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*Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim.* It is the evening of the 4th day, *kaf-vav beNissan, Parashas Kedoshim, tav-shin-ayin-vav*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 3 May 2016, webcasting from the source of all the headlines in Jolly Old England these days, “this royal throne of kings, this scepter’d isle...this earth of majesty, this seat of Mars, This other Eden, demi-paradise.”

That’s from Shakespeare, Richard II, if not the Richard I, Richard Lionheart, born in the same town of Oxford where the Labourite students today, 827 years later, have become intolerably antisemitic, who on his coronation day in 1189, had to deal with and put down a pogrom in London, really several of them that broke out in different parts of the city.

The records show that a delegation of Jews representing the community went to Westminster during the day bearing gifts and congratulations for the new king, only some knights and nobles were enraged by this audacity started killing them. One mortally wounded Jew was Benedict of York, the richest Jew in that town.

Rioting spread to the towns of Norwich, Stamford, Lincoln and York where, with the community leader dead in London, the locals were tempted into igniting a larcenous, hated-filled rampage when they tried to tear down the man’s palatial house.

So in the middle of his coronation day, the King of England had to put down a wave of homicidal Jew-hatred. And then eight months later in 1190, 150 Jews in York would be slaughtered by a mob.

And then of course, four hundred years further on, in Elizabethan England, the theater as an arm of the world of art was soaring with such plays by Christopher Marlowe

as *The Jew of Malta* with its juvenile portrait of the Jew as Evil Incarnate, and his fellow playwright Shakespeare gave us the Jew *Merchant of Venice* counting his ducats.

And then in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Charles Dickens gave literature his Jew villain Fagin.

So the English have a record of antiJewism going all the way back to their legendary birth in the age of Richard Lionheart who had problems with his people over their inclination to murder Jews.

Not all of them of course. The English are a schizophrenic nation when it comes to the children of Israel, a two-faced Janus capable of Nazi-like pogroms but, arguably, they have also been the most tolerant and respectful Jews in Christendom. It is no accident of history that the Balfour Declaration was the handiwork of two Christian Zionists, Foreign Minister Balfour and Prime Minister Lloyd George. Later on, Margaret Thatcher appointed five Jews as cabinet ministers. She was an admirer of the Jewish people.

The English sectarians in the 17<sup>th</sup> century called the Puritans who settled on Massachusetts Bay and stepped on Plymouth Rock, could all read Biblical Hebrew and gave their children Hebrew/Jewish names.

So the English have these two faces when it comes to the Jews and certainly one of them has been on display this week, the top of the news there and of course here as we watch this latest flare-up of antiJewism in England.

The Telegraph reported today that 50 Labour Party members have been suspended in secret in addition to the recent, public suspension of several others in public for their classical, demented, delusional Jew-hatred, all of them of the Muslim persuasion.

According to the Telegraph, since Jeremy Corbyn took over, Labour's ranks have attracted like flies to excrement anti-Jews, seeing in him, apparently, a kind of *fuhrer* for their feelings, their compulsive Jew-hatred. He is their leader.

Corbyn, it seems, is a funny kind of fellow who really seems to believe it is possible to be against antisemitism but also support the Jew-killers in Hamas and Hezbollah, both openly bent on the complete destruction of the State of Israel. So he is suspending these people left and right, all those guilty of what he judges to be antisemitism, which is not the same, he insists, as anti-Zionism.

Yes, this is the new strain of Jew-hatred which has been with us, I guess, since we became a people. The hatred is always expressed in angry allegations of Jewish evil deeds and always the accusations are baseless. They are figments of the imaginations of people who hate Jews. I saw a talkback post on line the other day, a real textbook specimen of antiJew thinking in our time. This woman flung the accusation that we Jews in Israel think that because we suffered at the hands of the Nazis, we have the right to persecute the Ancient Ones.

I have never heard such a statement from any Jew in my life. And you remember too some months back in Barcelona where a satirical magazine like Charlie Hebdo bashes

Israel, its editor said the same thing. He was angry that Israelis think that because they suffered under the Nazis, they have the right to take it out on the Ancient Ones. Terrible.

The Ancient Ones. Yes, that is more of the madness intrinsic to Jew-hatred that consistently is just plain delusional. That's my book, I think. Shining a light on the idea of the "Palestinian people" and exposing that there is nothing there. No one on the planet can string together two fact-filled sentences on the history of the "Palestinians" prior to the restoration of Eretz Yisrael by Jews starting in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, any more than one can describe the emperor's new clothes.

People, the world, the General Assembly of the United Nations talk endlessly about the "Palestinians" when not one can name even one unique and identifying national emblem of this people -- like the Japanese with their kimonos or Scots with their kilts, Mexican tamales or French frog legs.

To borrow from Gertrude Stein, "There is no there there," which is further evidence, I argue, that Palestinian Nationalism is just this generation's successor clump of delusions, after deicide and post-religious antisemitism went out of fashion, the latest transformation in disguise.

As for Corbyn, with his Jewish first name -- Jeremy is short for Jeremiah -- and his Labourites, well, it is at least an interesting embarrassment to follow this story and see how the British Left deals with the undeniable presence of old-fashioned, 16<sup>th</sup> century Shakespearean Jew-hatred in their midst. There are those like Corbyn who in their delusional views of Israel, in which they see Nazi-like war criminals, nonetheless are capable of seeing the raw and naked old-fashioned Jew-hatred on display in his own community especially out of the mouths and minds of the Muslims in his party now who are just like their brethren in Saudi Arabia, although they are British subjects of the Queen and fluent in English who harbor the wackiest thinking about Jews functionally right out of the Dark Ages.

Yesterday one the Muslim Labourite antiJews who was suspended this week was Shah Hussein, a Labour councilor, for comparing in a tweet Israelis to Adolf Hitler. And then later in the day he defended this "idea," appearing on BBC's Daily Politics show and denied it was antisemitic. He said that what Israel was doing to Hamas and other Islamist groups was comparable to the Nazi genocide and added that he was being victimized just because he is a Muslim.

What is one to make of such thinking? For sure, Israel's record of abuse of Arabs is not stain-free, but genocide? To be charitable, perhaps this son of a largely illiterate Arab society does not know what genocide means: the Nazis were out to find and slaughter every Jew on the planet. Is this what Israel is doing to its enemies?

This is like shrieking "Apartheid!" and "Ethnic cleansing!" when there is none. On those campuses with their yearly Israeli Apartheid festivals students are literally engaged in

acting out a delusion meant to portray Jews as racist oppressors of others, indeed the real landlords of the land they stole from them.

We are living with a new strain of Jew-hatred. Like the flu that keeps mutating, Jew-hatred is forever morphing to suit the times and in this generation, we are witness to the bizarre behavior of people hating Jews but denying that they do. Oh, they claim it is the Jews' evil abuse of their victims that justifies anti-Zionism, and that is not same as antisemitism, which was a clump of pseudo-scientific nonsense that once was taken as seriously as Palestinian Nationalism is today.

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On the other hand, in observing the current flap in England over the Labour Party's antiJew members coming out of the closet, there is still no need to panic at this point. There may even be a silver lining to this nasty business. For all the antiJew poison coming to the surface, well, that has been a feature of the British alluded to before, and their Janus-faced ability to side with the Jews sometimes. Even such reprehensible publications as the Guardian see the current flap is not just about anti-Israeli opinions but undeniable, irrational, dare we say, lunatic Jew-hatred.

One senses another lesson for the Brits about the Muslim community that lives within. Their religion-like hatred of the State of Israel is matched by a pre-existing Islamic hatred of Jews as Jews, and the sober, sensible people among the British should be seeing red warning lights flashing for the country as a whole, thanks to the rising power of the Muslims among them.

The current exposure of the guiltless, demented hatred of Jews in the Labour Party should alarm England once again that they are in effect a country slowly being occupied by an enemy people, an enemy culture, an intolerant culture.

The English gave the world the best example of democracy, of respect for the individual in the face of the Sovereign state. They created the greatest empire in history. The flag never set on the Union Jack flying all over the world and to this day the English language has become the international, planetary language. When a Japanese airliner lands in Argentina, pilot and control tower talk to each other in English. Likewise, the German airliner landing in Jakarta. It is the language of science and medicine worldwide.

But the English are now in danger of being swallowed up by the Muslims just like Europe and they will be unless they take a stand.

I think the current brouhaha is another warning that Muslims have their own historic variety of pathological Jew-hatred and the native Jew-hatred of the Brits and this imported variety are becoming a volatile mix -- hence the rumors of a "palace coup" inside Labour percolating to remove Corbyn, for his tenure has only led to this. The results of the upcoming elections should be instructive.

It came out yesterday that in addition to Corbyn calling the homicidal Muslim cultists in Hamas and Hezbollah his friends, he has also praised Marwan Barghouti, serving five consecutive life sentences in Israel for five murders when he was responsible for a couple dozen more as well.

Marwan Barghouti, like Arafat, like Abbas, Arafat's right hand man in terror atrocities, is a cold-blooded, Arab Muslim murderer. He has never been known to utter or write even one sentence hinting at respecting the right of the Jews to live free of Muslim tyranny that is religiously-based and calls for oppressing and humiliating Jews.

At the start of the second intifada in 2000, Barghouti was head of the Fatah youth movement, sort of their version of the Boy Scouts only merit badges for acquiring skills were never awarded because the program deals solely with how to use a weapon to kill Jews.

Barghouti was in charge of the *Tanzim*, which means "organization," short for Youth Organization, which taught marksmanship, and he was responsible for dispatching some of his boys with deadly weapons to shoot at Jews and really anybody riding in a car on a Jewish-built road. One of his victims was a Greek Orthodox priest just minding his own business, innocently driving by.

This Barghouti, we now read, was another of those admirable "freedom-fighters" in the mind of Jeremy Corbyn who, admittedly, is a fine specimen of the new antiJew, the one who denies he is one, something new in our history. I guess we can thank the Holocaust for this new twist.

Corbyn appears, at a distance, sincere in not wanting blatant antisemitic bilge pouring from the mouths of his party members. On the other hand, in a Janus-faced turnabout, he smiles on his generation's "legal" Jew-killers, this generation's "legitimate" executioners of Jews at random for their collective evil of creating their own state in their ancient homeland.

One imagines for Corbyn a family history descended from hard-core Christian Jew-haters who like him were rock-solid in their antipathy to Jews for ideological reasons, that is, religious justifications. But Corbyn is post-religious. For him, the Jews' current, major sin is no longer deicide but genocide, really, for having stolen Palestine from the Balestinians, the country's legitimate, ancient community, its "real" owners.

This where the otherwise sober Corbyn who can identify old-fashioned antiJew nonsense a.k.a. antisemitism slides into his fantasy world in which the Zionists deserve to die at the hands of their Muslim victims, at the hands of Hamas and Hezbollah, his friends.

His is an interesting character study and representative of the times, isn't he? The antiJew who denies he is one.

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Speaking before of the morphing of the antiJew mindset in the current generation, the specimen under the microscope was Jeremy Corbyn, head of the Labour Party in England. But now I want to take peek into the mind of a typical post-Jewish Israeli *artiste*, and Israeli antiJew Jew, in this case Ehud (“Udi”) Aloni a filmmaker, son of the late antiJew Jewess Shulamith Aloni.

Last month, in the ever-trendy Tribeca section of Manhattan – yours truly once worked as a bartender in a jazz club there -- the annual Tribeca Film Festival awarded the Best International Narrative Feature to Aloni for his story of an Arab rapper who forges his artistic path in the mixed Arab-Jewish city of Lud. According to the JTA, it deals with “anti-Arab bias in Israeli society as well as violence and conservatism among members of its Arab minority.”

Now, before getting to Mr. Aloni, in general I cringe every time I here Israelis refer to the Arabs here as a “minority” as if they were like Negroes in the segregated American South or Blacks in Apartheid South Africa, when in the region we are the minority and the Arabs the monstrous majority.

Aloni’s movie is, of course, an indictment of Israel’s treatment of its Arabs and in February, this film also won Best Picture at the Berlin Film Festival, rather, was voted the most favored by the audience – I guess apart from the judges’ decision -- during which festival Aloni offered his opinion that Germany should stop extending military aid to Israel. For those who don’t know, Germany has been building Israel’s fleet of submarines.

Aloni also said that Israel’s government administers “racial segregation worse than in South Africa apartheid” and that altogether he opposes Israel’s definition as a Jewish state and even rejects the two-state solution. He wants one state of all its citizens.

In this, he thinks exactly like Azmi Bishara, the former Arab MK who fled the country when suspected of aiding the enemy during the second Lebanon war in 2006. He was the one who invented that phrase, “a state of all its citizens” that clearly has been stripped of its Jewish particularity. For Bishara, there was no cognitive dissonance between denying Jews the right to their own state and at the same time supporting he existence of 21 officially Arab and 56 officially Muslim states.

In our generation, Bishara is labelled a “Palestinian” nationalist, a leftist, an anti-imperialist, a progressive opponent of racism, yadda, yadda, yadda. His antiJew world-view is not taken into consideration. As one cannot describe the emperor’s new clothes, one ignores the guiltless antisemitism of a man like this and his views and supports, of course, uncivilized terror by his brothers against not only Jews but the whole world when blowing up commercial airliners carrying all kinds of international travelers.

But what irks yours truly about Udi Aloni and his ilk no less than his spiritual treason before of the people of Israel where he grew up is his intellectual stupidity. In Berlin, he not only accused Israel of racial apartheid worse than South Africa -- plainly the commonplace antisemitic delusion of the day -- he also called Israel’s government “fascist.”

Here I think his intellectual stupidity is less a function of his antisemitism than his ignorance, his lack of education. I doubt this jerk has read one book in his life on the theory and practice of fascism, its origins and ideology, its techniques in Italy, Germany, Croatia and Romania, etc.

I personally think Israel's political system is inferior to others in the democratic West but it remains democratic. There is no resemblance whatsoever to the conduct of fascist governments in history.

This is just this character throwing around words to make himself appear more educated than he is. Calling Israel's government fascist is on a par with accusing Israel of administering a racial regime worse than in apartheid South Africa. I called him before a jerk. I think he's worse. He's a shmuck.

I feel sorry for such uneducated, pretentious artistes so cut off from their people's roots, a people with an amazing history, culture and civilization.

They are pathetic in seeking the approval and awards of antiJew *artistes* and awards from other antiJew *artistes* in Berlin or New York.

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