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N.Lamm/YUWO Great Neck Chapter 1/11/92
"Modern Orthxy Without Apologies"

1. Bfr spk MO: AJ, & Orthxy in gen

contemplt A-Jy:... אור-חושך
-good nws: mr Tor, highr standrs Orthx
synggs, mr כשר; day schls; publctns
-but plenty vry *bad news* too (+ recessn):
-CJF'90 survy: 52% *intmrrg!* ..React'n?
-mny soclgsts, "J ldrs"? *Adapt! Accept!*
-fresh blood...So:bad nws=good nws.
avoid probl w phony conversns,
patrlneal (ST: Gulf War-no gas mask-
"I'm Reform; evrythg optional")
-time bgin=brth, not > mrrg...
-ST: חכמי העלים/slip mountn/hosptal valley)

2. Turn: us Orthx Js:

Beset crtcs & assaild ill-wshers all
sides. W oftn at fault: stratgs nt alwys
productv (Ex:"Who is J" polemic carried on
too long)/apprchs unreasnbl/senstvtv othrs
duld. *BUT* ...our fundmntl commit't, tht f
whch w stand/by whch live/ready die=
holy/precious/ineffbl. & w stand by it w-o
apologies!

- we=Orthdx - w-o *apologs!*
- our אמורה בה', חורה בסילוני firm!
n matter deris'n, "cogntv minrty"...

- our resolv *homsexlty*=abbrtn not faltr²
evn if genetc (so is desire all forms
immrlty

- our attud role *women* (tho still in
flux)

wll *nvr* turn into totl egaltrnsm of
function in violatn הילכה

- v'lue place *humn life* wll nvr prmit abide
euthnsia/abortn on dmand/encrgt
suicide

- onslaught agnst our views חוריה ומסורה
wll continue rintlssly; bt *not falter!*

-If w bly *indeed in* השמים חוריה מן, *tht*
means:Torh is means t reach שמים itself!

- anyone whose loylty Tor shaky bec w
minority--t b pitied bec shows: dsn't know
whr comng fr, & whr destny is takg hm/her.
For w ar sons of giants. In our veins
courses blood... & let us act th part!

-ST. Ch N Bialik/vst NY skyscrprs/ יואלקן
...either יואלקענעס אין קראצערס/T.A.קראצערס
w reach f sky, byond clouds - or scratchrs
& scraprs, blind t glory tht was ours &
awaits us; bec can be ours if w have
courage & resolv

- so much f *Orthxy w-o apologies*

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3. 2nd:Self-Image MO (Note: didn't say CO³
 - altho same thng - but avoid silly
 debates..MO/CO/Datiim...)
 - Both aspects: *Orthx* & *Mod*; so:
 Noun/Adjctv. we: *Mod Orthx*; *not Orthdx*
 modrns. (Same diffce as AJ/J.Amrcans)
 - our fundmntl claim distnctn=loylty Torah
 - tht=Noun; Adjctv (MO/CO/Dtm)=modifier,
 tht whch dscrbs hw w apply Orthx t mod
 dys/thz gen/cultr...

4. & same true f adjctv: *Mod/Cnrtst Orthxy*
 - *No apologies!!* I dismayd lack slf-
 confdnc/slf-respect! Just as Orthxy of:
 Frankfurt/Hungry קנאים/ר"ח/Lith Yshiv
 so: our MO whch relates t all thm in
 some ways; & shars w each *all*
 fundmntls/bascs Tor Yddshkt/same
 ש"ע/ש"מ/חושב"כ וחושב"פ etc

-our prtclr brand Tor Yddshkt hs ~~1~~
 dstng'd precdnt in each of partculrs evn
 if not mjrty - but nthr does ר"ח/ Satmr/
 Hirsch/Bnei Brak enjoy...
 -so: *no problm w MO/CO*. To those who
 cnnt abide terms, I ask: why blithly
 accpt "ORTHX"??
 Rmbm/RashiBesht/Gra...=Orth??
 -we: no less "tradl" thn חרדים. Prof Frdmn:
 thy too react'n t modrn'y.
 AND: n aplogs apprance. Yaffa Eliach photo
 funeral of חפץ חיים....

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5. Our שיטה inclds, amngst othr items,⁴
spcl dstngshg chrctrstcs (not dogmas):

*a) TuM: tom Bergn County; btr: buy
book!..No narrwnss (Ludwg Lewsohn:
Jams & Dewey/hollywd & cheap prss; so
...כמתוקנים שבהם עשיתם כמקור לקלים)

B. R. G. S. ** (Henny
Youngman: enough \$ rest lf-if die 4PM; ש'
ST: woo dghtr rch mn: lt's pool
resources)

*b) Stt Israel ראשית... 'רג' אחלה?

*c) Inclusivenss כלל ישראל.
-ST: המחנה החרדי... So mst w nt exclud othrs
-wrd caut'n re: our Orthx reactns
(cosnc's/unconsc): never be smug their
obvious bankrptcy/our triumph
Let's not steal Triumphlsm fr Chty!
Thy=our Jews!
* שמן, מלחמה - vctry Hllnsts (Js) - yt:
nt ovr Hllnstc Js! Don't clbrt
vctry>flw Js
* lost too many own ch Orthx homes
* in world Jeffries/Dukes/Buchnans - we
still surrdd enmies, cn't affrd mr disunty
/fissurs/fratrcide. גילים: all Js same!
* ST. Q.E.II/ Motel the Waiter/Entebbe

So: inclusive-but w-i limits; but
not: Intrmrrg! Nt patrlnal!

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- I: *Hard Line!* dignified, מעושלך, compssnt⁵
 - But: *hold th line!*
 * No accpt favors.. (Covmnt Found);
 * opn to intrmmrd בע"ח, but no
 concssns
 * & crtnly: *No Honors!* (Maxwell--YU;
 honord
 Orthx J instts; זהר זיתים; (חליל ה!))
 -remind: Zeide- של נעליך מעל רגליך כי המקום
 אשר אתה עומד עליו אדמת קודש הוא

-BUT: other areas: *Critical Fratrnl*
Relatns w-o sacrfcg any our princpls (&
 on all nn-Orthx *NOT* a princpl)
 *d) Universalty. take ז'מצות ב"נ
 sriously; True, עניי עירך.. But thr are
 areas whr no rivlry betw עניי עירך-עיר
 or אחרת Brkwtz: "nt ק" of
 nations"; peace/ecolgy

*e) J ed women--ST: SCW compln
 space: ראשונים

*f) max tolerance each other-&
 others-consistnt w intgrty princpls
 Apprecn Dem'y/opn soc/polit & cult
 plurlsm (bt NOT rel)
 לא כל חילוקי דעות - מחלוקת
 (*Lionl Trllng*).

*g) modration & civility

*h) Authrity/ authrtrnsm; no עבירה
 to thnk f slf! Cartoon: "Lrnd thnk
 tdy; it hurt"

תורה⁶ היא וללמד אני צריך
Remember:
But: at all tms: ד"א for ת"ח....
-all above: לכחחילה, לא בדיעבד...
-CO='ה' דרך...

-All ths: requirs *balance!* Yt we
(commy reprsntd by YU/OU/RCA/YI) find
it mr
dffcult retain balance. *Yet tht is*
precslly wht we must do if w to retain
our idntty/integrty/sanity

- & ths MO too: chrshd/advctd w-o apolg's!
-must nt b cowed/intmd'd by assaults
those ~~...~~
who cn't chng their *minds*/woul'n't *mind* if
w disapprd/ & who often crtcz us
mindlessly...
-if we *feel* inferior - we'll *be* inferior!
-Kotzk: ונהי בעניניו כהגבלים וכן הלינו
גם האיש משה גדול מאוד בא"מ (or: בעליניהם
...) בעלני עבדי פרעה ובעלני העם

6. Same time, interpose 3 cond'ns:re MO

- First: if w preach ישראל for Left,
Right, no mtr hw unfair/
vicious/insensiv; no ans in knw

- Second: be slf-critcl, hnst abt selvs
evn if othrs nt pract slf-criticism
- is sign our strength, not weaknss. So:

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* MOy/COy w-o apolgs; but Mod/C
Orthodox - oftn DO! as: MO =lss religs,
less בדיקת. Blasphmy!

* more *consstnt* המצוות הדאגה - daven
3x dy evn in offc; no לה"ר--evn vs own Rav
And do גמ"ח persnl (Satmr); ת"ח
(funrls); צניעות in dress/porngrphy;
obsrv Hal evn on vacat'n: Jacob's blessg:
לשכר המור גרם רובץ בלי המשפטים
(raw-boned; sheep-folds)!
Amaz'g! & לשכר symb'l ת"ח?? Ans:
Diffrence MULE/HORSE... we alwys
carry w us התורה עול...

* ת"ח: I mean ths 2 ways: *own* ת"ח
shld bcm מנהג, habt. AND: *ch nt stop*
evn > HS!... I proud studts YC/SCW/
SSSB... great Rebbeim...real TuM...
But wht pity: some prnts (evn YU alum)
frghtnd wrld, only to othr yshvot &
collgs; othrs: sec clgs (esp Ivy) -
1-2 "J St" courss, occasnl שיעור - miss
whole/ wholesome & supportg envrt

7. W such honsty, dedctn, undrst'g we'll
learn b apolgtc nthr our Orthxy/MO
by lookg int mrror, wn't hv look ovr
shouldrs right OR left; only - ahead & up.

8. 3rd & finlly: If our aspirtn =see Tor
flourish in wrld; raise USA a דעה דיר tht=
blessg to J commty /Isrl/ US/ world; to

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win all flw Js bck t Orthxy (which=J 8
trad of th ages) -- must know: *this will
nt happn if w laid-bck/passv/ indiff't.*
- requires PASSION/DEDICTN/CRAGE/INITIATV
BY ALL OF US: m/w, old/yng, Rbbs/lymn

- ST Napolnc Wars, Frnch army invade Rssia
divisn campd KOSHITZ; bg fre, hplss. Grt
Maggid-lookd fre intently-& בן. Div'n left
twn, wnt Russia, beatn bdly, retreatd, twn
Grmany. Agn: bg fre. Capt'n summd local
Rbbi - Refrm! "Look at fre, extng'sh"
Consterntn. "flogged! Wht srt Rbbi who
cn't extngsh fre by lk'g at it? Impostor!"

-Only those hv *hly flame* burning w-i hv
powr t extngsh fires w-o, *fight fre w fre.*
-our unhppy wrld:mny fres burning: some
raging/rag'g/medium sz/aborning. Thrts t
our sfty & pc & welfare= many. T put thm
out rquiresourg t *see thm clearly, look
at fres & flames fearlssly; & summon hly*
אש החיה fr w-i slvs t set our wrld aright

- w warm hearts & cool heads we can yet
save soul and spirit of our eternal ppl.

-no loftier task is concvbl; & any lessr
undrtkg is unworthy our grtst sacrfcs
-We of our sacrd convictns, who identify
proudly & unapolgtc'y w MO/CO, must prov
rdy such sacrfc/worthy sch sublime goals/
prepard f a mission so mnngfl

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