

The Future of Modern Orthodoxy

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Introd: Bases of M-O: TuM; St-Isr; RoleWomn; Inclusvns; Modern

Future:

1. **TuM:** depends on ~ cultural envirmnt & mode relig reaction to trends contemp culture....
Changes in TuM since I placed it on Top of Agenda: dumbd down by Touro to תורה ופרנסה; M=technical knowldg only;
Progress So Far: Genrly accepted, but RIETS facilty some opposd; othrs ambvlt; some w PhDs; will gradlly prevail in M-O

2. **Movmnt in Parties Opposd M-O/TuM:** Agudah convntns highlight acad MDs/Law Profs (who practice Tum – bt nt M-O, & even not really TuM; proof-their chldrn's ed). Econome factors (Kollm; no work) – My thesis: "*Eventually they will become us*"

3. **Role Demography:** Haredim; M-O; Consrv/Reform; Sec—
No.Amer intrmrrg 53%; Chty & Othr Relgs->20%; *basclly disappearing*; AND: *cf t Muslim popltn!*
I: all פטנטים so far—band-aids (Feds/צדקה/Isr trips/summr camps /Heb lang/Holt studies)—all=nostrums. Must provd J Ed (& help t overcm \$ crisis...) BUT: High Cost J Lf. Geny: *it's too late to lie!*

4. **St Isr:** How M-O views: heretofore unqstngly: accept!
I: no ראשית צמיחת גאולתנו – anti-Immediacy Messnsm; currentl crisis in Rel-Zst circles spilling over to US, yet: optmstc

5. **Role of Isr in Future A-Jy:** Aliyah by YU=up—but is problmtc f USA; give us bettr role-models (M/W of intlct even if not Orth) incrs progrms lk YU-Isr yr/2 study; ST: Pres Herzog at YU

6. **Ed J Wom:** Rav & SCW; New post-Bacclrt Talm Progr; Tova: ST RY mtg: surprsng calm; ST recent Q/A wom.s מגילה reading

7. **YU Efforts:** CJF: outreach; also open minds studnts (I:Thurs כולל עליון; Honduras etc.)

8. **GUTS:** will nxt gen M-O Ldrs hv crg to keep balance...