

# Israel News Desk

with  
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Mr Trump's visit to Israel met with a mixed response from the press but a rapturous welcome from the public. The Jewish Telegraph reported that he was treated "with deference and respect". After one of the many multiple standing ovations, this one at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem a beaming Trump joked with the crowd "thank you, I like you too".

After the headlines in America about the sacking of FBI Director, James Comey, the President woke up at Jerusalem's King David Hotel to front pages celebrating his visit to the Western Wall. Mr Trump did win some concessions during his visit. He noted several times that Mahmoud Abbas and Benjamin Netanyahu had pledged to work with him towards his "ultimate deal". There is, however, little faith that either Mr Abbas or Mr Netanyahu have the ability to deliver peace. Nothing specific was announced.

Mr Abbas said he hoped "Mr Trump will go down in history as the president who achieved Middle East peace!"

Daniel Shapiro, former Ambassador to Israel said no one said no to Mr Trump although they didn't say yes. Mr Trump made no reference to Jewish Settlements or a Palestinian State. For that matter Mr Netanyahu no longer mentions a Palestinian State.

Asked by Naftali Bennett, Israel's Education Minister to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's Capital, Mr Trump responded "that's an idea", Mr Trump did repeat his admonition of the Palestinian Authority to stop encouraging terrorism.

Mr Trump became the first American sitting President to visit the Western Wall but rejected a request by Mr Netanyahu to visit the site with him!

President Rivlin said "Israel needs a strong America and America needs a strong Israel. Jerusalem, he went on, is the beating heart of the Jewish people and has been for 3000 years".

Mr Trump made 7 public appearances in Israel but made no mention of a Palestinian State, a two state solution or settlements unlike his predecessor Barak Obama, neither did he mention his pledge to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He did, however, underscore the Jewish peoples ties to Israel saying they are "ancient and eternal". He referred to Iran routinely calling for Israel's destruction and to applause said "not with Donald J Trump, believe me!".

Mr Trump observed "Jews have endured persecution, oppression and attempts to destroy them, but they have endured and thrived!" He sent a message to Abbas "Stop rewarding terrorists and glorifying murderers". He noted that Mr Abbas had condemned the attack in Manchester but said that if the bomber had been Palestinian and the victims Israeli children the bombers family would have received a stipend from the Palestinian Authority (paid out of British foreign aid). That's Palestinian law he said and must be changed.

Because we believe the Bible, we know that there will be no peace until the Messiah comes. Muslims will never accept a Jewish State and as Mr Abbas constantly reiterates they want the land, all of it, from the river to the sea and want it Judenrein, free of Jews!

God has other ideas, He gave the title deeds of the land to Abraham through Isaac, not Ishmael (Gen 5:18, Gen 26:1-3) Its a Covenant and God does not break Covenants.

God is working out his end time purposes, soon the Church will be raptured and 7 years later the Messiah will come to the Mount of Olives and establish his Kingdom. All the enemies of the Lord will be destroyed.

24 hours after Mr Trump left Israel Mr Netanyahu, in a speech to the Knesset during a session of Israel's parliament to mark Jerusalem Day and the 50th Anniversary of the reunification of the City stated "the Temple Mount and the Western Wall will be under Israel's control for ever".

USA- A federal appeals court in Manhattan has rejected a bid by Jonathan Pollard, the former Navy Intelligence officer convicted of spying for Israel to release his tough parole conditions. He must continue to wear an electronic tracking device and is under curfew from 7pm to 7am and allow his computer to be monitored. He served 30 years in prison and must remain in America for 5 years despite his desire to move to Israel.

The courts decision was delivered in unprecedented speed, normally it takes months but was delivered in 7 days! the timing, on the day of Donald Trumps departure from Israel was interpreted as a slap in the face fro Israel. Certainly Americas Justice System is cruel and vicious.

Minnesota - A woman who survived the Holocaust received her high school diploma 7 decades after the Nazis robbed her of the privilege. She was 11 in 1942 when Germany invaded her native Poland. She was forced to work in a Jewish Ghetto and then a forced labour camp. Now, at 88 she has received her dream and said "It feels good!" She was surrounded by her grandchildren.

Ukraine - 2 swastikas were painted on the door of a Synagogue and the headstone of a Rabbi's grave was smashed. Last year "death to the Jews" was daubed on another Synagogue door.

Shulamit Cohen-Kishik - a former Mossad spy in Lebanon has died at the age of 100. She helped bring persecuted Jews from Arab countries to Israel and also gathered Arab military intelligence.

Republic of Congo - An unlikely candidate for the Presidency of the Congo is an Orthodox Jew from Jerusalem. He is black, bearded and burly. Pinhas Eliyahou, born in Kinshasa and raised in France will stand as a socialist. He converted to Judaism from Catholicism.

Jared Kushner - Mr Trumps Son in Law is reported to be negotiating behind the scenes in relation to Middle East peace but is presently being investigated Re links to Russia.

France - Israel is refusing to extradite a militant Zionist who has declared war on anti-Semitism in France.

Ireland - A former Irish government minister has expressed disappointment that his criticism of Dublin City Council's decision to fly the Palestinian flag has been rejected. It was described as "solidarity with the Palestinian people living under occupation"

The complainant said that "during the war Ireland looked the other way in the Nazi era and now by ignoring the complexities of the Israel-Palestinian conflict it has chosen to look the other way again.

British Labour Party - Given the anti-Semitism, pro Palestinian and anti Israel feelings in the Labour Party it beggars belief that any Jew can stand as a candidate or vote for them, and Bible believing Christians for that matter.

Keep praying for Israel, for the peace of Jerusalem and for the salvation of the Jewish people.  
David.