

The Prophetic, Spiritual Significance of the UN's Celebration This Week

The United Nations is often known for singling out Israel for condemnation. But oddly enough in recent years, it's adopted some Jewish practices.

On Wednesday, the U.N. observed Yom Kippur as an official holiday for the third time. For them that means at least not holding any high-level meetings on that day.

After extensive diplomatic efforts by the Israeli Mission to the United Nations (with help from the European Coalition for Israel—a pro-Israel Christian group) the U.N. finally recognized Yom Kippur in December 2015.

Prior to 2015, there were 10 official holidays at the United Nations, including Christmas, Good Friday and two Muslim holidays. There were other recognized days, called “World Days,” which included Buddhist holidays and the Persian New Year, but no Jewish holidays were recognized.

European Coalition for Israel (ECI) Founding Director Tomas Sandell told CBN News he believes the move on the part of the U.N. to recognize Yom Kippur has both political and spiritual significance.

“Politically, as this is a first step in giving Jewish people the same respect as Christians and Muslims for their holidays. But it is only a first step,” Sandell said in a written response.

“Spiritually, I believe it is prophetically significant that the nations are gradually adapting to His [God's biblical] calendar—His appointed times,” he added.

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