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Shalom laYebudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It is the evening of the 4th day, *yud-kebes beKhodesh Teves, Parashas Shmos, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 29 December 2015, webcasting from what James Michener, the historical novelist, called *The Source*, and I call *The Obsession*.

That's what antiJew hatred is: an obsession with Jews that the obsessed cannot free themselves of, which is a chain of myths about Jewish power that are fantasies with no truth to them.

Last Tuesday, at 5 in the morning on the BBC, in what the host called a "phone-in amnesty," callers could say whatever they want and one did in a 13-minute rant against the Jews right out of *Mein Kampf*, which was influenced by *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, those two hysterical tracts describing the Jews as the most malevolent people on earth who want to enslave all of mankind.

Karl Marx himself thought as much, that poor devil, who suffered all of his life because he hated the Jews into which he had been born. On both sides of his family there were generations of *rabbonim*/learned rabbis, but in the Age of Reason, the Age of Enlightenment and the Napoleonic Wars that emancipated the Jews in Europe, little Karl's father, like thousands of German Jews, apostatized. He went to a church and got baptized, and took along six-year old Karl with him. Not that his father had become a believing Christian. Not at all. It was all done for commercial reasons because Jews like them had followed the Christian intelligentsia who had dumped their Christianity. All religion was bunk, he thought.

Marx then developed his theory of Marxism that was a non-religious collection of ideas that like Christianity pointed the finger of guilt, really of evil, at the Jews. Marx, in his utopian fantasy of a better society, after capitalism had run its nasty course, thought that Europe's Jewish investment bankers like the Rothschilds were out to monopolize the money system, suck up all the money in the world, turn everybody into penniless paupers and enslave them.

Jew-Bankers were the bankers of Europe's kings who were forever going to war with one another, which the Jew-bankers loved so they could be war profiteers and did not care how many people died; that is how much they love money. Marx's "Bible" was called *Das Kapital*/Money, and it was a theory of the evils of capitalism that logically drag the world into wars and how the most powerful capitalists were the Jews who wanted that.

The Bible begins with "In the beginning G-d..." Marxism begins in Atheism, just the opposite. And here last Tuesday on the BBC was a 13-minute rant by some bloke calling himself "Andy from St. Margaret's" who said of the Jews, "They are trying to control us more and more. They want to put a chip up our backsides, a ring through our noses, and a visor for our horizons... the elite...the Rothschilds... who own the Bank of England, the people who own the Federal Reserve, they're all Zionist Jews. The people who own corporate America, the media, you'll find, if you just do a little bit of research, they're all Zionist Jews. We are ruled by Zionist Jews...We are dominated by the Jews' system, the financial Jewish system."

He also threw up the old, ludicrous legend about today's Jews having no connection to the Jews of the Bible or history. We are all descendants of the Khazars who converted a thousand years ago.

He went on, "We keep going on about the Jews...mainstream media, they keep banging on about the Jews and the Holocaust...we keep going on about six million Jews..."

The Campaign Against Antisemitism organization of course protested to the Beeb and demanded that it turn over what identification it had on this guy to the police, though I am not sure why. This is no crime in my mind. I don't know what British law says about such public speech, but I see no call to violence here. This is his view of history and economics that matches the Marxian worldview that is much respected still in Western universities.

Adolf Hitler thought this way. Similar views are on display in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, that infamous forgery produced by the Russian secret police. It is commonly identified as an antisemitic tract but its inspiration was truly anti-Zionist. Its inspiration seems to have been what took place seven years before the forgery was published in 1904, I think. In 1897 in Basel, Switzerland, Viennese journalism Theodor Herzl presided over a meeting of mostly non-religious Jewish thinkers and entrepreneurs, and it has come down to us as the First Zionist Congress. The *Protocols* seem to have been inspired by that meeting

and seen in it a gathering of malicious Jews plotting to resurrect the Holy Land as a base for world conquest.

Mind you, the *Protocols* and *Mein Kampf* and Andy here are all post-Christian in their hatred of Jews. Not a word about killing Jesus the carpenter from Nazareth. That was passé.

And today the fantasy of a Jewish cabal remains. That is a word derived from Kabbala, the mystical strain in Judaism. It lives on leastwise in Andy of St Margaret's mind. It is one of the reasons why, by the way, Reform Jews, who opened their first temple in Germany, called it a temple, not a synagogue, some 7 years before Marx was born. For centuries, the goyim had imagined that when Jews gathered in their synagogues, they plotted evil, so the very word synagogue bore a spooky, evil connotation. Reform Jews did not want to call their new assembly halls "synagogues" when goyim believed that a cabal of Jews, the elders of Zion, gathered in them to cackle and hatch their nefarious plots. So they said, let's call it a temple.

And by the way, it is not a good sign that the Germans are reported this week to be lifting the ban on publishing *Mein Kampf* that has in force since the post-war Occupation. The government thinks it will be a way to defend against the rising tide of antisemitism by exposing the craziness in that book, not to mention its tedium. I read half then put it down. It is mostly Der Fuhrer talking historical poppycock like Andy here. It was a crackpot version of history. Hegel and Kant and Spengler all had their grand visions of the arc of human history and so did Hitler sermonize in this regard.

On Monday, the Wiesenthal Center presented a report to JPost regarding the year ending as "one of the worst" for the rising tide of antisemitism. The year saw "unprecedented explosions of anti-Semitic and anti-Israel hatred not encountered since the end of WWII."

In London, in a separate story, the Metropolitan Police recorded a 60% increase in antisemitic incidents over the year before.

And in yet a separate JTA/Jewish Telegraph Agency story out of Paris, there is a new photo exhibition being mounted by *Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors without Borders* that focuses on the suffering of the Ancient Ones.

The head of the CRIF, the national Jewish organization -- which by the way, dates to Napoleon ordering the Jews to organize themselves into one national body -- asked the Paris municipality to deny the exhibition space in a city facility but the CRIF was rebuffed.

The head of the CRIF, Roger Cukierman protested that in focusing on one particular terrorist; the exhibit labels him a "martyr." "Shocking," he said. Terrorists turned into martyrs.

Indeed, antiJewism is roaring back into fashion. There was another story about American Jewish college students, half of them witnessing or being the target of an antisemitic incident.

And there is another forum, evidently, as it was told to me today, for antisemitism which is the social media. It was told to me by the head of a think-tank in the States, a

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friend and colleague, whom I called for some advice, for yours truly might also be now a victim of the return of antisemitism.

More on that, but first some music.

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So as I was saying before the music, I may be now the victim of antisemitism, though it is too soon to tell. The situation is this: After last Thursday's webcast, I received a furious, off-the-rails insulting letter from a subscriber who cancelled his subscription after he heard me speak less than adoringly of the late Rabbi Kahane.

Not that I was surprised. This is not the first time subscribers who value my commentary discover that unlike them I am not member of the Kahane Admiration Society. I'm even very critical of the late rabbi, him and his devotees, at which some subscribers literally cannot stand hearing that and cancel the subscription.

The letter was one blistering line of hatred and accusations after the other about what a phony I am. All I care about his hearing the sound of my own voice; how could I not demand that those innocent detainees be released immediately? As an American, he wrote, I should be outraged at their administrative detention – and I would add, just like an Arab. Everyone here saying this forgets that in Judea and Samaria, civil rights are not the law of the land. We are living under martial law.

Well, a letter like that is water off a duck's back to yours truly; I've had them before. But then I discovered this now ex-subscriber who previously had praised my book to the skies on the book's Amazon page where buyers can review the book, posted not a review - and it is still there, you all can check it out, -- claiming I "condone torturing Jews" so no one should believe anything I say.

Well, a friend and subscriber wrote to Amazon to have them remove this nonsense because it violates their own conditions. Posts must review the book being offered for sale. And this comment had nothing to do with the book.

This was not the first time someone had done this. The first was a crank antiJew goy and the same friend protested to Amazon that he obviously had not read the book, had only seen me talk about the book on YouTube and that on this basis, Amazon had remove his nasty, crack of a few sentences and they did.

Well, this time there is resistance at Amazon to removing this libel. They refused my friend's request saying it was compatible with their guidelines, which is simply a response that is not of this world. I too contacted Amazon via the Abuse button provided for such situations and I have yet to be responded to, and it is long past due.

So I called my friend-colleague who had a long and famous legal battle with an antiJew over slander or liberal, I forget which, and the answer I got surprised me. My friend continues to be attacked in the social media and as for Amazon, and I guess other sites, the people in charge are Arabs.

In other words, antisemitism may be percolating through Amazon too.

So the nasty lie that I condone torture remains on my book's webpage. The one who posted it, the ex-subscriber, the ex-super fan of yours truly, has flip-flopped and thinks nothing of lying about me, which does not surprise.

It comports with my view of the Kahane cultists. I think they do terrible damage to the Jewish people and in particular us settlers, and I believe deep down many of them, if not all, really do wish the Jewish people the opposite of good will.

I seem to have been a target of the standard Kahane-ite response this past week to the plight of the detainees. They are 100% positive that the detainees have been tortured and anyone who, like yours truly, does not agree, supports the torture.

I said nothing last Thursday about condoning torture. On the contrary, I ended by saying that if indeed the GSS knows these boys are innocent and are torturing them, then they are monsters.

But my ex-subscriber did not hear that. I merely voiced my opinion that nobody knows the truth, left or right, except the GSS and the boys. I frankly am flabbergasted by this person's certainty and not only his but too many people on the right. I am open to all possibilities and when the truth comes out, I will react accordingly.

But so many people are without a doubt that torture is going on and the boys are innocent, and I ask, how possibility can anyone know this?

For sure, just like everybody else, when the Duma horror broke, I too doubted Jews did it for the simple reason the house was deep inside that community and not on the outskirts and because as an "expert" that I am on Arab behavior, it is perfectly reasonable to imagine that the Arabs did it for personal reasons; they are always having family feuds and blaming the Jews in this case was a diversion and also to score a few points.

"Eminently possible," I thought, and also on the background of the dreadful behavior of the GSS twenty years ago leading up to the Rabin assassination when they were engaged in entrapment. They produced a phony video of a secret meeting of right-wing extremists plotting the assassination, stuff like that.

I am also no fan of the Israeli police. We are a great nation in many ways but not in our political life which includes our police.

Moreover, unbeknownst to my furious ex-subscriber, I have been a contributor to Honenu, which provides legal counsel to settlers harassed by the GSS and the police.

But no more. Today I heard that Honenu was a "neo-Kahane-ite" group, but much more important was learning that Itamar Ben Gvir is the lawyer for one of the detainees for Honenu. And that being the case, count me out.

Moreover, as of last Thursday and since then, one Israeli leader after another has come out in support of the GSS and the detention of these boys. These are men who have earned my trust. Itamar ben-Gvir has not, and if they say these accusations of torture are false, what am I to do? Not trust them? I certainly am not going to trust Ben-Gvir.

In any case, I reserve judgment because I know no more about what happened than anybody else. Maybe it is a frame-up; maybe it is not..

I don't know what the truth is. I do know that I trust Yaalon, Bennett, Netanyahu and respected rabbis, all of whom I believe to be decent human beings with whom I certainly do not agree on many issues but I do not dismiss them as monsters.

What also has puzzled me is the perfect amnesia in the current situation of any reference whatsoever to what happened shortly after the three yeshiva boys were kidnapped and murdered in Gush Etzion, which launched those terrible 50 days of missile attacks and thousands of Jews running for their lives into bomb shelters. What happened was the kidnapping of a young Arab boy in Jerusalem who was in fact burnt to death by a Jew.

Not a word of that horror in recent days from the Right, for that would lead to the possibility that the GSS and its backers, these respectable people, are fearful that Duma was another case of a Jew burning Arabs to death.

I could be wrong but I think the Arab monsters who penetrated that shul in Har Nof and murdered the men inside, chopping off a head, horribly mutilating others, also referenced the burning of that Arab boy.

In a nutshell, if indeed the GSS is onto a serious plot to ignite murder and mayhem here in pursuit of the End of Days, as the government is arguing, and the establishment of a king instead of democracy, then I trust them to do what is necessary to prevent that.

I also cannot believe that the GSS is so evil and stupid as to waste its time trying to pin the Duma arson on boys they know to be innocent. There would be the biggest crime of all, wasting their time that way instead of seeking out, as I think they want to, the real culprits.

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So, yes, I go with Minister of Education Naftali Bennett and not Itamar Ben-Gvir. Bennett had this to say yesterday: "The Duma attackers are not religious Zionists. This is 180 degrees from religious Zionism. We see the state as the beginning of redemption and their goal is to bring down the state. We are the state, if someone has not notice, The Right is ruling."

He said his Ministry must treat this group of 70-80 youngsters who have lost their way. [I gave a figure last week of maybe 200; he says much less.] We have to reach out and pull them out of this dangerous group and use a heavy hand against the murderers. We have to give the youngsters attention to gain their trust and pull them out of this small and dangerous circle."

And we may be hearing here an unwitting exposure of the conviction by the GSS that they communicated to Bennett that they are sure a Jew or Jews did this terrible deed.

In any case, this last week in Israel has been a boiling pot of emotional turmoil over this situation and likely has contributed to the general ill will connected to Ayelet Shaked's initiative to require enemy agents in Israel's NGOs to identify themselves and expose who pays their salaries.

The blood is so up that a couple of academics at Hebrew U. smeared Ministress of Justice Ayelet Shaked for being on the payroll of murderers in Sierra Leone, and for being, the other one said, a “neo-Nazi scum.”

How ironic and interesting is the similar tenor of these radical leftists on the one hand and their opposite number on the radical Right. My ex-subscriber, the likely Kahane devotee, went through the roof and called me every name in the book for “condoning torture,” and here are men on the other side of the political and religious solar system calling Israel’s Ministress of Justice a Neo-Nazi and scum for her anti-NGO legislative proposal.

How similar they are, both sides, in their hysterical hyperbole, this flying off the handle with language out of control and beyond all reason and proportion. Disagree with Ayelet Shaked by all means, but calling her a Neo-Nazi?

And as for vandalizing my Amazon page because I “condone torture”: these are people out of control and that seems to be in tune with the temper of the times. Carly Fiorina got it right in fingering Donald Trump as someone who puffs himself up by demeaning others. I find him vulgar, but that may be part of his attraction for American culture has become impossibly vulgar.

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Last item, the good news segment. Naftali Bennett repeated yet again this week his long-standing position that at least some of the so-called West Bank should be annexed.

Actually, I reject his partial demand. He thinks it makes his request more palatable if he wants only Gush Etzion first.

I find his position is a mixed blessing, a mixture of daring and cowardice. The good side is that it desensitizes the “shocking” idea of annexation, making it more palatable in the public arena. The downside is backing away and asking only for a piece of Judea and Samaria. If we are entitled to the Gush, we are entitled to all of it.

For years, I have been kvetching about the refusal of Israelis to demand their rights, just like the Negroes in the American South who demanded their Civil Rights.

Judea and Samaria are rightfully ours according to the League of Nations Mandate and what the medieval European schoolmen called Natural Law.

Indeed, for my money, this conflict here is all about the resistance by the Arabs to respecting our rights.

Ergo, our battle has to be demanding our rights and stop trying to cut a deal with these primitives who today deny the existence of the two Temples in history. With cranks and crackpots like these and murderers, no serious agreement can be written and be adhered to by them. 22 years ago that was tried and if the Israeli ruling class has not yet learned that was a failure, it has learned nothing.

That’s it for this evening. Be back Thursday, G-d willing.

Leila tov miEretz Yisrael.

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