military spending by 11%, making the country one of the largest military spenders in 2021.

Israel's Cyber Directorate Issues Annual Warning Ahead of Iran's 'Jerusalem Day'; Israel's National Cyber Directorate issued its annual warning on Sunday, April 24, against possible cyberattacks to mark Iran's Quds Day and the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Iran initiated Quds Day, or Jerusalem Day, in 1979, the year of the Islamic Revolution. It commemorates the day with anti-Israel speeches, events and threats to "liberate" Jerusalem from Israeli control. The possible breaches of Israeli websites are expected on or around April 29 this year, and are coordinated by anti-Israel hackers around the world under the banner "#OPJerusalem." In previous years, the day was marked by website breaches that spread anti-Israel messaging, cyberattacks on companies that host and maintain a large number of websites to maximize the impact of the breach, as well as attempted hacks into organizations' systems and information leaks, the directorate said Sunday. In 2020, various affected websites displayed a video simulating Israeli cities being bombed and messages threatening the destruction of the Jewish state. This year, OPJerusalem operations come amid high tensions in the Israeli capital surrounding the Temple Mount compound, where police have repeatedly clashed with Palestinian rioters in recent weeks.

At Cairo Summit, Leaders of Jordan, Egypt, UAE Discuss Jerusalem Tensions; Jordan's King Abdullah met in Cairo on Sunday, April 24, with Egyptian President Abdel-Fatteh el-Sissi and United Arab Emirates Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. A statement from the Jordanian Royal Court said that the three leaders discussed trilateral ties, current challenges and crises, as well as bolstering joint Arab action and regional cooperation on food and energy security. They also discussed the ongoing tensions surrounding Jerusalem's Temple Mount, with the three "stressing their countries' readiness to exert all efforts to restore calm in Jerusalem, end all forms of escalation, and remove obstacles impeding worshippers' access." Israel has faced tensions with its Muslim allies, including diplomatic rebukes by the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, and Turkey in connection to tensions on the Temple Mount. Israel's ambassadors to Jordan and the UAE were both summoned for a dressing down last week by their host countries after police entered the flashpoint Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount multiple times to quash Palestinian riots. During Sunday's meeting, Abdullah also called on Israel to maintain the religious status quo on the Temple Mount and "emphasized the importance of respecting the Hashemite Custodianship" of holy sites in the capital. The king also "stressed the need to respect the historical and legal status quo" at the holy site. Jordan has accused Israel of violating the status quo at the site, under which Muslims are allowed to visit and pray while Jews cannot pray and may only visit during restricted time slots. Israel insists that it is committed to the status quo and is safeguarding the rights of followers of all three religions in Jerusalem. The three leaders also urged Israel to "stop all measures that undermine the two-state solution" and to find a way to return to serious negotiations with the Palestinians.

Death Threat to Jews Chanted Openly at Rallies Across the UK; Crowds in anti-Israel protests in the United Kingdom have repeatedly chanted Arabic death threats to Jews while police do nothing, a JC investigation has revealed. UK's Jewish community leaders say the police do not wish to enforce the law

even as protesters shout out clear death threats at demonstrations against Israel across the UK. Officers and prosecutors have acknowledged the anti-Semitic cry is criminal incitement to racial hatred, with a penalty of up to seven years in jail, yet no action has been taken. The chant, “Khaybar, Khaybar Ya Yahud, Jaish Mohammed Sauf Ya’ud” translates to “Watch Out Jews, Remember Khaybar, the Army of Mohammed is returning.” “Khaybar” refers to a massacre of Jews said to have been carried out at Khaybar in Arabia in 628 CE. The chant was heard in seven separate rallies last year, all of which took place across Britain during the conflict in May between Israel and Hamas.

Approximately Half of All Israelis Fear a Second Holocaust; Almost half of all Israelis worry that a second Holocaust could occur, devastating the Jewish People, a new survey shows. The survey, conducted by the Penina movement in advance of Holocaust Memorial Day, was published in the Israel Hayom newspaper, and included many startling findings related to the concerns and fears of average Israelis. The ongoing threat from the Iranian regime, which has signaled its desire on many occasions to wipe out the Jewish state, seems to play a key role in heightening fears of a new Holocaust. The survey also found that women tend to be more fearful of a second Holocaust than men (55 percent versus 42 percent) and that younger Israelis are more fearful; 24 percent of Israelis under the age of 24 said that they were very worried about a second Holocaust, as opposed to just 12 percent of Israelis over the age of 45. Another interesting finding was that 23 percent of Israelis who define themselves as haredim responded that they were very concerned about the likelihood of another Holocaust, as opposed to just 11 percent of Israelis who define themselves as secular. The survey also found that most Israelis see Holocaust Memorial Day being marked very differently in years to come. When asked how they thought the day would be marked in another 30 years' time, 45 percent of respondents said that it would be marked by events alone; 13 percent of respondents thought that it would not be marked at all and would be just another day. On the other hand, 16 percent of respondents thought that the day would become even more significant over time, and another 26 percent said that it would remain much the same as it is now. Classified according to age, the survey found that 21 percent of Israelis between the ages of 35 and 45 thought that Holocaust Memorial Day would cease to be marked in another 30 years, as opposed to just 12 percent of Israelis over the age of 65 who made the same prediction.

The Satanic Temple Sues Pennsylvania School over After-School Club Denial; The Satanic Temple is suing a Pennsylvania elementary school after its school board voted against the introduction of an After School Satan Club last week. The Satanic Temple filed a lawsuit on constitutional grounds against Northern Elementary School in York, Pennsylvania, according to local ABC outlet KTUL. Mathew Kezhaya, the general counsel for The Satanic Temple, said the lawsuit intends to litigate whether the Northern York County School Board discriminated against the organization by not allowing them to start an after school club when other organizations are allowed to. "The First Amendment prohibits a government from considering the popularity of communicative activity when determining whether to facilitate that communicative activity on equal terms with other, similarly situated, groups," he said. Kezhaya said each part of the lawsuit could be time-consuming, taking from 18 months to two years to complete. Lucien Greaves, the Satanic Temple spokesperson, previously told Fox News about the clubs, "I'm hoping that with our presence, people can see that good people can have different perspectives, sometimes on the same mythology, but not mean any harm." "The After School Satan Club is an after-school program that promotes self-directed education by supporting the intellectual and creative interests of students," the Satanic Temple states on its website. "If they deny us the use of a public facility, which they have no right to do it'll have to move into litigation, costly litigation that the community is going to have to pay for," Greaves said.

Bennett, Lapid Congratulate ‘Friend of Israel’ Macron on Election Win; Israeli leaders have sent their congratulations to French President Emmanuel Macron who was reelected on Sunday, April 24.

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid tweeted congratulations to his “good friend” Macron. “President Macron is an important leader of the global center and a true friend of Israel. We’ll continue to work together to strengthen cooperation between our countries,” he wrote. Lapid and Macron have a friendship stretching back to when they both entered politics, with the former as finance minister and the latter as economy minister. They have much in common politically. Both established successful centrist parties built to a great extent around their own personalities. Lapid met with Macron in November to discuss the nuclear talks between world powers and Iran.

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