



Rabbinic Recap

The week ending November 6, 2015

U.S. – ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

Bipartisan Resolution Condemning PA Incitement against Israel Passes House of Representatives

On Oct. 22, the U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously to pass a bipartisan resolution (H. Res. 293) condemning the recent wave of Palestinian terrorism in Israel. Authored by Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Ted Deutch (D-FL), the resolution condemns the terrorist attacks and urges Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas and other PA officials to discontinue all official incitement and exert influence to discourage such activity within Palestinian civil society. The resolution also expresses support for individuals and organizations working to encourage cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians, and directs the State Department to monitor and publish information about incitement by the PA. "The House has sent a clear message to Palestinian leadership that its anti-Israel incitement causing so much of the recent tension, violence, and terror will no longer be tolerated. There should be no doubt that the Palestinian Authority sets the tone with its incitement, resulting in the recent wave of attacks that we're seeing against innocent Israeli civilians," said Rep. Ros-Lehtinen. Rep. Deutch said, "I am proud to have been a leading sponsor of this important resolution that passed today. For too long, we have witnessed leaders in the Palestinian Authority resort to anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement. This recent wave of terror attacks in Israel is a direct result of incitement by Palestinian leaders accusing Israel of changing the status quo on the Temple Mount. These false accusations send a dangerous message that violence and acts of terrorism are acceptable and even justified. It is well past time for President Abbas to stand up and condemn all acts of violence, rather than encouraging violence by glorifying terrorists and teaching children to view Israelis as animals." Since mid-Sept., there has been a wave of Palestinian terror throughout the state of Israel. In that span, at least nine Israelis have been killed and over a hundred more wounded.

[Please email your representative to thank him/her for passing the bipartisan resolution condemning Palestinian incitement.](#)

AIPAC Statement: 369 House Members Call on President Abbas to End Incitement and Violence

AIPAC applauds the bipartisan group of 369 representatives who publicly called on Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to repudiate violence and end incitement against innocent Israeli citizens. The House members [signed a letter](#) initiated by Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) and Ranking Member Eliot Engel (D-NY).

Inflammatory and baseless remarks about the Temple Mount made by President Abbas and other Palestinian leaders have helped create an incendiary atmosphere resulting in death and injuries to scores of Israelis. The letter to President Abbas reads, "Unless immediate action is

taken to end incitement and bring the situation under control, this escalating violence – including stabbings, shootings and other terrorist acts – will undermine the prospects of a two-state solution.” It specifically urges President Abbas to take concrete steps to avoid further violence, including ending incitement, continuing security cooperation with Israel and agreeing to unconditionally renew direct talks with the Israelis.

ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS

UPDATED: Palestinian Attacks on Israeli Citizens

Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israelis citizens have left at least nine dead and over a hundred wounded. Below is a timeline of major attacks since Oct. 31.

Nov. 3: Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers detained a Palestinian man armed with a knife and an improvised explosive device next to the Gilboa Crossing.

Nov. 2: A 71-year-old Israeli man was seriously hurt in a stabbing attack in Netanya. The Palestinian attacker was shot and subdued while attempting to flee. Three Israelis – including an 80-year-old woman – were wounded in a separate stabbing attack in Rishon Lezion. At a gas station near the Gilboa crossing in the West Bank, two Palestinians attempted to stab a soldier. One of the attackers was shot dead and the other was wounded. Also in the West Bank, Israeli police forces discovered an improvised explosive device in an abandoned Palestinian car.

Nov. 1: A Palestinian armed with a knife charged at border policemen near Beit Anun in the West Bank and was shot dead. Later in the day, three border policemen were injured by a Palestinian terrorist in a car-ramming attack.

Oct. 31: A Palestinian terrorist armed with a knife attempted to stab Israeli guards at the Gilboa crossing in the northern West Bank. The terrorist was shot and killed.

[Click here to stay updated on recent Palestinian attacks in Israel](#)

ISRAEL IN THE NEWS

In Tel Aviv, Bill Clinton marks 20 years since Rabin assassination

Twenty years ago, Yigal Amir, an Israeli nationalist and observant Jew, shot and killed Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin after a massive peace rally in Tel Aviv. It was a national tragedy that remains extremely raw in Israeli society today. Bill Clinton’s infamous parting words at Rabin’s funeral 20 years ago—“Shalom Haver,” (goodbye friend) – have become the emblem of Israel’s collective memory of Rabin’s death and the slogan for the annual memorials which commemorate his legacy. So it was fitting that Clinton, who considered Rabin a dear friend, attended and addressed the 20th memorial ceremony on Saturday night at the same city square where Rabin was murdered, reports [MSNBC News](#). According to Israeli police, more than 100,000 people filled the square, which is now named after Rabin, to hear the former U.S. president honor his fallen comrade in peace. “I came to love your prime minister,” said Clinton, flanked by Tel Aviv’s city hall, which was lit up with lights that spelled ‘Shalom Haver’ in Hebrew. “The day he was killed was probably the worst day of my eight years as president.”

[Click here to watch a video remembering Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.](#)