

"HANDS OFF"

1. ~~One of most~~ In days of antiquity, one phenomenon appears to us moderns as most ludicrous, almost comical, and yet is one of the great truths of all time which affects us as well as it did them. And that is, the custom of worshipping the gods of your enemies. What happened: victorius nation urged victim worship ITS gods, since stronger....what usually happened, history tells us, is that the victor would worship gods of nation it defeated. *Legions of Israel under Joshua defeat nations of Canaan, worship Baal.... Phillistines, worship their gods.... i.e. a tendency to fight so hard with enemy that you adopt his techniques, his way of life.
2. Tomorrow's Sidra, war Israel vs pagan, idol-worshipping Amalek, .main quality: ACHZARIUS... merciless, hard, sadistic, brutal, cruel....attacked a tired, weary, unoffensive Israel.... We bidden: TIMCHEH ES ZECHER AMALEK...very memory, why? Because its ZECHER is:mercilessness. We must eradicate it, so that we, in process of fighting it, don't contract it.... no worship god of Amalek, which is : Mercilessness.
3. Matter of fact: almost all pagans of old shared in that quality as part of their idolatrous culture and heritage. Therefore (Maggid of Dubne) when we commanded to destroy cities in which all inhabitants insist and persist idol-worship, we told: VE'LO YIDBAK BE'YADCHA ME'UMAH MIN HA'CHEIREM....let your hand touch none of it.... HANDS OFF...it's a dread disease, don't contract this contagious malady while trying cure...

That cry of HANDS OFF, of eradicating every memory & vestige of this Amalekian quality of enemy, that was held as warning to Israel for alltimes, not to worship gods enemies.
4. Anatole France in "Thaise"...monk goes to island to convert infamous courtesan, Thaise....ultimately, she becomes extremely pure, devout, and he, the monk,becomes rascal....
5. Not only matter of fiction or history. Met last year Dr, Landau, well-known researcher who lived through Warsaw Ghetto and scion famous family...commissioned to do thorough research Julius Streicher, yimach shmo, for Hebrew Encyclopedia....is a brilliant, profound, psychological and literary master-piece. Told me that so immersed in work of analyzing and thereby destroying this demon, that actually felt himself, deep-down becoming infected this anti-semitism, beginning - in off-moments- to believe it uncsciously. So much so, that went to home of Gerer Rabbi Jerusalem, spent month in nothing but study of Talmud, Mussar and Hassidism 19 hours day, to purge himself of the gods of his enemy. It's psychological fact...must always remember:HANDS OFF. ...must eradocate very MEMORY Amalek
6. The same is true of all of us. Is it not true, to extent, our great USA?...fighting communism, tyrranny.....but we not succeedin HANDS OFF, in TIMCHEH ZECHER....thus, whole country appalled at the easy way US Attorneys used a colossal liar to accuse and convict hosts of people for political crimes. Don't care whether Matusow now telling whole truth or not. Fact is that whole business now suspicious....

or: what was result of communist threat on civilliberties? whether rightly or wrongly, we have begun to label as crime the advocacy of ideas rather than actual committing crime. Whether rightly or wrongly, put into disrepute one of greatest of all American liberties, 5th Ammendment...Magna Carta....really JewishLaw..... We've adopted some communist gods.

7. But there is one case of worshipping enemies gods even worse than this. Even worse because practiced by Jews, who should know better & to whom commandment of HANDS OFF, & of eradicating memory of evil life of enemy was directed.

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*4 years ago, J.Life:problem German reparations...2 sharp points view...opinion to accept maintained that will be made clear this not expiation of sins, which are absolutely unforgivable, and that BY NO MEANS does it indicate any normal relations w Germany or any friendship bet us & this nation of murderers. This opinion won, over serious heart-rending doubts many Jews... but exigencies situation demanded it.

*NOW, IN 1955, WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

-besides fact that Germany not lived up to bargain in full

*Dr. Walter Eytan (Dir-Gen Israel Foreign Minstry): not allow personal feelings Jews towards Germany influence Isr's foreign policy

*Dr. F.E.Shinnar (head Isr's Reparation Mission in Germany: German ships OK come Isrl ports, German ~~repara~~- technicians teach Isr intricate machinery obtained...

*Dr Nahum Goldman (head of whole business) last October N.Y. tended reception Adenauer...

8. Now what was the sin of Germany, of whole world, against which we fought? Besides cruelty... German Jews will tell you: train, German exceedingly polite....same one, following year killed Jews with relish....i.e. double standard.

-Germany cried for poor victimized Sudetenland Germans,...victimized whole world

-England (fr whom we wrested an Israel)- talked democracy, turned back Exodus, Struma...

-Russia: peace-loving, then thru subversion, invasion, seeks dominate a world....

-all: double standard, lose sight of stated noble goals, SHEER OPPORTUNISM, IMMORALITY IN DIPLOMACY

9. With this in mind, Dr. Eytan's refusal allow J feelings influence for policy Israel is again sheer opportunism, scrapping of Isr's feeling that Germ is morally repugnant.

YES...no "collective responsibility"...we know that ... but has Germany repented?

THOUSANDS SPECIAL STUDY COMMISSIONS brought back negative responses...contrary: grow th of supernationalism, Nazi neo-Nazi revival. Don't care if Adenauer self not Nazi, if he & Goldman friends fr student days. He is HEAD OF AN UNREPENTANT GERMANY....of same demons who are just a bit afraid of showing true colors....

-Is one thing to bring criminal to justice, make him pay for what despoiled...but since when do you wine & dine him, receptions, parties, socializing....that was not part of the bargain !!!!! JEWISH MORALITY, J, CONTEMPT FOR UNREPENTANT CRIMINALS AND J. REVULSION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DESCREATED ALL THAT IS DIVINE IN MAN HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. WHY?? BECAUSE GERMANY BECOMING THE NO. 1 POWER EUROPE, WE MIGHT NEED HER HELP...WE ARE BECOME OPPORTUNISTS, TALK ONE WAY, DO ANOTHER...WE DO NOT ALLOW OUR MORAL SENSE TO ~~BE~~* INTERFERE WITH POLITICAL DECISIONS....

WE HAVE NOT KEPT HANDS OFF AMALEK...WE HAVE PERPETUATED RATHER THAN ERASE MEMORY OF OUR ENEMIES, WORSHIP THEIR GODS....

WE SAY TO THE GOLDMANS AND EYTANS AND SHINNARS: THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR US, THANK G*D FOR SUCH BRILLIANT & DEVOTED JEWS AS YOU...BUT WE REPEAT THE DIVINE WARNING TO YOU: **HANDS OFF!** DO NOT WORSHIP THE GODS OF THE OTHER NATIONS...DO NOT SEPARATE MORALITY FROM POLITICS, AND DO NOT BASE DIPLOMACY ON EXPEDIENCY....**HANDS OFF AMALEK!**

10. If this warning were heeded, if we extirpated every last memory of Amalek from our hearts, if - as Americans, as Jews, as individuals, we kept our hands from being defiled by the morrass of idolatry, then the last verse of that warning of "hands off" would come ture: V'NASSAN LCHA RACHAMIM V'RICHAMCHA...G-d will implant mercy in our souls and will have mercy upon us, Amen