

Just Jump!

It wasn't easy for the Israelites to cross the Sea of Reeds. Before the waters miraculously parted, someone had to take the first step in. That person, according to tradition, was Nachshon, who dived into the spray without any assurance that the sea would part. All he knew was that if the sea *didn't* part, he would drown. And if he turned back he would die at the hands of the Egyptian army.

Nachshon had faith that if a miracle were to happen, it wouldn't happen on its own. It would take a human hand to set events into motion.

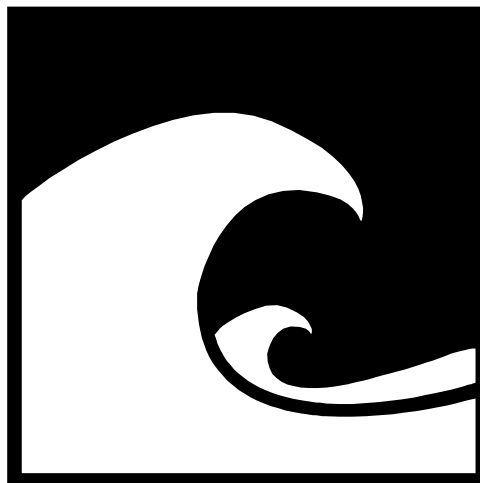
In today's Middle East, it is clearer than ever that the miracle of a Jewish state cannot be sustained by permanent control of another people. Yet Prime Minister Sharon and his new hard-line government seem to think it can.

What they do not see is the demographic juggernaut advancing on Israel. With one of the highest birthrates, the Palestinians will become the majority between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. By insisting on Israeli control of the entire land and all its people, Sharon is hastening the day when Jews will become a minority in their own land—a day when Israel will be forced to abandon its democracy or its Jewish and Zionist mission.

Shalom Achshav—Israel's Peace Now movement—believes there is

another way. It does not require a divine revelation to understand that Israel needs to separate itself from the territories and the millions of Palestinians who live there. Shalom Achshav further believes it is fundamental that Palestinian officials crack down on terrorism.

Americans for Peace Now mission is to help Israel achieve a comprehensive political settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict consistent with Israel's security needs and its Jewish and democratic values.



Through your support of APN, you can influence decision-makers and government officials, and mobilize grassroots support for steps that will strengthen Israel's prospects for the future. You can educate communities about the benefits of security through peace in the Middle East.

It will take the faith of a Nachshon to step into uncertain waters and to realize that standing still is not an option.

Let's make miracles happen!

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