



Rabbinic Recap

The week of February 10, 2017

U.S. - ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

Bipartisan Senate Letter Rebukes Illegal Iranian Ballistic Missile Test

On Feb. 2, 22 senators—led by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-TN) and Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-MD)—sent a bipartisan letter to the president in response to Iran’s Jan. 29 medium-range ballistic missile test-launch. The letter states that, “If it is confirmed that Iran tested a ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear weapon, Iran will have violated both the letter and spirit of its obligations under UN Security Council Resolution 2231...” In response to this Iranian provocation, the senators note that “[f]ull enforcement of existing sanctions and the imposition of additional sanctions on Iran for its ballistic missile program are necessary” to ensure that “Iranian leaders...feel sufficient pressure to cease deeply destabilizing activities, from sponsoring terrorist groups to continued testing of ballistic missiles.” “We look forward to supporting your Administration’s efforts to hold Iran accountable,” they continued, “and note the positive step taken by the United States calling for an emergency meeting at the UN Security Council. It is imperative that the United States lead the international community in enforcing UN Security Council Resolution 2231.”

ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS

Iron Dome Intercepts Multiple Rockets Fired From Sinai Over Eilat

Terrorists in Sinai fired a barrage of missiles at Eilat on Wednesday night. The IDF Southern Command said that four projectiles were fired from Egypt and three were intercepted by the Iron Dome. The rockets that were not intercepted struck in open areas around the city. The Iron Dome has not shot down rockets headed for Eilat since 2014, when it did so during the most recent war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, Operation Protective Edge. Eilat Police reported that none of the rockets fell within city limits and requested residents to immediately report all suspicious events and/or objects found. The incident comes just hours after a mortar reportedly fell in the Golan Heights near the border fence. There was no known casualties or damage. The IDF reported that the mortar was spillover from fighting within Syria, and that in response, the IDF attacked a target in the northern Syrian Golan and confirmed a hit. According to [The Jerusalem Post](#), such spillover is not unusual, and the IDF has usually responded, even if it was expected to be accidental, with attacks against Syrian Army positions.

Six People Wounded in Petah Tikva Shooting and Stabbing Attack

Six People were lightly wounded after a shooting and stabbing attack at an open market in the central Israeli town of Petah Tikva on Thursday afternoon. Police said an 18-year-old from

Nablus open fired on a bus at the entrance to the market on Hirsch street at around 4:45 p.m. and then ran to a sewing shop and stabbed someone before he was stopped by civilians and later arrested by police. The suspect was arrested on Montefiore Street with a weapon in hand according to Central District Police Spokesman Ami Ben David. Authorities are treating the incident as terrorism. According to [The Jerusalem Post](#), Magen David Adom said its emergency responders evacuated a man and a woman in their 50s and a woman in her 30s with gunshot wounds to the lower body. Another man in his 40s was evacuated in easy condition with a stab wound to the neck and ear. The injured were taken to the Rabin medical center for treatment. Two others were injured in unclear circumstances and evacuated in easy condition.

ISRAEL IN THE NEWS

Israeli technology let Super Bowl fans see plays at face mask level

As New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons fans gritted their teeth on Sunday night during the first Super Bowl to end in overtime, they could connect closer than ever to their favorite teams through an innovative Israeli technology. While watching the game on their TV screens, fans were able to “Be the Player” experiencing first-downs and fumbles from the players’ point of view through Intel’s 360 Replay, developed in Israel. At the game in Houston, 38 cameras were installed throughout the stadium, generating “immersive experiences” for viewers without requiring players to wear devices on their face masks or jerseys. “This technology is absolutely changing the game,” said Intel’s sports group general manager James Carwana, in a video press release prior to the Super Bowl. “Fans are going to be able to watch the game not just from the sidelines, but from the center of the field. It’s an incredible medium that creates amazing new sports experiences.” Be the Player is based on the free-D feature developed by the Israeli company Replay Technologies, which was acquired by Intel last March, reports [The Jerusalem Post](#). “Think of it as a big cloud of data of everything that goes on the field, and that you’re able to go into that cloud of data and see from any angle what you want to see,” Jeff Hopper, Intel’s general manager for immersive experiences, said. By digitizing the entire arena, the Intel technology creates a “three-dimensional voxel”—or cube—instead of a two-dimensional pixel, according to Carwana. “Sports for decades has been delivered to fans in the same way—you’ve got one broadcast going out and it goes to millions and millions and millions of people,” Carwana said. “It’s a beautiful production, but it’s not my production. There’s an opportunity now to personalize the experience of a sport.”