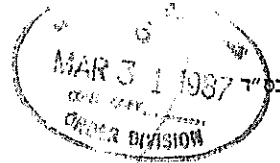


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In Israel a Synagogue Burns too.

The police said arsonists had set fire to a Tel Aviv synagogue.

The authorities said a note had been retrieved from the door of the damaged synagogue saying, "We will burn a synagogue for every bus shelter" ...It was signed, "People Against the Ultra Religious".

The depth of the tension was captured by an Israel Television interview Tuesday night with a group of people ..The secular crowd shouted at the camera about the Orthodox militants. "We should burn their homes" . "We should send them back to Poland."

All this and much more day after day was printed in the New York Times and other major papers in June of this year.

This is the face of the state called Israel, the face of the "Jewish" state.

Zionism , Herzl argued ,would be in the interests of the whole world — Jews and anti — Semites alike. It would be the "Final Solution" to the "Jewish Problem ."Yes; both phrases were Herzl's.

And today, Israel, living on charity , merchant of arms and murder for a large part of the world ,with the second highest inflation rate in the world — hated,distrusted and not only because of the Pollard affair, libelled rent asunder by a divided electorate; politically and religiously in turmoil and ever on the brink of a chaos from which they are spared only by the uniting factor of the common enemy

without; abandoned by increasing numbers of Sabras headed for the states on which Israel was modelled and who do it better. In all of Jewish history was there ever a breakaway movement that proved more disastrous for the Jewish people in so short a time span?

The ninety year old experiment with the ways of the nations; the "Final Solution" has failed , abjectly, miserably, disastrously.

Just perusing this issue of the Jewish Guardian concerning crime, rape and murder in the Zionist state, along with arms peddling and the education the youth are brought up with all the way from the day care centers into the forced conscription of the army and its results should make any decent human being shudder. The murderous way getting of the Jews out of Iraq as described in this issue falls completely in sway with Herzl's teachings.

And meanwhile, the so called Jewish leadership throughout the world accuses and counter accuses; they flounder and equivocate, and run hither and thither sticking paper over the holes in the fabric of Jewish unity , making promises they cannot keep and uttering stupid and boastful predictions in which they do not believe.

The time has come for the Torah communities throughout the world , to rise in their anger and say to the Zionist leadership: in the name of Hashem, you have sat here too long: be gone! If not now, when.

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Israel Versus the Jewish Woman

by Pinchus David

Piety has always combined modesty and morality. These traits have been synonymous with living a Jewish life since the Creator gave us the holy Torah at Sinai. When the Jewish people in unison accepted the Torah and said, "We will observe and we will hearken," they took upon themselves for all time the standard of piety, which encompasses morality and modesty. Of all the peoples in the world the Jewish people, the descendants of the Patriarchs, accepted the obligations and moral standards that have been an example to the world. For the thousands of years of our exile, we have been set apart by this strict adherence to Torah. While history has erased the memory of political movements and parties and swallowed whole nations we Jews have survived—solely because we have continued to observe the Torah, and in doing so have avoided the mainstream.

The hallmark of Torah-true living has always been modesty; in dress, in behavior, in all facets of life. In particular, modesty is the most important attribute of the Jewish woman. It has been best described in the maxim, "The true nobility of the king's daughter is in her innate modesty." This succinctly describes the traditional bearing of the Jewish daughter from the time of the Matriarchs (the epitome of modesty and virtue) throughout the centuries.

The dishonoring of this standard to an unheard-of degree is taking place in the present state of Israel—to the dismay and horror of every Torah-loyal Jew. In the zeal of the Zionist hierarchy to be a nation like every other nation, to be like everyone else, it has set out to destroy the very foundations which millennia of holy and pure Jewish lives were lived. The state of Israel now has exactly the same problem every other state has—pornography and its effects. Israel has pornographic publications and media programming that panders to the lowest tastes and the vilest instincts. The streets and the airwaves, publications and theaters are all participants in this befoulment of the name Israel.

Blatant pornography and smut are obvious to any and all in the land. Posters and billboards exhibit advertising that leaves nothing to the imagination. Displays at newstands and bookstores violate all feeling of decency. The pornographic pictures in the publications are not merely in the advertising—the contents match the advertising.

The result of this endless spewing forth of filth is an epidemic of sex crimes, sadism, obscene violence.

This phenomenon, so alien to Jewry, is finally awakening even the leaders and thinkers of the Israeli state. The rapidly escalating crime rate alone is evoking

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Israel begins to deal with sharp increase in rape

By CINDY KAYE

JERUSALEM — In view of a dramatic national increase in rape and sexual attacks the past few years, the Israeli army recently recommended that Israelis stop hitchhiking because of the added risk it poses.

The warning is the latest effort in Israel to attempt to deal with this escalating problem. Earlier, for example, a women's group issued "safety pointers" about hitchhiking, sponsored self-defense

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horror and worry, but the parallel proliferation of sex crimes and complaints by abused and battered females has been broadcast by growing women's groups. Suddenly the statistics are showing that Israel is uncomfortably like other countries, in some ways even surpassing the records of other countries.

Lilith, a woman's magazine, quotes a Dr. Judith Bat-Ada, director of Israel's Institute for the Study of Media and the Family, "The pornographic themes of sadism, pseudo-homosexuality and child pornography are being woven into (Israel's) daily, family, women's and general circulation media, and the street and travel environment." As an example, she pointed to the use of gratuitous—nudity in topless teenage girls—(sometimes as part of sado-masochistic themes) to advertise children's clothing, automobile parts, and kitchen cabinets. This advertising appears in—among other publications, the 250,000 circulation *Monitin*, Israel's leading family magazine.

Dr. Bat-Ada's article further illustrates that Israeli advertising occasionally breaks all bounds of taste and sensitivity.

The weekly Jewish World states, "Parallel to the upsurge in pornographic advertising and pornographic films, including many with violent themes, Israel has witnessed a sharp increase in incidents of rape. So serious has the situation become that late last year, Israel's army issued an order prohibiting women soldiers from hitchhiking. From time to time, suggestions even have been raised that there be a curfew for Israeli women. According to police records, 1800 rapes and non-violent sexual attacks were reported in 1982, and double... were reported in the two subsequent years."

These statistic underscore the depths to which zionist normalization has led its adherents. In fewer than 40 years, the zionist state has managed to undo over 4,000 years of tradition. How has this reached such monstrous proportions that

even Zionist apologists and hangers-on are alarmed and crying out?

From the very first, zionist leaders knew that morality could not be separated from Torah—they are one and the same. So they set out to wean Jewish youth away from observance by making a mockery of observance. This was not done in one day. This was done by slowly introducing nationalism as the replacement for religion. Nationalism does not need morality, and certainly not modesty, to function. The nationalist theory that is zionism, has caused the total erosion of Yiddishkeit in Israel and brought up a generation that is as depraved as the rest of the world.

The beginning of this downward plunge into depravity was at the birth of the state upon the termination of the British mandate which set the Arab world literally up in arms and attacking from all sides. Ben-Gurion and his henchmen were trying to consolidate their power and needed to fight against the Arabs, they decided to draft women into the fighting forces. The pious and G-d fearing Jews who lived in the Holy Land and observed the Torah meticulously, protested in vain against the establishment of the state. The proposal of a draft for women met with a storm of protest from the Torah sages and the Orthodox community. Except for the Religious Zionist politicians who encouraged a "compromise"-religious girls were exempted from the draft. From the first this compromise was not honored. The immoral fulfillers of the zionist dream staged lightning raids on Jewish homes, wrestling innocent girls from their homes amid the agonized protests and cries of parents and daughters alike.

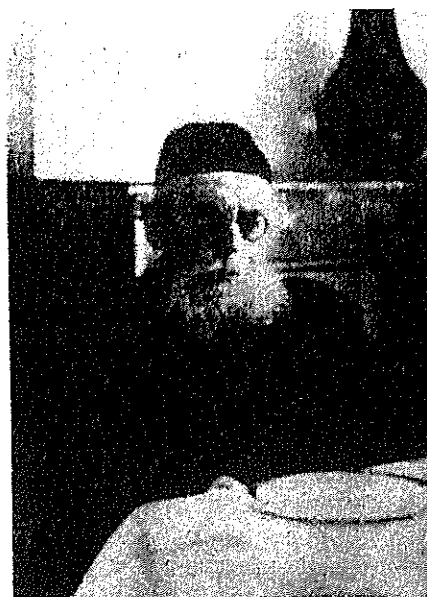
We urge every reader to get a copy of Genocide in the Holy Land while the supply is still available. The book entails 576 pages full of documents and heretofore hardly known episodes concerning zionist machinations to ingather the Jews of the Diaspora especially the Jews in the Islamic World.

The very idea of drafting Jewish girls was a sword poised at the heart of the Jewish family, modesty and purity. It was the open declaration of the war to destroy Yiddishkeit. Rabbi Avrohom Y. Karelitz, the author of the works **Chazon Ish**, stated emphatically at the outset of those troubled times that the future of Jewish living is dependant on the home, on the purity of its atmosphere and the purity of its members. In the never-ending struggle to keep the Jews a holy people, this was a heart-breaking battle.

While horrible incidents were taking place and young people were being literally kidnapped into the army, the Chazon Ish wrote in anguish to Yitzchok M. Levin (leader of the Agudath Israel party and a member of the transition government) and begged him to toil and fight with all possible determination to prevent the coercion of Jewish daughters against their consciences and upbringing.

...It is known how much pain it gives us to see the great withdrawal from Yiddishkeit in our midst. We cannot, we must not, lose the modest and virtuous daughters of Jewry who embody purity and holiness. Our consciences, our moral obligations, force us to voice the feelings in the hearts of truly G-d fearing parents and children alike. We know that there must be no use of coercion to destroy the link of eternal Judaism with its soul. In the last few days we hear of terrible atrocities committed, of attacks on our homes and the forcible wrenching away of our daughters from the arms of their mothers with violence and force. Rivers of tears are being shed for the very real fear that these holy and pure daughters will be led away from the paths of righteousness, and that these treasured children will be led astray from their parents' influence to unclean and offensive ways.

I beg of you to use the last remnants of your strength to prevent this coercion of our daughters against their consciences, ...to prevent the pillaging of their modest, holy and pure characters.. not to be forced to see with their innocent eyes the wantonness and irresponsibility of those surroundings.



החז"א זמן קצר לפני הסתלקותו

The Chazon Ish, frail and weak participated with all the energy he could muster in this fight for the souls of Jewish girls. He sapped his diminishing strength to fight for Torah, for the enduring conscience of Yiddishkeit. He enunciated the motif in a letter written to the leaders of Hapoel Mizrachi party members of the transitional council, that drafting girls was in the halachic category of forbidden acts that require martyrdom rather than submission. He also included in the ban "national service" in a so-called religious kibbutz. He emphatically stated that placing girls in a religious kibbutz was not a solution and was not acceptable as a compromise.

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I cannot take it upon myself to agree with those who consider this a solution or a fact. And although I am told to consider my health and conserve my strength, I am compelled to persist. I cannot keep silent and ignore all that is happening around us. In reference to the coercion of our daughters, it is a fact that despite the negative tides of our times there are many modest girls still under the guidance of their parents. These girls are innocent and holy, and their parents can rejoice in this shining purity that is so totally removed from taint and sin. The present threat of force and coercion endangers the pure and holy character of our precious daughters, who have been so carefully nurtured in our moral concepts, who are all we have left of our people...

It is my deep feeling that from a Halachic standpoint, this is an issue that requires one to give up his life rather than submit, and I therefore turn to you and the other members of Mizrachi who have it in their power to abide by the agreement not to touch the modest (i.e. religious) girls. Placing them in religious kibbutzim is not a solution to the problem, since we have people who rejoice over the things we consider destructive, and who lie in wait at the very pin point of an opening, as is known.

The Chazon Ish was not alone. Rabbi Zelig R. Bengis and the members of the Rabbinical court of Jerusalem issued a clear-cut ruling that drafting a woman is a sin that requires martyrdom rather than submission. It explicitly obligates parents to educate their daughters to this. Rabbi Yosef Z. Duschinsky, the Rabbi of Jerusalem's Orthodox Community, adds that he regards the draft as comparable to a decree of forced conversion. Later, the Rabbinical Court also forbade men to even register for the army.

All over the world there were loud protests from religious Jewry. Mass meetings were held and loud outcries were heard all ignored by the Zionist commanders bent on subverting the morality of our youth for their own ends.

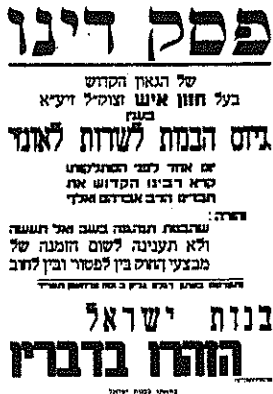
The shocking and terrible violations continued. Then the alternative of "National Service" was proposed. The nets to ensnare our innocent children were finer and finer—relentlessly. Even Rabbi Tzvi P. Frank, forbade the compulsory "National Service" of girls. His ruling reiterated the ban on drafting girls and advised the believing and the G-d fearing remnants to resist, even to the point of imprisonment, any attempt to draft girls for "National Service." Mass meetings were held to protest this decree too. The Sefaradi communities and their Chachomim protested also. But the State of Israel persevered, and launched a propaganda campaign to whitewash its nefariousness. When some rabbis in America asked for an explanation, Ben Gurion slyly sent a personal message stating that the girls in the army dressed modestly and behaved modestly; even his daughter was in the army!

The Zionists appealed to patriotism and the need for unity in the face of the Arab threat. They used all the skill at their command, all the fluency of the advertising media, to counter the anguished outcry of parents and children. And their clamor about defense and need, coupled with outright deceit, won. They used every tactic, including the extending of privileges to so-called religious parties, to win the votes for National Service for girls who would not go into the army.

Rabbi Frank countered the arguments of the religious and the non-religious, citing the halachic basis regarding "National Service" as a decree against Jewry. He said: Even if they draft the girls to say Tehilim and march them in a parade, the law of martyrdom still obtains. It is not the

manner or form of the draft that matters; the fact of draft is what matters; the coercion is the central fact.

Throughout this long and bitter battle the Torah sages never lost sight of the fact that the underpinnings of the Torah were being attacked. Even after the "National Service" decree had passed, the Chazon Ish



still tried to get the Mizrachi party to retract their votes. He wrote to Rabbi Herzog, the State's Chief Rabbi: "People are sunk in a morass of atheism, and they trample the most sever mitzvos of the Torah without compunction. In this terrible time there is still a treasured remnant faithful to Hashem and His Torah, to His laws and statutes. How can we, with worried hearts and broken spirits educate the youth, how can we teach Torah, when our hands are busy building walls... to keep our children from the unprincipled and wild world bustling with deceit and license? How horrible the pain, how cruel the blow to force our daughters, the embodiments of modesty, out of their homes to be exposed to the vulgar and licentious world... to have their beloved modesty mocked and jeered!.. Our eyes are awash with tears, our spirits broken. Woe that at the age of tenderness, when they naturally reject whoever stares at them who are ambushing lions in the eyes of these modest ones, they would deny the freedom of the young women, of her father and mother, and compel her to stand

before a man and a doctor, to meet with boys her soul fears and to pave her path with strange attitudes at every step...

Fortunate is he who is granted the privilege of bringing about the restoration of peace so that we hear that the decree was annulled."

This decree was not nullified. national Service was voted in. Our truly devout and faithful remnants have resisted to this day. But we see the results of the depraved contravention of Halacha. The Israeli army today has standardized the drafting of girls and boys at the age of 17. Zev Schiff, the military expert of *Haaretz*, and anti-religious newspaper, writes the following about this army:

A HISTORY OF THE ISRAELI ARMY (1870-1974) BY ZEEV SCHIFF
Sex and Social Life in the IDF

Entering the Army at eighteen, for most young women means their first experience away from home and their introduction to sexual intercourse. As is true for men, Army life serves as a rite of passage for the women. It is widely believed that most women come of age sexually at some time during their military service. Strict separation of the sexes is the rule during training, but permanent postings bring many of the women into daily and close contact with men. At headquarter units there is much socializing, encouraged by regular army officers. Frequent parties are held and the easygoing familiarity promotes an eroticism that is distinctly Jewish: matter-of-fact and controlled. There are also many religiously observant young women recruited into the IDF, and they apparently retain their religious ways.

Nevertheless, the Army authorities are careful not to encourage promiscuity. They do not recruit young girls with criminal files. Only very occasion-

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ally does a recruiting examiner, after careful personal investigation, recommend a young woman who has been involved in a moral transgression. A soldier who becomes pregnant, even by her fiance, is immediately released from the IDF. A special clause in the Army regulations permits discharge of a pregnant soldier within twenty four hours. Generally speaking, the Army does not make use of this clause arbitrarily. The authorities are cautious about abandoning such a young woman for fear that her family will disown her. The commander will often contact the pregnant soldier's parents, and if a rift develops between parents and daughter, they will seek a place for her outside the IDF.

Although procedures exist for assistance after the fact, the Army vigorously rejects proposals that birth control pills be given to women who ask for them. "We do not engage in preventive medicine of this kind," the commander of CHEN says. "We do, however, provide sex education.

There can be no doubt that the public policy that has led to the shocking immorality of present day Israel began with the compulsory drafting of girls into the army, where the young are introduced to immoral behavior, encouraged and actively aided to mingle in forbidden ways. There is a logic in graduates of that National institute for immorality going on to further depravity in civilian

life. When our Torah sages warned our young men not to register for the draft and to resist, just as they warned the young women and girls, they were fighting to prevent precisely the tragedy that has cost Israeli Society and Jewry as a whole two generations of young people. For young women and young men to be blended sexually is forbidden, and for good reason!

If sexual boundaries are broken down at 17, why not at 7? If eroticism is promoted at 17, what is left at 19? Where there is anti-moral indoctrination, there is no morality. When all traditional values are torn down, there are no limits to the depths to which one can sink and does. The lifeline of Judaism has been its moral strength. Without Judaism, without morality, we have a state of Israel with pornography, with sadism, and with violent crime.

This is the apogee of the Zionist dream: Normalization, Dance, Herzl, in your grave! Your dream has come true. Israel is a nation of Barbarians, perverts, of in moral and amoral nonentities, like the other nations!

There is nothing Jewish about perversion, smut, and Zionism. To be a Jew is to loyally and joyfully carry out G-d's commandments: to treasure tradition and guard it for our children and their future. We will prevail with faith in the Al-mighty as we await the true redemption.

Murder in Israel

Torah is the lifeline of the Jew—without Torah we are as nothing. Without Torah we would have disappeared into the ashes of past history with the other lost nations of

antiquity. Only Torah and observance to the fullest extent has ensured our survival and continuity in the many years of our galus (exile). Torah is our lifeline and the soul that sparks our tradition.

Each time the Ark is opened to take out the Holy Scrolls to be read, we recite the verse *Ki Mitzion Taytzay Torah Udvar*

Hashem Miyrushalayim (From Zion Torah will go forth and the words of the Almighty will go forth from Jerusalem). This verse clearly defines the role of Torah and the Jewish people, and it is a constant theme of our lives in prayer and in conduct. This has been an unbroken tradition since the Jews gladly accepted the Torah at Sinai.

Today in the State of Israel, which purports to be "Zion" and "Jewish," we find that nothing relates to the verse mentioned above—the Zion of Torah and the 'Zion' of today are diametrically opposed in thought and deed.

The State of Israel, sometimes called the 'Zionist' state, proudly boasts of being a state like any other. In fact, one of the aims of its founders was to eradicate and 'differences,' especially those based on observance of the Torah and the commandments of the Almighty.

The success of the Israeli dream of its founders goes beyond even the imagination of its architects!

One of the most deplorable and horrifying examples of this lack of difference is

seen almost daily in the newspaper headlines of the country. A rare day does not have a banner headline describing a brutal murder or another vicious crime. Recently, a vicious mass murder of an entire family by one of its sons stirred the entire country—it was not the murder in itself that exercised everyone's excitement. It was just the sheer number of victims that shocked people! In fact, every newspaper rushed into print with instant 'psychological' profiles of teenage killers and especially teenagers who kill their parents after supposedly 'model' behavior.

Every newspaper underscored the fact that in Israel violence has become an accepted part of the social fabric (as in almost every other country) and that Israel could not expect to escape the inevitable brutalization of its teenage population, since the times and different lifestyles have gradually brought this about.

The newspapers relate the story of an ordinary Israeli teenager, whose conduct was exemplary, with 'normal' pursuits, sports, music, the **normal Israeli teenager,**



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who spent the day of the murder watching an American horror movie on television. After a special dinner to celebrate the new kitchen installed for the mother, the completion by the older sister of her tour of duty in the army, the father home after his reserve tour, this 'normal Israeli teenager' took his father's gun and murdered his parents and his two sisters. The psychologists and police reiterated time and again that he exhibited no remorse. In fact, the psychologists related, he followed the pattern of other juvenile murderers (and a long list of them followed in the articles) in Israel who have committed murders....

This was a model family, a happy one. The boy was 'gentle, nice, a good boy.' This too is an ordinary story in 'Zion'—its

newsworthy quality lies in the number of murders, not in the fact of the murder, nor in the age of the killer.

Actually, the normalization of murder in the 'Jewish' state is a logical consequence of its founding ideals.

While the Israeli newspapers are playing up these stories, and reciting the whole horrible history of juvenile murder in the state from its inception, newspapers over the world are publishing another kind of story about Israel. From the end of 1980 until the present day it is a rare week that passes without a story of Israeli spying or stealing or selling secrets and munitions to the Iranians, to some South American countries or to some African countries.

In October 1980 "Jewish Week" headlined an article, 'Billion dollar exports in arms cheers depressed Israel' and stated as follows:

'Israeli Defense officials have announced that the Jewish State will export more than \$1.25 billion of arms this fiscal year.

That is nearly double the figure reported for last year (\$600 million). But some experts believe the Israelis actually export enclose to \$750 million in arms last fiscal year.

As short a time ago as 1977 Israel only exported \$200 million worth of weapons.

The increased Israeli arms sales are an economic fact of life for any arms-producing nation.

....It is expected that Israel's arms exports will continue to expand, especially since she has probably cornered the Western market on manufacture of Soviet caliber projectiles.

In a Times article bylined by Bernard Gwertzman, on August 22, 1981, Carter Administration officials admitted that Israel sold 250 spare tires to Iran in 1980 for American-built F-4 fighter bombers, to be used in Iran's war against Iraq. Since the Carter Administration was trying to get the hostages released, they pressured Israel to stop those sales at least temporarily until the hostages would be freed. In the same article Reagan administration officials are quoted as assuming that these sales are being continued, although Israel is said to have promised not to sell any American-made materials to Iran. "Diplomatic sources, in discussing Israel's motivations, said that Prime Minister Menachem Begin was willing to provide spareparts to Iran because of an overwhelming Israeli desire not to see Iraq win the war that began last September. The Israelis, who destroyed an Iraqi nuclear reactor on June 7, view the Iraqis as a major adversary in the middle East."

Again, The Times in late August 1981 reports,—Out of the crucible of four Arab-

Israeli wars, Israel has forged an armaments industry that sells everything from Uzi submachine guns to air-to-air missiles.

Details of where Israel sells its arms are kept secret under the cover of military censorship, to avoid embarrassment both to the Israelis and their clients...

...Press reports last month linked Israel to an Argentine cargo plane that collided with a Soviet aircraft after reportedly delivering a consignment of arms to Iran. A report in the publication **Cyprus Weekly** said that the arms has originated in Tel Aviv, were transferred via Cyprus and were flown to Iran by international gunrunners....

...Up to last April, Israel was estimated to be earning \$500 million to \$1.3 billion a year from foreign arms deals.

The British magazine **Defense Attache** lists Israel as the world's seventh largest arms exporter.

The Soviet Union has alleged that Israel is selling 52 of its Kfir jet fighters and a fleet of its Merkava tanks to China.

... 'Israel has concentrated on capturing a formidable piece of the electronics and ammunition market. Some 300,000 Israelis, or a quarter of the country's labor force, work in defense-related jobs, and the guns, shells, missiles and other equipment they produce go everywhere from Africa to Western Europe to the Far East...'

In April 1982, Wolf Blitzer in **Jewish World**, headlined an article "Why is Israel Selling Equipment to Iran?" Blitzer attempts to downplay the scope of the sales, while assuring us that the United States is actually supporting the sales unofficially while officially denying them. This is being done because both Israel and the United States recognize that Khomeini and his ilk are not going to be round forever. They are looking down the road—to a post-Khomeini Iran. Most Iranian watchers suspect that the upcoming power struggle—which in effect has already begun—will pit pro-Soviet communists against their anti-commu-

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Israel Is Said to Supply Arms For Insurgents in Nicaragua

Israel Supply Arms To Argentina

JERUSALEM, -- Israel has refused a British request to stop arms sales to Argentina, a senior Israeli source said last week.

Sharon Says Aircraft Arms For Ecuador On

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said last week the Ecuadorian

nist counterparts. It is in the West's interest to try to make certain that the Soviet Union does not obtain a solid foothold in Iran...

...The Israelis... are, of course, also motivated by the financial profits reaped from such sales. The Iranians, in the midst of a tough war with Iraq, are willing to pay a top dollar for arms and spare parts."

A story bylined Jerusalem states: "Israel will make no further arms deals with Argentine but would deliver any arms already contracted for, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last week.

...Reports in foreign publications noted that Israel has sold Argentina two squadrons of Daggers, known as Neshers. Buenos Aires has also purchased several Gabriel ship-to-ship missiles and Shafir air-to-air missiles, among other advanced weapons. Israel officially maintains a tight news blackout on ARMS sales."

An article by Drew Middleton in The Times names the entrants in the arms business and cites Israel among others.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. A research company, Israeli exports go to Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, Turkey was the only European customer listed, but the General Accounting Office said Israel had sold some captured P.L.O. armored vehicles to Rumania, South Africa, Israel-Lebanon border.

... "According to the yearbooks of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and the Military Balance, both Brazil and Israel sell more than \$1 billion of arms a year. Brazil sells to 16 countries while Israel is known to sell to 18. Last week Liberia signed up for Israeli military advisers and training... intelligence sources emphasize that much of Israel's arms trade is kept secret.

... Israel is said to be cooperating with the United States by sending weapons captured from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Honduras for eventual use by insurgents in Nicaragua. But last autumn, Israel reportedly offered PLO infantry weapons worth \$50 million to Iran, a country hardly friendly to the United States...

Israel admits arms sales in 1981 of \$1.2 billion, which financial analysts believe is considerably understated.

.....Israeli exports go to Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador, and Nicaragua... Turkey, Rumania, South Africa and Swaziland, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia.....

The Jerusalem Post, in its weekly edition of May 30, 1982, quotes Ariel Sharon (Israeli Defense minister) as admitting Israeli arms sales to Iran. The article quotes a U.S. State Department spokesman as estimating the arms sales at about \$27 million.

In a March 18, 1982 article datelined Beirut, The Times quoted a Lt. Col. Martell of El Salvador... 'He said that Israel currently maintains a considerable presence in El Salvador and said that the rebels had destroyed four Israeli aircraft at the airport in San Salvador.'

The Jewish Telegraph Agency announced that Israel was supplying arms to Ecuador, after an Ecuadorian cargo plane was detained at Kennedy airport on a flight from Tel Aviv.

On July 21, 1983 Philip Taubman, in a New York Times article, reported that 'Israel, at the request of the United States, is sending weapons captured from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Honduras for eventual use by Nicaraguan rebels, according to senior Reagan officials. The arms shipment, which began recently, include military pieces, mortar rounds, mines, hand grenades and ammunition.

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...to ascertain about the flow of weapons from the United States, Israel has established defense industries employing 300,000 people, about fourth of the labor force. Israeli Aircraft Industries, its largest industrial company with 22,500 employees, exported half of its production, with sales of \$600 million in 1981. Israeli Military Industries, which had exports of \$300 million the same year, is the second largest employer.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1985

Israelis Illegally Got U.S. Devices Used in Making Nuclear Weapons

...the Defense Intelligence Agency listed the captured arms (from the PLO) as 290 Soviet tanks, 216 armored vehicles, 215 artillery shells, 10,000 tons of artillery shells, 40,000 mortar rounds, 5,700 Katyusha rockets, 11,169 mines, 18950 hand grenades 6000 tons of small ammunition and 24,000 rifles.

"The same sectionaid Israel had sold some of the armored vehicles and spare parts to Rumania."

The November 1985 issue of The Link, published by Americans for Middle East Understanding, lists Israeli arms sales and military aid to the following countries:

'In November 1977 the Guatemalan Army replaced its old US made Garand rifles with Galil rifles produced in Israel. This was part of a program which will replace all equipment used by the army with Israeli equipment.'

'During 1975 Israel carried out its first major arms deal with Guatemala, delivering 11 Arava planes, artillery pieces and light weapons. ...In 1980 the Guatemalan Army was equipped with 15,000 Galil rifles. Israel also delivered large quantities of Uzi sub-machine guns, 10 RBY-MK1 armored cars, grenade launchers and 3 Dabur patrol boats.

'In 1973...Israel agreed to sell to El Salvador 49 planes, which includes 18... Oragan jet fighters... which were the first fighter jets in Central America.

'Eighty percent of arms imports to El Salvador during the 1970's came from Israel....'

'Reports on the use of Israeli-made napalm bombs by the Salvadoran Air Force were verified by Salvadoran Air Force Co. Bustillo.. Honduran Air Force... through the sale of rebuilt French-made Dassault Super-Mystere B2 jets ... (12) 3 Arava transport planes and a Westwind jet transport...

'In 1978... Israel became the main, and ultimately only, supplier.. to Nicaragua. ...After the US stopped all aid to Somoza in 1978, Israel became his main and only arms supplier. The arms and equipment delivered included 500 Uzi submachine guns, 500 Galil rifles, ammunition, flak jackets, trucks, mortars and 4 patrol boats.

'In the last six months of the Somoza regime, Israel continued to supply the National Guard with new equipment, ammunition and arms... The arms shipment,... include artillery pieces, mortar rounds, mines, hand grenade and ammunition.'

'In 1982, plans were announced that... Israel would supply arms and counter-insurgency training to the Costa Rican police. ...Israel became the main supplier of small arms to Costa Rica.....Presenting the Costa Rican police with 500 Galil rifles as a gift of friendship.'

In addition to its ever burgeoning arms sales to the world, a New York Times article of may 16, 1981, revealed that ... 'Israel has illegally acquired electronic

devices that would be critical in making nuclear weapons... The devices known as krytrons... are extremely high-speed electronic switches that could be used to control the timing of nuclear detonations. The more precise the timing, the more destructive the weapon would be!"

These cited instances are by no means all transactions that have taken place. Israel is one of the largest purveyors of arms to the world.

What is the connection between selling murder to the world and murder in 'Israel'?

What connection does 'Israel' have with Jewishness? Can Israel call itself a 'Jewish' state?

When the state that calls itself the "Jewish State" was in its initial birth throes, a universal military draft was instituted. The reasons were manifold (according to the zionist hierarchy). First and foremost, there was 'self-defense'—against the Arabs. Then there was the pressing need to 'rescue' and 'protect' the remnants of Jewry who had survived the Holocaust. Then there was the need to defend the fledgling state.

Each of the above reasons can be shown to be spurious. Each one was manufactured and broadcast to justify the use of force, and to justify the establishment of this anti-Jewish state. Each one of these reasons was trotted out and advertised loudly since each one would attract different people and consolidate support for the Zionist cause.

When the revered and saintly leaders of Orthodox Jewry in Palestine saw that the Zionist tide for destruction was about to engulf the Holy Land, Rav Dushinsky of blessed memory published his declaration and response to the call for conscription, as follows:

"We, the Sages and members of the Beis Din and Batei Din of Orthodox Jewry respond to all Bnei Torah...

We members of the Batei Din announce publicly to all talmidie chachimim who frequent study halls (batei medrash) students and young men who are in yeshi-

voth, that in accordance with our Holy Torah the only deliverance from the present terrible situation in which we are now to be found is in the Torah.

תשובת מרן הגאב"ד שליט"א ובתי הדין של היהדות החרדית שליט"א לבני התורה הי"ו!

אנחנו הח"מ מודיעים בזה גלוי, לכל אלו התלמידי חכמים חובשי ותופשי ביהמ"ד, בחורים ואברכים בני הישיבות, שעפ"י תורה"ק הצלתינו מהמצב הנורא אשר אנו נמצאים בו ה' ירחם, הוא רק בזכות התורה"ק, וכל זמן שקולו של יעקב מצפצף בכתי כנסיות ובכתי מדרשות אין ידי עשו שולטות בו, וכבר מופסק ג"כ שרבנן אינן צריכין נסירותא.

לזאת יצא מאתנו דעתנו דעת תורה שכל בן ישיבה, חובש ותופש ביהמ"ד, אל יתיצב, ויפקד, וירשם לכל דבר גיוס, וכדומה, אפילו גם לשעה קלה, וחלילה לפקפק בזה כלל וכלל.

והובה בפולה ומכופלת מוטלת על כל בן ישיבה בעת להתגבר ולהתאמץ בכל היכולת בהתמדת ובשקודת לימוד התורה ביתר שאת וביתר עז.

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כעתירת החותמים בצפ"י לרחמי שמים מהירים, יום כ"ג תשרי ניסן חש"ח לפ"ק.

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The only salvation is in the Torah, and while the voice of Yacov is heard in the synagogues and halls of learning the hands of Esau cannot harm him.

Our decided opinion based on Torah is that every yeshiva student or one who learns in Beis Medrash... SHALL NOT APPEAR, OR BE REGISTERED OR BE LISTED OFFICIALLY IN ANY WAY FOR ANY DRAFT OR CONSCRIPTION OR ITS LIKE, EVEN FOR THE SHORTEST TIME... and there can be no hesitation or doubt about this at all.

There is a double obligation that is imposed upon every yeshiva student now to increase and strengthen his diligence and devotion in learning Torah every hour with every bit of energy.

In the merit of our Holy Torah, our true defense and savior we will be delivered with all our brethren in Israel from every enemy etc., and may Hashem deliver us quickly and fully and send us the true salvation with the True Redeemer soon, Amen.

Signed, 28 days in Nisan, 5708
Harav Yosef Zvi Dushinski,
Chief of Beis Din of Yerushalayim
And Chief Rabbi of Orthodox Jewry in
Eretz Yisroel

It must be noted that our Rabbis and holy men have always stood firmly on the rock of Torah, and through every storm that has passed over our people, the one enduring lifeline that has protected us is the Torah. Torah is our only protection, our only self defense.

Again and again, we have never relied on any other power than that of Hashem and the Torah and this is the only power that can help us and has helped us.

From the calls to conscription to the proliferation of arms in Israel which caused the deaths of a whole family there is a definite chain of events, leading on to arms sales to the world.

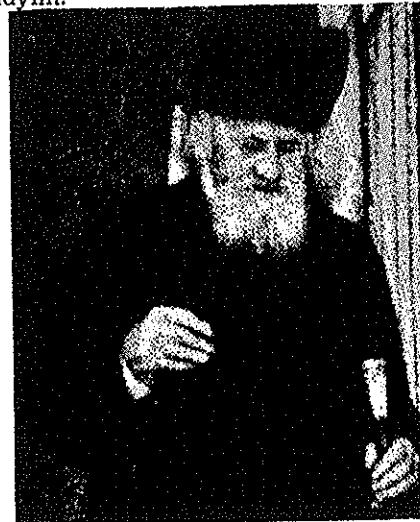
When the soldiers that were conscripted were taught their 'trade' they were taught that 'Thou shalt not kill' is outmoded. The 'pre-emptive strike' is a logical extension of this (by Zionist logic) taking home weapons illegally is another logical extension of the 'self defense' ideology. In the case of the murder of the family, the murdered father had taught his own son, the murderer, how to use the gun that killed him (this gun was also taken home illegally) From conscription, to pre-emptive strikes, to selling arms to help others commit murder... in less than 40 years.

The State of Israel has indeed changed the verse recited when the Torah scrolls are removed from the Ark... rather than the Torah.

From 'Zionist Israel, there are arms coming forth rather than Torah. From 'Zion'ist erusalem there is murder for sale rather than the Holy Words of Hashem.

All this in less than 40 years.

The lessons of history have gone unlearned by the Zionist leaders. When this state will be long forgotten, as the many other nations that have become dust in history, the Torah will be observed and learned by Torah-true Jews and when Moshiach comes the true redemption will occur and we will still say, *Ki Mitzion Taytzay Torah Udvar Hashem MiYerushalayim.*



What Makes a Jewish Organization Jewish?

By Morton Rabinowitz

The contemporary organizational scene is blessed with an almost endless array of representational groups. One represents American Jewry and the next one represents world Jewry. With the pushing back of the frontiers of space we shall no doubt soon see one representing interplanetary Jewry. Besides their use of Jewry as an identity they all share a common raison d'etre—to exist!

Let us have a close look at one organization whose Dean and associate dean appear in photographs with yarmulkas

and are presumably orthodox Jews. Now don't get me wrong. In a mob of organizations run universally by non-Orthodox people, it is refreshing to see some orthodox fellows grabbing a piece of the pie and doing it with flair. I can fargin Rabbis Marvin Hier an Abrahm Cooper their organizational success story - The Simon Wiesenthal Center. Not many organizations can boast having the Belzbergs as active benefactors, to say nothing of Frank Sinatra and Ivan Boesky, Carl Icahn and Jay Pritzker, Saul Steinberg and Hank Greenspun, Martin Davis and Irving Stone. I will not do more than mention the Hollywood superstar actresses who grace the worthy Rabbis' banquets and whose photographs appear in their literature. The reason I will

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Must Mengele Remain Uncaught?

A Reagan Effort Is Needed

By Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper

LOS ANGELES — Forty years after Dr. Josef Mengele helped create hell on earth at Auschwitz as a servant of Hitler's Final Solution, there may be on the verge of being brought to justice.

At no time since has more first emerged publicly as the hideous truth. It is time to bring to light the truth about the man who has been called the "Angel of Death" in the case with which he was charged in the gas chambers.

What has brought the world's attention to Mengele and his crimes is the work of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and its staff, who have been instrumental in the discovery of his crimes.

growing body of evidence that indicates a possible American role in Dr. Mengele's flight from justice. First came the disclosure of a 1947 memo from Benjamin J. M. Gertz, an officer in charge of operations for the Fifth Counter Intelligence Corps of the Army, that has since been confirmed by other sources. Dr. Mengele had been arrested in Vienna in 1947 and was held in custody for a period of 18 months. Today, Mr. Gertz stands by the veracity of his source. Then, in 1954, Walter Hawthorne, came forward to reveal his "introduction" to Dr. Mengele at a Counter Intelligence Corps operation camp in East Germany, Germany, in July 1949.

Team up with Israel, West Germany

This story was widespread opinion when Richard French Smith, then Attorney General, announced that the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations was being assigned the job of searching for Dr. Mengele. But his American role made the true of conviction

necessary to correct a past error. We think the Administration should assign the Office of Special Investigations the responsibility of finding Mengele. It is not in our interest in America, to let an individual who has committed such a heinous crime go free. It is our responsibility to find Dr. Mengele in Paraguay. We have been informed that Dr. Mengele is still in Paraguay, and that the Paraguayan government is not doing enough to find him. We believe that the United States should take action to force the Paraguayan government to find Dr. Mengele. We believe that the United States should take action to force the Paraguayan government to find Dr. Mengele. We believe that the United States should take action to force the Paraguayan government to find Dr. Mengele.

Such a commitment would mean that the U.S. would be more than a bystander in the search for the man who has committed such a heinous crime. It would mean that the U.S. would be more than a bystander in the search for the man who has committed such a heinous crime. It would mean that the U.S. would be more than a bystander in the search for the man who has committed such a heinous crime.

As we go to press . . . the Wiesenthal Center has sent telegrams to President Ronald Reagan, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres urging the creation of a joint Mengele strike force.

not dwell on this obvious abomination is because I wish to focus on a more subtle, therefore more insidious abomination.

In March 1985 Rabbis Hier and Cooper wrote an Op-Ed piece for the New York Times directing President Reagan to tell the CIA to create a strike force to apprehend Josef Mengele, the infamous murderer of Auschwitz. In the description under the article, Hier is identified as "Dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, an institute for the documentation of Nazi Crimes."

By August of '85 the two rabbis had a problem. Four forensic experts from the U.S. whom the Center had sent to Brazil concurred with other experts that a skeleton and skull exhumed in Brazil were in fact those of Josef Mengele. That some difficult bones for them to swallow, and threatened to put them out of the headlines. They needed something dramatic to get them into the headlines; somehow the lesser Nazis are not front-page items.

By December of '85 the headline problem was solved when the New York Times gave the Wiesenthal Center one of its Christmas gifts for the needy. In a front page article in the New York Times on December 26, 1985 Bernard Gwertzman reported the Wiesenthal Center's new cause: Russian Jewry. The article quotes Rabbi Marvin Hier as having been interviewed on the telephone (from Los Angeles). In this interview, Hier "disclosed" a conversation which occurred a few days previously with a Soviet diplomat.

Let us look at this front page headliner.

Russian Said to Predict Israeli Ties And Increased Jewish Emigration

By BERNARD GWERTZMAN
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 — A Soviet diplomat was reported today to have told a representative here of an American Jewish organization that he believes Moscow will restore diplomatic relations with Israel in February and dramatically increase the number of Jews permitted to emigrate to Israel.

Rabbi Hier asked that the names of the diplomat and the representative of the Wiesenthal Center not be mentioned. He said that the substance of the discussion had been conveyed to the Israeli Embassy in Washington. The Israelis said the Soviet diplomat, who is officially listed as one of many first

Is any fact reported here? There is nothing but rumor and innuendo. An enterprising reporter in Washington and an imaginative "leader" in Los Angeles put together the tale of an unnamed Soviet diplomat "unlikely to have spoken... except under instructions," whose words give rise to Israeli speculations, all "quoted" by Rabbi Hier. The pinnacle of p.r. achievement—headlines on the front page of the New York Times—is attained by Rabbi Hier with a web of speculation spun around an ephemeral luncheon conversation, classically styled to give the illusion of importance and immediacy... a conversation that took place somewhere with someone at sometime with some... nothing to report.

Naturally nothing came of that story—no diplomatic recognition of Israel by Russia; certainly no increase in Jewish emigration from Russia—except for the one goal Rabbi Hier clearly had in mind from the outset: publicity for his organization.

I hereby nominate Rabbi Marvin Hier for the annual Creative Journalism Award of the National Public Relations Council. And if neither the council nor the award exists, I am confident Rabbi Hier will be able to create them—and get coverage for them in the Times.

On May 15, 1986 Rabbi Hier again had an O-E piece in the New York Times. This article was not fictional, merely speculative, and it concerned the Third Reich again rather than Soviet Russia. This time Hier was described as "dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center of Holocaust Studies." This time Hier argues that if Kurt Waldheim is elected president of Austria on June 8 he should be barred from entering the U.S. on the basis of Yugoslav allegations that he was guilty of murder and slaughter during World War II.

The big news, however in the New York Times two days later, came from Simon Wiesenthal, "the Austrian hunter of Nazi war criminals," the flesh and blood man whose name is emblazoned on Rabbi Hier's

building and stationary and press releases and O-E pieces. Wiesenthal accused the World Jewish Congress of stirring anti-semitic sentiment in Austria through its campaign against Kurt Waldheim. The Times reports:

Mr. Wiesenthal said the involvement of the World Jewish Congress had placed Austrian Jews in a profound predicament. "If Waldheim wins, people will say it was because of the Jews," he said. "If he should lose, people will say the Jews have killed our candidate."

Wiesenthal was also critical of the new York Times because it seemed to be following the conclusions of the World Jewish Congress that Waldheim was a war criminal.

(Rabbi Hier, are you still there? So who speaks for Simon Wiesenthal? Would you consider renaming your center? How about calling it the Marvin Hier Center for Public Relations?)

So what's wrong with threatening the Austrians? And what's wrong with Marvin Hier seeking causes to justify his Center's existence? And what's wrong with exploiting the New York Times? You, dear reader, may well be wondering "What does this Morton Rabinowitz want from our Jewish Organization?"

Let us get the opinion of the Torah on these subjects:

What is wrong about threatening the Austrians is that the Jewish way of dealing with the world's nations is different. The details of Jewish foreign policy are found in a number of places in the words of our sages which elaborate what is foreshadowed

by Genesis 32 and 33. See Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman's (Rambam's) commentary there. In generations past the Jewish people followed that policy and they survived. But when Jews adopt the non-Jewish patterns of foreign policy we find that they not only do not work, they do harm. Recall what happened when the American Jewish organizations, before World War II, threatened Hitler with a boycott, and you'll realize why the WJC threat to Austria sets off an alarm: Hitler, in a fit of frenzy swore that he would show those Jews!

And what is wrong with Rabbi Hier's seeking fresh causes and manipulating the media? To justify its existence is not the purpose of an organization. And it is a sad commentary on the Wiesenthal Center that that appears to be its present purpose. Jewish history is replete with organizations whose goals were clear cut: the dissemination of Torah or the collective observance of a specific *mitzva*. The fact that these groups served needs which Western culture classifies as moral, social, economic or some combination of these is a distortion of Jewish thought which is Torah and *mitzva* focused. But the Wiesenthal Center seeks its goals by confronting non-Jews and by following policies based on Western rather than Jewish thought.

An organization that antagonizes non-Jews, that honors people the Torah calls evil doers, that thinks non-Jewishly— has no right to label itself Jewish. Now, if only Marvin Hier could have called himself Mister, or Doctor; if he would not have worn his yarmulka in public; if...



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Rabbi Michael Ber Weissmandel's Personal Story.

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At that time there were already many needs for the money: to bribe the Germans and the Slovakian heads, and to bribe those who enacted the decree and the police in all the cities in Slovakia. Money was needed for the three work camps in Sered, Novoky and Vihena in Slovakia, which were the basis for rescue work. Money was needed for those fleeing to Romania and Hungary; for those who fled from Poland through our country to Hungary and Romania, even though at the time there were not as many as in the following months; and there was a need for money for thousands who had no livelihood.

Also at that time, there was that fearful situation which I spoke of earlier which required that money and items worth money be sent to those exiled from our country who were still in the first exile in Lublin before being killed in the extermination camps. It was still possible to live a day to day existence by bartering money and items for food from the Poles. We explained that for their aid alone we needed thousands of dollars. I wrote in detail after our Rov wrote in general.

I went to Pressburg where Mrs. Fleischman, of blessed memory, spent many hours writing flattering and obsequious letters to Sali Meyer of the Joint and the Agency in Switzerland. She also wrote a personal letter to one man by the name of Nathan Schwalb of whose efficiency and devotion she constantly spoke.

In a few days the messenger returned empty-handed without even a letter. They told him to say that they had no time then and when another messenger arrived there, they would write. We were dumbfounded, as if the house had fallen on us. Mrs. Fleischman began to say that "Uncle Sali Meyer is an old and cautious man. It is necessary to write again and to send a copy to Silberstein who heads the Congress; the

jealousy between Silberstein and Meyer will result in action. It is also necessary to depend mostly on the Agency and especially on Schwalb. Perhaps because this is such an important matter someone needs to travel immediately to America or to England or perhaps to Eretz Yisroel."

I wrote a desperate letter in the name of the rabbis. We sent messenger upon messenger and alarming letters in which we cried and begged. Meanwhile the seven weeks passed, and we asked Hochberg to tell Wisliceny that the messenger had an accident on the way and broke his legs and was in a hospital in Switzerland. He let us know that he would be well in three or four weeks time and would return. So Wisliceny extended the time limit.

Finally, the day of salvation arrived. The messenger returned with a letter to the home of Reb Binyomin Shlomo. I was there, and I opened the letter with trembling hands. There were only a few words written by Meyer, and in summation the whole terrible letter said, "There is no money." Several reasons were given for this:

1) The sum of \$50,000 is a huge sum for a small state such as Slovakia, and the budget which Slovakia received last year from the Joint was only several thousand dollars.

2) Your stories claiming that this year you need more money, and the letters you have gathered from the Slovakian refugees in Poland are exaggerated tales. This is the way of "Ost-Juden" (Eastern European Jews), who always demand money.

3) Presently there is no legal avenue to send even one penny, because our organization's money was contributed from America, and there is a law there forbidding dissemination of their currency in enemy countries.

4) It is possible to make a monthly allotment, as was done before the war in

Hungary. However, this can be done only by consent of the Joint and must take the form of a payment against a debt incurred before the onset of the war.

There was another letter in the envelope, written in a strange foreign language which at first I could not recognize. Then I realized that it was Hebrew written in Roman letters, and it was written to Schwab's friends in Pressburg. It took up a page and a half. It is still before my eyes, as if I had reviewed it a hundred and one times. This was the content of the letter:

"Constantly to be before us that in the end the Allies will win. After their victory they will divide the world again between the nations, as they did at the end of the first World War. Then they unveiled the plan for the first step, and now, at the war's end, we must do everything so that Eretz Yisroel will become the State of Israel, and important steps have already been taken in this direction. About the cries coming from your country, we should know that all the Allied nations are spilling much of their blood, and if we don't sacrifice any blood, by what right shall we merit to come before the bargaining table when they divide nations and lands at the war's end? Therefore, it is silly, even impudent, on our part to ask these nations who are spilling their



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blood to permit their money into enemy countries in order to protect our blood -- for *rak b'dam* (only with blood) shall we get the land. This is in respect to everybody -- but in respect to you, my friends, *Atem taylu*, and for this reason I am sending you money illegally with this messenger."

After I had accustomed myself to this strange writing, I trembled when I realized the meaning of the first words which were, "only with blood shall we attain the land." But days and weeks went by, and I did not know the meaning of the two last words. I finally realized that the words "*Atem taylu*" were from "*Tiyul*" (to walk) which was their special term for "rescue." In other words: You, my fellow members, my nineteen or twenty close friends, get out of Slovakia and save your lives, and with the blood of the remainder -- the blood of all the men, women, old and young and the sucklings -- the land will belong to us. Therefore, in order to save their lives it is a crime to allow money into enemy territory; but to save you beloved friends, here is money obtained illegally.

It is understood that I do not have these letters, for they remained in Slovakia and were destroyed with everything else that was lost. There were many people at the home of Reb Shlomo at the time the letters arrived, a few of whom are still alive today. They all remember well what they saw and heard at the time -- the anger and crying over what their eyes and mine saw written in these frightening letters.

Mrs. Fleischman and her friends, although they were leading Zionists, did not know Hebrew. Months later when their anger was magnified toward those active in public service in the free world, due to their indifference concerning our debts to those evil men who held our lives in their hands, I reminded them of the letter to make them understand that their question was an answer and not a question. If the question is why were they not sending money, the answer was that they were insane -- and the letter was proof that this was so.

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They brought the letter and I translated it for them. It was like a flash of lightning in the dark of night, showing them how deep the chasm was, as revealed in the clear words of those destroyers. They, too, wrung their hands in bewilderment regarding their question arose. There is a limit between blood and land -- a very decisive boundary -- when blood shall be the price of the land, and when land shall be the price of blood. If there is no nation without a country, there certainly is no country without people, and where are the vibrant Jewish people if not in Europe? Who is insane enough to place his thought and effort on land to the complete neglect of the people?

Several weeks after this meeting, the schedule for deportations began again in Slovakia. As always was the manner of these evil people, they tried to frighten us in order to extract the ransom money. With great haste, we wrote a weeping letter to Zurich. Mrs. Fleischman still had the words of the friend Nathan dancing and penetrating before her eyes. How can anyone in the land of peace and plenty preach wisdom and counsel patience to those in the land of despair? And Mrs. Fleishman (may G-d avenge her blood) wrote this:

"We are only asking for money, which can be lost and can return; but human life, when it is lost, never returns. Therefore I will conclude with the teachings of Nathan -- don't forget the most important matter."

The situation was frightening. The deadline of seven weeks Wisliceny had made conditional was over at the end of Av 1942, and the deadline for all excuses and postponements also had arrived. I forged a letter from Switzerland with the fictional name of Ferdinand Roth, the same imaginary official of world Jewry mentioned above. He wrote to his nephew that he was very sorry that his illness was keeping him hospitalized longer. If it were only possible he would write himself, but he did not know his address. He asked that he not go,

but that he should wait another two weeks and at most three and he would come to visit. On the strength of this letter and the explanation given through Hochberg, Wisliceny again agreed to extend the time limit.

Meanwhile, we sent letter upon letter by way of diplomatic messengers hired with great difficulty and danger. Letters pleading and swearing, letters crying and cursing, begging the Joint, the Congress and the Agency and any agency with money to have pity on us. It was obvious that the Allies would overlook the sum of \$50,000 -- for of what importance was it? Even if they did not ignore it, how did their laws bind us? It is the Jewish religion which rules over Jewish blood -- the law of the Torah which decrees that you shall not stand by idly as your neighbor is being killed. But all our cries were to no avail.

Holocaust

We still hoped that the money for the general necessities would arrive any minute. We could not perceive how money could be refused those exiled to Poland who were dying by the thousands from starvation and lack of everything. For even before the deportations were stopped in Slovakia -- after the first shipment of goods was sent to Poland, hundreds of letters were received with news of enough suffering to melt a heart of stone. We sent dozens of these letters, originals and copies to those leading the community in Switzerland. We reasoned that if we, who had no means of livelihood, were giving our savings and treasures upon which we depended for food and to save our lives, certainly those in the free world would send much money, as much as we asked and was needed. Certainly they would do so immediately, for they were only appointed over the money of the Jewish people, collected in synagogues in America and other free countries. They were not giving their personal belongings. On the contrary, they were being paid and honored to allot this money.

How were we to know that there were two refutations to this reasoning: that of the "Western Jew" who is assimilated and that of the nationalist "Zionist?"

How were we to know that the Western Jew, the member of the Joint, would refute the basis of our reasoning and tell us openly, "There is no urgency there and no room for getting excited -- there is no blood and no tears, only the conniving of the 'Eastern Jew' in order to get undeserved money. Everything is false, this is only the well known ploy of fearful tales of the schnorrer from Poland, district Lublin. We won't be impressed by these letters. We already know the crooked way of the Eastern Jew with which he extorts the good money out of the pocket of the Western Jew who is so honest and straight."

How could we dream that the Zionist nationalist member of the Agency would

say, "Of course, it is an urgent time. But the urgency is not there in exile, not with your blood or tears. There is something more urgent: 'building the land.' Of course, there is room for reasoning as to what is more and less important, but your blood is less important. Spill it in joy, for it is unimportant, and with it we will buy what is more important. With it the land will belong to us."

Even if we had already seen their rebuttals written black on white, we felt that it could not possibly be true. This is only an old cantor, an old poet bachelor. The address was incorrect. They need only one more letter to clarify things. Mrs. Fleischman will write gently, and I harshly, on the matters and they will immediately open the gates of money for the rescue of the Jews remaining in Slovakia, and to save our Jewish brothers exiled to Poland and those living there."

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Half a million Jews from **Yemen** and **Morocco**, all observant of the Torah and mitzvot;

Tens of thousands of Jews from Soviet **Georgia** and **Bukhara**, all belonging to the community of faithful to the Torah;

Thousands of immigrants from **Tunisia** and **Algeria, Iraq** and **Syria**, all G-d fearing!

Consider... this great mass of olim who have been 'ingathered' from all parts of the East in the past 38 years.

Consider.... The holy Shabbos being observed in the streets of Ashkelon and Kiryat Shemona. Synagogues full of worshippers. Children with pure Jewish chain radiating from their faces, joining their parents in prayer and Torah learning. Mothers and daughters, whose modesty cloaks every move, waiting eagerly for loved ones to come home for the Shabbos meal.

Consider.... hundreds of yeshivos, big and small, *Kollelim* for married students, *Mesivtos* and *Talmud Torahs*, Seminaries and religious elementary schools... spread all over the country.

Consider.... the many thousands of children of these 'exiles' grasping Torah and knowledge of Hashem.

Consider in your mind's eye so beautiful and heartwarming a scene.

Consider in you mind's eye—for it is only in the imagination, only a dream.

The stark reality is completely different.

The pure brothers and modest sisters, who were faithful to Hashem and His Torah for countless generations—they are not ours. The parents and children alike were taken prisoner by enemies—enemies of Torah and *Yiras Shamayim*.

They are not found in the synagogue we would imagine and dream about. They are not found in the *Kollelim* and yeshivos we would see in our mind's eye. You can find them in the dirty alleys

and filthy streets of Tel Aviv and Beer-Sheva, in the sports stadiums and halls of Haifa and Jerusalem. They can also be found... in the long lists of criminal acts found in the daily Hebrew newspapers. In the densely printed lines you will find the children and grandchildren of those fine families for whom the

'Rif' and 'Rambam' were their daily portion, and on whose tongues were the songs of **R'Shalom Sharebi** and **R'Shalom Shebazi**.

This is the ultimate attainment of the wicked Zionists who desired to transform these 'primitive' people and give them a 'new culture' which would eradicate all the traces of the 'outmoded' Jewish tradition.

This is the attainment of Zionism—to bring Jews who learned and loved Torah for thousands of years to such a state of degradation and moral depravity that they are capable of burning synagogues in the 'first' 'all—Hebrew' city of Tel Aviv.

This is the attainment of Zionism—to teach them to despise the Torah so that they are capable of vandalizing and tearing holy books in yeshivos.

But how did it begin?

Iraq

"Bavel(Babylonia) was a holy land, because it was a land of Torah." So says Rav Avigdor Miller in his historical accounts, *Exalted People*.¹ He adds perceptively, "A Torah Scholar does not come out of nowhere and it was in the Torah gardens of Bavel that Hillel grew to be the greatest sage in Israel.² The prophet Ezra, Rav, Shmuel, Abbaye and Rava, Rav Hisda, Rav Ashi etc...., who all possessed and extraordinary stature in Torah, were products of Torah cities such as Sura and Pumbeditha.

1. *Exalted People* -

History of the Jews from the destruction of the second sanctuary down to the sealing of the Talmud. (Printed N.Y. 1984 p. 196)

2. P. 207 Ibid

The wisest Torah Sages, the *Hacheresh Vehamasger* as Jeremiah calls them, were first to arrive in what is today Iraq, eleven years before the destruction of the first Temple. (approximately 2,500 years ago)

It was the Almighty's plan that the members of the Great Assembly should be there before the rest of the nation, so that eleven years later, when the common people arrived, Torah institutions were waiting to accommodate them.

"One of the greatest blessings of the Chosen People is the Talmud. This was composed and sealed in Bavel. The Talmud was and is the possession of the entire nation everywhere and in all generations."³ The Talmud is a compilation of commentaries on *Halachic* statements. It also includes moralistic teaching of Torah ideals.

These giants of Bavel were so great that the special prayer *Yokum Purkan* was added to our regular Sabbath prayers forever.⁴ This prayer entreats G-d to bless the leaders of the Torah assemblages and the academies with physical and spiritual sustenance; including grace, kindness, longevity, G-d fearing children..... and so forth, Amen.

When the second Sanctuary was built (approx. 400 B.C.) in Jerusalem most Jews remained in Bavel. Generation succeeded generation abounding with great Torah Scholars and sages. Cities such as Sura, Nehardea, and Pumbedisa were hallmarks famous amongst world Jewry for learning. The *yeshivos* of Bavel flourished for 2,500 years. Even in the last century they had great *chachamim* such as Harav Abdallah Somech, to whom even the Moslem neighbors showed great respect, and his student who was beloved by his people, the Rav Yosef Chaim, better known after his *sefer* (book) the "*Ben Ish Chai*" of Baghdad. His accomplishments are spoken of in highest regard amongst Sphardic Jewry. Or Rebbe Yakov Chaim Sofer author of "*Kaf*

Hachayim." His *sefer* is considered equivalent to the Ashkenazic *Mishnah Brurah*. Or Rebbe Shimon Agassi a colleague of Rav Yosef Chaim who strenuously fought the alliance and founded a Yeshiva which produced noted Rabbis and Jewish leaders in Baghdad.

For hundreds of years Jews enjoyed relative tranquility in Bavel. The Talmud could only have been compiled in a place conducive to learning. The *Tanaim*, *Amoraim*, *Saboraim*, *Gaonim*, consisted of generations of Rabbis who were able to function readily as they did not suffer tribulations such as those of the *Rabbanim* of the Holy Land.

Then the rotten seed of the European reform movement extended its poisonous growth to these areas too and to our sorrow brought about complete desolation of the Jews of Bavel.

Life for the Iraqi Jews continued in the predictable Orthodox fashion until the Alliance Israelite Universelle arrived. This group organized atheistic schools to modernize the Jews. They watered the Youthful seedlings with salt water so that authentic Judaism should never sprout there again. The Rabbis and parents' efforts to nullify their influence were unsuccessful.



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One such typical student of the AIU Schools, who obviously adopted their contempt toward the Orthodox Jews was Maurice Sawdayee. He is the author of the doctoral thesis, **The Impact of Western European. Education on the Jewish Millet of Baghdad.**⁵ (All statements in italic print are direct quotes from his book.) In his introduction he thanks the AIU for their help in providing him with the proper documents for his work would not have been possible. His work verifies that the **Alliance Israelite Universelle** (AIU) goals were to assimilate Oriental Jewry and undermine Orthodoxy.

*The life of the Jews in Baghdad during the Ottoman rule depended mostly on the whims of the various Pashas who were appointed by the Sultans to rule the province. They continued to make their living while their spiritual and cultural life was dominated by the rabbis who exerted great influence on the members of the community and dictated every walk of their lives. This condition was destined to change in the second half of the 19th century when the French Jewish Philanthropic society, **L'Alliance Israelite Universelle** founded the first Western school in Baghdad.*

The resurgence of the Jewish community of Baghdad in the 19th century developed gradually from the modern education made available to young Baghdad Jews by the **L'Alliance Israelite Universelle**

Their social mission to the Jews of Eastern Europe and the Levant was twofold: first, to bring them out of ignorance and teach them in modern terms the history of the Jewish people; secondly, to teach them all languages and crafts necessary to help them make a decent living in the country of their choice.

The Jews of Iraq, however, had not been exposed very much to Western influences. They were for all practical

*reasons **millet sadoqah** (true subjects of the Sultan). As Avedis K. Sanjian pointed out in, **The Armenian Communities in Syria under Ottoman Dominion** they "admitted in effect a duality of loyalty, one to the sultan and the other to the religious community to which the individual belonged.*

The Jews of Baghdad generally followed the ways and teachings of their ancestors strictly observing the Mosaic Law. They lived largely near to their synagogues.....

The Alliance founded the first school on December 10, 1864, the student body was made up exclusively of boys. Although the Rabbis and community leaders objected, they did not object strongly enough. When the girls' school was about to open its doors, some years later, it evoked a shocked and angry outcry. The *sefer Maaseh Avos* which was compiled by Rabbi Akiba Yosef Schlesinger contains the names of several hundreds of signatories to a document of protest.

The AIU would like us to believe that there were few or no schools in Iraq prior to their arrival. Even Sawdayee admits that a *Medrash Talmud Torah* built in 1833 had twenty-seven classes and 2049 students. There were also about thirty private *Istadhs* (*chedorim*) each were attended by 40-60 pupils and some larger ones even contained from 80-120 pupils. This averages over 4,000 elementary school boys. In the city of Baghdad alone, we must conclude that almost every Jewish boy was literate. There was a high school supported by the community called the Baghdad Yeshiva that met in one of the leading synagogues. Here outstanding younger and older men learned the ways of Hashem.

Instead of recognizing the greatness of this community where the literacy rate was quite high, and the standard of living very decent, for most, the AIU labeled this Torah City "ignorant!" The Alliance discreetly

5. Published by University Microfilms Int. Ann Arbor MI. 1977

conveyed the message that (G-d forbid) the Torah is the cause of all life's woes.

In the eyes of the founders and the administrators of the Alliance, it was a wholly beneficent enterprise. They had thought, no doubt, that a good Western education would liberate the energies of their Oriental co-religionists and ameliorate their condition. At the same time, they were also aware—or perhaps they were not aware, to judge by the opposition which their schools evoked in some communities—that there was incompatibility between the new outlook which they were introducing and the norms and beliefs of these traditional societies. One would rather refrain momentarily from going into the details of this argument that tore apart the fabric of these societies entrenched in two millenia of exile, trained in the Talmudic disciplines which had impressed in their souls the worship of G-d and the knowledge of His law.

The traditional Jewish society of Baghdad was used to a humble life of servility and obedience, a life of extraordinary orthodoxy, where only one far away hope shone, that of the day of final salvation and the coming of the Messiah who would deliver the Jews from their exiles and restore the house of G-d in Jerusalem. On the other side, stood the Alliance schoolmaster, a man who had already, in the depth of his being, broken with the traditional legacy of the synagogue. He was a product of the dominant European culture. Voltaire and Rousseau, the Encyclopaedists and the Romantics nourished his thought more than did the Prophets and the Talmudists. This man believed more in the light of reason than in salvation, in the benefits of progress more than in the Messiah's redemption, more in man's creativity than in G-d's providence.

The Traditional teacher could not but see in the Alliance schoolmaster the product of a foreign world. The schoolmaster on his side, could not help being shocked by the appearance of the Talmudic teacher, whose heir he was setting himself up to be, and who lived in a world so different from his own.



רבי יוסף חיים — נדול רבנו בכל
קפ"ב — רבי נחמן מברסלב
RAY YOSEF CHAIM — Baghdad

Sawdayee recognizes the great rift between the parents and the teachers.

These foreign educators were so arrogant and vain in their attitude to the local usages of the community that they did not spare any opportunity to attack the old social barriers which it was their civilizing mission to reform.

The school parents and the representatives of the Alliance, both viewed each other with hostility and contempt.

It would seem appropriate to discuss the mounting hostility between the educators and the rich parents who did not enroll their children in the new school thus becoming the allies of the Rabbis who stood against secular education. The boycott

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of the school by the rich parents caused registration to drop considerably, particularly on the part of the paying student, which caused the school board to complain of the little esteem these parents showed for modern education. Rich parents still preferred to send their children to the private Hebrew **cheders** known locally as, **Istadh**.

The teachers of the AIU disdained the traditional schooling of the **Baghdadis**. This stemmed from their own ignorance of Torah. To them learning in a traditional school meant "reading and writing Hebrew" and nothing more. On the contrary the basics of language were taught to the 4-5 year olds. The code of Laws and Moral teachings were expounded and debated logically in an intellectual atmosphere, so it should become an integral part of the pupils' lives. Torah knowledge is not inherited. Each person must learn and study on his own to acquire his share of the portion allotted to him. Sawdayee quotes a teacher who is obviously a product and follower of the European Reform Society.

"The **Baghdadis**," comments one schoolmaster, "mocks civilization, does not want it, hates it and fears it and does everything in his power so that his children stay completely ignorant." For the rich parents education meant nothing more or less than the necessity to read and write Hebrew.

The Jews who always sing Ashreinu "How lucky we are, how fortunate is our lot, how good is our portion, how beautiful our heritage...." could not yield to the AIU's crooked ways, whose members were anti-Torah.

Sawdayee continues.

Thus the fundamental role of the religious hierarchy, which characterized by an unwillingness to change was to preserve the existing system including Jewish tradition. Indeed, every effort was made by them to

maintain traditional structures, values and beliefs and to hinder the development of new patterns that might endanger the existing way of life.

The AIU was proud of their atheistic successes. In truth the Jews of **Iraq** had progressed nowhere. They were stripped of their spiritual identity and eventually of their belongings.

As Sawdayee admits,

In a period of eight decades we have witnessed the transformation of a traditional community where the religious teachings of the Torah reigned supreme, into a modern secular community with national problems trying to accommodate to new realities. The pioneers of this change were the Alliance emissaries from Europe who came into the Orient with a mission to impart to a backward society the philosophies of Voltaire and Rousseau.

Economically many Jews were doing very well and naturally they attributed this to the "beneficence" of the AIU. Consequently, Jews became less observant. The belief in secular education and Westernization as a panacea to all ills appealed to them.

The twenties and the economic boom that followed the British occupation of **Iraq** had its effects on the social and economic life of the Baghdad Jewish community. The Jews were now convinced unequivocally that education is a powerful tool that would make possible the achievement of personal and societal goals.

Meanwhile religious observance among the youth went through a gradual change after the British occupation. Although the majority was observant of the law and the synagogues overflowed on the Shabbath, more and more were those members of the Jewish community who did not observe religious practices. With the spread of education the young kept

aloof from religious observance. Working on Saturdays and on Jewish holidays became acceptable, and many were those who smoked on Saturdays and ate non-kosher foods.

The AIU encouraged them to mock the 13 Ikarim (13 Fundamentals of Belief) They ridiculed Torah in vicious ways

With the bonds of religion weakened more and more, Jews entered the public schools and took the official exams given by the Ministry for Education.

Then the reading of the Qur'an became part of the official program and was introduced in Jewish schools along with other courses relating to moral and civic duties and the patriotic duties of the pupil.

The process of the Jewish communities absorption and complete acculturation into the newly fashioned **Iraqi** identity was very popular among the Jews during the first two decades of **Iraqi** emergence as a state. The results of their national identification was the creation of a generation of Jewish youth who saw themselves as **Iraqis** in every respect. The younger generation went farther and farther from the tradition of their fathers, neglected their religious heritage, shunned the study of Hebrew and the Torah, and immersed themselves in a secular life embracing all the characteristics attributed in their society to being modern men.

More and more Jews tried to act and dress like Arabs or like "Europeans." More and more tried to "assimilate with their neighbors, They groped in the darkness, thinking they saw "light."

Zionism

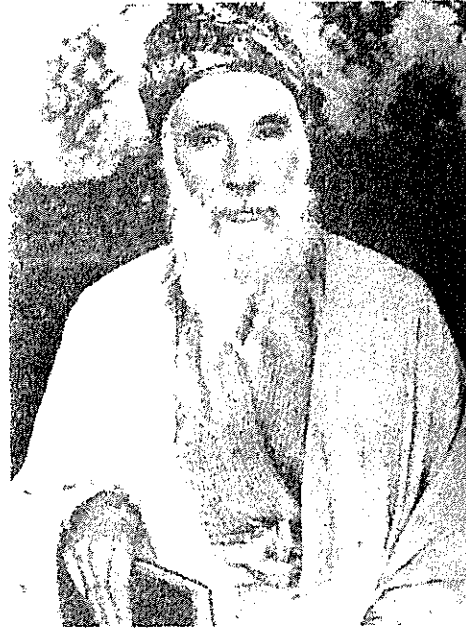
Most Baghdad Jewry was not for Zionism.

In fact, Zionism was a strange term to **Baghdadi** Jewry and it is doubtful if they ever grasped its

national and political implications. For them the return to Zion was a messianic dream, a kind of a Day of Judgement when the dead would rise from their graves and the Prophet Elijah would return in his chariot from heaven to rebuild the House of the L-rd and re-establish the Kingdom of Israel. One of their leaders, an eminent lawyer in **Baghdad**, Mr. L. J. D. Elkabir stated, "the Jewish problem in Europe remains the same essentially, and much worse contingently, and was so at the time when Zionism was still going with all sails out. The problem is, and remains, a European problem both by origin and present incidence." And he went on to assert that attempts to transfer Zionism to this part of the world, the Middle East, are bound to be a failure.

In any event, the Zionist propagandist were successful in gaining the support of few intellectuals.

One Jewish member of the Iraqi Senate, Menahem David, declared in 1922;



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After describing the Arab nationalist stand towards Zionism, the Jewish senator from **Baghdad** went on to show the dangers inherent in any open identification with the Zionist cause by the **Baghdad Jewish Community**:

The Jews in this country hold indeed a conspicuous position. They form one third of the population of the Capital, hold the larger part of the commerce of the contry and offer a higher standard of literacy than the Moslems.

...he is nevertheless being regarded by the waking up Moslem as a very lucky person, from whom the country should expect full return for its lavish favors...

The Jews lived peacefully under Arab rule. Only once was there a pogrom when the pro-Nazi Rashid al Kailani was prime minister. Sawdayee claims that it was the only one known to the Jews of Iraq at least during the last hundred years of life there, and is certain that those who took part in the slaughter were influenced by Nazi propaganda. He notes that Jews were not molested in places where German propaganda was absent and even mentions many families provided shelter for their Jewish neighbors during the *Farhud*.

At the time of the creation of the State of Israel the Zionists had an underground organization in Iraq called "The movement." It was a network that tried to smuggle **Iraqi Jews** to Palestine.

On January 1, 1947 Mr. Yigal Allon then Israel's deputy Prime Minister wrote to Dan Ram whom he called "Commander of the Jewish Ghettos in Iraq" that he should encourage immigration immediately.

During 1950-51 over 90% of Iraq's flourishing Jewish community emigrated to Israel.

When some of the youth of Iraq defied their parental wishes and joined the Zionist and communists and other groups, the downfall of the Jewish millet in Iraq began.

7. The Making of the Israeli Army. Yigal Allon

Our sages say בנין נערים סתירה וסחירת זקנים בנין—when the experienced elders say to tear down in essence it means to build but when unknowledgeable youth build they ultimately destroy. Their inexperience of living among the nations and their lack of Torah knowledge and submissiveness toward the gentiles brought about the dissolution of the community.

As Sawdayee says, "in defiance of parental and communal authority the youth began rallying to extremist clandestine movements either Zionist or leftist. Jews marched shoulder to shoulder with Arab, Kurd and Christian demonstrators in support of the radical anti-government forces."

"Overnight the frail submissive millet thanks to its militant young people, turned into a dynamic nationalist force vying for power and joining hands with the opposition against the ruling elite."

Though this group of defiant youths was a small minority of the Jews of Iraq, they were the product of an "education" by the AIU which was devoid of G-dliness. The AIU members did not respect the parents, elders or rabbis of the community. Their contempt influenced their students.

What happened to the Jews who claimed that Zionism was not for them that they fled the country en masse? A series of well-planned bombings and killings induced a mass hysteria for emigration. The bombs were set by the Zionists themselves and their agents in a shocking plot to force Jews to leave Iraq.

The people were manipulated by outside forces over which they had no control or actual knowledge. When the Jews applied for emigration, they were not aware that all their homes, businesses and belongings would be confiscated.

It was the Zionists who collaborated with the head of the government, Tawfikel-Suweidi, and worked out this nefarious plan. Sawdayee calls it an "exchange of population." The Jews would go to the newly formed state and the Palestinians would get a home...



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A scheme of so-called exchange of population then began to be mooted in many quarters. The idea was to exchange the Jews of the Arab countries for the Arab refugees of Palestine. Israel was in favor of such a scheme of boosting her own population while contending that such an exchange would lead to greater stability in the region. To the Iraqis the idea would also have its attractions for similar reasons: It would do away with a sophisticated element of Iraqi society which could be a hindrance to national unity. In March, 1950, the Iraqi parliament passed a law allowing those Jews who so desired to renounce their Iraqi nationality. The majority opted to abandon their Iraqi citizenship and were soon thereafter dispossessed and transported to Israel.

Jews who comprised a third of the population of the capital, who controlled most of the commerce, were suddenly, thrust into an 'exchange' which never came to fruition, since it went only one way—out of Iraq. The Zionist did not care about the personal possessions or livelihood of these people. They needed the Iraqi Jews to populate the land. Their importance in Iraqi trade and government were overlooked by

Tawfik el-Suweidi, as he would be getting all their homes and businesses. (He was later tried for treason for populating the Zionist State.) El-Suweidi legalized the emigration of the Jews. When this did not cause Jews to line up for visas to Israel, the Zionists dropped some bombs in synagogues and Jewish businesses. This frightened many Jews into thinking that Israel was their salvation. As they headed for the immigration offices, they were not aware that their goods would have to remain, that their businesses would be confiscated, that they would leave penniless. When the lines began to diminish at the emigration offices, another bomb was dropped....

The truth of this conspiracy and hoodwinking of Iraq Jewry to abandon their centuries-old home in Iraq, was revealed many years later.

On May 29, 1966 the independent weekly magazine Haolam Hazeh (edited by Mr. U. Avnery) published an account of the Zionist connection in the emigration of the Iraqi Jews based on Yehuda Tagar's testimony (a secret Zionist envoy Iraq responsible for one of the bombings). Then on November 9, 1972 the Black Panther magazine in Jerusalem printed the full story of Zionist collaboration with the Iraqi government in defrauding the Jews of Iraq of their citizenship and thus their livelihood.

The state would have us believe that the Jews of Iraq were poor and miserable, downtrodden and oppressed and in economic straits. This is untrue. Sawdayee himself quotes a report to the contrary.

Moreover, a report compiled by S.P. Sassoon, Vice president of the Sephardic Association, Tel Aviv in 1950 throws more light on the Jewish community's wealth at the time of its dissolution. Of the 30,000 Jewish families living in Iraq about half owned these own homes, the majority of these families lived in Baghdad. These homes were then estimated in value at ninety million U.S. dollars.

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The community holdings consisting of schools, houses of worship and other public real estate were valued at six million dollars. Furthermore, some 9,000 families owned property valued at more than two thousand dollars each; another 1,200 families owned property estimated at six thousand dollars each. There were 100 families with resources and properties of one million dollars each.

The Iraqi Jews became destitute upon their abandonment of their citizenship. When they arrived in the Holy Land they were humiliated by being sprayed with DDT, as though they were vermin. They were placed in ramshackle villages and tent camps called maabarot. To the chagrin of AIU, their 'education' was not given high esteem, and they were considered primitive... even after almost 90 years of Alliance 'civilization and westernization,' They were mistreated and deprived. They were given no chance to escape their miseries and deliberately turned into a second class group, which they remain today. As Sawdayee mentions,

It was a disaster for the community and for Iraq to uproot this enterprising, skilled and industrious minority who had struggled for a just position and recognition in the newly forming Iraqi society. In the space of one year the Jewish community of Baghdad was dispossessed and scattered.

It was panic that sent the Jews to the emigration lines. Emile Marmorstein the author of "Heaven at Bay" was a headmaster of a large Jewish School in Baghdad in the thirties. He too sees a Zionist-connection to get the Jews out of Iraq.

In his article "Exile within Exile" printed in "Genocide in the Holy Land" (chapter on Iraqi Jews) he mentions that respectable parents did not allow their children to become involved with the Zionist underground. Accordingly weapons and explosives were kept in cellars of synagogues

which were later discovered as a result of information given by a defector.

In 1950, the number of Jews registering for emigration, although exceeding government estimates, did not indicate the imminent dissolution of the community; but in the first half of the following year grenades were thrown in places where Jews used to congregate, and the rate of registration accelerated to such an extent that by the end of the period fixed for departure hopes of a massive exodus were abundantly fulfilled. At the trial of members of the 'Zionist underground' accused of throwing the grenades, the prosecution argued that the minimal injury and damage caused by the grenades showed that they had been thrown by members of the 'underground' with the intention of speeding up the departures of the waverers—which it had clearly managed to do. Not only Muslims were convinced by this argument.

Emile Marmorstein further adds in his article that by the late thirties there were only 3 (three) yeshivos where a boy could learn some Talmud. Whereas there were 17 (seventeen) Jewish Schools that taught Secular Studies, and all built in the fifty years after the coming of the Alliance into Iraq.



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The lesson לימוד for us is elementary. A fish cannot subsist without water. So too the Chosen People cannot live without Torah.

Is it possible that the Jews who so gullibly accepted the AIU's free gifts were now receiving their עונש (punishment? As the חז"ל states (Devarim 28:32) "כי תבא חטאת" — If you cast off your Torah obligations your sons and daughters will be given over to another nation; the commentator Rabbi Yonason Ben Uziel states לעמ חילוני, to a secular nation. They could be Jews but secular, which is much worse, considering their hatred and ferocious animosity toward religion!

Although the rabbonim of Iraq were the respected leaders of Iraqi Jewry, they allowed the first inroads of AIU in education, where the most danger lay. Since in no way could the Jewish community of Iraq have been considered to be disadvantaged, either spiritually or economically, the

Rabbonim defaulted on their responsibility when they did not excommunicate any parent who would enter his child in such a school. By the time the girls' school was the subject of controversy, the first really damaging inroads had been made. When the first impurity falls into the can of oil, says the sage, a drop of pure oil is lost. And so, the first drop of secularism led to many more.... and the whole Torah was lost to the descendents of sages and tzaddikim.

Can this be the tragic outcome of the Jews leaving Hashem's ways in Iraq? For over 2,500 years they lived there quite peacefully. They left behind millions of dollars in property, only to become pawns in the Zionist "exchange." These are the bitter roads we travel when we depart from the Torah-true paths. May the A-lmighty redeem us soon from this exile so that we may all follow and know the truth forever, Amen.

To be continued in the next issue "Alliance in Tunisia."



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