

The Mercaz Harav-Goldstein-Purim Trilogy - Part 3

The mysteries of the Mercaz HaRav massacre have been partly solved but the main ones remain ever mysteries with but one conclusion: the shadow Israeli government had its hand in the atrocity. If you missed parts one and two of the trilogy, read them at my website. For all others, the issue of who killed the Arab mass murderer is now solved to our satisfaction. Yitzhak Dadon got him first and David Shapira added a late coup de grace. However, Dadon told his first interviewer that Shimon Peres ultimately ordered the killings and was punished by the mainstream media for unknowingly telling the truth. It embellished Shapira and Dadon became persona non grata.

Numerous readers all agreed on that point but none was so moving as my friend Chaim who called me from Jerusalem, Chaim was in the Yeshiva above the library. He saw many things including Dadon getting position on an outside roof and shooting the murderer. After his shots, the killing ended. Unknown at the time to Dadon and Shapira, there were no more terrorists in the building. Chaim recalls surviving the terror:

"We barricaded the room as best as we could and shut the lights. We didn't move. One guy used his cellphone to call the police and we whispered to him to shut it off. If it rang the terrorist would know we were in there. We lay motionless for 40 minutes before the cops arrived."

"Forty? Officially, the cops were there in twenty minutes."

"I know that time is warped when every second is an eternity. But the police didn't arrive for at least half an hour. That's the minimum estimate. No less. I still think forty minutes is the better estimate."

"What took them so long?"

"We asked the same question. Where was help? We heard the screams from the library and the shooting went on and on but no one stopped it. I don't want to describe the horror. I'm just recovering from that part of things. The terrorist found his roost in the library and didn't leave the room. He thought he would be shot if he left. That probably saved us. There were other miracles. He was a terrible shot and missed one guy after firing ten shots at him. He escaped. Another pushed the rifle barrel away from him and got away. He was a huge monster. Instead of roaming the Yeshiva and killing more, he pumped bullets into the dead or dying where he was."

"Did you ask if the massacre would have happened if you had a security apparatus in place at the entrance to the Yeshiva?"

"Don't blame the Yeshiva. A year ago, all of Jerusalem lifted guards from buildings and bus stops. There was a lull in terror and everyone's guard was down. We used to have a guard at the entrance but he left when everyone else let their guards go. I don't understand why this was done so publicly but we weren't the only ones who thought a guard wasn't needed anymore."

"If you had a guard, an Arab holding a carton with a rifle and 600 bullets would have been stopped at the entrance."

"This is a myth that the rifle and bullets were in a box. He wore the bullets under his vest. The cops thought he was rigged with a bomb because he was so laden with clips. There are other myths too, like how he got there. We had guys who saw him pull up in a car with two other Arabs who drove away. He walked into the Yeshiva ready to kill and maybe a guard couldn't have stopped him. But he was not a lone killer. He had help. Why aren't the police taking our eye-witness testimony seriously? Why aren't they even asking who gave him the rifle and all the ammo. You think that can be done alone? Instead of pursuing the murderers, the cops let his family organize a memorial tent. Truthfully, I don't understand why that tent wasn't ripped down and anyone in it, arrested."

"Maybe Mercaz HaRav was chosen for the brutality and a thorough investigation would reveal too much about certain Israeli elements working behind the scenes to push their "peace" through murder?"

"The massacre could have taken place anywhere."

"But it didn't. It happened at the spiritual headquarters of religious Zionism and I don't believe that was done accidentally."

"Then why did they do it?"

"To break your morale. Mercaz HaRav is viewed by certain well-placed Israelis as the capital of the real enemy, religious Judaism.

It's not the first massacre by the "peacemakers."

"If they think they can break our morale by killing our kids, they don't know us very well."

"They think that everyone has a breaking point."

"Not us."

A courageous Israeli named Geula translated Part Two of the Trilogy into Hebrew. Those

Goldstein Massacre: Another Patsy Story!!

by Barry Chamish, refugee from Israel

who can, please copy the attached translation and send it to every Israeli you know and put it on all Israeli websites. Thanks to Geula, the Mercaz HaRav story and the truth about Baruch Goldstein can be read in Hebrew. Don't miss this opportunity to let all Israelis, right, left, center, secular and religious, know the facts.

From Israel Betrayed, www.lulu.com we conclude the trilogy with the Hebron Massacre of 1994:

GOLDSTEIN THE PATSY? by Barry Chamish

Response to my recent article indicating that the Hebron massacer Baruch Goldstein was just another in a long line of innocent peace process patsies was confusing. The greatest criticism came from the far Right, which for irrational reasons wants to preserve the image of Goldstein as a mass murderer and saint. They claimed that I and Israeli researcher Avraham Yosef got our facts wrong, without pointing to one error.

So, hoping to put an end to the accusations, I turned to my *Jerusalem Post* archives on CD-Rom to discover the facts as reported to the media. I am certain readers will find the results eye-opening. Among the many articles that appeared are those offering fascinating insights into the diplomacy that followed the massacre, which resulted in Hebron being put on the Oslo chopping block and foreign troops inserted into the city. This, along with security issues are beyond the scope of this article but are covered in depth in my updated book, *Who Murdered Yitzhak Rabin* www.lulu.com and in a full-length video by the same name available by writing

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Instead, I concentrate on the evidence and testimony collected by the police and the Shamgar Commission of Inquiry into the Hebron Massacre as reported in the *Post*. After reading the reports, let the reader decide if this really was a straightforward case of mass murder by a lone gunman.

The massacre occurred on Feb. 25/94, the *Press* reports begin 2 days later and end with the Shamgar Commission findings in June of that year. I begin with the *Post's* coverage and add my comments beginning and ending with three stars ***.

Feb.27- Goldstein Called Wonderful Doctor Yechiel Leiter of the Council of Jewish Communities...said, "I don't think you know what anyone is capable of but he did not fit into the high-risk category."

David Ramati saw Goldstein a few hours before the massacre...He was with his children and "looked like a perfect picture of normalcy."

Feb. 27- Wave Of Riots After Hebron Massacre The IDF said 54 Palestinians were killed in the shooting at the tomb and the ensuing disturbances in Hebron. Thirty-nine of them were killed when Dr. Baruch Goldstein entered the tomb early Friday morning and fired nearly 100 bullets from his Galil rifle into a group of Palestinian worshipers...Preliminary findings indicate that Goldstein arrived at the site around 5:45 PM, Friday, equipped with a pistol and a Galil assault rifle with five loaded magazines. Cartridges found on the floor of the prayer hall indicate that some 95 bullets were fired from Goldstein's gun...

Several Palestinians inside the mosque at the time of the massacre said that from what they saw, Goldstein was not working alone. They said that after he finished each cartridge, he was handed another by a "settler", who later fled. The witnesses also allege several settlers stood at one of the entrances to the mosque and prevented soldiers from entering when the shooting began.

"We were all on the ground prostrated forward when I heard gunfire from behind," said Hashem Gheith, 37. "The shooting lasted for at least three

or four minutes."

"The first thing I heard was bombs going off," said Adlay Jabari, 14. "Then I heard a machine gun."

Dr. Daoud Obeidi, director of the Aghli Hospital in Hebron, said from the shrapnel wounds suffered by some, it appeared hand grenades were used in the attack.

***In another early report in a separate article, a survivor says there was more than one gun because, "When one them changed clips, the shooting continued." The first reports tend to be the

Before Shamgar Commission

Wakf officials yesterday requested an invitation to testify before the commission of inquiry into the Hebron massacre..."We want to bring the truth to light for the sake of both peoples," said Sheikh Sallah Natsha. "The Wakf officials are the true witnesses...they are the guards who were present at the event."

Natsha charged that the authorities had destroyed some of the evidence in the cave. "The authorities made it difficult to see what happened when they cleaned the place, even though we asked that they do not do anything until you see what happened," he told the commission. "They hid the evidence."

The Sheikh wanted to tell the truth for the sake of both peoples. He wanted to expose which evidence had been destroyed. But, as we shall see, he wasn't permitted to do so.

March 11- Border Police Officer Testifies

Dep. Cmdr. Meir Tayar, who heads the Border Police unit in Hebron, gave testimony which revealed bizarre procedural rules among the Border Police which contributed to three policemen's fatally late arrival at the Machpela Cave the morning of the massacre. They were late, Tayar said, because they hadn't been woken on time...

Supt. Uri Reiskop, who was acting commander of the Hebron police station also had trouble explaining why the policemen had failed to show up in the morning of the massacre. He initially said the men had been sent to investigate a shooting near Kiryat Arba.

How fortuitous for Goldstein that on the morning of his alleged deed, the cops didn't man their posts at the mosque because they either slept in or were investigating a more urgent matter.

March 17- Wakf Officials Boycott Massacre Inquiry

Yesterday morning's session of the Shamgar Commission on the Hebron massacre was cancelled after five Wakf officials failed to appear...

"We decided to boycott the inquiry commission because the Israelis cannot be both the enemy and the judge," said Hassan Tahboub, who heads the Islamic High Committee. The Palestinian committee said yesterday it believes soldiers played a role in the deaths at the mosque, despite testimony to the contrary by Israeli officers.

My, how the Sheikh had a change of heart in a hurry! He would no longer tell the truth to the Shamgar Commission but we are given a strong hint of what it would have been; more soldiers than Goldstein were involved in the massacre.

March 18- Soldiers' Testimony Conflict In Inquiry

Yosef, Drori and a third soldier, Erez Elimelech also all testified that they had seen Goldstein enter with an M-16. This contradicted the testimony of Lt. Rotem Revivi, the only soldier inside the cave when the massacre took place. Revivi said Goldstein had entered with a Gilon - the type of rifle from which the massacre bullets were actually shot.

In response to questions from commission members, Yosef and Drori both said that one person had entered with a Gilon that morning - a settler they didn't recognize who arrived shortly after Goldstein. The arrival of a settler they didn't recognize was unusual, the two said, since they knew all the regulars at the early prayer service.

Rotem also said Goldstein entered the cave at about 5:20: the other three put the time around 4:45...Commission member Judge Ahmed Zuabi commented if Rotem's assertion that Goldstein could not have used the main entrance without seeing him is true, it raises the possibility that Goldstein had assistance. One of the other entrances into the Yitzhak Hall is from Avraham Hall...Since this door was bolted from the Jewish side after the massacre, Zuabi noted, if Goldstein used this entrance, someone must have bolted it behind him.

***If I had to start naming suspects in the conspiracy or coverup, I would start with Lieut. Rotem Revivi, who backed the government's case that Goldstein carried a Galil rifle and arrived at 5:20, against those of three other soldiers who testified that Goldstein BROUGHT AN M-16 INTO THE CAVE OF THE MACHPELA 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT SAID HE ARRIVED. I will stress the most important fact of all, the IDF and Shamgar concluded that the massacre was caused by a Galil rifle not an M-16, yet three soldiers on duty testified that Goldstein carried an M-16. **Continued next issue!**

March 10- Wakf Officials Asked To Testify