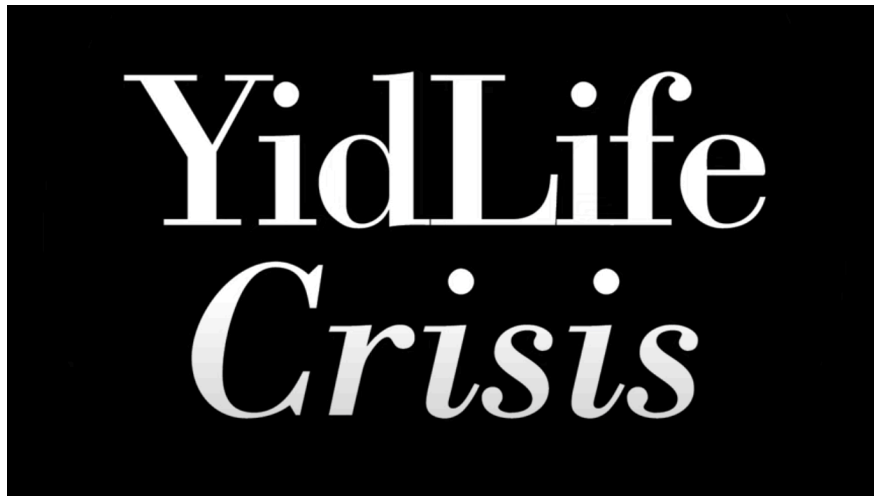


**Anti Semitism today (as if it were different from yesterday).**



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Anti-Zionism is almost always anti-Semitic in part because it applies hatred to the greater majority of the world's Jews. Today, it is going through yet another permutation or as some would put it, simply a virus-like mutation. Sound familiar? If so, read on . . .

This most recent mutation does not focus hatred on Jews because of their faith, (as that would be just too obvious to the current permutation of Jew-racists), but on the Jews as a nation. In our weekly gatherings, I have pointed out on numerous occasions that Judaism has, on the one hand, a faith character, what some would refer to as a religious component, and just as importantly, a national component.

Prior to the advent of a more modern and secular Zionism (hardly any longer the case), it was Wilhelm Marr in 1879 who coined the term "anti-Semitism" specifically intending to promote hating Jews as a distinct race -- all of which was intended for his introduction of a new and virulent Jew-hatred which justified denying all Jews — regardless of their professed faith or level of religious observance — equal rights. This development was somewhat prescient as an early anti-Zionism seeking to deny the Jewish people, among all the peoples on earth, national rights.

In previous mutations, Jews, among all peoples on earth, were demonized as the primary cause of most (if not all) of the world's problems. Anti-Zionism demonizes Israel, the 'Jew among the nations,' as the primary cause of the worlds' problems.

In the previous mutations, Jews were baby-killers (in somewhat of a stunning reversal of the Pharaoh's order of tossing Jew babies into the Nile). It is not difficult to 'imagine the

images' of Jewish babies, without the need for exaggeration, to be tossed into the death camp furnaces while still alive. Anti-Zionism demonizes the Jewish state as a unique predator-state and as a “baby-killer,” again using the same imagery of countless centuries of '*Blood Libel*' in which Jews were accused of kidnapping Christian babies and draining their blood in order to make their *Passover Matzot*. If you think I am exaggerating, think again and please by all means, study the subject. The *Blood Libel* in and around Easter and Passover was the very thing which set off countless pogroms over the centuries and not by coincidence, always emerged around the very time for Passover preparations and Christian renditions of Passion Plays showing the Passion of the Christ at the hands of the murderous and collaborating Jews. I point this out because the *Blood Libel* was not originally a phenomenon of a Czarist *Neanderthal* Eastern Europe, but in point of fact originated in the more 'refined and cultured regions and states of Western Europe.'

In previous mutations, Jews were demonized as controlling banks (the Rothschilds come to mind), the media, and governments. Current United States Congressional Representative **Ihan Omar illustrated**, represents an Anti-Zionism which demonizes Israel and Zionists as controlling banks, media, and our own government. While she has been free in expressing her now repeated dictum of "It's all about the Benjamins," make no mistake, these same mantras of anti-Semitism are regularly repeated by those on the far right as well. An important aspect of anti-Semitism which remains from previous mutations is the attempted erasure of the Jewish people. Erasure first appeared in the efforts to forcibly convert Jews in both Europe and the Middle East, followed by countless and untold persecutions of those who did not convert. This was followed by the attempted physical erasure of the Jewish people all of which culminated in the *Shoah* (also known anachronistically as the *Holocaust*). After the Jewish people was able to re-establish and successfully defend their sovereignty in Israel, the next phase of erasure was against the very facts of history (i.e. 'Holocaust Denial' is all the rage on both the 'Left and the Right').

George Orwell famously **said**, “The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their (own) understanding of their history.” After numerous failed attempts (ongoing) by multiple regional armies and their minions to physically erase the Jewish state, even predating the state in the guise of terror and pogroms, the erasure of Jewish history continues to play a prominent role in this new anti-Zionism mutation of anti-Semitism.

We see it in the statements of prominent figures who regularly refer to **Jewish control** of American politicians, along with their disciples who callously continue to claim that “Jesus was a Palestinian.” This “Jesus was a Palestinian” erasure was also taken up by none other than the **Linda Sarsour** types who take great pains to show her philo-Semitism by donating monies to repair vandalized Jewish cemeteries. I do find this ironic in that she shows her love of the Jewish people by honoring sacred space hallowed and dedicated to our dead. We also see this attempted erasure in claims by officials of the Palestinian so called authority and their 'friends' all of whom deny any Jewish connection to the Temple Mount, to Jerusalem or for that matter to any **part of the Land of Israel**.

The far-right certainly leads the way in promoting what I have referred to before as a racialized or racist version of anti-Semitism. But in this most current mutation, we hear this from the left as well. Witness Congressman Rashida Tlaib and her T-Shirts which depict a map of the Middle East without Israel, witness our own Professor Marcus Lamont Hill of Temple University (yes, you read that right) and his recitation of the "River to the Sea Mantra" (which calls for wiping Israel off the map), or Congressman Hank Johnson as he refers to Israelis living in Judea and Samaria as 'termites' in 2016 in a Nazi-like description of Jews picked up two years later by Louis Farrakhan, a hero to many on both the far-left and even unbelievably on the far right.

Very few are rationally able to excuse Farrakhan's vitriol, and even on occasion they even will find reasons to rationalize the 'I am only anti-Zionist' anti-Semitism. Unlike far-right anti-Semitism, this anti-Semitism appears to be far more prevalent in the American mainstream, in particular on American college campuses.

Of course, we should not have to wait for our schools, universities, and political parties to become infected with anti-Zionist anti-Semitism before we realize it is dangerous. All of this is already here. This does not mean we have to excuse or become tolerant of any of the new anti-Semitisms. We should not and cannot. And given how fast far-left anti-Semitism has grown over the last 20 years and now has caught up with the far right, we must begin anew to recognize it for what it is and vocally demonstrate a new and renewed zero-tolerance for it.

The one true way is to study the past, read the signs and acquire the skills that Daniel possessed in the not too distant past, learn to read the writing on the wall and become uncompromising in our actions to defend ourselves appropriately and uncompromisingly against these vicious cycles of history and act accordingly.

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Warm regards,

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