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Editor’s note: even though this article from Monday has a correction at the end, I chose to run it because it highlights how close we are to prophetic fulfillment re: Israel. Anyone reading this who has visited the Temple Institute in Israel has seen for themselves how dedicated they are to the work of rebuilding the Temple. There will be more news from them as the days go by...MD

Temple Service Could Be One Week Away as Sanhedrin Appoints High Priest

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz August 29, 2016 , 11:30 am breakingisraelnews.com

“For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of Hashem of hosts.” Malachi 2:7 (The Israel Bible™)



Rabbi Baruch Kahane, shown here offering the Omer (barley) sacrifice to God in the heart of the Old City of Jerusalem, has been appointed as High Priest by the nascent Sanhedrin. (Photo: Abba Richman)

A significant step was recently taken towards reinstating the Temple service when the nascent Sanhedrin selected Rabbi Baruch Kahane as the next Kohen Gadol (high priest). The selection was made as a precaution for Yom Kippur. If the political conditions should change, allowing the Jews access to the Temple Mount, they will be required by Torah law to bring the sacrifices. Rabbi Kahane is confident that if

that should happen, Temple service could begin in less than one week.

Rabbi Kahane is a prominent scholar, knowledgeable in the complicated laws pertaining to the subject of the Temple Service. He is part of the Halacha Berurah Institute, established by Rabbi Avraham Isaac HaCohen Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of Israel, which deals with the elucidation of Jewish law from its Talmudic sources (Oral Law) and commentaries. He has played a prominent role in all the reenactments of the Temple services performed to date.



This year has already seen much Temple-oriented activity: the Temple Institute has created a registry of kohanim; established a school for educating men of the priestly class in the details of the Temple service; and performed reenactments on all the holidays, including the especially significant Passover sacrifice.

*Kohanim blowing silver trumpets in a reenactment of a Temple service. (Photo: The Temple Institute)
Kohanim carry lambs in a reenactment of a Temple Passover*

sacrifice. (The Temple Institute)

Rabbi Hillel Weiss, spokesman for the nascent Sanhedrin, explained to Breaking Israel News the necessity for choosing a High Priest, even in the absence of a Temple.

“We do not need a miraculous occurrence like the sudden appearance of a Temple descending from heaven onto the Temple Mount to make this decision relevant,” explained Rabbi Weiss. “The only obstacle preventing the Temple service today is the political issue. If that should suddenly change, as it very well could, we would be required to begin the Temple service immediately. It is therefore necessary that we have a candidate prepared to fill the role of the High Priest, especially now that we have kohanim prepared to serve in the Temple.”

Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, founder and head of the Temple Institute, is a member of the Sanhedrin but did not rule in this decision. He told Breaking Israel News that it was necessary for the Sanhedrin to choose a Kohen Gadol.

“This is certainly something we should do now as religious Jews. Choosing a high priest and all of the preparations for the Temple Service are mitzvot (commandments) that are incumbent upon us according to the Torah,” said Rabbi Ariel.

“It is not a matter of opinion. It is written explicitly in the Torah and, just like any of the other mitzvot written in the Torah, we have to choose a Kohen Gadol, and make all the preparations, regardless of whether there is a Temple standing right now.”

Rabbi Kahane was reluctant to discuss the Sanhedrin’s decision. “This may not be the time to choose a Kohen Gadol. There are no sacrifices required,” he said to Breaking Israel News. However, he added, “That could change overnight. In any case, it is clear that we need to be prepared, to prepare the priests, to have everything ready.”

When asked how long it would take to begin sacrifices if it suddenly became permissible, he considered carefully before answering. “If the government decided to permit it, it would only take a few weeks to make preparations, even to do the Yom Kippur service,” he said.

“The structures can be temporary and prepared almost overnight. The biggest obstacle is educating the kohanim, which we are taking care of already. Once the priests are thoroughly educated, choosing a Kohen Gadol and teaching him what he needs to know for the Yom Kippur service is relatively simple and will take one week. The Temple Service performed by the Kohen Gadol is very demanding, but for an educated kohen, it is not overly difficult to learn to serve as the Kohen Gadol.”

Rabbi Weiss explained the importance of advancing Temple initiatives even when it seems that reinstating the Temple service is not a matter of urgency.

“There are many Torah laws that are not sacrifices or Temple service but are nonetheless dependant on the Temple and the kohanim. We recently reenacted the Omer Wave offering, which has ramifications for when Israel can eat the current wheat harvest. In addition, we also reenacted the giving of the shoulder, two cheeks, and stomach of an ox to the priests.”

And this shall be the Kohanim’s due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give unto the Kohen the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. Deuteronomy 18:3

“This is not only part of a sacrifice, but is also an issue of kashrut (kosher laws), which we should be doing today,” explained Rabbi Weiss. “Instead, it is treated in a rather shabby, symbolic manner.”

While it seems unlikely that the political climate could shift within a few weeks to the extent necessary for Jews to establish an altar and begin preparing sacrifices on the Mount in time for Yom Kippur, the world can rest assured that as the moment those changes should occur, the Jewish people are prepared.

8/30 CORRECTION: While the Nascent Sanhedrin recommended Rabbi Baruch Kahane as the Kohen Gadol, it did not officially appoint him as he made it clear he would be unwilling to accept such an

appointment at this time. The Sanhedrin recommended him for the position of “Rosh Kohanim” (head of the priests), a role with Biblical precedent which is often but not always synonymous with that of the High Priest. The court recognized and blessed Rabbi Kahane’s invaluable efforts in the past to advance the issue of reinstating the Temple Service, which include participating in reenactments and establishing a school for educating kohanim.

What if no one wants to win the Syrian war?

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Many of those involved just like abusing the weak and preying on easy targets. Some of those involved just want to kill people for the sake of it.



Syrian rebels fighting the Assad regime celebrate.. (photo credit:REUTERS)

Last week a new player fully entered the Syrian war as the Turkish army rolled into Jarabulus along with thousands of Syrian fighters with whom it is allied. To placate the Turks, US Vice President Joe Biden happened to be on hand to tell the Kurdish-backed YPG to go back across the Euphrates. The Turkish intervention, supposedly directed at “fighting Islamic State,” was also directed at interdicting any attempt by Kurdish forces to connect their Afrin canton with their existing areas in northeast Syria.

Others have written extensively about the various sides in the Syrian civil war and also about what an ideal outcome might be. Jonathan Spyer in *The Spectator* asked, “Who should rule Syria?” and concluded that none of the major players should.

“The Assad regime should not be permitted to reunite Syria under its rule, the Islamist rebels should similarly not be allowed to establish a Jihadi state in the country, and the Islamic State should not be permitted to remain in existence,” he said.

A deeper problem in Syria is that no one wants to win the war.

The Turkish intervention stemmed from two parallel interests: to support the various Syrian groups allied with Turkey such as Faylaq al-Sham, and to reduce the influence of the Kurds in Syria. Turkey has a history of declaring it is fighting ISIS while then noting it is fighting “other terrorists” as well and attacking Kurds, as it did in the fall of 2015. From the Turkish point of view the Kurdish PKK and YPG are the real terrorists.

The Turkish role in Syria is not to win but merely to create a buffer zone. The Kurdish role in Syria is also not to win, but only to create some sort of united federal region, linking Kobane, Rojava and Afrin, the historic Kurdish areas. ISIS is also not bent on winning in Syria, and never was – its interests often were across the border in Iraq, in its global “caliphate” and mass rape and murder around the world.

Syrian President Bashar Assad pays lip service to winning, but isn’t his real goal to use the presence of jihadists groups to prop up his own legitimacy as the “defender” of Syria, the “resister of imperialism,” the lone shield “fighting terror”?

Russia’s intervention in Syria in the fall of 2015 was not aimed at winning but propping up Assad. Iran and Hezbollah’s intervention in Syria, dating to the earlier years of the war, was not aimed at winning. The Americans don’t want to win in Syria, they want ISIS defeated. The Syrian rebel groups, the multiplicity of groups that might

run to 1,000 different factions, of which a dozen are large players or coalitions, have no ability to win the war, and it isn't clear most of them want to. Most want to control some tiny little area.

If you were told there was a war and no one wanted to win it, then you might have to revisit the paradigm under which you imagined the "war" was being fought. Here is what the Syrian civil war looks like in retrospect.

March to July of 2011 began with protests. For a year and a half there was serious fighting. In August 2013 there was the chemical weapons attack and fears of intervention by the US and increasing Hezbollah involvement.

There is the rise of ISIS in 2014 and its capture of Palmyra in May 2015. At around the same time there are the military successes of the YPG and Russian intervention in the fall of 2015. There is also increasing American and coalition intervention in Syria, beginning with failed attempts to find "viable" rebel groups and then partnership with the Kurds. In August of 2016 the Turkish intervention began.

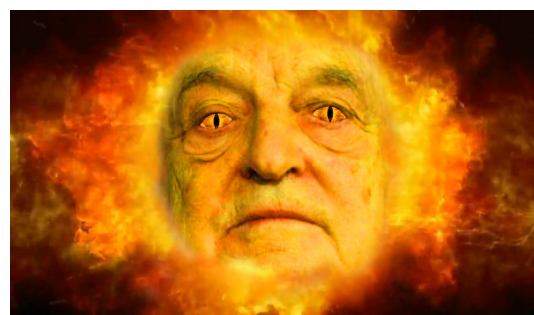
With each round of successes of one group comes another round of intervention. With each setback a new player, with each alarming weakness of one faction a new injection of support. Assad's forces were bled white in Syria, like the French at Verdun, so Hezbollah had to be bled white and then Iran and Afghan mercenaries and Shi'ites from Iraq. Rebel factions also exhausted themselves. The Kurds also overstretched in their temporary success at Manbij.

In some ways the Syrian civil war bares a gross resemblance to the Thirty Years War in Germany. It isn't merely the sectarianism and numerous interventions by outside parties to support their proxies, but also the mass destruction and brutality.

If you accept the parallel with the Thirty Years War, with Syria as the victim of numerous state struggles and divided into a plethora of little statelets, then you have to ask yourself where is the Middle East's "peace of Westphalia" and the remaking of its order in the wake of the conflict?

Since no one wants to win the war, no one can win the war and no one should win the war, the only option is to end the war. But there is apparently much blood to be spilled before that can happen, and the great and regional powers involved don't care particularly if it continues. For them, like France and the Habsburgs, the interest is influence, buffers, and killing. Indeed, one reason no one wants to win is because, like ISIS reveling in executions or those videos of the beheading of a teenage Palestinian by one rebel group, or regime soldiers torturing prisoners, many of those involved just like abusing the weak and preying on easy targets.

Some of those involved just want to kill people for the sake of it.



Reality Check

Soros's campaign of global chaos

Caroline B. Glick

Major media outlets in the US have ignored the leak of thousands of emails from billionaire George Soros's Open Society Foundation by the activist hacker group DCLeaks. The OSF is the vehicle through which Soros has funneled billions of dollars over the past two decades to non-profit organizations in the US and throughout the world.

According to the documents, Soros has given more than \$30 million to groups working for Hillary Clinton's election in November, making him her largest single donor. So it is likely the case that the media's support for Clinton has played some role in the mainstream media's bid to bury the story.

It is also likely however, that at least some news editors failed to understand why the leaked documents were worth covering. Most of the information was already public knowledge. Soros's massive funding of far-left groups in the US and throughout the world has been documented for more than a decade.

But failing to see the significance of the wider story because many of the details were already known is a case of

missing the forest for the trees. The DCLeaks document dump is a major story because it exposes the forest of Soros's funding networks.

The first thing that we see is the megalomaniacal nature of Soros's philanthropic project. No corner of the globe is unaffected by his efforts. No policy area is left untouched.

On the surface, the vast number of groups and people he supports seem unrelated. After all, what does climate change have to do with illegal African immigration to Israel? What does Occupy Wall Street have to do with Greek immigration policies? But the fact is that Soros-backed projects share basic common attributes.

They all work to weaken the ability of national and local authorities in Western democracies to uphold the laws and values of their nations and communities.

They all work to hinder free markets, whether those markets are financial, ideological, political or scientific. They do so in the name of democracy, human rights, economic, racial and sexual justice and other lofty terms.

In other words, their goal is to subvert Western democracies and make it impossible for governments to maintain order or for societies to retain their unique identities and values.

Black Lives Matter, which has received \$650,000 from Soros-controlled groups over the past year, is a classic example of these efforts. Until recently, the police were universally admired in the US as the domestic equivalent of the military. BLM emerged as a social force bent on politicizing support for police.

Its central contention is that in the US, police are not a force for good, enabling society to function by maintaining law and order. Rather, police are a tool of white repression of blacks.

Law enforcement in predominantly African American communities is under assault as inherently racist.

BLM agitation, which has been accused of inspiring the murders of police in several US cities, has brought about two responses from rank and file police. First, they have been demoralized, as they find themselves criminalized for trying to keep their cities safe from criminals.

Second, their willingness to use force in situations that demand the use of force has diminished. Fear of criminal charges on the one hand, and public condemnation as "racists" on the other causes police to prefer inaction even when situations require that they act.

The demoralization and intimidation of police is very likely to cause a steep increase in violent crimes.

Then there are Soros's actions on behalf of illegal immigration. From the US to Europe to Israel, Soros has implemented a worldwide push to use immigration to undermine the national identity and demographic composition of Western democracies. The leaked emails show that his groups have interfered in European elections to get politicians elected who support open border policies for immigrants from the Arab world and to financially and otherwise support journalists who report sympathetically on immigrants.

Soros's groups are on the ground enabling illegal immigrants to enter the US and Europe. They have sought to influence US Supreme Court rulings on illegal immigration from Mexico. They have worked with Muslim and other groups to demonize Americans and Europeans who oppose open borders.

In Israel as well, Soros opposes government efforts to end the flow of illegal immigration from Africa through the border with Egypt.

The notion at the heart of the push for the legalization of unfettered immigration is that states should not be able to protect their national identities.

If it is racist for Greeks to protect their national identity by seeking to block the entrance of millions of Syrians to their territory, then it is racist for Greece – or France, Germany, Hungary, Sweden the US or Poland – to exist.

Parallel to these efforts are others geared toward rejecting the right of Western democracies to uphold long-held

social norms. Soros-supported groups, for instance, stand behind the push not only for gay marriage but for unisex public bathrooms.

They support not only the right of women to serve in combat units, but efforts to force soldiers to live in unisex barracks. In other words, they support efforts aimed at denying citizens of Western democracies the right to maintain any distance between themselves and Soros's rejection of their most intimate values – their sexual privacy and identity.

As far as Israel is concerned, Soros-backed groups work to delegitimize every aspect of Israeli society as racist and illegitimate. The Palestinians are focal point of his attacks. He uses them to claim that Israel is a racist state. Soros funds moderate leftist groups, radical leftist groups, Israeli Arab groups and Palestinian groups. In various, complementary ways, these groups tell their target audiences that Israel has no right to defend itself or enforce its laws toward its non-Jewish citizens.

In the US, Soros backed groups from BLM to J Street work to make it socially and politically acceptable to oppose Israel.

The thrust of Soros's efforts from Ferguson to Berlin to Jerusalem is to induce mayhem and chaos as local authorities, paralyzed by his supported groups, are unable to secure their societies or even argue coherently that they deserve security.

Germany wants all of its citizens to prepare emergency supply kits in the event of a war or national catastrophe

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Germany's National Emergency

August 2016 – BERLIN – (Translated) What if tomorrow could be war? Citizens should stock away emergency supplies. The federal government wants to encourage the population again for stockpiling, so that they in the event of major disasters or armed attacks, people can temporarily take care of themselves. "The population is stopped, hold up a personal supply of food of ten days," according to the "civil defense concept," which is to decide the Cabinet on Wednesday. The reports the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung (FAS), citing the text, which has been elaborated by the Ministry of the Interior and the newspaper was present.

The federal government also asks citizens to store an adequate supply of drinking water. "The population should be encouraged by appropriate means, to own/first aid reproach two liters of water per person per day in not harmful quality to installation state individual measures for a period of five days," it said in the concept.

This is the first strategy of civil defense since the end of the Cold War. Angela Merkle had been in the 2012 commission by the Budget Committee of the Bundestag. It was parallel to the White Paper on the nation's security policy. As it states in the 69-page concept, "that an attack on the territory of Germany, which requires a conventional defense could nevertheless could create a life-threatening development for the future, in which the nation is not sufficiently prepared."

In the appropriate emergencies, the following challenges are named. In an emergency, the population should be able to protect themselves before government measures start to ensure an adequate supply of food, water, energy and cash. The need for a reliable national civil defense system was also discussed, a hardening of buildings, and making sure the nation's health system was able to effectively respond to large-scale emergencies. Civilian support of the armed forces is to again be a priority; including a system that can quickly modify or control the nation's traffic network to steer combat units across the country when the Bundeswehr must relocate. (Added) The Bundeswehr is the unified armed forces of Germany and their civil administration and procurement authorities.

An important issue is also the survivability and protection of state officials. "Precautions are currently in place, in the case of an emergency, to relocate state officials to a sheltered place (Emergency Seat) so they continue the performance of their duties." As the FAS further reported, this came out in an internal survey, that the measures

currently in place are entirely inadequate. Therefore this issue will now be further discussed by the Federal Security Council. –FAZ

Germany preparing for Emergency Crisis: “Germany is currently on high alert after two Islamist attacks and a shooting rampage by a mentally unstable teenager last month. The population will be obliged to hold an individual supply of food for ten days,” the newspaper quoted the government’s “Concept for Civil Defense” – which has been prepared by the Interior Ministry – as saying. The paper said a parliamentary committee had originally commissioned the civil defense strategy in 2012.

A spokesman for the Interior Ministry said the plan would be discussed by the cabinet on Wednesday and presented by the minister that afternoon. He declined to give any details on the content. People will be required to stockpile enough drinking water to last for five days, according to the plan, the paper said. –Reuters

Nuclear Paranoia: Russia’s new weapons of mass destruction and the short fuse to doomsday

by Utopia: the Collapse

Putin Nuclear Arsenal

August 2016 – MOSCOW - Russia has developed a whole new generation of defensive systems and nuclear weapons that could obliterate the U.S., as part of its ‘blitzkrieg’ crash so-called ‘modernization’ program. The weapons have been talked about very little in the media here in the U.S., but most U.S. generals will tell you privately they are both alarmed and concerned about the new existential threats these weapon systems pose to the U.S.

TOPOL M

The missile can be operational in as little as one minute – making it virtually impossible for enemies to destroy the missile on the ground before it can be successfully launched. The TOPOL-M missile was designed to penetrate an American anti-ballistic missile shield by leveraging high-speed, a relatively small infrared signature during its boost phase, advanced decoys (as many as ten carried on a single missile), maneuvering mid-course capability, and maneuvering independently targeted reentry vehicles, of which it can carry up to six, although they are said to carry just one operationally.

The missile's high speed shortens the time anyone can react to it, and every second matters when it comes to ballistic missile defense. The rocket motors were designed for a short, very powerful boost stage so that American space-based infrared detection satellites (SBIRS, DSP) have less time to detect and track it. Its decoys make it hard for radar to adequately track the correct target, and its countermeasures are said to have been upgraded to fool infrared tracking systems, which are used for mid-course interception. The missile and reentry vehicles' ability to dynamically maneuver outside of their ballistic track makes producing an effective kill solution, or even predicting the TOPOL-M's target, problematic. All these features come together to make a missile that is probably outside of America's missile defense capabilities today, and the sheer number of them that exists makes the idea of defending against anything but a limited barrage totally invalid.

Doomsday

Russia is targeting every major U.S. city with nukes: Every single city in America is targeted by the Russians right now. “Twelve H-bombs are targeted on New York City alone. Every city in America is targeted with at least one nuclear missile. And Russian cities are targeted the same way by America. And all this insanity is at the mercy of human fallibility too.” And fighting with Russia is crazy. Continuing to stock Europe with nuclear weapons pointed at Russia is like waving a red flag at a bull. It would be as if Russia was arming Canada with nuclear missiles aimed straight at Washington DC. Not cool at all. “The Russians will fight to the last person to defend themselves, just like they did against Hitler. –Counter Punch

Americans would have mere minutes to react to a nuclear attack: Americans would have about 21 minutes to seek an underground fallout shelter to survive a bout of incoming land-based Russian nuclear ICBMs, and could have as little as 5 to 6 minutes if those missiles were launched from Russian stealth submarines parked off the U.S. East or West Coasts.

Activists, however, are now urging the Obama administration to “de-alert” the nation’s nuclear arsenal. Instead of launching before enemy warheads have reached their targets, they say the U.S. should disable its missiles so they can be fired off only after the country has first absorbed a blow. General James Cartwright, who headed U.S. Strategic Command, said in 2012 (after he retired) that our weapons should be secured so that it would take 24 to 72 hours to launch them. Some want even longer waiting periods. –National Interest, August 22, 2016

Putin Hitler

Russia Calls for all Russians to return to Motherland - Another warning sign?

Putin has been quoted as saying that the collapse of the USSR was the geopolitical tragedy of the century. In this clip, he explains that he meant it not in the sense of an ‘Empire lost’, but that it was truly a humanitarian tragedy for the people of the Soviet Union. The collapse of the USSR created one of the largest diasporas that exist in the world today – 1 out of every 4 ethnic Russians do not live in Russia itself. Some analysts have even suggested that the numbers of those, who died during the 1990s and early 2000s due to political and social upheaval, as well as military conflict, rivals those lost in Stalin’s 1930s. The amount of those who fled Russia within those decades is estimated to be around 30 million worldwide. Of course, as people settle in new places, they marry into their hosting nations and have children who no longer speak the language. It may just be that it will never be possible to bring back the majority of those who fled, but if anything will – it is Russia’s continued rise and stability, in an economic sense.