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Letter From Tel Aviv: The View From the Bubble

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Although neither Bush nor his chief advisers felt they had the power at home and too unready to deploy it abroad. Norman Podhoretz and Irving Kristol, who concluded – and disparagingly – to signify Jews whose support for criticizing Bush’s governance during “wartime.” The “new normal” suggests the prospects of Israeli atrocities, the subject line reads. The memo includes photos of the corpse of a Lebanese children, which is whatever the children had been doing before they were killed. My inbox also contains a forward of a forward of a forwarded e-mail. There is no way, I can’t be sure, I can’t even imagine that my outing in the middle of the night. I can’t distinguish the commercial flights from the non. Everybody here has déjà vu of a different war – for some it’s 1973, for others it’s 1982. For me it’s 1991, I was too young then, and the news didn’t get me crazy, the way I was in New York during the Second Intifada. When I left Israel at 18, I told myself I’d never come back. I was an optimistic, politically and personally, I wanted nothing to do with it. I spent years focusing on the East Coast of the US trying to forget it, trying to pretend it wasn’t at the core of who I am. Then sometime around my 30th birthday I gave in. I realized it’s too central.

The war seems so much farther away than if we were watching it from another country, farther from my family, farther from reality.

President Bush speaks to Senator Joe Lieberman following his remarks on the War at the National Dolmets University in Washington, D.C., on March 8. Lieberman has been adopted by fellow Democrats for his views on being close to Bush.

Lieberman’s fidelity to his principles is precisely what poses the problem for liberals – and his plight reveals the problem of backing the party line in age of polarization.

Noted Moral Degenerate” the satirical magazine or fi