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"THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF MIZRACHI"

Semi-Annual Mizrahi Convention-At 5th Ave Synag—5/2/04, 12N.

1. **ST:** "Keynote" -- קינות on Hanukkah? *Carmel Shmuel;*
2. Congrat Kraus/Ganchrow. New sprt/vigor/enrgy. Y. Friedman
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3. Past week spoke distngshd philnthpst/ldr: what orgnztns do I think are needed crtcly? I: Y-U/OU/RZA-Mizr. These(&realtl-RCA/Wom)= Educ/Synggs/Isr. Our mutual oblgn=t work toghtr/coordnt. Our record s far: dismal, *mst improve*. Scandlous tht Ldrs M-O nvr meet
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4. I know: we all concrnd: death Leaders: Burg/ Raphael/ Warhftig/ Hammr in Isr; The Rav/R. Fasman /Dolgin/Green in USA. ... יתומים James Reston (>Churchll dth) "Aftt Age Giants" ... **But** keep up optimism despite gaps. **Y-U:** Rav passd away; I decided: group small Solks=1 great one in aggregate. SO – Now: new/young
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5. ויהי אחרי מות אברהם ויברך אלקים את יצחק בנו וישב יצחק עם באר לחי ראי:
Q: What was Isaac doing there? – **A** Hagar... Even > age of giants, ppl of lesser stature can grow into greatness of accept extra portion of resp'y!
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6. I: RZA.NRP תנועה/מפלגה-It took respy/skill/courage f Am Mizr t set out on indep't path, yet maintain excellnt relations with Mafdal. Cutting umbilical cord means: indpdnt but still mothr-baby relp
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7. Means high lvl cooprtm Mafdal, but Isr politics shouldn't commit us. Why? Bec we live here/nt there; bec our duty=sp, nt polit; & bec we not really undtstnd Isr poltcs fr distnc: **ST:** genie, bridg Hwaii, poltcs Isr,
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8. Rav on: ברכות דף יב/א--כל שלא אמר אמת ויצויב שחרית ואמת ואמונה ערבית לא יצא ידי חובתו שנאמר להגיד בבקר חסדך ואמונתך בלילות אמת ואמונה—We=ש"ש, but not sure dawn/dusk; so: must cover both—אמת ואמונה—faith we will prevail; There are those—we in hgh danger... need אמונה—faith we will prevail; tht St Isr will prevail over enemies, tht Europe will ult'y recognz, as does USA, threat of Islamic terorsm; tht Isr itslf will be ready for תשובת הכלל and tht MIZR will evntlly rebuild itslf to undrtake ever greatr respnbtlies

BUT- I blv: dawn; if not yet הנץ החמה, at least עמוד השחר

I blv: great opprtnties are at hand, tht we'll soon hear call האיר המזרח
and dawn soon brk ovr eastn horzon

So: need exercise our ויציב w-o delay. Even tho sun not yet
shining, is tm f ותיקין; We must go forth לנו t conqr new
vistas, workg toghtr w Y-U/OU/RCA/AMIT/EMUNAH, all M-O orgs

- ויציב in encrging **Aliyah**;
 - fight for **Zm** vs post-Zm;
 - spk up f **J ed USA**, all Diaspora;
 - **Tourism** (we proud #Orth evn during Intfada—Y-U:675);
 - but mostly: **J ed in Isr** (incl seclr schools) ישיבות הסדר
 - Advoctg אמת requires **exposing** שקר Not be afraid
criticize wrong-doing in ed, as: /Heb U HS—
Xmas/Hanukkah; Shinui excesses, etc. In all such cases:
our critism must be vigorous & trenchant; bt nt persnl & ad
hominem & insultg
 - **MOST IMPT**: *Now **NEED Morale**!* We hv buildg blocks f
Renssnc Mizr: powrfl wom's orgs; Bnei Akiva; Camp
Hakhshara; will strive f frndshp & coopn othr M-O orgs
 - -- שמע-שמא
 - **If we have שמע, not שמא, we shall attain both ויציב**
and אמת ואמונה. Our faith will b redemd, and our Truth
will be firmly entrenched -- אמת ויציב
 - And may we all see, עין בעין, that we indeed are at dawn,
not dusk, that the call of האיר המזרח will → האיר המזרחי
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