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CENTRIST ORTHODOXY

Part of our collective self-criticism:

A few days ago, here in Jerusalem, I heard the story of two or three of our young equivalents of Centrist Orthodoxy -- kippah serugah generation -- who were driving a saw a hasid asking for a hitch. They picked him up, and began a conversation. He was dressed in typical hasidic garb, and they were in their shorts and knitted kippot. They asked him why he wears that particular outfit, and he replied, quite directly, "Because our teacher Moses dressed this way." They were stunned, shocked, until one of them said, "Do you really think that Moses dressed this way?" He replied, "Well, maybe not -- but he certainly didn't dress the way you are dressed..."