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1. Events Middle East last few days have thrown all normal life turmoil, and have shaken all of us, especially Jews, by the extreme nature of the crisis. Israel has crossed the Egyptian border, demolished the Egyptian Army in the Sinai desert, had the help of Britain and France, incurred the enmity of the American Government and invoked censure by the United Nations. We are back to the critical period of 1948.
2. So much to be said - but shall not speak as military expert or as diplomatic expert or as critic of our government. Rather, in my capacity as Rabbi, as teacher Jewish religion and one who has the ideals and welfare Israel close to heart.
3. I not frightened military consequences or diplomatic as much as chagrined, embarrassed, ~~frightened~~ by one phenomenon that has jarred me, upset me and even frightened me: ATTITUDE AMERICAN JEWS (some) to these historic events. In moment of crisis, danger, can tell the men from the boys. Same for genuineness of Jewish loyalty and pride.

Rfer to: fear and panic in hearts some Am-Jews that lead to a MORAL CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL. Some have suggested holding up UJA, Bonds - thus damning Israel even before Arabs, State Dept. did.

4. analyze three parts:
 - *too dangerous
 - *immoral - "aggression", "against UN and Charter"
 - *world public opinion

5. DANGEROUS:

- *more dangerous wait for death-blow
- *Arab united-power overrated - obviously...
- *some trust in Israeli chiefs - quite clever
- *even more: trust in G-d.....

{ ארצות הברית - איננה
אחראית
היא מנסה, מנסה

6. IMMORAL:

- *how dare WE stand in moral judgment over Israel, passing out verdicts from Olympian heights.....
- *who here has given enough to Israel so that she should feel secure?
- *and if have given, what is all the money in the world compared to giving peace of mind, living under constant spectre of annihilation?
 - and more: of giving sons and daughters, of giving own lives?
 - who of us has a son fighting in Sinai desert today, wondering if those white sands are being turned crimson by his blood?
- *and who in this cong. can declare self so morally pure as to condemn Israel whose life depended on this action?
 - who here will get up and say before all to hear, that he has never committed aggression: in BUSINESS...DOMESTIC LIFE...SOCIALY....
- *how dare WORLD....this same world which now condemns Israel, that is the same world which has not only been preventing the State of Israel from defending itself - but which referred to as JEWISH SQUAWKERS when tried to awaken their consciences to fate European Jewry we were called hysterical, emotional, trouble-makers...our cries then went unheeded....I tell you: BLOOD 6 MILLION J. MEN? WOMEN? CHILDREN STAINS NOT ONLY HANDS GERMANS, BUT IS ON THE HEAD OF EVERY GOVT WORLD TODAY; INCLUDING DEMOCRACIES; AND NOT EXCLUDING OUR OWN.
- *Israel this week told the world: JEWISH BLOOD NOT "HEFKER", no longer will we obediently stretch out necks waiting for CHALEF.....
- *Israel's action completely moral: HASHKEIM ALAV V'HARGO (more in SHIUR)

*UN Charter? YES - but: same UN failed to prevent Arab states murdering Israel in its infancy.....Suez,..boycott...state war....simply too much to ask of Israel to commit collective national suicide so that an organization should not be embarrassed

+ *Am-Jews invaded Mexico 1916 to stop Pancho Villa's raids.*
 *tell about "Peace News" on "suffering people"

strong boys killed by fathers

Postulate two propositions

7. PUBLIC WORLD OPINION:

*good to have it if you can

*but it is not worth the life of a nation or its citizens

*interesting: Israelis not half as concerned this as we Am-Jews.

*first: difference in basic attitude: they FREE, non-galuth Jews, are willing to stand, live and die for values they cherish - one is Israel, the other life. WHEREAS we h mpered by Galuth-Psychology, everything must be made to appeal to non-Jew from our religious celebrations to our choice of schools, from names we give our children to the political candidates we vote for, from our choice of entertainment to our views on Israel.

*second: am therefore forced to conclude that this attitude on Israel this week is tinged with selfishness: how will WE Am-Jews explain our position to non-Jews. We not so concerned with Israel's welfare as with our own position in America. It is a childish, unworthy, undignified, unJewish FEAR. It is sign lack of pride, back-bone and stamina.

*this is the tragedy of the AmJ KRENK, this DEFENSE AGENCY PSYCHOLOGY something wrong with us, we must be rather weak Jews, and therefore weak human beings. I suggest we look for a good lesson in this to English Jewry - from whom we can learn so much - and their behavior 1947-1948.....

* and after all is said and done: ENLIGHTENED opinion is with us.....

8. Our Sidra: wells Abraham dug, called in name of G-d, stuffed up by Phillistines. Isaac redigs them, renames them with Abraham's names. Phillistines object, fight....more involved here than just names and wells. What is involved is determination of men of G-d, of Jews, to salvage the sources of their lives and wellsprings their individuality.

Three times this conflict falred up between Isaac and gentiles:

* EISEK - because of fighting...charges of AGGRESSION...dangerous...

* SITNAH - hatred...IMMORAL...illegal.....

* but third: RECHOVOS - ultimately, if Jew takes chance of danger & willing to fight for what is rightly his, then non-Jew admits that his charges of IMMORALITY are hypocritical, and then RECHOVOT, breathe free & easy

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9.

BALAILAH HAHU - then as now things looked dark

ELOKEI AVRAHAM AVICHA - not first time in our history we in danger...

AL TIRA - but fear is catastrophic - must be brave, courageous, even daring

KI ITCHA ANOVHI - Gd with us, is a moral and ethical position

UVEIRACHTICHA - will succeed with help of Gd's blessing

VHIRBEISI ES ZARACHA - will be good for Jews wherever they are-even USA

BA'AVUR AVRAHAM AVDI - for Gd has promised to Abraham that our people

will be eternal, and that Holy Land will be ours. NO NATION OR

COMBINATION OF NATIONS WILL EVER TAKE IT FROM US. AS LONG AS WE SHALL

WALK IN WAYS OF THE G*D OF ABRHAMA? AND AS LONG AS NOT FEAR? THAT BLESSING

WILL BE OURS AND THE LAND WILL RISE AGAIN. AMEN