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Utan Israel´s hjälp kan inte palestinierna få en egen stat! President Trump och medarbetare ställde tydliga krav på palestinierna: Inga bidrag utan fredsförhandlingar, piska och morot! Vem blir ny ledare istället för Mahmood Abbas? Samarbete med Egypten, Saudiarabien, FN och PA för en varaktig fred i Gaza, med försvagat Hamas? Blir Västbanken ett nytt Gaza, Startar Hezbollah krig i norra Israel?! Hamas behöver Israels hjälp att stoppa Coronaviruset. Stoppar det ett nytt krig 2021?

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March 1, 2021

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***Report: Security officials expect more Iranian attacks on Israeli ships, believe IRGC wants to avenge Qassem Soleimani.***

By Benjamin Kerstein, [The Algemeiner](#)

Israel's security establishment believes Iran will attempt more attacks like Friday's explosion on an Israeli-owned ship in the Gulf of Oman, and that Israel will have to retaliate.

Israeli news site *Walla* reported Sunday that security officials have concluded that Friday's attack was intended as a warning. The attackers "did not intend to sink" the ship, one said, "but rather to tell Israel about their future intentions." Further attacks are expected to be attempted in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

The security establishment now believes that Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps' (IRGC) naval force attacked the ship in order to avenge the US assassination of the late IRGC head Qassem Soleimani, as well as the killing of top nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, in what is believed to have been an Israeli operation. The ranks of the IRGC are apparently in a state of ferment due to Soleimani's assassination.

The security establishment is apparently determined to respond if its assessment proves correct.

"Israel cannot be restrained over the incident," a senior official said. "This is a very serious operation."

Also on Sunday, IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi addressed the attack, saying it demonstrated the extent of the [Iranian threat](#).

"Just this past weekend," he said, "we received a reminder ... of one of the biggest threats in the region, Iran."

"We received a reminder that Iran not only poses a nuclear threat, but spreads terrorism and conducts terrorist attacks against civilian targets," Kochavi asserted.

# Israel could find itself alone against Iran!

**Qatari-Iranian relations have not been severed and the Saudis are more concerned with ending the war in Yemen. Meanwhile, only Israel views an Iranian bomb as an existential threat.**



By Oded Granot **Israel Hayom**

2021.02.03

Iran's calculated move, intended to prod the Biden administration to quickly return to the 2015 nuclear deal, was successful this week because of the three strong cards it put on the table: threatening to continue enriching uranium at high grades; activating new and fast centrifuges at Natanz; restricting the International Atomic Energy Agency's access to its nuclear facilities.

This success was evidenced, among other things, in interviews granted by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Instead of warning Iran that the US would not reopen nuclear talks if Iran doesn't immediately and unconditionally halt these severe violations, he chose instead to echo the intimidation. At this rate, so he said, Iran could make a breakthrough toward a nuclear bomb within several weeks. In other words: We need to hurry up.

The frustrating aspect of this story is that alongside Iran's recent violations of the nuclear agreement, which indeed draw it closer to building an atomic bomb (even if it would take longer than a few weeks), the Iranians are also showing no willingness to consider an improved, longer-term nuclear deal that would be more resistant to violations.

They insist on returning to the old deal and aren't prepared to revisit any of its clauses, while also opposing any negotiations pertaining to their ballistic missiles or subversive activities in the region. If that wasn't enough, meanwhile, the Iranians are also demanding that the US make the first move: lifting the harsh sanctions imposed on them by the Trump administration since

withdrawing from the deal in 2018. If the Americans ask nicely, maybe the Iranians will agree to a mutual gesture. In other words, trust-building measures, by both sides at the same time.

No one should envy the new administration's task of handling the Iranian nuclear problem. Mutuality in the eyes of the Iranians means they can cease the violations at any moment, but the Biden administration will need, for example, to remove the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps from the list of organizations that support terrorism, annul the sanctions imposed on Iran's central bank, oil exports and on companies wishing to do business with Iran; and all this for what, exactly? Going back to the old nuclear deal?

The Biden administration publicly vowed to consult with Congress and America's friends in the Middle East before taking any significant steps regarding Iran. In Congress, even among the Democrats, are many who oppose returning to the old nuclear deal. They believe doing so would be a mistake that would only jeopardize the interests of America and its allies.







Israeli researchers have proved that ozone is effective in disinfecting coronavirus in the air, a team from three academic institutions announced Wednesday.

Most people associate ozone with the blocking of harmful solar radiation and the previous environmental threat to the earth's ozone layer. However, it has long been known that ozone kills microorganisms in the air and water, and many municipal drinking water systems around the world use ozone instead of chlorine to kill bacteria.

The research team from Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University and Azrieli College in Jerusalem found it is possible to destroy coronavirus within minutes using gaseous ozone, which can be produced synthetically indoors.

The advantage of gaseous ozone over liquid disinfectants is its ability to treat entire rooms, including all objects found in it and hard-to-reach locations.

“For the first time, we have managed to prove that it is highly efficient in combating coronavirus”, said Dr. Ines Zucker from the TAU School of Mechanical Engineering.

“Its advantage over common disinfectants such as alcohol and bleach is its ability to disinfect objects and aerosols within a room, and not just exposed surfaces, rapidly and with no danger to public health,” said Dr. Zucker.

In the past year, studies showed that the SARS-CoV-2 virus remains active on aerosols – tiny droplets floating in the air – and surfaces for several hours or several days, depending on the

Feb 17, 2021

**Long recognized as a disinfectant for microorganisms in the air and for purifying water, it's now known that ozone also kills the coronavirus.**

By Yakir Benzion, United With Israel

nature of the surface and the environmental conditions.

Ozone was shown to effectively sanitize surfaces against coronavirus after short exposure to low concentrations of ozone. The researchers published their preliminary findings in the academic journal *Environmental Chemistry Letters*. The study demonstrated a high level of disinfection within minutes, even on surfaces not typically disinfected with manually applied liquid disinfectants.

Dr Zucker said the method involves inexpensive and readily available technology, which can be utilized to disinfect hospitals, schools, hotels, and even aircraft and entertainment halls.

“We eventually showed that ozone can penetrate every part of a room, suggesting ozone gas as an effective disinfectant for SARS-CoV-2 with high potential to overcome the low accessibility of commonly applied liquid disinfectants,” the study concluded.

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## A Two-State Solution would net Israel 120 Billion Dollars!

**A new study published by the American research organization RAND has found that Israelis could save 120 billion dollars and Palestinians 50 billion dollars throughout the next decade if a two-state solution were to be achieved.**

The study examined the expected costs of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict throughout the next decade according to five possible scenarios, in comparison to the continuation of the status quo. All scenarios presented substantial economic growth, as opposed to the damage that will continue to afflict the societies if a solution is not reached.

According to the presented data, the Israeli economy could gain over 120 billion dollars if an agreement was reached whereby Palestinians were to establish an independent state in exchange for normalization of relations between Israel and its neighbors. Meanwhile, GDP per capita in Palestinian Authority territories could rise by 36%.

In addition to the scenarios of a two-state solution versus a return to the cycle of violence, RAND also examined three other alternative scenarios – a coordinated unilateral Israeli

withdrawal from the West Bank, an uncoordinated Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank without the cooperation of the Palestinians, and non-violent Palestinian resistance.

The ramifications of a unilateral withdrawal were found to be dependent on the level of coordination – if Israel were to coordinate the withdrawal with the Palestinians and international community the move would only have minor implications for the Israeli economy, while an uncoordinated withdrawal would impose heavy financial expenses on Israel in order to transfer settlers from the West Bank, estimated at 20 billion dollars.

In the event of non-violent Palestinian resistance, a scenario which some observers to the region claim has already begun with the international BDS movement, Israel could lose 80 billion dollars and Palestinians 12 billion dollars in comparison with the continuation of current trends.

# Biden will work against Abraham Accords, legal scholar says

March 1, 2021



“Nobody will say it’s bad for Israel to make peace with Arab countries,” said Kontorovich, who is also an authority on the Arab-Israeli conflict. But those who embrace the “two-state solution,” like the current White House, understand that the Abraham Accords completely contradicts their worldview.

Those who favor the two-state solution argue that the Palestinian problem must first be solved before peace between Israel and other Arab countries can take place. The Abraham Accords showed that not to be the case.

## Biden team will weaken accords

The Biden administration may therefore try to weaken the agreement that normalized relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco over the last several months of the Trump administration by “pulling threads” from it, Kontorovich said.

One such thread, he said, is nixing the sale of American F-35 stealth fighters to the UAE. Although the Trump administration approved the sale shortly after the Gulf country signed the accords, the deal is now under “review” by the oval office.

Kontorovich said that he didn’t think these kinds of moves would succeed in driving the UAE, or any

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The Biden administration may try to weaken the agreement by “pulling threads” from it, Kontorovich said.

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

The Biden administration is going to work quietly against the Abraham Accords but the countries that have already signed on will stick with Israel due to their mutual fear of Iran, Prof. Eugene Kontorovich, a leading constitutional and international law expert, told a Zoom meeting Sunday sponsored by [Women in Green](#).

country, from the Abraham Accords, as it would go against their self-interest.

Those interests are first and foremost protecting themselves from Iran.

“Persian Shia dominance is a nonstarter. It’s an existential issue for them,” Kontorovich said.



Eugene Kontorovich (Wikimedia Commons/Shalom111)

It is “ironic,” he added, that the person who most deserves to receive the Nobel peace prize for the Abraham Accords is former President Barak Obama. It was the Iran nuclear deal that he pushed for and approved that “created serious incentives for the Gulf states to come close to Israel, because they had no choice.”



According to Kontorovich, whichever approach the Biden administration takes toward Iran now, rapprochement between Arab countries and Israel will continue. If the U.S. is overly conciliatory to the expansionist Islamic Republic, they will band together in self-defense. But even if the U.S. takes a more hardline approach, the same logic that impelled these countries to finally have open relations with Israel will still be valid. Peace with the Palestinians was no longer required for normalization between Israel and the Arabs.

The Gulf nations now consider the Palestinians “unsympathetic actors,” Kontorovich said, meaning that they have shown by their actions that they aren’t interested in statehood. The Arab states understand that Israel offered a state four times and was refused, so they have accepted the Palestinians’ “no” and decided to move forward in order to benefit themselves.

In his opinion, the Biden administration has not yet caught up to the new way of thinking in the region. The accords were “extraordinarily significant” in two ways, he explained. Practically speaking, they opened the door for business and for “people-to-people contact.” Symbolically, they were even more important, he said, because they showed that “Israel made no legally binding commitments” to anyone within the framework of the accords, and so “it did not tie its hands” in this matter, he said. It is an issue of domestic, internal Israeli politics, he

not had the desire to take on the issue. [They] are not giving it the gravity it deserves.”

## Who’s in charge in Israel?

In the context of the upcoming elections, Kontorovich was asked if the Abraham Accords affected Israel’s ability to implement its sovereignty over Judea and Samaria.

“Sovereignty is a practice as much as it is a declaration,” he said. “You can declare sovereignty and not exercise it, and you can exercise it and not declare it.”

On the other hand, he added, “In Israel, the government isn’t actually the government. The ones sitting in the chairs” are not the people really running the country. Referring to a kind of Israeli deep state, but not in so many words, Kontorovich said that “bureaucratic entities” play “a very significant role,” as does the army, and they are “deeply ignoring” the question of sovereignty.

When asked what would happen if the Knesset passed a law on the issue, he acknowledged that the bureaucratic entities couldn’t stop it – but added that the Supreme Court and attorney-general could. This is because they believe there is some kind of higher, unwritten Israeli Law that they can access “intuitively,” he said.

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The train station near the port in Haifa. (Israel Rail/Facebook)

## ‘Peace Railway’ from Israel to Arab Gulf states to lay tracks!

**Backed by China, the project is “one of the most important geopolitical measures that Israel has taken in recent years,” says *Globes*.**

*By Paul Shindman, World Israel News*

The announcement last week by the Ministry of Transportation that plans were advancing for a rail link from Israel to the Persian Gulf may be more. The concept of a rail connection from Israel’s Mediterranean port of Haifa to the Arab states was raised four years ago by Finance Minister Yisrael Katz, who was transportation minister at the time and dubbed the project “Peace Railway.”

Last week, Transportation Minister Miri Regev announced the 3.5-billion shekel (\$1 billion) project was moving to the planning stage.

“The Gulf to Gulf project is a mega-project that will change the face of the regional economy in the Middle East and connect Israel to many countries in the region by rail and will be a gateway to the Mediterranean for them,” Regev said in her announcement last week, as Haifa’s port is located in the Gulf of Haifa.

“This is economic news that will turn the countries of the Middle East into an island of economic power and stability based on reciprocity and peace,” Regev said.

than just an election ploy, *Globes* reported Wednesday.

With Israel’s national elections only two weeks away, *Globes* called it a clear “election eve announcement,” but noted that “beneath all the fanfare is one of the most important geopolitical measures that Israel has taken in recent years, which will not only impact our neighbors but also Israel’s status in the region.”

With rail transportation making a comeback in the world, a Middle East “mega-railway project” would fit in with the Chinese government’s plan for a “silk railroad” connecting Asia and Europe.

China has invested hundreds of billions of dollars in building a transcontinental railway over the past decade, the paper noted, adding that countries in the Middle East like Israel that have been rehabilitating their rail networks are looking eastward and realizing that integrating with the Chinese transport network could open up new trade opportunities.

Regev said Israel will extend its new rail line, recently opened from Haifa to the Jordan Valley, and lay tracks to the Jordanian border.

However, once there, the outdated Jordanian narrow-gauge system will need to be updated – a serious challenge for cash-strapped Jordan, which wants to modernize but needs several billion dollars that it currently doesn't have.

The Jordanian plan includes a new line going eastward to Iraq with an extension southward to Saudi Arabia, which would give Israel rail access to Arab Gulf states and in turn could send goods to Haifa, thereby bypassing the Suez Canal and the extra transit charges involved in using the Egyptian shipping channel.

*Globes* noted that although the Egyptian government is not commenting on the rail project,

State. As well, the Saudis still have not recognized Israel, but with the project still years away, that would not yet cause a diplomatic hurdle.

At the same time, Turkey is pushing to have the Chinese run a rail line to its border as an alternate Asian route to Europe that could also involve Iraq and Iran.

It is known that China has a strong economic interest in Israel's transportation infrastructure and is investing in a new cargo port in Haifa. China previously bid on a new multi-billion rail line to join the Mediterranean port of Ashdod with the southern Israeli port city of Eilat – a project that would also allow bypassing the Suez Canal – but the project was put on hold due to funding and other issues.

Israeli and Biden Administration officials on Thursday will hold the first session of a bilateral strategic group aimed at collaborating to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. The US-Israel Strategic Consultative Group will be led by US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and his Israeli counterpart Meir Ben-Shabbat. The White House has said that it would like to rejoin the Iran Deal if Tehran first returns to compliance. However, the Islamic Republic has insisted that the US first remove sanctions before it returns to the terms of the 2015 accord, putting the two sides at a stalemate. Former president Donald Trump withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2018 and imposed punishing sanctions on Iran. Israeli officials, including Netanyahu, have voiced opposition to the Biden Administration's desire to rejoin the deal, putting Jerusalem and Washington at odds on the issue. Some leading Israeli officials in recent months have warned of military action to halt Tehran's nuclear program.

In recent months, Iran has taken steps to violate the JCPOA by the enrichment of uranium past the accord's limits and barring UN inspections of the country's nuclear facilities.

### **Israeli, Egyptian officials attend largest bilateral conference in 20 years**

Intelligence Minister Eli Cohen says conference will help countries bring bilateral trade back to previous high of \$1b billion annually. With new security system in place in Sharm el-Sheikh, Cohen says Israel looking to exclude resort city from Sinai security alerts.

Around 60 Israeli and Egyptian businesspeople took part in the largest bilateral meeting held between the two countries in the last 20 years. The meeting, held in the Egyptian resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh was aimed at expanding economic cooperation beyond textile manufacturing and natural gas, the latter of which Jerusalem began to export to Cairo in 2020.

Cohen held a lengthy meeting with Egypt's Deputy Intelligence Minister Nasser Fahmi to discuss future plans for their economies and security issues. According to Fahmi, "Egypt is interested in promoting cooperation with Israel in all fields. We will continue to act to bolster economic and bilateral ties in the future."

By Ariel Kahana

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**The COVID-19 mutations are spreading rapidly, and the new Israeli test is reliable, cheap and fast for detecting the variants.** *By Yakir Benzion, United With Israel*

The new British and South African forms of the COVID-19 coronavirus are spreading faster and infecting more people, and a team of Israeli researchers announced Tuesday they have come up with a new, inexpensive and reliable test to help fight the mutations.

Scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev realized that the current coronavirus tests “are expensive, time-consuming or indirect” and that the medical community needs something that works faster.

The current standard for coronavirus variants testing is the next generation sequencing (NGS) approach, but that sequences the entire virus genome, which is expensive and time-consuming. The BGU scientists developed a direct rapid, cost-effective test that successfully identifies the British or South African variants. The tests reduce from days to hours the time needed to determine whether an infection is caused by a variant. Drs. Karin Yaniv and Eden Ozer, under the supervision of Prof. Ariel Kushmaro, developed the

rapid tests, which are based on a chain reaction (RT-qPCR) that uses “gene deletion” to differentiate the variants from the original SARS-CoV-2 strain.

The new tests produce quick results so that health authorities can give a proper response and contain novel mutations.

This method may also provide a basis for developing new tools for the detection of additional variants in the future, according to the researchers, who tried their tests on sewage samples from several cities, including Beersheba, home of the university, and successfully detected the British mutation.

“My lab has been working hard throughout this pandemic to provide early warning and detection tools. Our detection system of corona in wastewater successfully completed a pilot program in 14 cities around Israel,” Prof. Kushmaro said, adding that “we continue to refine our research in service to humankind.”



Shalom! 15 Mars, 2021

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## Israel, Cyprus and Greece agree to link power grids via subsea cable

By Reuters Staff



JERUSALEM, March 8 (Reuters) —

Cyprus, Greece and Israel on Monday signed an initial agreement to build the world's longest and deepest underwater power cable that will traverse the Mediterranean seabed at a cost of about \$900 million and link their electricity grids.

The project, called the Euro-Asia interconnector, will provide a back-up power source in times of emergency, said Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz, who was in Nicosia to sign a memorandum of understanding with his counterparts.

Cypriot Energy Minister Natasa Pilides said it marked “a decisive step towards ending the island’s energy isolation, and consequently, our dependence on heavy fuels.”

The cable will have a capacity of 1,000-2,000 megawatts (MW) and is expected to

be completed by 2024, according to Israel’s energy ministry.

With a length of about 1,500 km and a maximum depth of 2,700 metres, it will be the longest and deepest subsea electricity cable to have ever been constructed, it said.

Steinitz said the cable “will allow us to receive electricity backing from the power grids of the European continent in times of emergency and more importantly will also support our ability to significantly increase reliance on solar power generation.”

The Israeli ministry said that the European Union has recognised the cable as a “Project of Common Interest” and was willing to partly fund it. (Reporting by Ari Rabinovitch and Michele Kambas; editing by David Evans)

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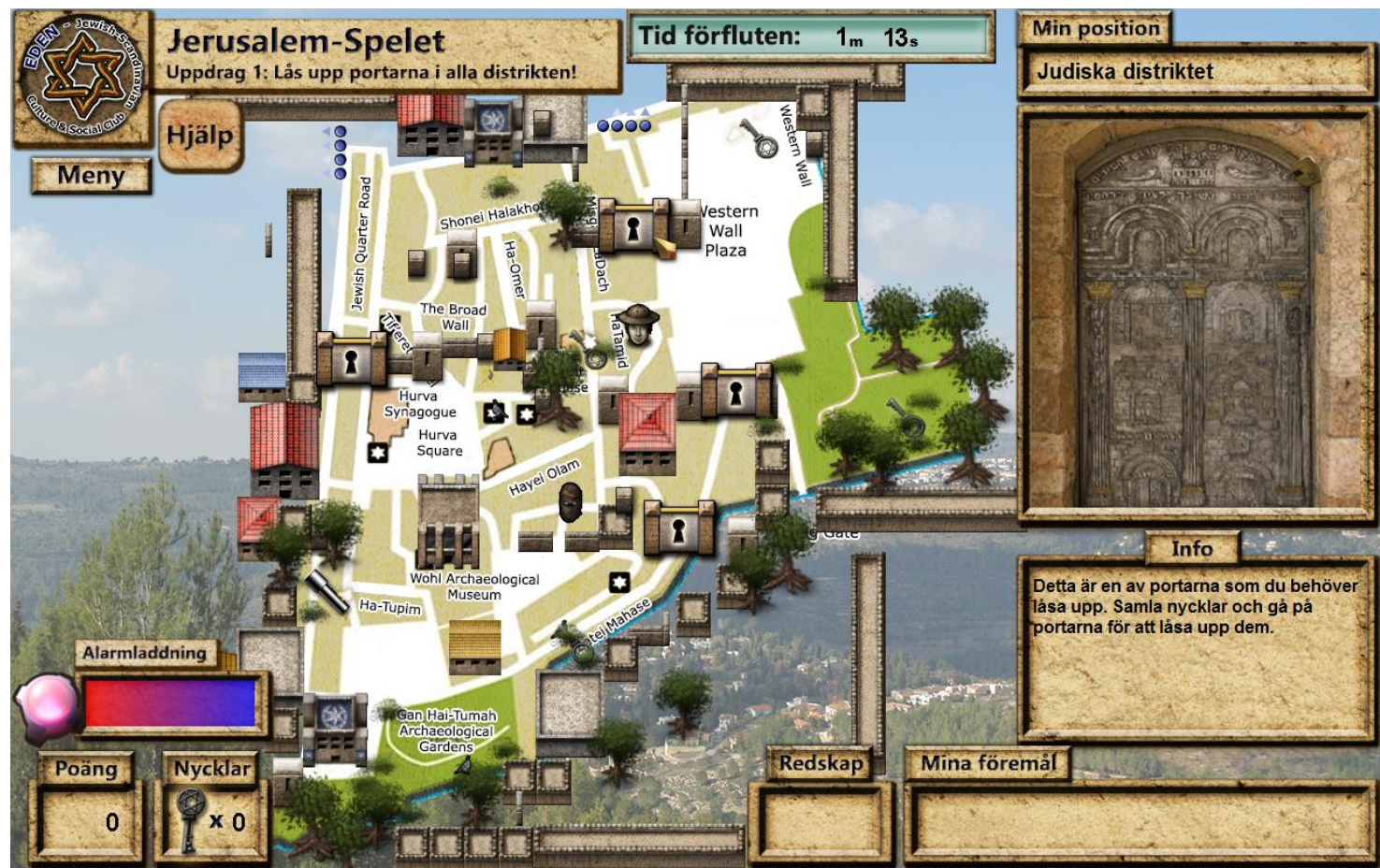


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