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### ***Yom Ha'Atzma'ut: Israel's 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day: Independence, 68 years of military victories – and the new struggle for world public opinion***

#### ***Dear Friends,***

The future of the State of Israel is guaranteed: its worst enemies have finally understood that the State of Israel cannot be destroyed by military force. Israel has won all its wars: 1948-49 (Independence/Liberation), 56 (Sinai), 67 (6 day war), 70 (HATASHAH), 73 (Yom Kippur), 82-84 (Lebanon), 91 (Gulf), 2006 (Lebanon II), Gaza Operations (2008, 2012, 2014), and two *intifadas* (1987-1993, 2000-2005). Our small but extraordinary State of Israel was and is the military winner – although always with a tremendous cost to the country. Throughout the years we have lost more than 23,000 Israelis, mostly young people. Israel, unlike other countries that have *won and lost* wars, has never had the option of defeat, as all wars against the Jewish State were expressly intended to annihilate it; to cause its total destruction.

At present, that main objective of our enemies remains (the destruction of Israel)... but the strategy to achieve it has changed - adapting to the new means the postmodern world offers. For the first time, *Israel is losing battle after battle*. This is not a war fought with large armies attacking Israel... but with *two parallel arms: the absolute delegitimization of Israel* – with the poisonous message that "*the creation of Israel was a historical mistake of the United Nations*", and *the use of daily terror as a permanent tool to bleed Israel*; to provoke general despair and unrest among its citizens - rationalizing that terror in the world public opinion as the struggle of "freedom fighters", "resistance", "liberators", something possible only in this "*era of narratives*" – and not *facts*.

The once enlightened Europe, the cradle of democracy and the fight for individual freedom, is now receiving and transmitting the most perverse image of Israel. Europe projects its own ugliest sins and crimes on *the only State* of the Jewish people (who were killed by that very same Europe only slightly more than 70 years ago): if Europe justifiably carries the guilt of the Holocaust and Nazism, then Israel is "a Nazi country"; if Europe was the creator of racial theories and racism, then Israel is "racist and discriminatory"; if European Colonialism was established as one of Europe's most efficient *sources of income*, installing on oppressive "occupation", then Israel is "colonialist and oppressor"; if Europe invented Apartheid, then Israel is "the last Apartheid of the West". To get rid of the ghosts of the past and the weight of the responsibility and guilt, ***there is nothing better than transforming the victim into the perpetrator.***



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The Movement for *Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, BDS*, is a "booby trap" for some men and women of good intentions who believe that boycotting Israel "will push its leaders into seeking peace." Overwhelmingly, the BDS Movement is Home with a capital H for those who seek and demand "the cancellation of the historical error", namely: the destruction of the State of Israel as the national home of the Jewish people. The actions of delegitimization are countless. However, it is enough to show one example of the intentions of this wicked group: in all the demonstrations of BDS supporters or of the *Students for Justice in Palestine, SJP* (the most virulently anti-Semitic group disguised as "resistance against Israel" that are active in most American and European universities), the participants shout: "from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] Sea, Palestine will be free." What does this mean? We, one of the two most ancient peoples in Human History, along with the Chinese ... *have no right to exist as a free nation in our ancestral land*. BDS and SJP **do not** seek "two states for two peoples"... but the complete, utter destruction of the Jewish State. Another version of "Jews to the Sea" – as dreamed by Gamal Abdel Nasser in the 50s and 60s, the Pan-Arabism leader. All the historical Land of Israel – only to the Arabs/Palestinians. All Nations deserve a national home... except us. For us, the Jews... *the return to expulsion*.

We, the Maccabi leaders around the world... Must ask ourselves what our responsibility is as we face such a threat? In the decades leading to the establishing of the State of Israel, and during its 68 years of life, Maccabi members around the world contributed and worked to promote the formation of the State of Israel, its strengthening, growth, development and most elementary existence. It's time to start studying and learning, each from his/her position, to teach and enlighten a world which has forgotten about the crimes of anti-Semitism, about the genocide of the Jewish people, about the 18 centuries of persecution in western and Muslim lands. It's time to create awareness and disseminate to our Jewish and Gentile friends about the terrible threat to our Little extraordinary Country, attacked by vicious slander and hatred that leads to the boycotting of Israel and the desire of its ultimate destruction. Our Movement has websites specifically created for this purpose, under the responsibility of CLAM and his great team Hasbará ("Hatzad Hasheni"), and the newest and youngest candidate member of our BOT, Jonathan Nathusius:

- United for Israel - <http://unidosxisrael.org/>
- Hatzad Hasheni (3 websites in one) - <http://hatzadhasheni.com/>
- Honest Reporting - <http://reportehonesto.com/>

The list is vast. English websites include:

Middle East Forum – MEFORUM - <http://www.meforum.org/>



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MEMRI - <https://www.facebook.com/The-Middle-East-Media-Research-Institute-MEMRI-14310874716/>

JCPA - <https://www.facebook.com/jerusalemcenter?fref=ts>

CAMERA - <https://www.facebook.com/CAMERAorg?fref=nf>

Stand with Us - <https://www.facebook.com/StandWithUs?fref=ts>

Honest Reporting -

<https://www.facebook.com/HonestReporting?ref=eyJzaWQiOiIwLjEwMDEzMzI2MTAyNTM5ODk3IiwicXMiOiJKVFZDSIRJeVNHQXVaWE4wVW1Wd2IzSjBhVzVuSIRJeUpUVkUiLCJndil6IjI5ZjRhZGI2NjcyZTMwYTBJYzA2ZDA0ZTQxM2JhMDFlYzgzODg1MmYifQ>

World Jewish Congress - <https://www.facebook.com/wjc.org?fref=ts>

YNET - <https://www.facebook.com/Ynetnews-129653250402500/>

Jerusalem Post - <https://www.facebook.com/TheJerusalemPost?fref=ts>

IDF - <https://www.facebook.com/idfonline?fref=ts>

Tablet - <https://www.facebook.com/TabletMag?fref=ts>

United with Israel - <https://www.facebook.com/unitedwithisrael?fref=nf>

Times of Israel - <https://www.facebook.com/timesofisrael?fref=ts>

The Israel Project - <https://www.facebook.com/theisraelproject?fref=ts>

ElderofZion - <https://www.facebook.com/elderofzion?fref=ts>

UNWatch - <https://www.facebook.com/unwatch?fref=ts>

Fighting BDS - <https://www.facebook.com/fightingbds>

In the past, we used to say "*res non verba*" – "deeds, not words". Now it is precisely the time of *the actions based on the words*, or **the words as action**. The battlefield is now a different one, and make no mistake: it's not about the legitimacy of Israel as a Nation, but of the Jewish people as such. To see this, just surf online and see how some members of the Academic world, today, deny "that the Jewish people meet the requirements that define a nation" - I repeat: one of the two still existing ancient peoples; the efforts of pseudo intellectuals to "prove" that the Jewish people became extinct for millennia; that we are an invention, a colonialist political buzzword... The arms of ancient anti-Semitic hatred have multiplied and changed their skin again, sending a message that seems sophisticated and is, once again, the rationalization of the oldest Western hatred, its most deplorable social disease: anti-Semitism - now, in the postmodern world.

It's time to stand up in Israel's defense, in every city, every country, every region in which we live. **It is our Maccabi duty.**

**On this 68<sup>th</sup> Yom HaAtzma'ut, may we all be blessed in the joy of witnessing the further growth and flourishing of our small but great State, in peace, recognition and acceptance by the Nations of the Earth, of our dream of a united Jewish**



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**People returned to *Eretz Tzion vi'Yirushalayim*, the Land of Zion and of Jerusalem,  
Eternal Capital of our People.**

**May God bless the State of Israel, which marks the beginning of our national  
Renaissance, the rebirth of our pride and our Future as a People.**

**Chag Ha'Atzma'ut Sameach!  
Chazak ve' ematz!**

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