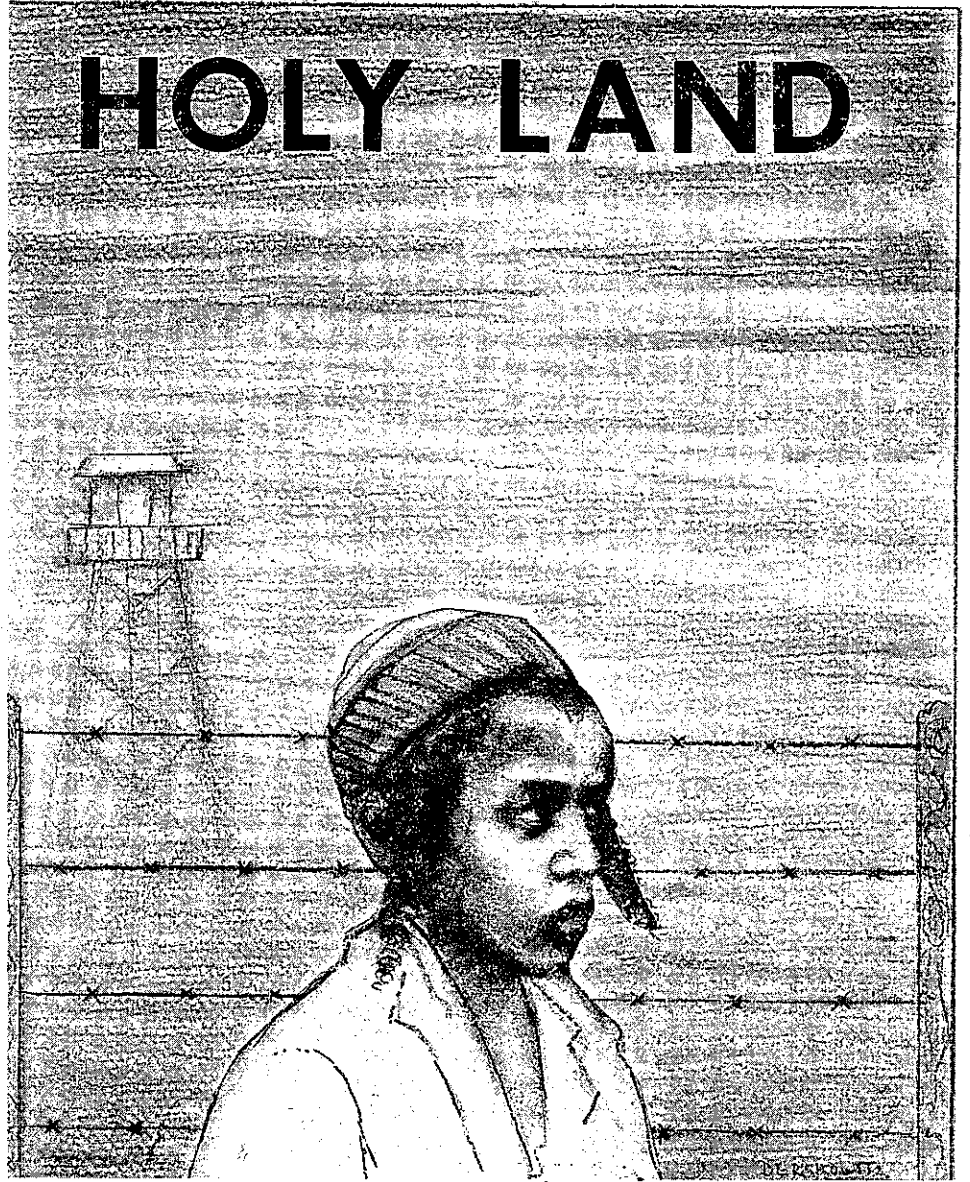


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"He who leads one to sin is worse than he who kills him."

Medrash Rabbah Bamidbar , Pinchas

What the murderers did not achieve in Poland, our destroyers
from within wish to complete here in the Holy Land.

--David Rubinstein

A brother -in-law of two Teheran boys in a letter

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IN MEMORIAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Jewish people have been enjoined in Deuteronomy (23:3-6) not to accept the Ammonites or the Moabites into their congregation for they tried to entice the Jews to sin. The effect of sin is so profound on the sinner, (in the case of Ammon and Moab) that it continues even beyond his tenth generation. The stigma can never be removed, not only from the sinner, but from all of his progeny. As Rashi explains in his commentary of the above verse the difference between the sinners and those who would have wanted to annihilate the Jewish people physically: ancient Egypt and Edom--that the ancient Egyptians and Edomites can be accepted into the assemblage of G-d after the third generation, while the Ammonites and the Moabites cannot, because causing someone to sin, is much worse than he who kills someone. Thus, Zionists who not only have broken the mitzvos, but also have enticed countless thousands of Jewish immigrants to the state of Israel to sin by turning them into atheists are much worse according to the Torah than murderers. Their goal has been to transform the Jewish people from a religious people to a secular nation. They have used various methods in different countries, depending on the circumstances. They have used the guise of religion when it was to their advantage, confusing Zionism and Judaism in the minds of those from whom they hope to gain support. They have even used the holocaust to play upon the sympathies of the unwitting to get what they want. They have used the horrible suffering of millions of Jews to enable them to build a nation, as all other nations.

The Zionists have attempted to strike at the heart of Judaism in an effort to gain control over the Jewish people. They have used any and all means to secure that goal, including bribery, terrorism, anti-semitism and the violation of the basic human right of religious freedom. The Zionist dream of the establishment of the State of Israel was based on manipulation of the anti-semitism of Western leaders by Theodore Herzl, the

architect of modern-day Zionism. It was furthered by bribery which was used, for example, to persuade the imam of Yemen and Southern Arabian sultans to allow the Yemeni Jews to immigrate to Israel. Terrorism has also been a capstone of Zionism. One need only remember the tactics of the Irgun in the 1940's, of which Israel's current Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, was a member. Countless terrorist acts, such as those used in 1950-1951 in Baghdad, Iraq, have been attributed to the Zionists--terrorist acts not only against those opposed to the Zionists, but also against their fellow Jews to persuade them to immigrate to Israel.

All of these tactics, which most people would agree are despicable, were used. But -- the worst -- is the Zionist's denial of the freedom of religious education and religious expression to their fellow Jews. This method reached alarming proportions with the attempt of wholesale brainwashing of orphaned Polish Orthodox children on their way to Palestine via Teheran in 1942-1943. Various methods were used by the Zionists to "convert" the children from their Orthodoxy to the secular nationalist "faith" of the Zionists. It began with subtle brainwashing of weak, terrified children and continued with overt acts, such as the denial of religious articles and instruction, food and clothing. When these tactics did not work, violence was used in some cases, with some children being beaten and boys being put into solitary confinement for leading children in prayer. This book describes all the above in great detail.

These methods, which were fairly successful on most of the children, were again used in the 1950's against the Orthodox Jews of Yemen who were taken to the Zionist State in what was dubbed Operation Magic Carpet. This large-scale immigration designed by the Zionists increased the population of the Zionist State by nearly 100,000. Once they were in the Promised Land, the naive Yemenites, who had come from a completely different, Asiatic, non-technological culture, were taken advantage of by

the Zionists. They, too, like the Teheran children before them, were denied the basic right of religious freedom. They were not allowed to have synagogues, and their children were not allowed religious education. They were coerced with threats--denying them food, housing and the right to work. Now for the first time the English reading public has a chance to read about this.

Moroccan Jews faced a similar fate at the hands of the Zionists. They, too, were threatened with the denial of life's basic necessities if they persisted in their demands for religious education for their children and for synagogues for their communities.

Illustrations of these outrageous Zionist methods abound. They pervade the annals of the history of the Zionist State, dating many years prior to its establishment, and continuing up to the present. This presentation is but a fraction of the atrocities committed.

But why, one might ask, should we be upset if the Jews involved were not physically harmed, if they simply "persuaded" them to give up their Orthodox beliefs and the daily expression of their faith? None of the Teheran children was physically killed. They were simply placed, for the most part, in secular institutions where they were trained to be "good" citizens of the state.. Orthodox Judaism's answer to this is that they were murdered -- a spiritual murder. And spiritual death is much worse than physical death because that soul is lost to Judaism forever. This was and is genocide.

How did this happen? When the corruption of the Teheran children began, it was not widely recognized. Only after friends, relatives and some Orthodox rabbis visited the transit camps holding the children did word begin to leak out. But who could believe that Jews would try to tear other Jews away from their faith? However when some members of Agudath Israel saw with their own eyes what was happening, they began to protest the treatment of the children at the hands of the Zionists. Agudath

Israel was established originally in Poland to fight Zionism. But some of their leaders became corrupted when they saw the money and power they could gain by taking some children into their schools and receiving maintenance funds from the Zionists. What began with good intentions -- to save the religious children from secularism -- became a mockery, with both Agudath Israel and the Mizrahi double dealing for the children's souls. While the Mizrahi was dealing with the Zionists from the start of the discussions concerning the children's placement, the Agudah initially sought to save all the children from the horrible fate.

Unfortunately, one of the leaders of the Agudah, Isaac Meir Lewin, succumbed to the lure of money and power and began to negotiate with the Zionists how to divide the children among the groups wanting them...and the maintenance funds. His collaboration with the Zionists was eventually rewarded with the position of Minister of Welfare in the very soon to be established new state.

Some men protested this change of goals. The National Convention of Agudath Youth, which took place during the Intermediary Days of Passover in 1944, issued a strong declaration against the Zionists and implored the Agudath Israel leaders to cease negotiations with the Zionists:

Declaration

The crime the Jewish Agency perpetrated against the suffering Teheran children is enough to stir every heart, even in these dire days full of grief. The large majority of these children, which the Jewish Agency itself confirmed were of Orthodox parents, were spiritually annihilated. With deception and through coercion, the Jewish Agency tore away these children from their faith. From a total of seven hundred and fifty children, only thirty were permitted a religious education in yeshivos.

What has happened to these Teheran children might just as

well be the consequences, G-d forbid, of 30,000 more children, yet to come to these shores. Religious youth! **We Dare Not Remain Silent!** These children are our brothers and friends. Just as ourselves, they were born to religious parents; just as ourselves, they were reared in the path of the Torah. Behold what has befallen them today! The parents were killed by the Nazis, and under the hands of the Zionists the souls of these orphans are being killed. The Nazis severed the parents from their children in this world and the Zionists want to separate them in this world and the world to come. It is without any doubt that the parents would rather have the death of their children than for them to have a life void of Torah and fear of the Al-mighty.

To the leaders of the Agudath Israel and especially to the leaders of the Poalei Agudath Israel, we say: Rend yourselves from this evil assemblage. Sever all bonds with them. Desist from all negotiations with them. Deny any gains to be obtained from them. Carefully guard the autonomy of the Orthodox Jewry who fear the L-rd. Put an end to all illusion. The Zionists are the most dangerous enemies of the Jewish people. With them no compromises are possible. Orthodox Jewry must fight them until they are destroyed.

Teachers of our youth! Unmask before your students the evil of the Zionists! Place in their hearts the clear understanding that our struggle against Zionism and all its offshoots is a continuation of the historical battle of the Prophet Eijah and the false prophets of the Ba'al, the battles of the Macabees and the Hellenists, the battles of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The complete text of the declaration can be seen in chapter eight.

Rabbi Moshe Schonfeld, of blessed memory, also continually protested Agudath Israel's participation in the Zionist deals and wrote the book **The Teheran Children Accuse** in 1944 to reveal what the Zionists and Mizrahi were doing.

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But he still hoped that the Agudah's leadership would return to their original sacred mission, to save all the children, so he did not explicitly accuse his fellow Agudath Israel leaders of dealing for the children's souls. He tried for over twenty years to return the Agudah to their original path, to fight against Zionism, but realizing that he spoke to deaf ears, he broke away from Agudath Israel in the 1960's when they again after thirty years of wheeling and dealing with the Zionists for the funds instead of souls, sold Moroccan Jewry to the Zionist devil, as will be shown in the last chapter of this book.

The outline for the development of the Teheran children scandal and the consequences for all Jews who immigrate to the Holy Land thereafter are revealed by Rabbi Schonfeld in an article, "Do Not Forget".

In 1943, on the Friday before the Torah reading commanding Jews to remember what Amalek did to us, HaDerech, the organ of the Agudath Israel in Tel Aviv, ran a front-page banner headline which read, "Remember what the Jewish Agency did to Jewish Children on their way out of exile into the Holy Land. Do not Forget."

At the time, Torah Jewry, headed by the Rav of Brisk (Rabbi Yitzchok Z'ev Soloveitchik), was waging a major battle on behalf of the Teheran children. If that tragic affair would have been consigned to the past, we might have been permitted to ignore or forget that unfortunate date in the spirit of, "Do not recall unto us our earlier transgressions."

But to our dismay that was only the first sin, the prelude to a program of spiritual annihilation of Jewish children which is still spreading in every dimension. What happened 35 years ago to a thousand children applies today to tens of thousands who have

been sacrificed on the altar of the secular Zionist idol.

The Soul Hunters

The soul-hunters of the Youth Aliyah have operated consistently and persistently. Their energies have not flagged and their aim, saturated with hatred of the Torah, is to remove every single Jewish child from the tradition of its ancestors: Their hatred still burns within them with the same fervor as in the past.

Only among Torah loyal Jews has a tragic change taken place. The plight of endangered children years ago stirred up our very beings, aroused our best inclinations, and prodded us to make every effort, today leaves us apathetic, quiet, self-controlled and helpless. Consequently, it is not my purpose now to protest and to express wonder about those who cause us anguish, but rather about ourselves, who have grown slothful in the work of rescue. Day in, day out, hour after hour, we violate the Torah's serious warning, "Do not stand by while your fellowman's life is at stake."

The Accomplices

A public group, other than Youth Aliyah, has remained consistent in its attitudes and in its assistance as an accomplice to these crimes, serving as a handle to the ax raised to cut off tender shoots in G-d's Vineyard.

This is the National Religious Party known as Mizrahi. They are the ones who stopped the efforts at rescue in the case of the Teheran children; they are the ones who split the front of loyal Jewry by providing sleeping pills; and they continue today to be a stumbling-block to Torah Jewry and to provide shield and armor for rampant secularism.

In the case of the Teheran children, the Mizrahi