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12/29/2016—As the Obama Administration fades into history, I find President Obama's actions and statements puzzling. On the one hand, there is the terrific challenge to Israel on West Bank settlements through the abstention in the Security Council and Secretary Kerry's speech enunciating the two-state solution against intransigent opposition in Israel. On the other, there is the juvenile statement that "I would have won if I had been able to run." Not only is this insulting to both Clinton and Trump, it is silly. If such a thing had been possible, Reagan would still be President, even though he is dead. Of course sitting Presidents are popular, since their candidacies are purely fanciful. While I am writing on Israel, I have to give the funny line of the year award (I would call it the Chutzpah award, but I don't like to do Yiddish Shtick) to Benjamin Netanyahu for criticizing Secretary Kerry's speech along the following line—"Israel doesn't need to be lectured about peace by foreign leaders." This is the man who came to Washington to lecture Americans about peace with Iran by speaking to Congress against the wishes of the President of the United States. Granted, that shameful episode was really the responsibility of the traitorous Republican Party leadership, which does not believe in any kind of American solidarity and loyalty. I hope they realize how they have forfeited any right to criticize disrespect to a President—(they haven't, I know, because they have no sense of consistency). But still, Netanyahu came and spoke. So I guess he cannot criticize Kerry on that ground—actually, he still does because his words don't mean anything either.