Chapter 5

Question

Are Jews permitted to excavate idols used thousands of years ago and keep them in a museum?

Response

When one is commissioned for an excavation of a historical site, the purpose is not to dig for idols in order to worship them. A dig is in order to enhance our knowledge of history . If the dig is in Eretz Yisroel in Israel every dig strengthens our claim to Eretz Yisroel. The Arabs- encouraged by the Europeans -deny that Jews have any historical roots to Israel. The war Jews are presently facing for the last 100 years is that the Arabs deny the legitimacy of any Jewish presence in Eretz Yisroel. They deny that Jews ever possessed the First or Second Temple. They lay claim to the Kosesl Hamarovi the Western Wall as a Muslim shrine.

If we counter with the passages of the Bible . The Arabs will cite the Koran to buttress their narrative and deny our Narrative. Archeology therefore is a weapon Jews can use to support our claim to a Jewish presence in Ertez Yisroel 3500 years ago 2500 years ago 1500 years ago 500 years ago 100 years ago.

We use all scientific disciplines to prove that the Jews alive today had the same genetic map as the inhabitants 3500 years ago. We are the descendants from the original Jews 3500 years ago;not the Arabs.

Thus archeology is a weapon in our fight Life and death struggle against the lies fabrications forgeries hatred and murder of Jews of the Arabs and Europeans.

No one in any of the digs is out to find idols. If they are present, who says that these idols were worshiped. Perhaps they were models kept in some ones house . Even if they were idols by being buried for thousands of years the oxidation certainly dented the original cast. Certainly, the nose eyes legs or body have cracks. The idol is not complete. The fact that it was buried implies that at the time of burial the intention was to destroy the idol. Therefore, as far as Hallacha - Jewish law is concerned no longer exists a prohibition of having benefit from the idol.

The idol together with other items discovered in the dig are kept in a museum that buttresses the Jewish claim to Eretz Yisroel. That is the purpose.

Assuming for arguments sake that a prohibition still remains if the museum was not to buttress the Jewsih claim to Eretz Yisroel. However when the purpose is to support the Jewish claim to Eretz Yisroel then a new law takes over . Pekuach Nefesh Dochei kol hatorah kulo the saving of a human life trumps all laws. jews having Eretz Yisroel is a life and death matter. It is existential for all Jews any where in in the world that Jews possess Eretz Yisroel.