

Israel.” He has also been accused of being one of the spiritual authors of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Elon brought his own “alternative” to the road map, a seven-point “Marshall Plan” for the Middle East, which calls for marshalling the Palestinians across the Jordan River into what Elon calls the true Palestinian State, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. This is nothing more than the “Jordan is Palestine” policy, which Sharon has been pushing for the

last two decades.

Elon’s itinerary began as guest of honor at the Second Annual Leadership Luncheon of the above-mentioned National Unity Coalition for Israel, and the American Christian Trust (ACT). The event was preceded by a “solidarity and prayer breakfast,” on the grounds of the Israeli Embassy, where 900 people gathered. The luncheon was held at ACT, which is housed immediately behind the Embassy, and has a

Elon’s ‘Transfer’ Policy

Benny Elon is the leader of the Moledet party, whose official policy is ethnic cleansing, which they choose to call “transfer”: getting the Palestinians out of “Greater Israel.” The fact that such a person is Minister of Tourism in the Israeli government should have caused a scandal—except that Ariel Sharon, the “butcher of Beirut,” is in his second term as Prime Minister.

Elon, during his recent U.S. visit, explained to U.S. Senators and Congressmen his alternative to the road map, which Moledet dubs “The Elon Peace Initiative.” After reading it, one wonders whether it should be called a “piece” plan, since he calls for taking all the pieces of land earmarked in the Oslo Accords for a Palestinian State.

The seven-point plan includes: 1) Declare the Palestinian Authority the enemy; 2) Militarily destroy the “terror infrastructure”; 3) Nullify the Oslo Accords and dismantle the Palestinian Authority; 4) Following the end of hostilities, solve the refugee problem by relocating Palestinians to Arab countries and dismantling the refugee camps; 5) Name Jordan the Palestinian State, with Amman as its capital, and Israel the Jewish State, with Jerusalem as its capital; 6) Give Arabs remaining in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip Jordanian-Palestinian citizenship. Encouraged Arab Israelis to transfer their citizenship to the “new” state; and 7) “If Arabs of Judea, Samaria (the Israeli names for the West Bank) and Gaza, breach the terms of this plan, they will be expelled to their state on the other side of the Jordan River.” It is obvious that such a plan gives the Palestinians, or the Jordanians for that matter, little choice in the matter.

Just a few days before leaving Israel for the United States, Elon presided over a “transfer” in East Jerusalem, when he led a group of hooligans to expel Palestinians living in apartments that he claimed were bought by a Jewish organization 120 years ago. Elon told reporters, “The eviction of the Palestinians from the house was a joyous sight”; and, “Yes, this is transfer.”

Before Elon became a politician, he was a rabbin who

helped train a generation of fanatics, including those responsible for the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. In fact, Rabin’s murderer, Yigal Amir, recently declared in open court that he had told Elon that he was going to kill Rabin. Of course, Elon denied the charge, and he has never been investigated. Nonetheless his niece, Margalit Har Shefi, was convicted in 1998 for “not preventing a crime”—specifically the assassination of Rabin. She was a friend of Amir, and was convicted of knowing that Amir was planning to kill Rabin and not informing the authorities. Yossi Elon, Benny Elon’s brother, was Har Shefi’s defense attorney. As a minister in the first Sharon government, Elon was instrumental in securing a Presidential pardon for Har Shefi in 2002.

All this should not be surprising, given the fact that Elon is one of the key spiritual leaders of Sharon’s great project of resettling the land of Israel. Elon is an expert in the writings of Rabbi A.I. Kook, who is the spiritual founder of the radical settlers movement, Gush Emunim. Prior to entering politics, Elon taught for five years at the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva, the main training center for the fanatics who want to destroy the mosques on the al-Haram al-Sharif, Islam’s third holiest site, in order to rebuild Solomon’s Temple there. This is a project fanatically supported by the Christian Zionists, because the resulting war, they believe, will usher in Armageddon and bring the rapture of true believers to heaven.

In 1990, Elon left Ateret Cohanim to found a new yeshiva on Mount Scopus, called Beit Orot. This project was financed by Irving Moskowitz (see accompanying article), who also financed Ateret Cohanim. In 1996, he joined the Moledet party and won his first seat in the Knesset in 1996. In 2001, he took over the leadership of the party, after the assassination of its founder, Rechavam Zeevi. The latter had an equally bloody background: He started his career when he joined Sharon’s infamous 101 Battalion in the 1950s, which conducted terror raids into the then-Jordanian-controlled West Bank. Also known as Ghandi, Zeevi had been accused of enjoying close ties to the Israel mafia, and is considered one of the fathers of the “transfer” policy.—*Dean Andromidas*