



Even Disney Got it Right, For Now

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Disney is remaking the film *Snow White*. The movie seems to be sparking a bit of controversy with the casting. There is some Internet noise, but the piece that jumped out to me was the “outrage” about Gal Gadot’s casting.

I use this term, almost tongue in cheek; “outrage.” I am outraged by the Simchat Torah massacre, kidnapping and beheading of babies, Kibbutz members, Nova concert goers. I am outraged by the number 313; the number of days as of Wednesday that the hostages are still being kept by the Hamas terrorists in Gaza. I am outraged by the number of Gaza residents that helped Hamas. I am outraged by the number of UNRWA members that also helped Hamas. (For those of you who don’t know, UNRWA stands for The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.) But, I digress.

Who is offended you ask? Who could be “outraged” by Wonder Woman’s new role? It would be the pro-Palestinian groups. According to *Israel Hayom*, “Pro-Palestinian users have criticized Gadot’s casting as the Evil Queen and called for a boycott of the film, citing her Israeli background and previous military service.” This was also reported in Jewish News Syndicate and the Cleveland Jewish News among other places.

It’s kind of funny. I am sure, if you read the comments from the actresses and the new writers of the movie, their reimagined version is about empowerment and independence. *Snow White* will be advocating for herself and not waiting for her prince to come.

I would think that message would translate well among all women. It is our choice if we want that partner in our lives. I am capable. I am enough. I am sure that this is some of the message that Gal Gadot represents. She fought for her country. She continues to fight verbally for Israel. She didn’t wait for someone else to do it.



Talk about independence. Talk about empowerment.

As the pro-Palestinian protesters make their voices heard, maybe they should look to Gal Gadot and her message. Does everyone in Gaza have the same rights? Are women and girls encouraged to be all they can be? Can they have independence from a father, brother or husband so they can work in any field or dress modestly however they want?

I always wonder about those protesters. Would they be able to protest something they didn't agree with if they were in Gaza?

Thank you, Gal, for your independence, your continued support of your homeland. Just *Whistle While You Work* or while you stand up for Israel. We're right there with you!

Shabbat Shalom.