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Minister of Intelligence, International Relations and Strategic Affairs Prof. Yuval Steinitz noted that "Terrorism is a new historical phenomenon that was especially notorious with the PLO actions against Israeli targets in the 60's and 70's, and soon after became a threat to all western societies, with a special emphasis on the USA. The reason for this special focus on both Israel and the US is that the Jewish state is the only genuine representative of Western values in the entire Middle East, while the US is the main proponent of those values of freedom and democracy worldwide."

He added that he is "absolutely confident that the United States is going to remain the true leader and defender of the free democratic world for any foreseeable future....As Israel's Minister of Intelligence I can say that the cooperation between our two countries is better than ever." He noted that "The horrible incitement against Israel, America, and the West, is quite prevalent in many parts of the Arab- Muslim world. The hatred towards Jews, Christians and all other so called "infidels" is still very common. And it should be clear that incitement and hatred are the most important necessary conditions for terrorism in general, and suicide bombing terrorism in particular. If we want to avoid another disaster like the tragedy that took place in 2001, perhaps even on a larger scale, we have to do two things simultaneously: to combat terrorism and incitement and to prevent rogue regimes from obtaining nonconventional weapons" The 9/11 Living Memorial – the largest memorial site commemorating 9/11 terror victims outside the US and the only one outside of New York that lists all the names of the nearly 3,000 people who perished – was erected in 2009 by KKL-JNF.