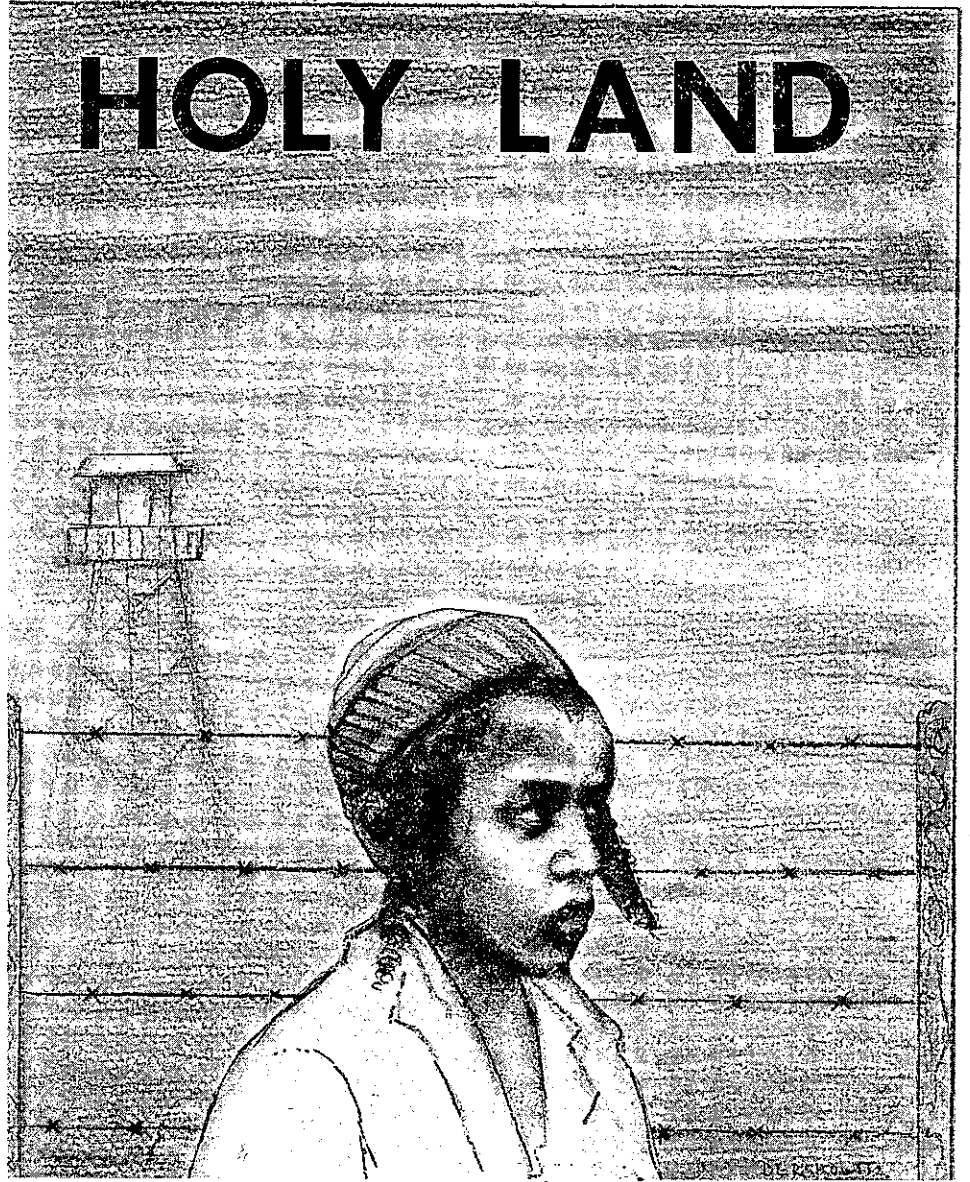


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"He who leads one to sin is worse than he who kills him."

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What the murderers did not achieve in Poland, our destroyers
from within wish to complete here in the Holy Land.

--David Rubinstein

A brother -in-law of two Teheran boys in a letter

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INTRODUCTION

The Jewish people have been enjoined in Deuteronomy (23:3-6) not to accept the Ammonites or the Moabites into their congregation for they tried to entice the Jews to sin. The effect of sin is so profound on the sinner, (in the case of Ammon and Moab) that it continues even beyond his tenth generation. The stigma can never be removed, not only from the sinner, but from all of his progeny. As Rashi explains in his commentary of the above verse the difference between the sinners and those who would have wanted to annihilate the Jewish people physically: ancient Egypt and Edom--that the ancient Egyptians and Edomites can be accepted into the assemblage of G-d after the third generation, while the Ammonites and the Moabites cannot, because causing someone to sin, is much worse than he who kills someone. Thus, Zionists who not only have broken the mitzvos, but also have enticed countless thousands of Jewish immigrants to the state of Israel to sin by turning them into atheists are much worse according to the Torah than murderers. Their goal has been to transform the Jewish people from a religious people to a secular nation. They have used various methods in different countries, depending on the circumstances. They have used the guise of religion when it was to their advantage, confusing Zionism and Judaism in the minds of those from whom they hope to gain support. They have even used the holocaust to play upon the sympathies of the unwitting to get what they want. They have used the horrible suffering of millions of Jews to enable them to build a nation, as all other nations.

The Zionists have attempted to strike at the heart of Judaism in an effort to gain control over the Jewish people. They have used any and all means to secure that goal, including bribery, terrorism, anti-semitism and the violation of the basic human right of religious freedom. The Zionist dream of the establishment of the State of Israel was based on manipulation of the anti-semitism of Western leaders by Theodore Herzl, the

architect of modern-day Zionism. It was furthered by bribery which was used, for example, to persuade the imam of Yemen and Southern Arabian sultans to allow the Yemeni Jews to immigrate to Israel. Terrorism has also been a capstone of Zionism. One need only remember the tactics of the Irgun in the 1940's, of which Israel's current Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, was a member. Countless terrorist acts, such as those used in 1950-1951 in Baghdad, Iraq, have been attributed to the Zionists--terrorist acts not only against those opposed to the Zionists, but also against their fellow Jews to persuade them to immigrate to Israel.

All of these tactics, which most people would agree are despicable, were used. But -- the worst -- is the Zionist's denial of the freedom of religious education and religious expression to their fellow Jews. This method reached alarming proportions with the attempt of wholesale brainwashing of orphaned Polish Orthodox children on their way to Palestine via Teheran in 1942-1943. Various methods were used by the Zionists to "convert" the children from their Orthodoxy to the secular nationalist "faith" of the Zionists. It began with subtle brainwashing of weak, terrified children and continued with overt acts, such as the denial of religious articles and instruction, food and clothing. When these tactics did not work, violence was used in some cases, with some children being beaten and boys being put into solitary confinement for leading children in prayer. This book describes all the above in great detail.

These methods, which were fairly successful on most of the children, were again used in the 1950's against the Orthodox Jews of Yemen who were taken to the Zionist State in what was dubbed Operation Magic Carpet. This large-scale immigration designed by the Zionists increased the population of the Zionist State by nearly 100,000. Once they were in the Promised Land, the naive Yemenites, who had come from a completely different, Asiatic, non-technological culture, were taken advantage of by

the Zionists. They, too, like the Teheran children before them, were denied the basic right of religious freedom. They were not allowed to have synagogues, and their children were not allowed religious education. They were coerced with threats--denying them food, housing and the right to work. Now for the first time the English reading public has a chance to read about this.

Moroccan Jews faced a similar fate at the hands of the Zionists. They, too, were threatened with the denial of life's basic necessities if they persisted in their demands for religious education for their children and for synagogues for their communities.

Illustrations of these outrageous Zionist methods abound. They pervade the annals of the history of the Zionist State, dating many years prior to its establishment, and continuing up to the present. This presentation is but a fraction of the atrocities committed.

But why, one might ask, should we be upset if the Jews involved were not physically harmed, if they simply "persuaded" them to give up their Orthodox beliefs and the daily expression of their faith? None of the Teheran children was physically killed. They were simply placed, for the most part, in secular institutions where they were trained to be "good" citizens of the state.. Orthodox Judaism's answer to this is that they were murdered -- a spiritual murder. And spiritual death is much worse than physical death because that soul is lost to Judaism forever. This was and is genocide.

How did this happen? When the corruption of the Teheran children began, it was not widely recognized. Only after friends, relatives and some Orthodox rabbis visited the transit camps holding the children did word begin to leak out. But who could believe that Jews would try to tear other Jews away from their faith? However when some members of Agudath Israel saw with their own eyes what was happening, they began to protest the treatment of the children at the hands of the Zionists. Agudath

Israel was established originally in Poland to fight Zionism. But some of their leaders became corrupted when they saw the money and power they could gain by taking some children into their schools and receiving maintenance funds from the Zionists. What began with good intentions -- to save the religious children from secularism -- became a mockery, with both Agudath Israel and the Mizrahi double dealing for the children's souls. While the Mizrahi was dealing with the Zionists from the start of the discussions concerning the children's placement, the Agudah initially sought to save all the children from the horrible fate.

Unfortunately, one of the leaders of the Agudah, Isaac Meir Lewin, succumbed to the lure of money and power and began to negotiate with the Zionists how to divide the children among the groups wanting them...and the maintenance funds. His collaboration with the Zionists was eventually rewarded with the position of Minister of Welfare in the very soon to be established new state.

Some men protested this change of goals. The National Convention of Agudath Youth, which took place during the Intermediary Days of Passover in 1944, issued a strong declaration against the Zionists and implored the Agudath Israel leaders to cease negotiations with the Zionists:

Declaration

The crime the Jewish Agency perpetrated against the suffering Teheran children is enough to stir every heart, even in these dire days full of grief. The large majority of these children, which the Jewish Agency itself confirmed were of Orthodox parents, were spiritually annihilated. With deception and through coercion, the Jewish Agency tore away these children from their faith. From a total of seven hundred and fifty children, only thirty were permitted a religious education in yeshivos.

What has happened to these Teheran children might just as

well be the consequences, G-d forbid, of 30,000 more children, yet to come to these shores. Religious youth! **We Dare Not Remain Silent!** These children are our brothers and friends. Just as ourselves, they were born to religious parents; just as ourselves, they were reared in the path of the Torah. Behold what has befallen them today! The parents were killed by the Nazis, and under the hands of the Zionists the souls of these orphans are being killed. The Nazis severed the parents from their children in this world and the Zionists want to separate them in this world and the world to come. It is without any doubt that the parents would rather have the death of their children than for them to have a life void of Torah and fear of the Al-mighty.

To the leaders of the Agudath Israel and especially to the leaders of the Poalei Agudath Israel, we say: Rend yourselves from this evil assemblage. Sever all bonds with them. Desist from all negotiations with them. Deny any gains to be obtained from them. Carefully guard the autonomy of the Orthodox Jewry who fear the L-rd. Put an end to all illusion. The Zionists are the most dangerous enemies of the Jewish people. With them no compromises are possible. Orthodox Jewry must fight them until they are destroyed.

Teachers of our youth! Unmask before your students the evil of the Zionists! Place in their hearts the clear understanding that our struggle against Zionism and all its offshoots is a continuation of the historical battle of the Prophet Eijah and the false prophets of the Ba'al, the battles of the Macabees and the Hellenists, the battles of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

The complete text of the declaration can be seen in chapter eight.

Rabbi Moshe Schonfeld, of blessed memory, also continually protested Agudath Israel's participation in the Zionist deals and wrote the book **The Teheran Children Accuse** in 1944 to reveal what the Zionists and Mizrahi were doing.

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But he still hoped that the Agudah's leadership would return to their original sacred mission, to save all the children, so he did not explicitly accuse his fellow Agudath Israel leaders of dealing for the children's souls. He tried for over twenty years to return the Agudah to their original path, to fight against Zionism, but realizing that he spoke to deaf ears, he broke away from Agudath Israel in the 1960's when they again after thirty years of wheeling and dealing with the Zionists for the funds instead of souls, sold Moroccan Jewry to the Zionist devil, as will be shown in the last chapter of this book.

The outline for the development of the Teheran children scandal and the consequences for all Jews who immigrate to the Holy Land thereafter are revealed by Rabbi Schonfeld in an article, "Do Not Forget".

In 1943, on the Friday before the Torah reading commanding Jews to remember what Amalek did to us, **HaDerech**, the organ of the Agudath Israel in Tel Aviv, ran a front-page banner headline which read, "Remember what the Jewish Agency did to Jewish Children on their way out of exile into the Holy Land. Do not Forget."

At the time, Torah Jewry, headed by the Rav of Brisk (Rabbi Yitzchok Z'ev Soloveitchik), was waging a major battle on behalf of the Teheran children. If that tragic affair would have been consigned to the past, we might have been permitted to ignore or forget that unfortunate date in the spirit of, "Do not recall unto us our earlier transgressions."

But to our dismay that was only the first sin, the prelude to a program of spiritual annihilation of Jewish children which is still spreading in every dimension. What happened 35 years ago to a thousand children applies today to tens of thousands who have

been sacrificed on the altar of the secular Zionist idol.

The Soul Hunters

The soul-hunters of the Youth Aliyah have operated consistently and persistently. Their energies have not flagged and their aim, saturated with hatred of the Torah, is to remove every single Jewish child from the tradition of its ancestors: Their hatred still burns within them with the same fervor as in the past.

Only among Torah loyal Jews has a tragic change taken place. The plight of endangered children years ago stirred up our very beings, aroused our best inclinations, and prodded us to make every effort, today leaves us apathetic, quiet, self-controlled and helpless. Consequently, it is not my purpose now to protest and to express wonder about those who cause us anguish, but rather about ourselves, who have grown slothful in the work of rescue. Day in, day out, hour after hour, we violate the Torah's serious warning, "Do not stand by while your fellowman's life is at stake."

The Accomplices

A public group, other than Youth Aliyah, has remained consistent in its attitudes and in its assistance as an accomplice to these crimes, serving as a handle to the ax raised to cut off tender shoots in G-d's Vineyard.

This is the National Religious Party known as Mizrahi. They are the ones who stopped the efforts at rescue in the case of the Teheran children; they are the ones who split the front of loyal Jewry by providing sleeping pills; and they continue today to be a stumbling-block to Torah Jewry and to provide shield and armor for rampant secularism.

In the case of the Teheran children, the Mizrahi

made a shameful agreement with Youth Aliyah about how to do business with Jewish souls, dividing them on a percentage basis. To this very day, it maintains the same system of giving away five Jewish souls for every one it receives. There is no doubt that if the Mizrachi had not led the public astray at the time of the affair of the Teheran children, that if it had not provided false information to Jewry abroad and here, then the boycott declared against the United Jewish Appeal and Jewish National Fund which seriously affected the Jewish Agency would have compelled Youth Aliyah to agree to the principle that at least every child from a religious home should be absorbed in a Torah institution.

The Traitorous Rabbi Fishman (Maimon)

The fury against the forcible removal of the Teheran children from their faith was so great that even secular leaders such as the Marchioness of Reading, Betel Locker and Zelig Brodetsky rained telegrams upon the Jewish Agency demanding that the Teheran children be given a religious education. The Jewish Agency was clever enough to choose Rabbi Y.L. Fishman (Maimon) to fight its battle against all the protestors. He carried out this traitorous task with loyalty and succeeded in convincing Stephen Wise, the extremist Reform Rabbi, that no harm would come to the souls of the Teheran children. That moment should be set aside as a permanent anniversary for mourning. Not only did Rabbi Fishman then seal the spiritual fate of the Teheran children, but he sealed the future of tens of thousands of children who were brought from all parts of the world to be educated no differently than if they had been captured by pagans.

Rabbi Hager's Story

It seems to me that the time has now come to reveal the dimension of that affair a dimension still unknown to the public so that people may know how bad things really were. When the Teheran Children-Accuse was published, I received a letter from Rabbi Menachem Hager, o.b.m. Until recently Chairman of the Chevra Kaddisha in Tel Aviv, he had been a rabbi in Sosnowiec, Poland, and a long-time Mizrachi leader.

Rabbi Hager met with me and told me his story. In Teheran, he had met the refugees who arrived via Russia and had spent time in Teheran together with the Polish children. He had seen at first hand what the Jewish Agency madrichim did to the unfortunate orphans and also to adult refugees.

Before his very eyes, his world was totally destroyed. He saw the dream for which he had sacrificed his best years and energies devoid of delusion. He realized that the representatives of the Zionist Federation and its educators were in no way different from Russian Jewish violators of the faith, the evil Yevsektzia, which he had encountered in Russia. He saw these people in all their immorality, he saw their wickedness, their viper-like cruelty; he saw them lacking all the character traits that distinguish the Jewish people.

And he was especially shaken by a question posed him by a minister of another faith in Teheran. The minister told him, "The Church institutions in London have instructed us not to carry on missionary activities among the Jewish refugees in Teheran in view of the terrible destruction of Jewry in Poland. We are to offer material assistance but not to attempt any kind of

spiritual influencing. Now your **madrichim** are forcibly uprooting from the hearts of these children every bit of religious feeling, and they are implanting atheism instead!" Rabbi Hager could not answer. He had no idea what to answer. He had only one hope: that upon arrival in Palestine he would raise a storm. He was confident that the **Yishuv** was unaware of what was happening and, most of all, he relied on his friends in the Miz rachi organization to react vigorously and to demand that the responsible parties be brought to justice and that arrangements be made to heal the children of the spiritual wounds they had suffered.

The news about what the **madrichim** were doing in Teheran spread throughout the world. And it compelled the Jewish Agency to establish an investigative commission whose members were Rabbi Fishman, Greenbaum, Dr. Sentor, A. Dobkin and Moshe Shapiro -- all members of the Jewish Agency Executive.

In an editorial headed **Scoffing, Ha'Aretz** commented, "It is difficult to believe what one's eyes read. An investigative commission composed entirely of Jewish Agency people! In other words, the institution responsible for what happened is going to investigate itself!"

True Horrors of Zionism

Rabbi Hager presented his complaint before this commission. He accused the directors of the refugee camp, especially Menachem Rudnitzky, may his memory be a curse forever, of three major categories of crimes: theft, sexual immorality and murder. The commission eventually disbanded without reaching

any conclusions, offering the excuse that it would present all the information it received to a special court of the Zionist Congress (which, naturally, was never convened). The investigative commission did all that it could to cover up all the sins that were committed. The secretary even distorted all the testimony in the minutes. The heads of the Jewish Agency brought pressure to bear upon the witnesses for the prosecution not to appear, or they tried to get them to change their testimony from negative to positive. Rabbi Hager walked out and said, "I give up." He tore the hair from his head in great anguish and shock, and finally decided that he must do something to publicize all the material he had, including the protocol of the testimony given before the investigative commission and the accusations that he had presented in private. Over many weeks we worked together editing the material, and when it was completed, I saw that the material I had prepared for **The Teheran Children Accuse** was the weakest reflection of the horrors of Teheran, that the factual situation had been a hundred times worse than presented in my book, even though the book created great shock waves.

Mizrachi Breaks Rabbi Hager

At the last moment before publishing his work, I was asked by Rabbi Hager to withhold all the material we had gathered and edited. Rabbi Hager broke down and wept and said that he could no longer stand up to the horrible pressures being applied to him by his friends in the Mizrachi. He was far too broken and shattered a man to go out alone and wage open war against the heads of the **Yishuv** and the Zionist Histadrut. This was the shocking tragedy of a

wonderful and noble man whom brutality, terror and blackmail silenced. I am confident that I am causing great pleasure to his soul by relating his hopeless battle and by removing some of the mystery that surrounds the affair of the Teheran Children.

It is not feasible to publicize in a religious publication the material presented before the investigative committee. For the most part, these are actions of sexual immorality which no sensitive mind can bear.

The Jewish consciences of the Jewish Agency Executive, including Mizrahi men Moshe Shapiro and Rabbi Yehuda Leib Fishman (Maimon), did not obligate them to reprove Menachem Rudnitzky even mildly. He suffered only one unpleasant incident when a number of Teheran children met him in the street and wished to mete out their own justice to him. Rudnitzky and his colleagues performed this major task -- the uprooting of Jewish faith -- in the name of the Jewish Agency. They were the Jewish Agency in Teheran. Of 750 Teheran children, almost all of whom (with the exception of seventeen) had been educated in Chadarim or in Beth Jacob schools, exactly thirty two of them were sent to Torah institutions! That was the end of the affair.

The Climax But Not the End

Ever since then, religious Jewry has suffered new problems which have caused it to forget the old problems. Every wave of new immigration was brought and drowned in the foam of secularism. One by one, these groups were lost to the Jewish people.

Who is the polltaker who can count every new

edition of the affair of the Teheran children? Who can weigh the suffering? Who can collect the tears of the oppressed? Of the parents who bewailed their children, pure Jewish children, whom sin came to destroy? Who, though raised in the diaspora to be as Jewish as possible, came to the Holy Land to shepherd "polar bears" -- kibbutz slang for pigs.

What We Can Do

The question then is asked: Why should we be compelled to remember and not to forget? Why should we flagellate ourselves when all we do is raise up layers of bitterness and frustration? What can we do to correct the past?

In the study hall of Jewry, we have learned that we must commemorate destruction. Also, that we may not forget wicked deeds and wicked people. "Do not forget" means an inner protest, an unwillingness to compromise with wickedness even when it is successful. "Remember" serves as a shield that protects us from disillusionment by providing us awareness of the nature of our enemy. It serves as leverage to lift one up to a position of sober self-protection, and it is a guarantee that there will be no inner peace, that there will be constant and fruitful fermentation within the individual. The affair of the Teheran children, which has turned into a concept, is not a lesson of and for itself alone, but comes to teach us about the collective tragedy of all the Jewish children swallowed up by secular oppression in the Holy Land. It is the realization of the curse in Deutoronony 28: "Your sons and your daughters are given to another nation" which Targum Yonasan renders "To a secular nation!"

Do not forget! And do not be silent, for silence denotes acceptance of the situation. When the Pharaoh of ancient Egypt wanted to destroy the Jewish people, he asked the advice of Bilaam, Jethro and Job (Talmud Tractate Sanhedrin 106). Bilaam said to annihilate the Jews; Jethro ran away; and Job gave no advice, but kept quiet. Job's punishment for his silence was years of suffering--the loss of his children and his land, and the pain of physical ailments--which he had to endure. Because of his apparent acceptance of the Pharaoh's desire to destroy the Jews, as evidenced by his silence, G-d made him suffer so that he would no longer be silent but would cry out. Only if something hurts do we scream. And we should be screaming because of the spiritual genocide of the Teheran children, and the Yemenites, and the Moroccans and the Iraqis and all the Jews whom the Zionists have torn away from Judaism.

This crime of spiritual genocide perpetrated on the Jews by the Zionists and their collaborators has no parallel in Jewish history. It can rightfully only compare with the gravest of sins -- that of the establishment of the Zionist state -- which has usurped the holy name of Israel. These two crimes, are the greatest tragedies to befall the Jews ever. Greater than the destruction of the Holy Temple -- which was committed by Gentiles -- while this catastrophe was done by Jews. And much worse than Hitler's annihilation of over six million Jews -- as they lost only this world -- while the children and youth the Zionists annihilated spiritually have lost both worlds.

We have included information on the Teheran children, the Yemenites, the Iraqis, the Algerians, the Moroccans, the Djerbans and the Persians, but this in no way tells the whole story of what the Zionists have done to religious Jews. For every group discussed, there are countless others. The Zionists' anti-religious coercion began long before the establishment of the state of Israel, and

IT CONTINUES TODAY!

To all the leading rabbis of renown and to all communal leaders throughout the diaspora: G-d be with you!

A PUBLIC PROTEST AND OUTCRY!

The stone in the wall cries out and all faces are blackened because of the deliberate cruelty perpetrated by those who speak in the name of the people and have abused their power by oppressing thousands of children -- refugees from the sword and the flame, unfortunate orphans whose parents died or were murdered, thus leaving them untended in Siberia -- who were handed to them in Teheran to be brought to the Holy Land.

A new period then began in the lives of these unfortunate orphans -- suffering upon suffering, tragedy upon tragedy. Like the man who runs away from the lion to be met by the bear, they escaped physical destruction only to meet up with a campaign of spiritual destruction. The fury of these "guardians" poured down, forcibly removing them from their faith and the practice of Judaism as they were taught by their parents and grandparents. Almost every one of these children was born of devout parents and was raised in an atmosphere of unparalleled sanctity. Many are children and grandchildren of rabbis and **chassidic** rebbes, brilliant scholars and righteous holy men from all over Galicia and Poland. Whoever sees these children recognizes them as G-d blessed seed.

As soon as these children were placed in the hands of their oppressors in Persia, the latter immediately provided teachers and counselors who demanded that they leave their entire past behind and accustom themselves to live new lives devoid of the Torah and its laws. They utilized all means to obliterate the memory of their fathers and mothers and to uproot from their minds any trace of faith. It is particularly shocking that they absolutely refused to let them recite kaddish on behalf of their fathers and mothers who had so recently died in such a tragic and cruel manner.

They immediately began to habituate them to non kosher food and to the desecration of Sabbath, Yom Kipur, and the rest of the Jewish holy days. They scoffed at all that is sacred. When many of the children withstood their efforts at the cost of much self-sacrifice, and in memory of their parents who had died sanctifying G-d, the "guardians" actually went to war against the children, a war in the fullest sense of the word, using every means of compulsion. **It makes one's hair stand on end to hear that anyone would be so cruel to small unfortunate children as in the Spanish Inquisition.**

Yet all this did not help sway the children from their faith. What these little children suffered at the hands of their evil counselors was incredible. Yet most of these holy children withstood their suffering and arrived here in our land pure and whole, expressing hope that here in the Holy Land, they would find a clear way to live a life of Torah and Jewish-observance in accord with the express wish of their late parents who, until the last moments of life hoped and prayed that their children might keep to G-d's way as they had taught them.

But to our sorrow and that of all who fear G-d, this hope of the children and of their parents was dashed. One's heart breaks to see the sacred fires of self-sacrifice for G-d's sake that had burned so furiously in the hearts of the children, slowly being extinguished here, in our land. For their "guardians" settled them in irreligious transit camps overflowing with the poison of atheism. Forcibly, they are exerting tremendous influence on the children's entire way of life to reject the life of Torah and Jewish observance they had desired and hoped for and to choose a life of license as practiced in those camps. The wicked are on constant alert not to permit any religious influence to reach the children from devout Jewry. The situation of the children is tragic and upsetting because they are tossing about in the last throes of self-sacrifice on the very threshold of spiritual death - G-d preserve them and us. The entire devout Yishuv is looking on as 1,000 children of martyrs are being lost and is powerless to save them.

While these children were still in Teheran, we received



Rabbi Abraham Mordecai Alter, the Gerer Rebbe. Even a gift from the Zionists is destructive (from his letters).

reports here of only a fraction of what went on there. We have seen with our own eyes what became of the children who arrived here earlier from Germany and other countries and were educated by these very same "guardians". The situation is very tragic because they are totally lost to the Jewish people. They no longer have any link with the faith and the Torah (additionally they are morally corrupt in every single way, in a most disgusting manner, impossible to put into writing). Therefore we immediately turned to the committee making arrangements for these children and declared that we, too, would like to receive children and to educate them in the spirit of Torah, in view of the fact that these arriving children were for the most part from religious homes. But they did not respond to our request at all because they are the rulers, and who can tell them what to do? After much effort, we finally got them to begin negotiating with us. But this was only superficial. Functionally, it was totally irrelevant because they simply put us off time and time again with all kinds of excuses. Meanwhile, they held the children in those dangerous camps from which no Jewish soul ever escaped unscathed, utilizing every means at their disposal, including compulsion, not to leave any trace of the Torah and everything these children had learned and been trained for in their parents' homes. To this very day, they are still working over the children in order to remove them from their faith, to uproot from their hearts every last vestige of faith that is still within them - just as they began in Teheran. Our hearts are wounded and pained because so many have already fallen victim to their efforts. There are still many who are fighting for their existence. They continue to rebel at all that their eyes perceive in the area of religious destruction in those camps, and they secretly requested that we save them from those irreligious educators who at present have them under their control. But how long will these little heroes be able to stand up to their powerful brutal task masters, who will not consider anything except their single-minded goal of turning them into people without the slightest trace of Torah or faith, which is the reason they brought the children here. These children of martyrs, who come from

famous and glorious Jewish families, were gathered as unclaimed baggage by these anti-religious people in order to use them to attain their goal. The earth trembles at this; and every person must be shaken at hearing of this cruel theft, this robbery of the living and the dead; of bereft families that were taken away before their time, whose suffering was one long chain of wandering and anguish. Now, these people come and deprive them of their last hope, by destroying their children through permanent **sh'mad**.

The entire Yishuv is in shock over the affair of these Teheran children. **The horrible inquisition to which they are being subjected has no peer in Jewish history, an inquisition to converted away from Judaism little children, an inquisition operated by people who call themselves Jews!** It has called forth the protest of the entire Yishuv in our Holy Land. How could this evil have come to pass? The mourning and the wailing in our land has become a general trend ever since the children have arrived. It began when the children related what had happened in Teheran to those people who had visited them there, and continued when they narrated what had happened to them on the trip from Teheran to Palestine. Shocking deeds which make it impossible for the eye to remain tearless, for the heart not to melt. The storm and wailing grew greater after we all saw what kind of children they were. It is not only the majority of them, but rather almost every single one comes from the best of Orthodox Jewry in Galicia and Poland. Children who were raised to pure Judaism, who were provided the basics of Torah and fear of G-d, without any compromises, and - woe! what has happened to them, what is being done to them in Palestine! Every effort is being put forth so that not a single one of these children will remain religious. The entire community of the Holy Land is witness to the deeds and the behavior of the "guardians" of these children who are not permitting a single religious spark to reach them. They hold them tightly, so that only they and their guides will govern the children physically and spiritually, through every single means of compulsion and seduction. About this, the entire Yishuv is



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