

“The Street Was Covered with Blood and Bodies,” The Sbarro Bombing

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Sixteen years ago Palestinian terrorists blew up a pizza place in the heart of Jerusalem killing 15 people including 7 children and a pregnant woman, and 130 wounded. A month later, other Islamist terrorists blew up the World Trade Centers in NY, the Pentagon Building in Washington DC, and were foiled in their attempt to destroy the Capital building by the brave passengers of Flight 93. It is important to remember these acts, not simply to memorialize the innocent victims whose only crime was to be at the wrong place at the wrong time, but as a reminder that even sixteen years later, terrorism is still suckling at the teat of political correctness and Western World appeasement.

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Her eyes, I think, will stay with me forever. Imploring, beseeching, full of so much sadness. I think the shock of where and how she was, was sinking in. I can't begin to describe all that was in those eyes.

Yesterday; Thursday, August 9th the 20th of Av, on my way to work, I found myself walking down Yaffo street. Hungry, I decided to stop and grab a quick bite... at Sbarro's Pizza.

In the past 5 years I have frequented this establishment exactly twice. Walking into Sbarro's there is a larger area for sitting in the front, but the back looked a bit cooler and quieter, so I decided to grab a seat in the back. That decision saved my life.

Waiting on-line, when they brought me the baked Ziti I asked for, it was cold. So I asked the woman behind the counter if she'd mind warming it up. "Ein Ba'ayah", no problem, she said with a smile. I will always wonder if that was her last smile on earth... A couple of moments later, a fellow from behind the counter came to the back with my baked Zitti. Then he started to speak to someone at one of the tables... That baked Ziti saved his life.

At about 2PM, I both felt & heard a tremendous explosion, and day turned into night. And then the screaming began. An awful, heartrending sound; the sound of people coming to terms with a whole new reality, of people not wanting to comprehend that life has changed forever. Those of us sitting in the back were spared, but I was afraid of panic, so I started yelling at everyone to quieten down; not to panic. The ceiling looked like it might cave in, but there is always the danger of a second explosion, detonated on purpose shortly after the first... But then I smelled smoke, and was suddenly afraid the restaurant might be on fire. So we started climbing our way through the wreckage to the front.



..There are no words to describe what the front of Sbarro's Pizza looked like in the immediate aftermath of that explosion. A woman was lying near the steps to the back. Her eyes were staring straight at me, following me. So full of pain and longing, sadness and despair. I dropped down beside her trying to elicit a response to see if she could speak. And then I watched the life just drain out of her. I tried to get a pulse, to no avail. She died there, on the steps in front of me. She was lying by the table I had decided not to sit at...

There were bodies everywhere, and those images are in my mind; they won't let go. A child's body under the wreckage; a baby-carriage; limbs and a torso; A woman holding a motor-cycle helmet and screaming next to a person on the floor who had obviously been someone she was with... And then the mad rush to help the ambulance and emergency crews get the wounded out. They were obviously afraid of a second bomb, so there was no medical effort inside beyond getting the wounded on to stretchers and out. A religious Jew missing at least two limbs in tears and shock; what do you say? "yehiyeh Be'Seder" it'll be all right? Will it?



I happened to sit a bit to the left as you walk towards the back, and so the wall behind me shielded me from the blast. Another fellow whom we went back in to get wasn't so lucky. Sitting only 5 or 6 feet to my left, he caught the full force of the blast and was thrown in the air. When we got him on the stretcher he was bleeding profusely and was missing a leg... There are no words to describe what that man's hand, clenched around my arm, felt like. He just kept looking from me to his leg and back again. I started saying Tehillim [Psalms] But there are so many families today who are waking up to the reality that life will never be the same. 17 funerals with friends and families saying goodbye to those they loved so, whose only crime was a desire for a slice of Pizza on a beautiful Jerusalem afternoon...



Terrorist Ahlam Tamimi helped to plan the Sbarro attack and drove the bomber to the pizza shop in Jerusalem in August 2001.

On the day of the massacre (9th August 2001), she personally transported the bomb (10 kg) from a West Bank town into Jerusalem, concealed inside a guitar case. Taxi cabs brought her and an accomplice by the name of Al Masri, a young, newly religious fanatic, to an Israeli security checkpoint and from there into Jerusalem.

To reduce suspicion, they dressed as Israelis and the bomb was not detected. Tamimi, who inspired, planned and engineered the Sbarro attack, personally led her “weapon” – Al Masri – to the target she had carefully selected. The Sbarro pizza restaurant, because it was located in the heart of Jerusalem and on a hot summer vacation afternoon it would be teeming with women and children. Tamimi instructed Al Masri to wait 15 minutes before detonating the explosives to give her sufficient time to flee the scene safely. He followed her orders. As to this being (as some journalists have implied) an act of momentary madness or lack of sound thinking, take into account that a short time prior to Sbarro attack Tamimi carried out a ‘dry run’, placing an explosive inside a downtown Jerusalem supermarket (Hamashbir Lazarchan) which exploded causing damage but resulting in no injuries.

After the blast, bodies lay sprawled on the ground. Many of the wounded, huge nails embedded in their skin, were covered in blood and their clothes had been blown off by the force of the explosion.

“All the glass blew out ‘boom!’ I saw two dead people, one with brains spilling out of his head, another with blood pouring out of his nose,” said 16-year-old Eliezer Vanzoari, his own arms smeared with blood. “I started to help move the people. I was shaking all over.”

An off-duty soldier, Naor Shara, happened to be walking by at the time. “The worst thing I saw, which I think will haunt me all my life,” he said “is a baby that was sitting in a stroller outside a shop and was dead. After the explosion, the baby’s mother came out of the store and started screaming hysterically.

She saw her baby before her eyes dead.”

People ran into Nava Perry’s nearby store “dripping with blood”, she said. “We heard a strong blast. It was clear it was a bomb. We saw bodies thrown all over the floor. I saw bodies inside the restaurant and the body of a little girl on the street covered in blood. Bodies were all over inside and outside.”

Lital Deri told how she heard a massive “boom” and then saw bodies strewn around. “I saw a soldier flying through the air. People ran around with blood all over their faces.”

Sarit Barashy, who was shopping nearby, said: “I heard a loud boom and I came out of the store and saw a woman with a baby covered with blood. The street was full of blood.”

Ahlam Tamimi was captured, jailed for the murders, but released from an Israeli jail in 2011 as part the prisoner exchange for the kidnapped Israeli, Gilad Shalit. To this day [she has shown no remorse for her mass-murder](#). Today she lives in Jordan with a TV show on the Hamas TV network.

Fifteen innocent people were murdered by Tamimi and her associates:



May the names and memories of the dead always be for a blessing:

- Giora Balash, 60, of Brazil
- Zvika Golombek, 26, of Carmiel
- Shoshana Yehudit Greenbaum, 31, of the U.S.
- Tehila Maoz, 18, of Jerusalem
- Frieda Mendelsohn, 62, of Jerusalem
- Michal Raziel, 16, of Jerusalem
- Malka Roth, 15, of Jerusalem
- Mordechai Schijveschuurder, 43, of Neria
- Tzira Schijveschuurder, 41, of Neria
- Ra'aya Schijveschuurder, 14, of Neria
- Avraham Yitzhak Schijveschuurder, 4, of Neria
- Hemda Schijveschuurder, 2, of Neria
- Lily Shimashvili, 33, of Jerusalem
- Tamara Shimashvili, 8, of Jerusalem

- Yocheved Shoshan, 10, of Jerusalem

The primary blame for this massacre goes to the terrorists that planned and executed this massacre, Hamas the terrorist group the bombers were associated with, and Fatah the ruling party of the Palestinians which still celebrates the murderers as heroes. But there is blame to go much further than that. Before and after that horrible day in Jerusalem, radical Islamist terrorism has been suckling at the teat of the appeasers who run most of the western world, who believe it's possible for murderous terror organizations to have a separation between their military and political wings, make deals with terrorist funding countries such as Iran, and support terrorist supporting organizations such as the Palestinian Authority to have a seat at the United Nations table.

When Yassir Arafat started on his murderous rampage in 1964 (three years **before** the 6-day war), he was treated like the animal he was. Then slowly through a combination of Arab Oil power and the world's continued hatred of Jews, the murderous rampage he began was treated with appeasement. Thanks to that appeasement the radical Islamic world was taught that terrorism is a legitimate means of political expression. That appeasement directly led to 9/11/01, al Qaeda, ISIS, and every other Islamic terror organization in the world today.



The Sbarro bombing was not the first of these horrible murders or the deadliest. A little over a month later another terrorist attack, this time in the United States captured the world's attention and drove the United States to become actively involved in the war against terror. And 9/11, for the first time in its history a US president treated a terror attack in Israel the same as any other act of war against civil society (at least until the Republicans lost Congress in 2006 and things began to revert).

After election day 2008 under the leadership of new President Barack Obama the US reverted back to the pre-9/11

US mentality and began to blame Israel the victim for terrorist attacks in the holy land. Even worse this country stopped fighting a war to wipe out the fanatical Islamists. Sixteen years after Sbarro, and almost 15 years after 9/11/11, thanks to a President who believed in leading from behind, the Islamists had the United States on the run.

The horrible Sbarro bombing was part of the second intifada which was waged to prevent peace: Israel and the Palestinians had been close to a peace deal where Arafat would get almost everything he asked for, but neither the terrorist or his people were ready for peace so Arafat walked away from the talks and authorized a wave of horrible homicide bombings. Everyone [including former President Bubba Clinton](#) said that Yassir Arafat walked away from a "sweetheart" deal. Note: Prime Minister ~~Comb-over~~ Ehud Olmert offered a similar deal to the PA's President Abbas [who never replied](#) to the offer.

That is why all peace talks fail, the Palestinian Authority and President Abbas do not have the courage or the desire to make peace. They claim to the world they are looking to make peace with their Israeli neighbors in English and say the opposite in Arabic. The truth that no one will admit is that moderates do not run the PA, it is the radicals who still run Fatah, its ruling party. Last summer Abbas ghoulishly celebrated the fact that his [Fatah party killed its 11,000th](#) innocent Israeli.

The PA has done nothing has been done to prepare its people for a compromise peace and two-state solution alongside Israel. In fact, Jews and Israel are demonized and terrorists are honored. In schools, children are taught that the [anti-Semitic Protocols of the Elders of Zion is true](#) they regularly [teach both children and adults to hate the Jewish people](#), and the [Palestinian Authority spends 50% of its foreign aid](#) on paying salaries to people who have committed an act of terrorism, and their families.

For the eight years of the Obama administration, Palestinian violence was encouraged by a president doing all he could to force Israel to make one-sided concessions to the supposed "moderates" in Fatah, despite their refusal to recognize Israel as a Jewish State, and continued the killing of innocent Israeli. Via both of his secretary of states, Hillary Clinton, and John Kerry, Obama pushed peace with President Abbas' Fatah Party, even though it didn't want peace, and idolized & paid mass-murderers like the one who blew up a Sbarros pizza place in Jerusalem, as heroes.



Thankfully America has a new President, Donald Trump who believes that America should lead the world in an effort to destroy the terrorist menace everywhere in the world (including Israel). He also fights for the incitement of terrorism anywhere in the world to be stopped.

Until the world recognizes the fruits of their appeasement, by not funding or recognizing any terrorist organization or state as legitimate, horrors like the Sbarro bombing, 9/11, San Bernardino, Paris, Orlando, and others will continue to happen in Israel, Europe, the US and elsewhere throughout the world, just like the [1301 Islamic attacks in 52 countries, in which 9340 people were killed and 9670 injured](#). that occurred between January 1st and August 9th of 2017

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