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Antisemitism and intermarriage MOSHE SISELENDER

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GUILTY BY

ACCUSATION :

CAUSES ANTI SEMITISM :

BEATING JEWISH

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Why is it that all enemies are united when it comes to blaming the Jew?

Why are all religions ready to destroy each other; but united in destroying the Jew?

I have in my writings suggested certain ideas about Anti Semitism causes and possible solutions . I am but a

single voice in an ocean of thinkers.

There exists the reality that Jewish life is threatened in Europe and also in the USA. Jews have been harassed .

Jews have been insulted.

Jews have been assaulted.

Jews have been raped.

Jews have been robbed .

Jews have been Killed.

Democracy freedom of speech
is exploited to incite the
masses

the ignorant

the brain washed

to harass the Jew

to insult the Jew

to rape the Jew

to rob the Jew

to murder the Jew

The 5th and 14th Amendments of DUE PROCESS

in the USA Constitution

has been perverted and
violated with impunity by the
false media that have become a
tool for agendas not for the
dissemination of the truth of
facts. They disseminate
falsehoods masked as “news.”

The media newspapers radio
television are a propaganda

tool instead of a medium of serving the public good. The media have prostituted their reputation for integrity. They lie 24/7/365.

Also public figures members of USA and State houses of representatives engage in promoting party agendas; instead of working for the good of USA society.

They are supposed to be the setters of integrity . Instead they have prostituted themselves to be towers of deceit fabrication bribery and decay of democracy and liberty,

They throw under the bus all semblance of fairness and due process.

Guilty by accusation has become mainstream.

The safeguards and Federal rules of Evidence are ignored. Or applied only when applying to your own members and furthering your own agenda .

This is very frightening for all individuals regardless of their religion gender skin color or national origin.

Historically, Jews more than any other group . Anti-Semitism is synonymous with denial of

DUE PROCESS.

For 1500 years the European Christian Church singled out Jews to differential treatment.

Unless Jews agreed to convert to Christianity Jews are accused as sharing the guilt and curse of crucifying Jesus Christ. Not until recently 1965 has the Catholic Church changed its theological position that not all Jews are guilty of

deicide. Certainly not Jews living today. Some Protestant Churches have followed suite.

However with the exception of the Catholic Church most Protestant Churches still spend millions to convert Jews to Christianity.

Certainly all Churches are deeply distressed if a gentile converts to Judaism. If a member marries a Jew and

converts to Judaism this is viewed as a slap in the face to the Christian faith.

Then all hell will break loose either immediately or sometime in the future.

With the new mainstream of guilt by accusation intermarriage of Jews that results in conversion to Judaism is a calamity for all Churches. Inter marriage exists in the USA

and Europe. Over 50% in the USA and world. This is an other factor and can explain the correlation between inter marriage and anti Semitism.

The tsunami by Jews to beat all odds and come into first place in all fields and beat non Jews in all fields is one of the causes of the holocaust.

Franz Joseph in the late 1700s the Austrian Emperor and

Napoleon Bonapart in the early 1800s the French Emperor emancipated and gave Jews equal rights and opportunities. In effect Jews were enabled to compete with non Jews.

Because of Jewish superior abilities they beat non Jewish competition .

Jews won proportionally to their population where ever in the world they had equal rights

more posts in all fields as compared to other ethnic and religious groups.

Together with their winnings they won the rewards of wealth prestige and political influence. With their newly acquired wealth they also won the hearts of the most beautiful non Jewish women - many who agreed to convert to Judaism

What the Jews did not realize that they ipso facto also won the jealousy envy and hatred of all their non Jewish neighbors.

In Austria in the late 1800 there existed politicians who agitated against Jewish competition. Their platform was to remove equal rights from Jews. When ever they could not compete with the Jew they reverted to the 1500

year old lies about the Jew.
The Jew is the Christ killer. All
Jews are thieves .

In 1960 at an ivory league
University an assistant Dean
gave a lecture at one of the
clubs in the University. He
broadcast “all Jews are
thieves”.

In 2019 Jewish students filed
papers that would cut off

Columbia University and Pennsylvania University grants from the Federal Government because the school fails to protect them against anti-Semitism . They are harassed assaulted intimidated by anti-Semitic students and faculty.

In 1944 In a Russian resting place a Jewish Russian captain was present at supper when another officer opened up with

anti Semitic lies. “All Jews are Christ killers all Jews are thieves. All Jews deserve to be killed . Hitler and theNazis are doing wonderful job of gassing and shooting Jews. “

The Jewish Captain took out his gun and shot the anti Semite from underneath the table.

There were no more anti Semitic out bursts after that.

I am opposed that one take such action and take the law into his hands. One must follow the law .

When anti Semites lie “You can’t trust Jews Get rid of the dirty Jews.”

What they really are saying “get rid

of
Jewish
competition.”

Because of the pre existing
hatred lies about Jews for the
last 1500 it is not necessary to
prove accusations.

The Jew is guilty because he
is a Jew.

So it was for 1500 years .

So it is today in Europe and also in the USA .

In Europe Jews were accused of murdering a non Jew and using their blood to bake matzos. Jews were accused of poisoning the wells in the middle ages. When one of the so called victims appeared alive the mob were advised that he was really killed to use his blood for Passover matzos but

he was resurrected like Jesus Christ.

Every Easter Passion plays were performed to incite the mobs to rape plunder and murder Jews.

Jews were forbidden to enter any profession trade or farming or business where he would be competing with non Jews. Only money lending was permitted . When the nobles

and kings were unable to repay
the Jew what they borrowed
the Jew was exiled.

SO ALL THE DEBTS WERE IN
EFFECT CANCELLED.

Thus when Franz Joseph of
Austria and Napoleon
Bonaparte of France enabled
Jews to have equal rights and
compete they in effect also
ignited “black” lash of hatred

that was the fore runner of the holocaust.

Jews are never accepted.

If Jews are given equal rights to enable them to compete and win such rights are the fore runners of future hatred and murder.

This historically is the Jewish experience.

Thus when there exists over 50% inter marriage rate there

simultaneously ushers in hatred and anti-Semitism. If not immediately then it is lurking in the wings.

The non Jewish clergy all over the world is horrified by the statistics of Jewish inter marriage especially if the non Jewish spouse converts to Judaism or the children are to be converted to Judaism.

They express their outrage.
Then the more zealot members
take action to put the Jew in his
place. This is one of the
reasons for the outbreak of
anti Jewish violence all over the
world.

The main reason the Church
agitates against the Jew is
because the

CHURCH CAN NOT COMPETE
WITH JUDAISM AND WITH
THE JEW.

In Rome before Constantine in
325ACE declared Trinitarian
Christianity the accepted
religion of Rome, many Romans
converted to Judaism. Many
high nobles were among the
converts. The Jerusalem
Talmud Beginning Tractate
Kedushin mentions a convert

Unkelos also known as Aquila who translated into Greek the Pentateuch and the other books of the Bible.

Two converts Shmaya and Avtalya were the leaders of the Sanhedrin. They are mentioned in Pirkei Ovos Sayings of the Fathers chapter 1:10,11 They preceded Hillel and Shamai.

Other converts were Hilda the Empress of an Arabian

Nation who lived during the time of the second Jewish Temple is mentioned in The Babylonian Talmud Tractate Socot page 2. An Halachic decision is made based on her conduct when she and all her children visited Jerusalem and stayed in a Sucah. She strictly followed the rulings of the Sages.

It must be remembered That Ruth the Amonite converted TO Judaism . She is the grandmother of King David. One of the books of the Bible is named Ruth.

Russia and Poland from the start of the Common era were very liberal. They offered equal rights to all their citizens. They did not interfere in matters of religion. As a result the Arians

who believe that Jesus is not the same substance as God the father found fertile ground to spread their fate.

Likewise Judaism was able to convert the Kuzars .

The debates between a Christian Muslim and a Jew about their respective religions is recorded in the book called the Kuzri.

Up until Constantine the Roman emperor personally interfered and proclaimed in 325 ACE Trinitarian Christianity as the State religion the followers of Jesus had three groups.

[1] Ebyonim believed Jesus to be a Messiah in the sense that he would lead a revolution against Rome and free the Jews from the yoke of Rome and

rebuild the Jewish temple. They were strictly practicing Jews. The [Church] rather the Synagogue of Jerusalem for ten generations was led by Jews who practiced all the Jewish laws. They claimed that if God wanted to abolish Jewish laws God would convene an assembly of millions and proclaim that the Jewish laws are abrogated. When God

proclaimed the Jewish laws at Mount Sinai[3500 years ago from 2020] God proclaimed them in front of millions - Jews and non Jews ;so too if God would want to abrogate them He must abrogate them in front of millions. Since that did not happen all Jewish laws remain in full force. They insisted that if a Gentile wants to be a

follower of Jesus he/she must convert to Judaism.

They denied that Jesus is God or the Son of God . They denied the Trinity. They denied the immaculate conception.

[2] Then there existed the Arians who believed that Jesus possessed Divine attributes; but was not of the same substance as God.

[3] The Trinitarians believed that Jesus is God the son of God and the Holy Ghost.

The exact roles of each person in the Trinity was a subject debated after over many centuries.

Would Constantine not inserted himself in the quarrel of the three groups there exists no chance that the Trinitarians would have won.

All followers of Jesus accepted the Jewish Bible later called the Old Testament. All the Moral and Ethical laws of the New Testament are a carbon copy of the Jewish Talmud.

The part of Jesus being God the son of God and the Holy Ghost are a carbon copy of all the Eastern and Mid eastern religions. The generic layer of all these religions possessed

the cardinal parts of the Trinity. Hinduism Roman Greek and Egyptian and Babylonian religions all contain the concepts of the Father Son and Holy Ghost. All have the son crucified then resurrected and flying to heaven and joining a pantheon of gods goddesses in heaven.

The bottom line is that without the interference of

Constantine Trinitarian
Christianity would never have
existed.

That is why the Trinitarian
Church through out its history
has considered Judaism as its
mortal enemy. The reason
because it can not compete
with Judaism or with the Jews.

The church was never
concerned with fairness.

What motivated Church dogma of hatred of the Jew and the sky scraper lie that the Jew is responsible for the crucifixion was only to get rid of Jewish competition.

The Jew competed in theology. The Jew competed in every area of business and trade. The Jew competed in marrying the most beautiful women

The Jew competed in winning the most lucrative positions in the Church Government and Business. Three Jews made it to Pope in 1500s after 250,000 Jews converted and accepted to become Catholics in Portugal and Spain in 1492 and 1497.

The Jew amassed the most wealth and assets because of his HONESTY

TRUTH

MORALITY

ETHICS

DEDICATION and
EDUCATION .

The general population
trusted the Jew more than any
non Jew.

When one of the German kings
was forced to flee he entrusted

his fortune in the hands of a Jew – The banker Rothchild. When he returned Rothchild returned every dollar together with interest.

The German King did not trust any one in Germany other than a Jew because Rothchild had a reputation of being honest.

That is the

Secret

of

Jewish

Success

Being

HONEST.

Poland in 1600s had a law that Poland must always have a ruler . When the king suddenly died the Poles elected to serve as interim king my great great grand father going back to 1600.

His name is
Shaul Katzenelenbogen . He
was elected King of Poland for
one or several days until the
Poles were able to agree whom
to appoint as King. . He served
as interim king until the Poles
had a chance to elect a new
King. The Poles did not trust
any non Jew to fill this position
because they feared the non
Jew would refuse to relinquish

his post once he became interim king. They trusted my great great grandfather who was wealthy and an advisor to the Polish king **BECAUSE HE WAS HONEST.**

The Kings and Nobles in Poland since the beginning of the Common era had a very liberal and tolerant attitude and policy. All their citizens were treated equally.

They did not discriminate on the basis of religion.

Jews for the next 1000 Years were welcome and enjoined equality and were given the right to be governed by their own Torah laws.

The Jews were able to emerge on top on all fields . The Church merchants tradesmen and farmers were unable to compete with the Jew.

The cycle of hatred rape and robbery and murder struck in 1640.

Cmelnetzki led a revolt against the kings of Poland and Russia and the nobles.

500,000 Jews were murdered . double this number were wounded. All Jewish communities were destroyed.

Polish and Russian Kings called Czars were anti Semitic In the 1700s and 1800s . Jews were forbidden to engage in all trades or be farmers. Very few Jews were admitted to the universities . Even if they did graduate they were denied licenses to practice in their fields of physician attorney architect or accountant.

Pogroms when millions of Jews were killed were regularly encouraged against Jews during 1700s 1800s 1900s. False accusations against Jews that they killed a Christian and used his blood to bake Matzos were circulated.

This did not stop until the Communists overthrew the Czar in 1917 and over

powered his supporters the
White Russians 1917-1924.

The Czars encouraged
Jews to Convert to The Greek
Orthodox Church by removing
all disabilities against them if
they converted.

Thus the Church and civil
government stepped in to stop
Jewish competition.

This is the reason for Anti-Semitism for the last 1500 years and to day.

Non Jews supported the measures against Jewish competition. They all benefited and took over all the advantages the Jew had earned.

Mark Twain at the end of the 1800s agreed essentially with

everything I have written in a publication.

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This is the driving force for Hitler and the Nazis.

This was the driving force for discrimination and anti Semitism against the 250,000 Jews who remained in Spain

and Portugal and agreed to convert and become Catholics in 1492 and 1497.

This was the reason for expulsion of the Jews from The Roman Eastern Empire in 1100 England in 1290 France Germany in 1300-1400.

This is the reason for the hatred of the Muslims against the State of Israel today. This is the reason for the hatred anti

Semitism today in Europe and the USA.

That is why it is existential - a matter of life and death- that Jews settle in the State of Israel. That is the reason that Israeli jurisdiction must be extended to all parts of historical Israel Yehudah Shomron and Gaza. All of historical Israel must be annexed.

ALL ARABS MUST BE
ENCOURAGED TO EMIGRATE
TO THE 21 MUSLIM COUNTRIES
FROM WHERE EVERY SINGLE
ARAB LIVING IN ERETZ YISROEL
CAME STARTING IN 1800 AND
1900.

Herzel dreamed that only in a
Jewish country under Jewish
jurisdiction can Jews prosper
and be themselves with out
being defenseless of the

hatred of their non Jewish neighbors who can not compete with them.

Anti Semitism still exists. It is now called anti Zionism.

Herzel's dream that "if one wills one will achieve Jewish sovereignty in Eretz Yisrael" was realized in 1948. Jews fought four wars

[1] the war of independence

[2] the Sinai campaign in 1956

[3] the Six Day War in 1967

[4] the Yom Kippur War in 1974

Continuous wars against
terrorists in Lebanon and Gaza .

Over 24,000 Jews have been
killed since 1880 by Arabs.

Every Jewish life taken tears
apart every Jew.

However Jews now are able to fight back. Jews have conventional and non conventional arms to defend themselves against all their Muslim and European enemies. Jews now have the diplomatic connections with the United States and other friendly countries. The Soviet Union and China who compete

with the USA nevertheless have close ties with Israel.

The lesson from Israel is that every man woman in the world must get a license to possess fire arms . Learn how to use them carry them 7/24/365.

Then when some one wants to stab or shoot you or an other human being neutralize them.

God

Helps

only
those
who
help
themselves.

Notes

My great grand father is
Horav Moshe Katzenelenbogen
author of
RESPONSA
OHEL MOSHE.

He has the the approbation
from Horav Yitzhok Elchonon
Spector, the greatest Halachic
authority of the 1800S .

Yeshiva University is named
after him.

Horav Moshe Katzenelenbogen
is a direct descendent of the
Mahram of Padvu

and Shaul Wahl
Katzenelenbogen

King of Poland for one night

Horav Moshe
Kazenelenbogen
is also directly descendent from
the Mahrshal
The Node Beyehudoh
Tracing back to
The Marram Padvu
Rashi
Rabenu Tam
going back to

the Tana- Rav Yochanon
Hasandler.

GOING BACK TO

Dovid Hamelech

King David.

Going back to Yehuda

And the Patriarch Yaakov
ovinenu

Yitzchok

Avrohom

4000 years.

We re related to
Rav Moshe Feinstein
and Rav Solevetchic.

Looking back historically Jews have experienced cycles where they were welcomed into a country. Given equal rights for a period of years then there is a change in policy. Their former benefactors become their worst oppressors .

Just like in Egypt 3400 years ago

“ a new King arises who does not remember Joseph”

The Church and the farmers the merchants the tradesmen resent the successes of the Jews.

They can not compete with the Jew.

They then succeed to change government policy to exclude

Jews from all commerce from
farming from even living in
many areas.

The Church the merchants and
the tradesmen

foment and incite against Jews.

The Church every Christmas
and Easter put on Passion Plays
fabricating the evil Jew the
Christ killer. As a result millions
of Jews are raped robbed

murdered and eventually
exiled.

This occurs after the rise of
Christianity by Constantine the
Roman Emperor in 325 ACE.

Jews experienced the above
cycle in

the Eastern Roman Empire

the Western Roman Empire

in France in the years 700-800

in England in 1290

in Germany and France in
1300s

in Spain and Portugal in 1492
and 1497.

In Poland and Russia in 1640

In Europe in 1940-1945
the holocaust.

People blame God
that God did not interfere.

People forget that it is evil
monsters

in human bodies
that are worse
than
wild animals
that are to blame.

The criminal
can not
escape his punishment
“because
God did not interfere
and save the victim” .

All murderers for the last 5690 years since Creation will go free under the pretence that “since God did not interfere and save the victim ” they are blameless .

Six million Jews and one million Jewish children were murdered by the Nazis with the total blessing of the Europeans

and the Roosevelt administration . The Allies did not lift a finger to help the Jews . They all gave excuses why they do not want to help. They did take action to stop other countries who wanted to help. Yes, they came to life and helped rescue the Nazis escape to South America and other countries who volunteered to give them refuge.

I have in other books explicitly detailed the way God did interfere and saved Jews and non Jews the years during 1939-1945. Let the interested reader read my other books re this matter.

The existence and survival of the State of Israel

Is an

Existential matter

of life and death
for the survival
of every Jew
every place on this planet.
No Jew is safe
any place on earth .
State of Israel
is the Jews'
insurance policy
for survival.

If It is the fate
of the Jew
to live
by the gun
Then be it.

The Jews of Russia supported
Czar Alexander I when
Napoleon invaded Russia in
1812 . They supplied man
power soldiers and money.
When Napoleon retreated the

Czar showed his gratitude by relaxing the Anti Semitic laws. Jews were permitted to engage in trades farming and live in many areas of Russia formerly forbidden for Jews. Jews were able to attend universities that were formerly closed to Jews.

However , this fresh window of liberation was short lived.

The Greek Orthodox Church
the farmers and tradesmen

were shocked by the Jewish Competition. They forced the Czar to rescind his liberal decrees for the Jews.

When he died Nicolas I his son ascended the throne. He was under the influence of notorious anti Semites. He immediately decreed that Jews convert to Greek Orthodox Or face crippling disabilities. All their rights to engage in

commerce farming or trades were rescinded unless they convert. If the husband converts or the wife converts with out their spouse converting their marriage was annulled. So they could marry another .

He also decreed that that each Jewsih community furnish children age 8-10 to be educated by Russian military

officers and serve as soldiers for 25 years. The idea was that it is easier to influence a child than an adult to convert.

Hundreds of Thousands Jewish male children were thus snatched from their families.

They were called Cantonists.

Many converted or were killed in the wars . Many who survived after completing 25

years of military service settled in Finland.

Nichols I forbade any Jews enrolling in the universities . He was dubbed Haman by the Jews.

When he died his son Alexander II in 1860 was crowned Czar.

He proclaimed that he would follow in the footsteps of his grandfather Alexander I.

In 1861 he decreed that all millions of serfs in Russia be freed. Back in the USA Lincoln freed the negro slaves at the cost had to sacrifice ½ million human lives with hundreds of thousands wounded.

Back in Russia the struck of the pen of Alexander II frees tens of millions serfs who were for all intents and purposes like the American blacks.

He also promised to rescind all the anti Semitic edicts of his father.

The serfs were promised possession of the land they toiled for the nobles.

However most of Alexander's promises evaporated under the pressure of the nobles who lost their property . The promises to the Jews were also frustrated by the Greek

Orthodox Church merchants farmers and tradesmen who were unable to meet Jewish competition.

Alexander II was pressured by two opposing forces.

Assassination attempts were made several times. In 1880 he was killed by the serfs.

In 1881 his son Nicholas II was crowned Czar.

He was a bitter anti Semite and was a protégé of his grandfather Nicholas I .

His administration vowed that 1/3 of Jews would be killed. 1/3 would be exiled and 1/3 would convert to Russian Greek Orthodoxy.

Blood libels that Jews kill a non Jew to use his blood for Matzos on Passover were again encouraged. This resulted in

pogroms Tens of thousands of Jew were massacred. Women were raped . Jews were robbed and driven from their homes. Two million Jews emigrated to Europe and the USA.

When the Russians lost the Russian Japanese war in 1905 Jews were blamed. Pogroms ensued massacred commenced with tens of thousands Jews victims.

Beilus was put on trial in 1907 . The charges that he killed a child to use his blood for matzos on Passover.

Exaclty 10 years later the Communists seized the Czar and his family. And imprisoned them One year later the czar and his family were assassinated by the communists.

Most of the leaders of the Communists were Jews.

Lenin had a Jewish father and non Jewish mother. Stalin was married to a Jewess .

Beria the head of the secret Police was Jewish . Trotsky the head of the Red Army was Jewish. Jews a fraction of the Russians became the masters.

When Hitler in August 1941 invaded Russia he declared that

he wanted to destroy the Jewish power –Russia.

The Germans blamed the Jews for their defeat in World war I. They were like the Russians who blamed their defeat in the Russian Japanese war on the Jews.

The German Jewish foreign minister was murdered, Einstein had to go into hiding in

Germany for fear of his life. He then emigrated to the USA.

Poland won its independence following the First World War.

The Polish President a foreigner a member of the minority was also killed in early 1920s by Poles . They wanted a Pole not a foreigner.

Jews were banned from the university. Jews were

considered foreigners
regardless of the fact that they
lived in Poland for over 500
years. Murdering of Jews was
common. Shechita ritual
slaughter of animals and fowls
was banned 30 days before the
Nazis invaded Poland in 1939.

As Divine punishment Poland
was conquered in 30 days.

World War II had a twin twist.
The Nazis were fighting the

Allies Great Britain and The
USA .

Both were engaged in killing
the Jew.

The *Allies* refused to bomb the
railroad tracts leading to the
concentration camps where 6
million Jews were gassed . They
refused to bomb the
crematoriums where Jews were
gassed. They refused to fly
food for the starving Jews.

Francisco Franco the Jewish Spanish dictator offered to let 1 million Jews find shelter in Spain. Eichman had agreed to let 1 million Jews go to Spain providing 1000 trucks filled with coffee were shipped for German troops . Germany was short in coffee. The Allies vetoed the plan and 1 million Jews were gasses.

Great Britain and the USA refused to permit any Jew to be rescued any place in the world.

The Vatican and none Jewish religions were perfectly silent.

They were at ease and very happy that finally Jewish competition would disappear.

This is the reason why the
STATE OF ISRAEL IS A MATTER

OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR EVERY
JEW.

Part III

Going back to the reign of
Russian Czar Nicholas I.

Sir Montfiore was a very
wealthy Jewish English
Statesman. He succeeded in
stopping the lynching of Jews in
Damascus Syria on charges that
they killed a non Jew to use his
blood for Matzos.

He traveled to Russia to intercede for his Jewish brethren. The office of the Czar Nicholas I refused his request to give Jews equal rights and rescind their disabilities unless they convert to Orthodox Russian Greek Christianity. The excuse they gave was that the Russian Jews believed in the Talmud and therefore were not Russified. Only if they convert

would they prove that they are Russified.

One hundred years later in an American college a Jewish student was presented with the same ultimatum. Either he renounces Judaism or he will not be awarded his Master's degree.

Now we will turn to name additional non Jews who

voluntarily embraced Judaism and rose to the highest ranks.

Rav Akiva was a descendant of Poselytes. He lived 50 years after the destruction of the Second Holy Temple.

He was head of the Sanehdrin. His decisions are recognized as authentic law. The Talmud states that God revealed To the Biblical Moses all future great scholars and their

teachings. God revealed the teachings of Rav Akiva. He also mentioned that would

Rav Akiva been born in the generation of Moses he would have taken the place of Moses.

Moses asked what reward would Rav Akiva get?

God replied that unfortunately Rav Akiva would be tortured to death when he supported the revolt against Rome by

Bar Kochvo.

Moses asked is this then the reward for one so great?

God retorted stop talking . You do not have the entire picture.

I God transcend time and space. In the future Rav Akiva will be resurrected and usher in great tidings of jubilation for the independence of the Jewish people.

In 1948 the resurrected State of Israel came into existence.

Another descendant of proselytes was Rav Meir. His wife was Bruria . She represented women's rights. She was more astute and a greater scholar than most rabbis.

The greatest contribution for posterity from the experience of Rav Meir and Bruria is the following:

One must always prepare for the worst. One must never rely that another person will be able to withstand temptation. One must never believe in one self or another .

Rav Meir put his wife to a test. She failed. Out of great shame and despair she committed suicide. Rashi title heading

“ika deamre maase debruria”
on Babylonian Talmud Avoda
Zorah 18b.

Other descendants of Convert
are Ben Hu Hu and

Ben Bag Bag mentioned
Pirkei Ovus.

Saying of the Fathers.

The latter stated “search and
investigate deeply the words of
the Torah and Talmud. You
will find all knowledge there.”

Part IV

Jewish Reaction following the genocide of Chmelnetki in 1644 when half a million Jews were massacred.

[1] False Messiahs Shabse Tzvi and Frank

[2] Rise of Chassiduk movement

[3] Reis Misnagdim Movement

[4] Antagonism between the two

[5] Rise of Makilim movement
scientific and philosophy
wisdom in non Jewish sources

[6] Reform and Assimilation
and Conversion to the
dominant religions in order to
gain acceptance and not be
disabled financially.

[7] FAILURE OF ABOVE TO WIN
ACCEPTANCE.

ANTI SEMITISM A THOUSAND
TIMES GREATER.

[8] ZIONISM AND RETURN TO
THE LAND OF THE JEW ISRAEL

[9] RESURRECTION OF THE JEW
IN THE LAND OF THE JEW -
MODERN ISRAEL -IN THE SPIRIT
OF THE TORAH OF THE JEW.

[10] GREAT PEOPLE RELIGIOUS
SECULAR IN BUILDING JEWISH
LIFE IN ISRAEL AND OUTSIDE
ISRAEL

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Modern History Sourcebook: Mark Twain: Concerning The Jews, Harper's Magazine, March, 1898

Some months ago I published a magazine article descriptive of a remarkable scene in the Imperial Parliament in Vienna. Since then I have received from Jews in America several letters of inquiry. They were difficult letters to answer, for they were not very definite. But at last I have received a definite one. It is from a lawyer, and he really asks the questions which the other writers probably believed they were asking. By help of this text I will do the best I can to publicly answer this correspondent, and also the others - at the same time apologizing for having failed to reply privately. The lawyer's letter reads as follows:

I have read 'Stirring Times in Austria.' One point in particular is of vital import to not a few thousand people, including myself, being a point about which I have often wanted to address a question to some disinterested person. The show of military force in the Austrian Parliament, which precipitated the riots, was not introduced by any Jew. No Jew was a member of that body. No Jewish question was involved in the Ausgleich or in the language proposition. No Jew was insulting anybody. In short, no Jew was doing any mischief toward anybody whatsoever. In fact, the Jews were the only ones of the nineteen different races in Austria which did not have a party - they are absolutely non-participants.

Yet in your article you say that in the rioting which followed, all classes of people were unanimous only on one thing, viz., in being against the Jews. Now will you kindly tell me why, in your judgment, the Jews have thus ever been, and are even now, in these days of supposed intelligence, the butt of baseless, vicious animosities? I dare say that for centuries there has been no more quiet, undisturbing, and well-behaving citizen, as a class, than that same Jew. It seems to me that ignorance and fanaticism cannot alone account for these horrible and unjust persecutions.

"Tell me, therefore, from your vantage-point of cold view, what in your mind is the cause. Can American Jews do anything to correct it either in America or abroad? Will it ever come to an end? Will a Jew be permitted to live honestly, decently, and peaceably like the rest of mankind? What has become of the Golden Rule?" I will begin by saying that if I thought myself prejudiced against the Jew, I should hold it fairest to leave this subject to a person not crippled in that way. But I think I have no such prejudice. A few years ago a Jew observed to me that there was no uncourteous reference to his people in my books, and asked how it happened. It happened because the disposition was lacking. I am quite sure that (bar one) I have no race prejudices, and I think I have no color prejudices nor caste prejudices nor creed prejudices. Indeed, I know it.

I can stand any society. All that I care to know is that a man is a human being - that is enough for me; he can't be any worse. I have no special regard for Satan; but I can at least claim that I have no prejudice against him. It may even be that I lean a little his way, on account of his not having a fair show.

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All religions issue bibles against him, and say the most injurious things about him, but we never hear his side. We have none but the evidence for the prosecution, and yet we have rendered the verdict. To my mind, this is irregular. It is un-English; it is un-American; it is French. Without this precedent Dreyfus could not have been condemned.

Of course Satan has some kind of a case, it goes without saying. It may be a poor one, but that is nothing; that can be said about any of us. As soon as I can get at the facts I will undertake his rehabilitation myself, if I can find an unpolitic publisher. It is a thing which we ought to be willing to do for any one who is under a cloud. We may not pay him reverence, for that would be indiscreet, but we can at least respect his talents.

A person who has for untold centuries maintained the imposing position of spiritual head of four-fifths of the human race, and political head of the whole of it, must be granted the possession of executive abilities of the loftiest order. In his large presence the other popes and politicians shrink to midges for the microscope. I would like to see him. I would rather see him and shake him by the tail than any other member of the European Concert.

In the present paper I shall allow myself to use the word Jew as if it stood for both religion and race. It is handy; and, besides, that is what the term means to the general world. In the above letter one notes these points:

1. The Jew is a well-behaved citizen.
2. Can ignorance and fanaticism alone account for his unjust treatment?
3. Can Jews do anything to improve the situation?
4. The Jews have no party; they are non-participants.
5. Will the persecution ever come to an end?
6. What has become of the Golden Rule?

Point No. 1.

We must grant proposition No. 1 for several sufficient reasons. The Jew is not a disturber of the peace of any country. Even his enemies will concede that. He is not a loafer, he is not a sot, he is not noisy, he is not a brawler nor a rioter, he is not quarrelsome. In the statistics of crime his presence is conspicuously rare - in all countries. With murder and other crimes of violence he has but little to do: he is a stranger to the hangman. In the police court's daily long roll of "assaults" and "drunk and disorderlies" his name seldom appears.

That the Jewish home is a home in the truest sense is a fact which no one will dispute. The family is knitted together by the strongest affections; its members show each other every due respect; and reverence for the elders is an inviolate law of the house. The Jew is not a burden on the charities of the state nor of the city; these could cease from their functions without affecting him.

When he is well enough, he works; when he is incapacitated, his own people take care of him. And not in a poor and stingy way, but with a fine and large benevolence. His race is entitled to be called the most benevolent of all the races of men. A Jewish beggar is not impossible, perhaps; such a thing may exist, but there are few men that can say they have seen that spectacle. The Jew has been staged in many uncomplimentary forms, but, so far as I know, no dramatist has done him the injustice to stage him as a beggar. Whenever a Jew has real need to beg, his people save him from the necessity of doing it. The charitable institutions of the Jews are supported by Jewish money, and amply. The Jews make no noise about it; it is done quietly; they do not nag and pester and harass us for contributions; they give us peace, and set us an example - an example which we have not found ourselves able to follow; for by nature we are not free givers, and have to be patiently and persistently hunted down in the interest of the unfortunate.

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These facts are all on the credit side of the proposition that the Jew is a good and orderly citizen. Summed up, they certify that he is quiet, peaceable, industrious, unaddicted to high crimes and brutal dispositions; that his family life is commendable; that he is not a burden upon public charities; that he is not a beggar; that in benevolence he is above the reach of competition. These are the very quint-essentials of good citizenship. If you can add that he is as honest as the average of his neighbors - But I think that question is affirmatively answered by the fact that he is a successful business man.

The basis of successful business is honesty; a business cannot thrive where the parties to it cannot trust each other. In the matter of numbers of the Jew counts for little in the overwhelming population of New York; but that his honesty counts for much is guaranteed by the fact that the immense wholesale business houses of Broadway, from the Battery to Union Square, is substantially in his hands. I suppose that the most picturesque example in history of a trader's trust in his fellow-trader was one where it was not Christian trusting Christian, but Christian trusting Jew.

That Hessian Duke who used to sell his subjects to George III. to fight George Washington with got rich at it; and by-and-by, when the wars engendered by the French Revolution made his throne too warm for him, he was obliged to fly the country. He was in a hurry, and had to leave his earnings behind - \$9,000,000. He had to risk the money with some one without security. He did not select a Christian, but a Jew - a Jew of only modest means, but of high character; a character so high that it left him lonesome - Rothschild of Frankfort. Thirty years later, when Europe had become quiet and safe again, the Duke came back from overseas, and the Jew returned the loan, with interest added.

[Footnote *: Here is another piece of picturesque history; and it reminds us that shabbiness and dishonesty are not the monopoly of any race or creed, but are merely human:

"Congress has passed a bill to pay \$379.56 to Moses Pendergrass, of Libertyville, Missouri. The story of the reason of this liberality is pathetically interesting, and shows the sort of pickle that an honest man may get into who undertakes to do an honest job of work for Uncle Sam. In 1886 Moses Pendergrass put in a bid for the contract to carry the mail on the route from Knob Lick to Libertyville and Coffman, thirty miles a day, from July 1, 1887, for one year. He got the postmaster at Knob Lick to write the letter for him, and while Moses intended that his bid should be \$400, his scribe carelessly made it \$4. Moses got the contract, and did not find out about the mistake until the end of the first quarter, when he got his first pay. When he found at what rate he was working he was sorely cast down, and opened communication with the Post-Office Department.

The department informed him that he must either carry out his contract or throw it up, and that if he threw it up his bondsmen would have to pay the government \$1459.85 damages. So Moses carried out his contract, walked thirty miles every week-day for a year, and carried the mail, and received for his labor \$4 - or, to be accurate, \$6.84; for, the route being extended after his bid was accepted, the pay was proportionately increased. Now, after ten years, a bill was finally passed to pay to Moses the difference between what he earned in that unlucky year and what he received."

The Sun, which tells the above story, says that bills were introduced in three or four Congresses for Moses' relief, and that committees repeatedly investigated his claim. It took six Congresses, containing in their persons the compressed virtues of 70,000,000 of people, and cautiously and carefully giving expression to those virtues in the fear of God and the next election, eleven years to find out some way to cheat a fellow-Christian out of about \$13 on his honestly executed contract, and out of nearly \$300 due him on its enlarged terms. And they succeeded.

During the same time they paid out \$1,000,000,000 in pensions - a third of it unearned and undeserved. This indicates a splendid all-around competency in theft, for it starts with farthings, and works its industries all the

way up to ship-loads. It may be possible that the Jews can beat this, but the man that bets on it is taking chances.]

The Jew has his other side. He has some discreditable ways, though he has not a monopoly of them, because he cannot get entirely rid of vexatious Christian competition. We have seen that he seldom transgresses the laws against crimes of violence. Indeed, his dealings with courts are almost restricted to matters connected with commerce. He has a reputation for various small forms of cheating, and for practising oppressive usury, and for burning himself out to get the insurance, and for arranging cunning contracts which leave him an exit but lock the other man in, and for smart evasions which find him safe and comfortable just within the strict letter of the law, when court and jury know very well that he has violated the spirit of it.

He is a frequent and faithful and capable officer in the civil service, but he is charged with an unpatriotic disinclination to stand by the flag as a soldier - like the Christian Quaker. Now if you offset these discreditable features by the creditable ones summarized in a preceding paragraph beginning with the words, "These facts are all on the credit side," and strike a balance, what must the verdict be? This, I think: that, the merits and demerits being fairly weighed and measured on both sides, the Christian can claim no superiority over the Jew in the matter of good citizenship. Yet in all countries, from the dawn of history, the Jew has been persistently and implacably hated, and with frequency persecuted.

Point No. 2.

"Can fanaticism alone account for this?" Years ago I used to think that it was responsible for nearly all of it, but latterly I have come to think that this was an error. Indeed, it is now my conviction that it is responsible for hardly any of it. In this connection I call to mind Genesis, chapter xlvii. We have all thoughtfully - or unthoughtfully - read the pathetic story of the years of plenty and the years of famine in Egypt, and how Joseph, with that opportunity, made a corner in broken hearts, and the crusts of the poor, and human liberty - a corner whereby he took a nation's money all away, to the last penny; took a nation's livestock all away, to the last hoof; took a nation's land away, to the last acre; then took the nation itself, buying it for bread, man by man, woman by woman, child by child, till all were slaves; a corner which took everything, left nothing; a corner so stupendous that, by comparison with it, the most gigantic corners in subsequent history are but baby things, for it dealt in hundreds of millions of bushels, and its profits were reckonable by hundreds of millions of dollars, and it was a disaster so crushing that its effects have not wholly disappeared from Egypt to-day, more than three thousand years after the event.

Is it presumable that the eye of Egypt was upon Joseph the foreign Jew all this time? I think it likely. Was it friendly? We must doubt it. Was Joseph establishing a character for his race which would survive long in Egypt? and in time would his name come to be familiarly used to express that character - like Shylock's? It is hardly to be doubted.

Let us remember that this was centuries before the crucifixion. I wish to come down eighteen hundred years later and refer to a remark made by one of the Latin historians. I read it in a translation many years ago, and it comes back to me now with force. It was alluding to a time when people were still living who could have seen the Savior in the flesh. Christianity was so new that the people of Rome had hardly heard of it, and had but confused notions of what it was.

The substance of the remark was this: Some Christians were persecuted in Rome through error, they being "mistaken for Jews." The meaning seems plain. These pagans had nothing against Christians, but they were quite ready to persecute Jews. For some reason or other they hated a Jew before they even knew what a Christian was. May I not assume, then, that the persecution of Jews is a thing which antedates Christianity and was not born of Christianity? I think so.

What was the origin of the feeling? When I was a boy, in the back settlements of the Mississippi Valley, where a gracious and beautiful Sunday-school simplicity and unpracticality prevailed, the "Yankee" (citizen of the New England States) was hated with a splendid energy. But religion had nothing to do with it. In a trade, the Yankee was held to be about five times the match of

the Westerner. His shrewdness, his insight, his judgment, his knowledge, his enterprise, and his formidable cleverness in applying these forces were frankly confessed, and most competently cursed.

In the cotton States, after the war, the simple and ignorant negroes made the crops for the white planter on shares. The Jew came down in force, set up shop on the plantation, supplied all the negro's wants on credit, and at the end of the season was proprietor of the negro's share of the present crop and of part of his share of the next one. Before long, the whites detested the Jew, and it is doubtful if the negro loved him.

The Jew is being legislated out of Russia. The reason is not concealed. The movement was instituted because the Christian peasant and villager stood no chance against his commercial abilities. He was always ready to lend money on a crop, and sell vodka and other necessities of life on credit while the crop was growing. When settlement day came he owned the crop; and next year or year after he owned the farm, like Joseph.

In the dull and ignorant England of John's time everybody got into debt to the Jew. He gathered all lucrative enterprises into his hands; he was the king of commerce; he was ready to be helpful in all profitable ways; he even financed crusades for the rescue of the Sepulchre. To wipe out his account with the nation and restore business to its natural and incompetent channels he had to be banished the realm.

For the like reasons Spain had to banish him four hundred years ago, and Austria about a couple of centuries later. In all the ages Christian Europe has been obliged to curtail his activities. If he entered upon a mechanical trade, the Christian had to retire from it. If he set up as a doctor, he was the best one, and he took the business. If he exploited agriculture, the other farmers had to get at something else. Since there was no way to successfully compete with him in any vocation, the law had to step in and save the Christian from the poor-house.

Trade after trade was taken away from the Jew by statute till practically none was left. He was forbidden to engage in agriculture; he was forbidden to practise law; he was forbidden to practise medicine, except among Jews; he was forbidden the handicrafts. Even the seats of learning and the schools of science had to be closed against this tremendous antagonist.

Still, almost bereft of employments, he found ways to make money, even ways to get rich. Also ways to invest his takings well, for usury was not denied him. In the hard conditions suggested, the Jew without brains could not survive, and the Jew with brains had to keep them in good training and well sharpened up, or starve. Ages of restriction to the one tool which the law was not able to take from him - his brain - have made that tool singularly competent; ages of compulsory disuse of his hands have atrophied them, and he never uses them now.

This history has a very, very commercial look, a most sordid and practical commercial look, the business aspect of a Chinese cheap-labor crusade. Religious prejudices may account for one part of it, but not for the other nine. Protestants have persecuted Catholics, but they did not take their livelihoods away from them. The Catholics have persecuted the Protestants with bloody and awful bitterness, but they never closed agriculture and the handicrafts against them. Why was that? That has the candid look of genuine religious persecution, not a trade-union boycott in a religious disguise.

The Jews are harried and obstructed in Austria and Germany, and lately in France; but England and America give them an open field and yet survive. Scotland offers them an unembarrassed field too, but there are not many takers. There are a few Jews in Glasgow, and one in Aberdeen; but that is because they can't earn enough to get away. The Scotch pay themselves that compliment, but it is authentic.

I feel convinced that the Crucifixion has not much to do with the world's attitude towards the Jew; that the reasons for it are older than that event, as suggested by Egypt's experience and by Rome's regret for having persecuted an unknown quantity

called a Christian, under the mistaken impression that she was merely persecuting a Jew. Merely a Jew - a skinned eel who was used to it, presumably.

I am persuaded that in Russia, Austria, and Germany nine-tenths of the hostility to the Jew comes from the average Christian's inability to compete successfully with the average Jew in business - in either straight business or the questionable sort. In Berlin, a few years ago, I read a speech which frankly urged the expulsion of the Jews from Germany; and the agitator's reason was as frank as his proposition.

It was this: that eighty-five per cent. of the successful lawyers of Berlin were Jews, and that about the same percentage of the great and lucrative businesses of all sorts in Germany were in the hands of the Jewish race! Isn't it an amazing confession? It was but another way of saying that in a population of 48,000,000, of whom only 500,000 were registered as Jews, eight-five per cent. of the brains and honesty of the whole was lodged in the Jews.

I must insist upon the honesty - it is an essential of successful business, taken by and large. Of course it does not rule out rascals entirely, even among Christians, but it is a good working rule, nevertheless. The speaker's figures may have been inexact, but the motive of persecution stands out as clear as day. The man claimed that in Berlin the banks, the newspapers, the theatres, the great mercantile, shipping, mining, and manufacturing interests, the big army and city contracts, the tramways, and pretty much all other properties of high value, and also the small businesses, were in the hands of the Jews.

He said the Jew was pushing the Christian to the wall all along the line; that it was all a Christian could do to scrape together a living; and that the Jew must be banished, and soon - there was no other way of saving the Christian.

Here in Vienna, last autumn, an agitator said that all these disastrous details were true of Austria-Hungary also; and in fierce language he demanded the expulsion of the Jews. When politicians come out without a blush and read the baby act in this frank way, unrebuked, it is a very good indication that they have a market back of them, and know where to fish for votes. You note the crucial point of the mentioned agitation; the argument is that the Christian cannot compete with the Jew, and that hence his very bread is in peril. To human beings this is a much more hate-inspiring thing than is any detail connected with religion.

With most people, of a necessity, bread and meat take first rank, religion second. I am convinced that the persecution of the Jew is not due in any large degree to religious prejudice. No, the Jew is a money-getter; and in getting his money he is a very serious obstruction to less capable neighbors who are on the same quest. I think that that is the trouble.

In estimating worldly values the Jew is not shallow, but deep. With precocious wisdom he found out in the morning of time that some men worship rank, some worship heroes, some worship power, some worship God, and that over these ideals they dispute and cannot unite - but that they all worship money; so he made it the end and aim of his life to get it.

He was at it in Egypt thirty-six centuries ago; he was at it in Rome when that Christian got persecuted by mistake for him; he has been at it ever since. The cost to him has been heavy; his success has made the whole human race his enemy - but it has paid, for it has brought him envy, and that is the only thing which men will sell both soul and body to get.

He long ago observed that a millionaire commands respect, a two-millionaire homage, a multi-millionaire the deepest depths of adoration. We all know that feeling; we have seen it express itself. We have noticed that when the average man mentions the name of a multi-millionaire he does it with that mixture in his voice of awe and reverence and lust which burns in a Frenchman's eye when it falls on another man's centime.

Point No. 3.

"Can Jews do anything to improve the situation?" I think so. If I may make a suggestion without seeming to be trying to teach my grandmother how to suck eggs, I will offer it. In our days we have learned the value of combination. We apply it everywhere - in railway systems, in trusts, in trade unions, in Salvation Armies, in minor politics, in major politics, in European Concerts. Whatever our strength may be, big or little, we organize it. We have found out that that is the only way to get the most out of it that is in it. We know the weakness of individual sticks, and the strength of the concentrated fagot.

Suppose you try a scheme like this, for instance. In England and America put every Jew on the census-book as a Jew (in case you have not been doing that). Get up volunteer regiments composed of Jews solely, and, when the drum beats, fall in and go to the front, so as to remove the reproach that you have few Massenas among you, and that you feed on a country but don't like to fight for it. Next, in politics, organize you strength, band together, and deliver the casting vote where you can, and, where you can't, compel as good terms as possible.

You huddle to yourselves already in all countries, but you huddle to no sufficient purpose, politically speaking. You do not seem to be organized, except for your charities. There you are omnipotent; there you compel your due of recognition - you do not have to beg for it. It shows what you can do when you band together for a definite purpose. And then from America and England you can encourage your race in Austria, France, and Germany, and materially help it.

It was a pathetic tale that was told by a poor Jew in Galicia a fortnight ago during the riots, after he had been raided by the Christian peasantry and despoiled of everything he had. He said his vote was of no value to him, and he wished he could be excused from casting it, for, indeed, casting it was a sure damage to him, since no matter which party he voted for, the other party would come straight and take its revenge out of him.

Nine per cent. of the population of the empire, these Jews, and apparently they cannot put a plank into any candidate's platform! If you will send our Irish lads over here I think they will organize your race and change the aspect of the Reichsrath.

You seem to think that the Jews take no hand in politics here, that they are "absolutely non-participants." I am assured by men competent to speak that this is a very large error, that the Jews are exceedingly active in politics all over the empire, but that they scatter their work and their votes among the numerous parties, and thus lose the advantages to be had by concentration. I think that in America they scatter too, but you know more about that than I do.

Speaking of concentration, Dr. Herzl has a clear insight into the value of that. Have you heard of his plan? He wishes to gather the Jews of the world together in Palestine, with a government of their own - under the suzerainty of the Sultan, I suppose. At the Convention of Berne, last year, there were delegates from everywhere, and the proposal was received with decided favor.

I am not the Sultan, and I am not objecting; but if that concentration of the cunningest brains in the world were going to be made in a free country (bar Scotland), I think it would be politic to stop it. It will not be well to let the race find out its strength. If the horses knew theirs, we should not ride any more.

Point No. 4.

"The Jews have no party; they are non-participants." Perhaps you have let the secret out and given yourself away. It seems hardly a credit to the race that it is able to say that; or to you, sir, that you can say it without remorse; more than you should offer it as a plea against maltreatment, injustice, and oppression. Who gives the Jew the right, who gives any race the right, to sit still, in a free country, and let somebody else look after its safety?

The oppressed Jew was entitled to all pity in the former times under brutal autocracies, for he was weak and friendless, and had no way to help his case. But he has ways now, and he has had them for a century, but I do not see that he has tried to make serious use of them. When the Revolution set him free in France it was an act of grace - the grace of other people; he

does not appear in it as a helper. I do not know that he helped when England set him free. Among the Twelve Sane Men of France who have stepped forward with great Zola at their head to fight (and win, I hope and believe ^*) the battle for the most infamously misused Jew of modern times, do you find a great or rich or illustrious Jew helping?

In the United States he was created free in the beginning - he did not need to help, of course. In Austria and Germany and France he has a vote, but of what considerable use is it to him? He doesn't seem to know how to apply it to the best effect. With all his splendid capacities and all his fat wealth he is to-day not politically important in any country. In America, as early as 1854, the ignorant Irish hod-carrier, who had a spirit of his own and a way of exposing it to the weather, made it apparent to all that he must be politically reckoned with; yet fifteen years before that we hardly knew what an Irishman looked like.

As an intelligent force and numerically, he has always been away down, but he has governed the country just the same. It was because he was organized. It made his vote valuable - in fact, essential.

You will say the Jew is everywhere numerically feeble. That is nothing to the point - with the Irishman's history for an object-lesson. But I am coming to your numerical feebleness presently. In all parliamentary countries you could no doubt elect Jews to the legislatures - and even one member in such a body is sometimes a force which counts. How deeply have you concerned yourselves about this in Austria, France, and Germany? Or even in America, for that matter? You remark that the Jews were not to blame for the riots in this Reichsrath here, and you add with satisfaction that there wasn't one in that body. That is not strictly correct; if it were, would it not be in order for you to explain it and apologize for it, not try to make a merit of it?

But I think that the Jew was by no means in as large force there as he ought to have been, with his chances. Austria opens the suffrage to him on fairly liberal terms, and it must surely be his own fault that he is so much in the background politically. As to your numerical weakness. I mentioned some figures awhile ago - 500,000 - as the Jewish population of Germany. I will add some more - 6,000,000 in Russia, 5,000,000 in Austria, 250,000 in the United States. I take them from memory; I read them in the Cyclopaedia Britannica ten or twelve years ago. Still, I am entirely sure of them.

If those statistics are correct, my argument is not as strong as it ought to be as concerns America, but it still has strength. It is plenty strong enough as concerns Austria, for ten years ago 5,000,000 was nine per cent. of the empire's population. The Irish would govern the Kingdom of Heaven if they had a strength there like that.

I have some suspicions; I got them at second-hand, but they have remained with me these ten or twelve years. When I read in the C. B. that the Jewish population of the United States was 250,000, I wrote the editor, and explained to him that I was personally acquainted with more Jews than that in my country, and that his figures were without a doubt a misprint for 25,000,000. I also added that I was personally acquainted with that many there; but that was only to raise his confidence in me, for it was not true.

His answer miscarried, and I never got it; but I went around talking about the matter, and people told me they had reason to suspect that for business reasons many Jews whose dealings were mainly with the Christians did not report themselves as Jews in the census. It looked plausible; it looks plausible yet. Look at the city of New York; and look at Boston, and Philadelphia, and New Orleans, and Chicago, and Cincinnati, and San Francisco - how your race swarms in those places! - and everywhere else in America, down to the least little village.

Read the signs on the marts of commerce and on the shops; Goldstein (gold stone), Edelstein (precious stone), Blumenthal (flower-vale), Rosenthal (rose-vale), Veilchenduft (violet odor), Singvogel (song-bird), Rosenzweig (rose branch), and all the amazing list of beautiful and enviable names which Prussia and Austria glorified you with so long ago. It is another instance of Europe's coarse and cruel persecution of your race; not that it was coarse and cruel to outfit it with pretty and poetical names like those, but that it was coarse and cruel to make it pay for them or else take such hideous and often indecent names that to-day their owners never use them; or, if they do, only on official papers.

And it was the many, not the few, who got the odious names, they being too poor to bribe the officials to grant them better ones. Now why was the race renamed? I have been told that in Prussia it was given to using fictitious names, and often changing them, so as to beat the tax-gatherer, escape military service, and so on; and that finally the idea was hit upon of furnishing all the inmates of a house with one and the same surname, and then holding the house responsible right along for those inmates, and accountable for any disappearances that might occur; it made the Jews keep track of each other, for self-interest's sake, and saved the government the trouble. ^*

[Footnote *: In Austria the renaming was merely done because the Jews in some newly acquired regions had no surnames, but were mostly named Abraham and Moses, and therefore the tax-gatherer could not tell t'other from which, and was likely to lose his reason over the matter. The renaming was put into the hands of the War Department, and a charming mess the graceless young lieutenants made of it. To them a Jew was of no sort of consequence, and they labelled the race in a way to make the angels weep. As an example, take these two: Abraham Bellyache and Schmul Godbedamned. - Culled from "Namens Studien," by Karl Emil Franzos.]

If that explanation of how the Jews of Prussia came to be renamed is correct, if it is true that they fictitiously registered themselves to gain certain advantages, it may possibly be true that in America they refrain from registering themselves as Jews to fend off the damaging prejudices of the Christian customer. I have no way of knowing whether this notion is well founded or not. There may be other and better ways of explaining why only that poor little 250,000 of our Jews got into the Cyclopaedia. I may, of course, be mistaken, but I am strongly of the opinion that we have an immense Jewish population in America.

Point No. 5.

"Will the persecution of the Jews ever come to an end?" On the score of religion, I think it has already come to an end. On the score of race prejudice and trade, I have the idea that it will continue. That is, here and there in spots about the world, where a barbarous ignorance and a sort of mere animal civilization prevail; but I do not think that elsewhere the Jew need now stand in any fear of being robbed and raided.

Among the high civilizations he seems to be very comfortably situated indeed, and to have more than his proportionate share of the prosperities going. It has that look in Vienna. I suppose the race prejudice cannot be removed; but he can stand that; it is no particular matter. By his make and ways he is substantially a foreigner wherever he may be, and even the angels dislike a foreigner. I am using this word foreigner in the German sense - stranger. Nearly all of us have an antipathy to a stranger, even of our own nationality. We pile gripsacks in a vacant seat to keep him from getting it; and a dog goes further, and does as a savage would - challenges him on the spot.

The German dictionary seems to make no distinction between a stranger and a foreigner; in its view a stranger is a foreigner - a sound position, I think. You will always be by ways and habits and predilections substantially strangers - foreigners - wherever you are, and that will probably keep the race prejudice against you alive. But you were the favorites of Heaven originally, and your manifold and unfair prosperities convince me that you have crowded back into that snug place again.

Here is an incident that is significant. Last week in Vienna a hailstorm struck the prodigious Central Cemetery and made wasteful destruction there. In the Christian part of it, according to the official figures, 621 window-panes were broken; more than 900 singing-birds were killed; five great trees and many small ones were torn to shreds and the shreds scattered far and wide by the wind; the ornamental plants and other decorations of the graves were ruined, and more than a hundred tomb-lanterns shattered; and it took the cemetery's whole force of 300 laborers more than three days to clear away the storm's wreckage. In the report occurs this remark - and in its italics you can hear it grit its Christian teeth ". . . lediglich die israelitische Abtheilung des Friedhofes vom Hagelwetter ganzlich verschont worden war." Not a hailstone hit the Jewish reservation! Such nepotism makes me tired.

Point No. 6.

"What has become of the Golden Rule?" It exists, it continues to sparkle, and is well taken care of. It is Exhibit A in the Church's assets, and we pull it out every Sunday and give it an airing. But you are not permitted to try to smuggle it into this discussion, where it is irrelevant and would not feel at home. It is strictly religious furniture, like an acolyte, or a contribution-plate, or any of those things. It has never been intruded into business; and Jewish persecution is not a religious passion, it is a business passion.

To conclude. - If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent. of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star-dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers.

He has made a marvellous fight in this world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

Note:

Twain's essay included the statement that Jews did not do their part in terms of fighting in America's armed forces: "He is a frequent and faithful and capable officer in the civil service, but he is charged with an unpatriotic disinclination to stand by the flag as a soldier – like the Christian Quaker." However, when War Department figures revealed that Jewish Americans were actually represented in the nation's military in a larger percentage than their share of the population, Twain issued a retraction and an apology,^[2] entitled *Postscript – The Jew as Soldier*.^[3] [Wikipedia]

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ould say today. Not

sure if that term was used back then, but J organizations were printing the quote up in large quantities and distributing it all over.

Skeptics would question the sincerity of his statement. It appears to be only grudgingly stated, but that might make it even more powerful.

Here's what he said about the Jews, in September 1897:

"If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are also very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks and Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, and have vanished.

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Whatever you feel about Mark Twain's quote, here's what we should be thinking this 3-Kugel Shabbat.

We, the Jewish People, faced spiritual annihilation at the hands of the Greeks a long time ago. What's worse, is that many of our fellow Jews were willing to go along with the planned Hellenization of the Jewish People - with smiles on their faces.

But guess what. This Shabbat and all the others before it and after it - we are proudly observing that special day that the Greeks banned us from keeping under pain of death. They aren't here any more. We are.

And we celebrate Rosh Chodesh - that's aspect of our nationhood that the Greeks tried to snuff out. They aren't here. We are and we proudly hold our calendar high, with our holidays.

And this Shabbat Rosh Chodesh is Chanuka - of course, which we joyously celebrate. We thank HKB"Y that the Greeks are not here anymore. But we still are.

Is everything perfect? Not yet. But with G-d's help and our continued efforts, we'll get closer.

To the People of Israel, the Torah of Israel, and the Land of Israel - Forever!

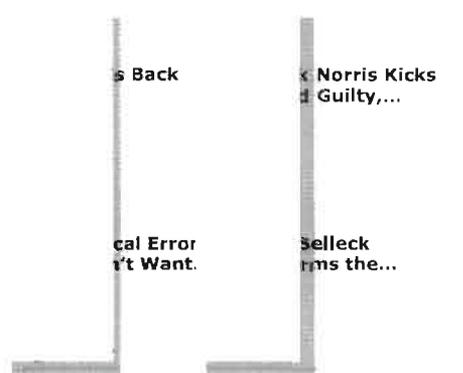


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