

House

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A. INTRODUCTION

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1. "My Life in Sin"
2. Not a travelogue (tho some details) but "J reflections"
3. Origin of trip: China, Chinese Inter'l Cult'l Exch'ge/WJC
4. Purpose of Exchge; historic nature; who attended (incl. 15, Ch-J: SDny Shapiro)

B. BEIJING

- (5. Hong Kong: 1-2000 Jews; Chabad House....; Lord Kadoorie
6. HK & Beijing: a study in contrasts)
7. Accommodations
8. Deputy PM Wu: their purpose: Shanghai
a. indeed- markets; tourism
b. Positive side-effects Protocols Elders Zion
c. ST: "Israel Singer"
9. The "Exchange" itself:
a. Some themes: constitution; Zionism; a-Semism; coping modernity; Ch religions (Confuc'm; Tao'm; Budd'm); Love of Learning ...
b. Chinese: disappointing (Excp't for Xu Xin-met, but not deliver paper). ST: 3 most famous Jews histy: Einstein, Marx, Kissinger

C. SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES (other than: Great Wall vs Great Wall...)

10. Size: 13 M Jews vs. 1.12 B Ch! (or: even w strict birth control, increase yearly=total popl'n Js in world!)
11. Discomfort: Tiananman Sq. (Great Hall People recep'n)
12. Both: Ancient peoples:
a. grappling "Trad & Mod'y"
b. Love of Learning; Respect for Scholars
13. Reserve/Expect; whereas A-Js & Israelis: open, brash... "all hang out"; first names at first encounter
14. Respect. ST (Anita Shapiro) "demise Marxism"-no ans!
15. "Face"-- ST embarrassment at blow-up (blow-up?)

16. Kaifeng:

a. 1000 yrs ago-pop'n 1M, largest city world

b. then (960-1127) - 2000 Js came (Silk Road)

c. Emperor: complt rel freedom; 1st synag 1163

d. kept ~~12~~ ¹² ~~12~~ ¹², etc Torah on "Seat Moses"...

e. Only Nez, no ~~W~~, no ~~tribes~~; lost 10 tribes?

f. "discovered" Jesuit missnry Matteo Riocci 1601-
rush missionaries: convert to Chty; priceless Mss

g. ~ 1800, end: synag disrepair; assimilated Ch

h. any Kaifeng Jews left? ~ 2000 "descendants" (most: Chrtn); halakhic-some:140-200, but I: doubt if any

i. my meeting w Prof Zhao, wife, daughter

17. Bene Israel

18. Why different destinies?--

a. neither had Rabbis, Torah learning

b. Ch: utter openness, pluralism; Ind: caste system

19. Lessons for us: 52% intermarriage etc.

a. "Little A-S good thing?" >Hol³ec't: NO, cancer;
Duke, Buchanan

b. Complete freedom - as: total "wall sep'n", deny Chr'n socy, AJC, ACLU... suicide! Diff'ce betw . . .
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c. What then? Freedom + ... Discipline! J ed!

d. Shameful if need "little a-S". ~~fioj bzh n'vsc-m' n'vsc~~
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e. Must do it ourselves; Great Historic Experiment

f. Are we succeeding? Large measure: YES! Orthoxy- Day Schools, etc. BUT not rest J commy. And: must not neglect rest J commy: Outreach

g. Need initiative, action... Yoni at Seder: why open door Elijah, not Fri night angels? I: diff'ce b'tw + eader's redem'n requires human initiative...

5-20, if traffic is to come - both to harbor and to street cars, and traffic of zone of reconstruction, it must be taken care of - for instance - we must extend the traffic to over a 100 ft - we must not ignore them - we must not short them - & there will be 200 ft to 300 ft of traffic - and a 200 ft of a 200 ft