



## Heroism and Malevolence

As we think about the upcoming Passover holiday and the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from Egypt, it is appropriate to reflect on the state of the Jewish people at this very difficult and fraught time. We are living in the post-October 7th world with Israeli hostages still being held by Hamas in Gaza – and the memory of the horrific murders and kidnappings of October 7th linger with us and will never be forgotten.

We also need to do some stock taking to determine who some of our heroes are and who are some of the malevolent people and organizations are who have contributed to the appalling rise of anti-Semitism hatred of the State of Israel. Regretfully, Israel and the Jewish people have many detractors. However, we can not lessen our desire to fight against this irrational and destructive hatred.

### SOME OF OUR HEROES:

1. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik – has been a champion of Israel and a fighter against Anti-Semitism. It is very sad news that her name has been withdrawn by the White House as Ambassador to the United Nations. Her incredible demeanor and questioning of the University Presidents at Congressional hearings is a testament to her courage and bravery in the face of the incredible cowardice of those University Presidents who felt that Anti-Semitism is all about “context” –

how shameful.

2. Secretary of State Marco Rubio – He has been clear as can be: “POTUS was clear – Hamas MUST release ALL hostages NOW!”. His moral courage sets an example for all of us.

3. Hillel Neuer – Executive Director of UN Watch – has been a ferocious tiger at the UN and UN agencies to fight against the moral depravity of these institutions. Most recently he requested that “the Human Rights Council not renew the three-year term of Ms. Francesca Albanese, the Special Rapporteur on the Palestinian territories, when it expires on April 1, 2025”. He has fought for Israel and against Anti-Semitism in institutional settings in which he is vilified. For example, he was “twice interrupted and ultimately silenced while attempting to speak out against Albanese during the Council’s plenary debate in March”. He is taking abuse for the Jewish people and for Israel. As for UNRWA, he said, “UNRWA is perpetuating war. It must be dismantled”. His tenacity is an example to all of us. Says Neuer, “[w]e have to light the candle of truth, and ... we’ll never give up”.

4. The Hostages – All of them – what courage and suffering. We must think of them on Passover – those still in captivity – and even those who have been released who must deal with the trauma of their kidnapping, and the pain of the families who lost loved ones or who do not know the fate of their family members still held in Gaza.

### SOME OF THE MALEVOLENT ACTORS:

1. The United Nations, ICC, ICJ, UNRWA, UN Human Rights Council, etc. – These institutions seem to exist solely to perpetuate hatred against Israel. Their discussions and debates follow the same general pattern – unceasing statements against the State of Israel. The ICC issued a bogus arrest warrant for Prime Minister Netanyahu. The ICJ issued a legally baseless opinion about Israel and genocide. UNRWA is an actual supporter of Hamas and UNRWA personnel participated in the October 7th murders. The UN Human Rights Council is anything but with its most honored members being China, Cuba and Qatar. “As of 2024, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has adopted 108 resolutions condemning Israel—over one-third of all country-specific resolutions passed by the Council. This figure is disproportionate compared to resolutions against known human rights violators such as Iran, Syria, and Yemen. (Source: Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, April 5, 2024)” Indeed the UNHRC has been called an “Anti-Israel Circus Supporting Terrorism”. Luckily the US withdrew from the UNHRC in February, 2025.

2. Hamas – They had children attend a sickening ceremony where the bodies of the Bibas children were returned to Israel. They had murdered babies and had children on hand for a party, for a celebration. Indeed, parents even brought

their small children to this sick event. This is beneath all human decency and behavior. They actually are not human – plain and simple – and don’t deserve any further discussion. All of the hostages (and bodies of dead hostages) must be released and turned over NOW!

3. The Campus Demonstrators Against Israel – Prime Minister Netanyahu recently observed that “[a]t MIT where I went to school, and nearby Harvard, and Columbia in New York, and elsewhere, people are demonstrating with passion. These ignorant demonstrators. Who are they demonstrating for – for these murderers, these rapists, these mass killers. This is a reflection of a deep rot that has pervaded the intellectual hub of free societies and this vilification of Israel the Jewish people and Western values has been propagated by a systemic alliance between the ultra-Progressive left and radical Islam. It must be resolutely fought by civilized societies to safeguard their future”.

With the advent of the Passover holiday, and its celebration of liberation, let us hope that we will be liberated from the fear, violence and antipathy that has plagued us since October 7th. Let us also hope and pray for the State of Israel and its people, who face countless challenges and dangers in a turbulent region. There is one Jewish State – and we must stand up for Israel at all times.

