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A Jewish State for the Jewish People

If you want to pioneer a Jewish revolution – if you want to establish Jewish national leadership – you need to think big. If you talk about national – not sector-based – leadership, you have essentially stated that there is room for everyone in your movement. And true to form, the spectrum of people and opinions in Manhigut Yehudit is broad, indeed. We have common ground with the most fervent Zionists, the most bitter ultra-Orthodox, with the more and the less observant. All of them have their niche in Manhigut Yehudit – as long as they share a main principle: We are all Jews and we all want a Jewish state.

In these days, that principle cannot be taken for granted. Just this week, the Ha'aretz newspaper reported that PM Netanyahu reneged on his demand for recognition of Israel as a Jewish state as a precondition for negotiations with the Arabs.

It seems that Netanyahu and his advisors are beginning to understand what the real battle is: It is the battle for the very right for a Jewish state to exist at all. Suddenly, Israel's leadership realized that while we hastily recognized the "Palestinian nation" and the rights of this fabricated people to establish a state in the heart of our land, the Arabs and the rest of the world in their wake do not actually recognize the Jewish nation and its rights for sovereignty in that very land.

PM Netanyahu deserves praise for realizing where the lines of the battle are being drawn today. It is unlikely that Tzippy Livni or Ehud Barak would have even begun to deal with this core issue. However, as expected, Israel's persistence to maintain this most basic principle – the principle that is the foundation of the State of Israel – has melted away in no time. Lacking Jewish bedrock under his lofty words, all it took was a bit of cold shoulder from the US for Bibi to retreat from his basic, principled stand.

Two sides will be negotiating over the division of our land. One side's justness and 'legitimate' demands are recognized by the entire world. The other side's leadership cannot even demand recognition for its very right to exist.

If that is how the negotiations will begin, how will they end?

Shabbat Shalom,
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Dealing with the Iranian Threat: By Moshe Feiglin

Iran's nuclear capability is not the greatest danger facing Israel. The real danger is that Israel's Left will find the way to destroy Judea and Samaria because of that capability. It is important to remember that the Oslo Accords were hatched as an indirect result of the First Gulf War. When PM Shamir relied on the US and Britain to protect Israel from the Iraqi missiles, he had to pay a price. We are still paying that price today. Oslo's threat to Israel's existence is infinitely greater than all the Iraqi missiles put together.

At the very start of his term in office, Netanyahu attempted to link the political process with the Iranian threat. "No problem," countered Obama's advisors. "Take Yitzhar off the map and then we'll talk." Eerily reminiscent of the *judenrat* dynamic, this US approach means that the Jews must pay a price just to stay alive. But it's even worse than that. With the threat of total annihilation hanging over our heads, we are once more being manipulated into compliance to destroy ourselves first (albeit at a slower pace).

If this is the picture even before we take measures to protect ourselves from Iran, what will happen if and when we attack? Or even worse, if the US attacks Iran? In either case, we will be cajoled into pushing ourselves ever so much closer to the Mediterranean – the Final Solution entertained by Israel's enemies.

While it is clear that Israel must strike Iran, we can assume that under the present government, the price of such an attack will be Israel's retreat from Judea and Samaria. That is a price that we cannot pay. The danger to Israel's existence in the pre-1967 "Auschwitz borders" is infinitely greater than the danger of a nuclear Iran.

What can we do? Israel needs leadership that does not look to the nations of the world for authorization to exist. It needs leadership that will exact the price for the protection of Jewish lives from its enemies – and not from its citizens.

And what can we do until then? We do not have short term solutions. But the fact that there is no immediate relief in sight does not mean that we should take steps that are counterproductive to our goals. Manhigut Yehudit is progressing all the time in its quest for Jewish leadership for Israel. That is the only true solution on the horizon. (Prayer is a prerequisite for everything that we do and Mashiach is the ultimate Jewish leader – but this discussion is based on our actions within the realm of our own, human effort). We must be sure that everything that we do brings us closer to our Jewish destiny. The seemingly simple act of registering for the Likud is actually a major step toward taking the leadership of Israel into our own hands. The more people that register, the less time it will take to save Israel.