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U.S. – ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

"We are all Jews," President Obama declares as world marks Holocaust Remembrance Day

President Barack Obama on Wednesday warned of the growing threat of anti-Semitism, declaring that "any attack on any faith is an attack on all our faiths." Speaking at the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C. to honor non-Jews who saved Jewish lives during the Holocaust, the president declared: "We are all indeed Jews…Anti-Semitism is on the rise, we cannot deny it." "When we see Jews leaving Europe… and attacks on Jewish centers from Mumbai to Kansas; when we see swastikas appear on college campuses, we must not stay silent," Obama said. Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer warmly welcomed the president during his opening remarks. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a videotaped message that was played during the festivities, reports [The Jerusalem Post](#). "I thank you for your commitment to continue to work with us to bolster Israel's security," Prime Minister Netanyahu said, addressing President Obama. The ceremony at the Israeli embassy posthumously honored two Americans and two Polish people who protected Jews from the Nazis during World War Two. The event came on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Before Obama spoke, "Righteous Among the Nations" awards were presented to the families of Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, teacher Lois Gunden, and a Polish couple, Walery and Maryla Zbijewski, for risking their lives to save Jews from the Holocaust. The awards were given by Yad Vashem.

ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS

Update: Palestinian and Arab Terrorism against Israel

Palestinian and Arab terrorist attacks against Israel have left at least 28 dead and over 200 wounded. Below is a timeline of major attacks since January 23.

Jan. 27: An Israeli man was stabbed and seriously wounded in an attack at a gas station outside Givat Ze'ev, north of Jerusalem. The suspected attacker was subdued and arrested by Israeli security forces.

Jan. 25: Two Palestinian attackers wounded two Israeli women, one fatally, in a stabbing attack in Beit Horon in the West Bank. A security guard shot and killed both attackers.

Jan. 24: Palestinians fired upon an Israeli car near Dolev in the West Bank, there were no injuries reported.

Jan. 23: Palestinians fired light arms at an Israeli security post near Hebron, failing to injure the soldiers. In a separate incident in the West Bank, a knife-wielding Palestinian teenager ran at an Israeli security guard and tried to stab him. The guard shot and killed the attacker. In Abu Dis,

near Jerusalem, a Palestinian died when the bomb he prepared to throw at Israeli soldiers exploded prematurely.

IRAN

Khamenei airs Holocaust denial video on International Holocaust Remembrance Day

As the global community marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day Wednesday, Iran's supreme leader uploaded a video to his official website questioning the magnitude of the Nazi regime's mass murder campaign against the Jewish people during World War II. According to The Times of Israel, the video was uploaded as Iran's President Hassan Rouhani visited Europe, with trips to Italy, where he met with the pope on Tuesday, and France. Khamenei has expressed doubts about the historicity of the Holocaust in the past. "The Holocaust is an event whose reality is uncertain and if it has happened, it's uncertain how it has happened," Khamenei said during an address in 2014, according to a Twitter account under his name thought to be run by his office. Earlier this month Israeli officials called on the United Nations (UN) to condemn Iran for the Tehran municipality's annual Holocaust denial cartoon contest, set to take place in June of this year. Israel's UN ambassador Danny Danon called on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to condemn the competition, claiming "this anti-Semitic act represents the pure evil of the Iranian regime."

ISRAEL IN THE NEWS

Telemedicine kit lets parents skip germ-ridden waiting rooms

Your preschooler wakes up with an earache and fever. You tell your boss you'll be late to work, wangle a pediatrician appointment, bundle up the sick kid, sit in a waiting room full of other sick kids, spend five minutes with the doctor, and leave with a prescription and/or orders to return for a follow-up exam. All parents loathe this scenario, but Israeli dad and healthcare industry entrepreneur Dedi Gilad took the initiative to change it. His vision was a home telemedicine kit to help parents perform standard throat, ear, eye, skin, heart and lung examinations of high enough quality to enable a remote diagnosis by the child's physician. And it would not be limited only to pediatric patients. In 2012, Gilad and Ofer Tzadik founded TytoCare and spent nearly three years perfecting the technology and design. The Netanya-based company raised $18.5 million from investors including US drugstore chain Walgreens, and now is beta-testing its user-friendly kits for home and clinical use. The telehealth platform and home kit includes a modular device with a stethoscope, otoscope and computer-vision camera, along with smart audio-visual guidance to the user. According to Israel21c, exam results are transmitted to the patient's chosen clinician via a HIPAA-compliant secure connection. Alternatively, the user can make a remote appointment with the doctor and perform the exams while seeing and talking to the doctor through Tyto's video conference feature.