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Nachshon took a risk, knowing what the alternative was and realizing that human action could induce a miracle. Most Israelis today realize that the miracle of a Jewish state cannot be sustained while Israel controls another people. Those who think differently do not see the demographic juggernaut advancing on Israel. With one of the highest birthrates in the world, the Palestinians are becoming the majority between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Insisting on Israeli control of the West Bank and all its people means hastening the day when Jews will become the minority in their own land, the day when Israel will be forced to abandon either its democracy or its Zionist mission.

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