

## Netanyahu for President?

On Monday, Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu eloquently addressed on national television a massive pro-Israel gathering on his current visit to the United States. It is evident that Mr. Netanyahu possesses a truly American soul (as well as a New York accent!) and may indeed be better qualified for the highest office of this land than the current or forthcoming candidates of either national party, including the present occupant of the White House. Alas, Netanyahu was born in Israel and is thus "not available," despite his excellent understanding of the dangers to Western civilization presented by a nuclear-weaponized radically proselytized Iran. Nonetheless, it would be prudent for us to heed his warnings.

The Spanish-American historian George Santayana reflected, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." There is an extremely painful parallel between present events in the Middle East and those of my early childhood in the late 1930s. Today's Syria is yesterday's Franco Spain; Mullah-ruled Iran the modern equivalent of Fascist Germany; Barak Obama resurrects the ghost of Neville Chamberlain...and Israel-Jerusalem may soon suffer the fate of Czechoslovakia. To paraphrase John Donne, although the Bell may then toll for Israel...it will quickly thereafter sound the consequences for us.