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It is about time that the subject of our state's borders was taken off the national agenda - by ALL the party leaders. This is a subject that the Israeli public is NOT going to solve. 60 years of our recent history should have taught us that. I am not saying this out of despair - not at all! I am saying it out of conviction. The Jewish People are not supposed to decide on our borders - whether we are talking about the State of Israel or the Land of Israel. We are not the ones who are going to decide. Setting up where our permanent borders will be has never been the task of the Jewish People.
Our task is to defend what we have, and to defend the Jewish People who are inside as well as outside those borders. Much more importantly, our task is to re-build the Jewish mosaic. Taking in Jews from over 100 countries of origin, and expecting them to turn into a "Jewish People" working together and building together, is not something that is just 'going to happen'. It requires responsibility, leadership – and perhaps most important vision! This is where we should be investing our energy, and not wasting it on a subject that is not ours to decide. The leaders of all our parties are just spreading a smokescreen when they talk about borders. Chaval that they take us for fools, chaval that we fall prey to their platitudes.
It is difficult to abandon conceptions – it was difficult for me to quit smoking over 20 years ago. But I am healthier for having stopped smoking, and we as a People will be healthier when we stop beLIEving our political leaders.

It is a point worth noting that even the areas taken in the ’48 war (beyond the Partition borders) were never legally incorporated into the State of Israel. They are merely recognized in the various treaties that were signed as “cease-fire lines”. Nothing more. I am referring to how the State of Israel regards the Negev, Jerusalem and elsewhere. The State has never legislated these areas conquered in the War of Independence as belonging to the State! If we don’t even recognize what the national consensus seems to accept, how do we expect our enemies to…!?
And here I am sitting in Beer Sheva, in enemy territory… My, my!

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