



The Feast of Tabernacles Celebration

This year marks the 70th year of Israel's rebirth, and thousands of Christians have been flocking to Jerusalem to celebrate with Israel. Several Christian organizations are sponsoring celebrations in various venues around Jerusalem.



Thousands of Jewish people of all ages line the streets to welcome the parade marchers from the nations of the world at Jerusalem's annual 'March of the Nations' (Photo CFI Staff).

Known as "Sukkot" in Hebrew, it is one of the high holy days observed in the Fall of each year. Sukkot derives from God's command to ancient Israel to build temporary "tabernacles," sometimes called "booths," to live in during the festival.

It is to remind them of the time God brought them out of Egypt, and they had to live in temporary dwellings in the wilderness. This festival emphasizes rest, peace and prosperity as it meets the needs of all people, including strangers, widows and the poor (Leviticus 23:34; 41-43).

Russia and Israel Clash in the Making?

Russia and Israel have been getting along surprisingly well considering that they are on opposite sides of the Syrian civil war.

Russia remains a staunch ally of the Syrian regime, and by extension its allies in Iran and Hezbollah. Israel, meanwhile, has been busily bombing Iranian and Hezbollah targets in Syria, with Moscow's tacit approval. But Russia's final response to last week's accidental downing of a Russian spy plane during the course of an Israeli air raid on Syria suggests that the Kremlin hasn't been too happy about the Jewish state interfering in its war zone.

Contrary to claims by Israeli officials, Moscow did blame Israel for Syrian anti-aircraft batteries inadvertently shooting down a Russian spy plane that was flying near to where the Israeli aircraft had launched their missiles.

Ostensibly to prevent such a mishap from reoccurring, Russia has agreed to sell its most advanced anti-aircraft system, the S-300, to the Syrian regime. Russia tried to sell the S-300 to Syria years ago, but backed down following a fierce outcry from Israel and other Western powers.



Russian made Slovak S-300P-TELS, ready to launch. Photo by EllsworthSK, Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA 3.0).

The loss of 15 Russian servicemen has finally given Moscow the excuse it needs to conclude the deal. And that's bad news for Israel.

The Israel Air Force is innovative, and will likely find ways to continue striking Iranian targets in Syria despite the presence of the S-300, which Syria is expected to take possession of in the coming months.

More worrying is that Russia will have incentive to help the Syrians use the S-300 to its fullest potential in targeting and bringing down Israeli aircraft. After all, Moscow wouldn't want the world to think that its most advanced anti-aircraft system is incapable of stopping Israel's American-made planes.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu departed on Tuesday for New York City, where he will address the United Nations General Assembly and hold an urgent one-on-one meeting with US President Donald Trump. Without question, the rising tension with Russia, as well as the unacceptable threat of Iranian forces in Syria, will be a major focus of those talks.

How [President] Trump will respond is anyone's guess, but US National Security Adviser John Bolton has already called Russia's promise to give Syria the S-300 a "major mistake." (*Israel Today*)

PA TERROR COMPENSATION MUST STOP

US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman reiterated Thursday, September 20, 2018 his country's demand that the Palestinian Authority stop paying the families of terrorists.



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.
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"The Palestinian Prisoner Affairs Commission has confirmed that the family of the terrorist who murdered Ari Fuld is 'eligible to receive a monthly salary' as compensation for his incarceration," he tweeted. "This practice is unconscionable and must stop if there is to be any hope for peace."

It should be noted that Fuld, who was murdered last week in a stabbing attack at the entrance to the shopping center near the Gush Etzion junction, was an American citizen.

Hours after the murder, Ambassador Friedman posted an announcement saying that "America grieves as one of its citizens was brutally murdered by a Palestinian terrorist. Ari Fuld was a passionate defender of Israel and an American patriot. He represented the best of both countries and will be deeply missed. May his family be comforted & his memory be blessed." (*Arutz-7*)

Pray that the Palestinian Authority will meet with increasingly severe penalties for promoting terrorism, providing jailed terrorists with salaries, educating its youth to hate Israel, and glorifying terrorist murderers as heroes. PA political heads have been warned repeatedly that USA aid will be slashed if such activities persist.

So far no one in the PA seems to be listening although such consequence have already been put into place. Last month the Trump administration cut more than \$200 million in bilateral aid to the Palestinians, following a review of the funding for projects in Judea & Samaria and Gaza.

One of the main issues the USA has had with support for the Palestinian Authority had been its stipends paid to the families of Palestinians killed, injured or jailed for attacks on Israel.

Israel and the Trump administration, have repeatedly demanded that those payments from a so-called "martyrs' fund" be halted because they encourage terrorism. PA president Mahmoud Abbas has refused to do so. (*JNNNews*)



Ari Fuld with family. (photo posted August 31, 2018 via FaceBook, <https://www.facebook.com/AriFuld>).

"Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy"
(Exodus 15:6).

Pray that the Lord's right hand will be over Israel in the coming days.

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