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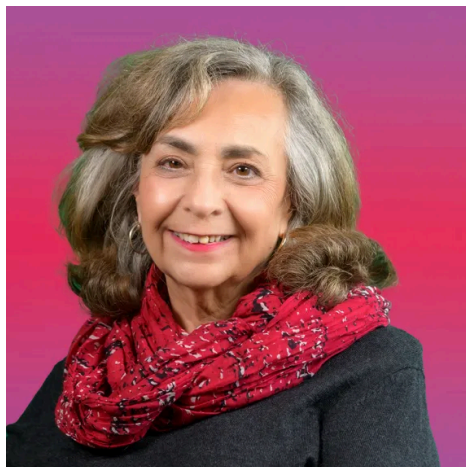
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By [Naomi Ragen](#) | March 23, 2025 | [9 comments](#)

More and more, I think that Israeli and American politics are starting to mirror each other. This week, once again, Leftist Israelis have taken to the streets to violently protest things that most of us cannot fathom.

For example, they are up in arms because the government voted unanimously to fire Ronen Bar, head of the Intelligence Service.

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Israel's National Theatre as well as in the United States and Argentine. Naomi has written for the Jerusalem Post and other publications in Israel and abroad, as well as to her blog list, about Israel and Jewish issues. An Orthodox woman, feminist and iconoclast, Naomi is a tireless advocate for women's rights in Israel, waging a relentless campaign against domestic abuse and bias in rabbinical courts, as well as a successful Supreme Court case against gender segregation on Israeli buses.

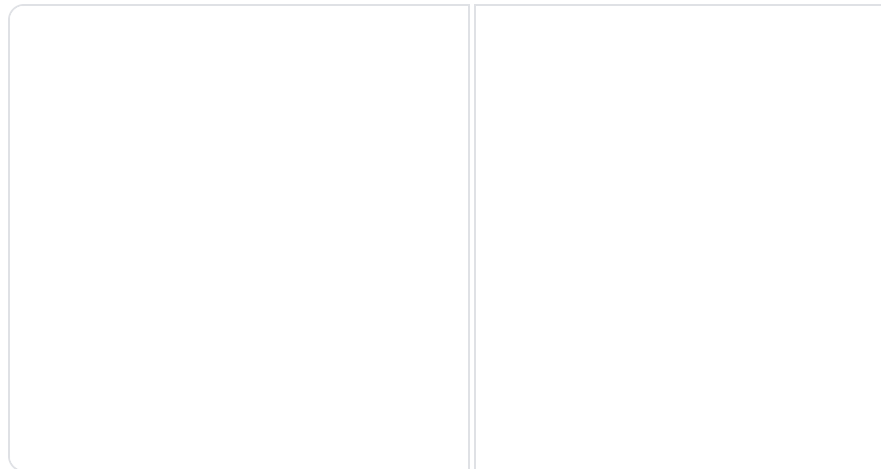
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Israel would agree that to get rid of him was a no-brainer. Not so fast. If Netanyahu wants it, it must be bad. Does that remind you of the Democrats denigrating Trump for securing the borders, deporting illegal criminals, attacking waste and fraud? Sure sounds similar to me.

And then we have our courts getting involved. What does the Supreme Court have to do with the appointment of firing of a person chosen by the Prime Minister? Does that sound like an Israeli version of lawfare to you? Ditto for the outrage over the firing of Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miarawho has been politicizing her work and obstructing the government's agenda at every turn. And what do they all say out there in the streets, waving their flags and beating their drums? *It's all in the name of democracy!*



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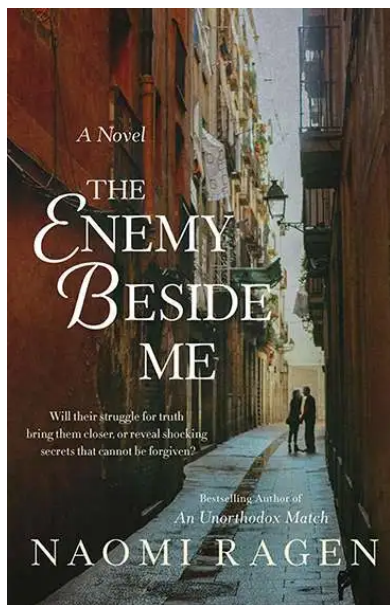
Hello, the same people who have spent \$42 million dollars – given to them by Israel's enemies – to overthrow the results of her democratic election have the chutzpah to talk about the danger to Israeli democracy. Don't make me laugh. I really think that the leaders of this movement would be happy to see HAMAS win if such a turn of events would get rid of Netanyahu.

Now I have my problems with Netanyahu, who, after all, was

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Beside Me, my thirteenth novel, was published. To order your copy, click [here](#).



even though they were regularly bombing Sderot and Ashkelon.

But the proper way to get rid of Netanyahu is at the polls by offering us someone better. I have yet to hear from the protestors who that might be.

I see the same thing in the States with the anti Trump. But whom did they want put in power? Joe Biden. And then tried to replace him with Kamala Harris. Please.

But I'm not worried about a civil war. First of all, we are nowhere near evenly divided. And the sane majority agrees with the government, not the protestors.

Well, once again, we've got the Houthis, that savage bunch of drug addicts sending rockets in our direction. So far, they haven't been able to hit us. But the sirens going off in the middle of the night cause injuries and forced my lovely granddaughter, Ariella who is about to give birth, to get up at 4 AM to run into a shelter with her two year-old! I am grateful for President Trump's relentless bombing in Yemen and hopeful he will eventually wipe them off the map.

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An Observant

Wife, my twelfth

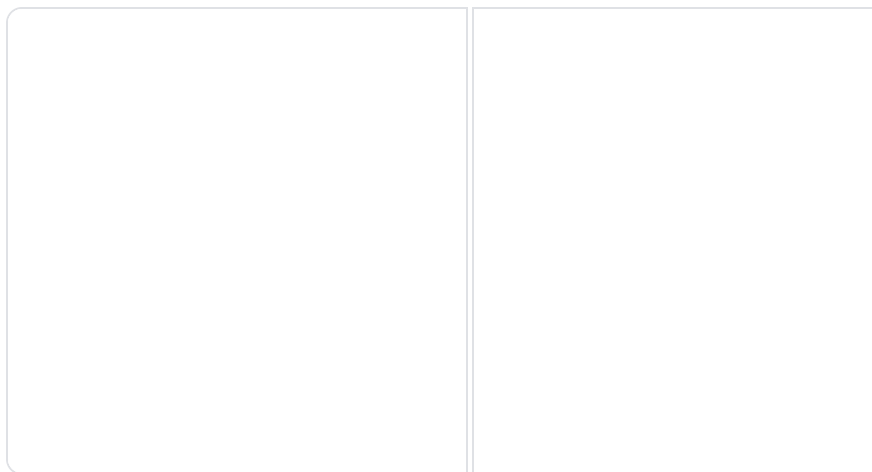
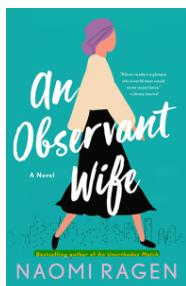
novel, was

published in

paperback. It's the

first sequel I've ever written, and it continues the story of Leah, Jacob, and Shaindele.

[BookReporter](#) reviewed the book and said "No one writes about observant Jews as well as Naomi Ragen, whose first novel, *Jephte's Daughter*, is considered one of the



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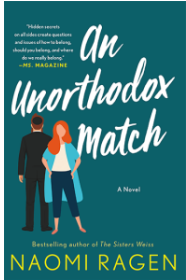
As far as the situation in Lebanon is concerned, the Lebanese government has to defeat Hezbollah if they want a country

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September 2020 -

An Unorthodox

Match, my

eleventh novel, a

powerful and

moving story of

faith, love, and acceptance, was published in paperback.

Ms. Magazine described it as "a book that will transport you".

Read a review and an interview with me [here](#).

last few days. Until they do what they need to do, we have no choice.

That brings us back to Gaza. The Israeli government is now setting an official emigration authority to facilitate the exit of Gazans who have half a brain and want out of the rubble. I think that's a very humane thing for us to do, and much more than they deserve for their wickedness. After listening to the stories of our hostages, I'd like to make it clear that I have absolutely zero sympathy for anybody in Gaza and couldn't care less if they live or die or starve or freeze. Not a single one offered any kindness our hostages and they were all viciously in favor of everything that the terrorists did to harm us.

And in the meantime, we are consolidating the Israeli hold on Gaza and expanding our demilitarized zone by throwing them out of their tents near our borders. Katz, Minister of Defense, has made it clear that if they harm our remaining hostages in any way, we're going to take over landf in Gaza permanently. There's nothing you can do to hurt the so-called Palestinians more than to take land away from them. That's the only thing that hurts them. The only purpose of their whole savage invasion was to take our land from us, from the river to the sea. If as a result, they find themselves homeless and landless, it would perhaps be the kind of lesson that might even penetrate their thick skulls.

In the same vein, Israel yesterday legally set up many new communities in Judea and Samaria that are now recognized by the government as part of the land of Israel. I'm hopeful that the entire West Bank will soon be taken over by Israel because there is no alternative if we want to keep Hamas terrorists out of our borders.

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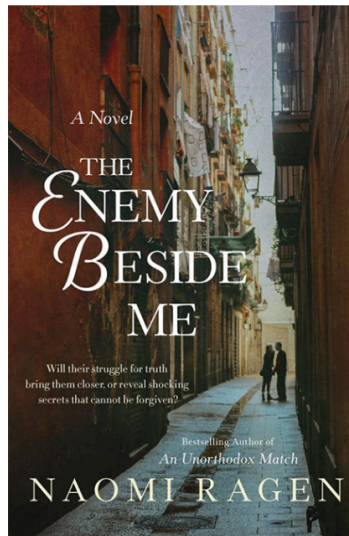
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The firm stance of the United States in backing us will help shorten the conflicts, bringing us peace internally and externally. And in my opinion, when the Gazans shuffle off to Buffalo, we should tie up Gaza with a a red ribbon and hand the whole place over to our dear friend Donald Trump for his birthday.

Inspired by true events, Naomi Ragen's *The Enemy Beside Me* is a powerful, provocative novel about two people fighting for reconciliation over unforgivable crimes of the past.



Taking over from her father and grandfather as the head of the Survivor's Campaign, an organization whose purpose is to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, Milia Gottstein has dedicated her life to making sure the voices of Holocaust victims will never be silenced. Just as she is finally ready to pass on her work to others, Milia receives an invitation to be the keynote speaker at a Holocaust conference in Lithuania from Dr. Darius Vidas, the free spirited, rebellious conference head. Despite suspecting his motives, she is, after all, viewed as a 'public enemy' in that country for her efforts to have them try war criminals and admit their historic responsibility for annihilating almost their entire Jewish community, she nevertheless accepts.

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Ronald Fadel MD [MARCH 24, 2025](#) [REPLY](#)

Golda Meir said it best....only when they decide they love their children more than they hate the Jews.....let that sink in left leaning Jewish folks of America!!!! No one who hasn't lived under the heel of Islam gets it....they wouldn't know evil until it kicks in their front door...

Joy GORDON-FIALKOV [MARCH 24, 2025](#) [REPLY](#)

Brilliant assessment as always.

Thank you

Esther Sharon [MARCH 24, 2025](#) [REPLY](#)

Whad did you mean by this – \$42 mill spent by who from what Israeli enemies?

“Hello, the same people who have spent \$42 million dollars – given to them by Israel’s enemies – to overthrow the results of her democratic election have the chutzpah to talk about the danger to Israeli democracy. Don’t make

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would get rid of Netanyahu.”

Edward Schneid [MARCH 24, 2025](#) [REPLY](#)

Naomi, cousin, do you know what due process is?
We don't want criminals, in the United States, but
everybody deserves due process. It's in the constitution.
Remember the constitution naomi?

Brenda [MARCH 24, 2025](#) [REPLY](#)

People who entered the U.S. illegally are NOT afforded the same rights as American Citizens. The deported violent gang members are NOT afforded Due process. Gangs exist to commit acts of violence and make millions in sex trafficking of children, women, drugs etc. They are in every sense of the world "alien" and were transported out. Hallelujah. Now the same domestic terrorists are trying to destroy Elon Musk, as his team works unpaid, to keep the U.S. out of bankruptcy. Have you been living under a rock and getting news from Tik Tok? POTUS is completely pro-Israel and never said Ukraine started the war. Ridiculous. I believe Israel is mirroring a number of situations the U.S. is facing from those who fight the most illogical issues and seek to bring down their own country. Mrs. Ragen has it right. Gaza will not be a sparkling gem in my lifetime. The lunatics are running the asylum there.

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If only the people so concerned over “democracy” and “due process” were out there screaming equally loudly about the illegal immigrant murder victims and Hamas hostages, dear cousin.

Daveed **MARCH 24,**
Shachar **2025** **REPLY**

Brenda, you're right about everything except one strange thing. Trump really did accuse Zelensky of starting the war. The fact-checking websites are all proving that Ukraine did not start the war, but Trump did make the statement.

This is from NBC:

President Donald Trump suggested Tuesday that Ukraine was responsible for Russia's invasion of the country three years ago, arguing Kyiv could have made a deal to avoid the conflict.

“You should have never started it,” Trump said of Ukraine while criticizing President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who had expressed concern that his country was not

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who the hell wants them in Buffalo?
send them off to the 30 surrounding muslim countries,
and let them deal with their moronic bretheren

Liz Kittredge [MARCH 24, 2025](#) [REPLY](#)

Yes Golda—who the hell wants them in Buffalo. You idea to send them to surrounding Muslim countries is perfect

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