Why Do They Hate Us ?

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Very little that is written here will come as a surprise to the readers. Most are familiar with the historical events mentioned, and their emunah leads them straight to the conclusion at the end of the essay. Nevertheless, even the most obvious concepts can be overlooked if we don’t focus on them. Hence, I undertook to write these thoughts.

**Why Antisemitism?**

 To many people, the precise cause of antisemitism has always been an enormous mystery. Why do they hate us? Why do they persecute us so relentlessly? What could we possibly have done to them to elicit such fierce hatred? No nation in the world has ever undergone and suffered that which we have endured. True, other nations have also been persecuted sometimes, but their suffering was not long lasting. But Jews have borne the brunt of this hatred almost constantly for at least 2000 years. If there is temporary quiet for Jews in one corner of the world, there are Jews being persecuted in some other corner of the world. Throughout history, whenever kings or nations needed a scapegoat to deflect criticism from themselves, the Jew was invariably the chosen candidate.

 Countless attempts have been made to explain this perplexing phenomenon. All such attempts have failed to produce any sensible explanation for something so intrinsically irrational. The more we perceive that there is not, *and cannot be*, a rational explanation in human terms for antisemitism, the more obvious it becomes that this needs to be understood only in Heavenly terms. We need to turn to our Torah to see that all that has happened was predicted and explained in advance in no uncertain terms.

**Nothing has changed**

 Let us go back as far as the story of Purim, since absolutely nothing has changed since then. Here is a Midrash in Esther Raba (7:17):

*“Raish Lakish said, ‘When Haman said to Achashverosh, ‘Come! Let us destroy Yisroel from the world.’ Achashverosh said to him, ‘You will not be able to overcome them, because their G-d will never completely desert them. Come and see what He did to the earlier kings who were before us, who stretched their hands out on them. They were greater and mightier than we are, yet whoever came upon them (the Jews) to destroy them from the world, and who plotted against them, were taken from the world and made into an example for the whole world. We, who are not as great as they, how much more so. Stop talking about this and take back this idea.’ Nevertheless, Haman pestered Achashverosh constantly about this, advising him evil plans against Yisroel. Achashverosh said to him, ‘If this is the case, let us take counsel from the nations and the magicians.’ Immediately, he sent to gather the wise men of all the nations in the world. They all came before him. Achashverosh said to them, ‘Do you want to destroy this nation from the world?’ They all said to him in unison, ‘Who is this and which one is this that would fill his heart to do so, and wants to get involved in this? If you destroy Yisroel from the world, the world only exists because of the Torah that was given to them ….. and not only that, but all the idol worshippers are called strangers before Hakadosh Baruch Hu, and Yisroel are called His closest ….. and His first born …. and His children. No nation is closer to Him. Any person who wants to send his hand on His closest, His children, how can he escape? He is ruler over all above and all that is below, and the life of all those living is in His hand to lift higher or to lower, to cause death or to keep alive. Go and contemplate the earlier kings. Because they stretched out their hands against Yisroel, like Pharaoh and Sancheriv, what happened to them?’*

 *Immediately, Haman said to them, ‘The G-d that drowned Pharaoh and did all the mighty miracles that you heard, is already old and not able to do anything. Nevuchadnetzar already arose and destroyed His house. burnt His palace, exiled Yisroel and scattered them among the nations. Where is His strength and His might, when He is already old? ….. Immediately they all accepted his words and agreed to his plan.”*

 Seemingly, it was crystal clear to them that the Am Yisroel is the purpose of all creation. But the second they heard Haman’s reassurance that they had nothing to fear, they enthusiastically agreed to wipe out the Jewish people. Why? Why this seething hatred and desire to annihilate us? (If we close our eyes and imagine Haman speaking in front of the UN, we can easily picture the exact same response from today’s nations).

**The Church and their venomous hatred**

 For most of the last two thousand years, the hatred of the nations against us was attributed to religion. The Christian church was fanatical in the belief in their saviour, and Jews almost always staunchly refused to accept their faith. Since it was an insult to them, we assumed that that was why they hated us. Their Popes, and priests in their churches, incited the populace against the Jews constantly, especially before their holidays, to the point where Jews were afraid to walk in the street. (We’re currently starting to learn a little about what it’s like to be afraid to walk in the street).

 Not only was this true of the Catholics in Rome, but the Protestants, too, were equally as vicious. After the Reformation in the 1500’s, Martin Luther wrote a book of *sixty thousand words*, called “The Jews and Their Lies.” Originally, he had said nice things about Jews because he thought they would accept his new sect, but when they didn’t, he turned against them most viciously. In that book, he recommended that the Jews be killed, their synagogues burnt, and their money taken away, etc. He called them the worst names and accused them of being the lowest and most immoral of all people. Sixty thousand words; that’s what he needed to express his hatred of the Jewish people.

 The Nazis, *yimach sh’mam*, did not innovate anything in all their accusations and lies about the Jews. All their anti-Jewish ranting were merely a carbon copy of the Church’s writings.

**Crusades and other historical events**

       We suffered terribly during the Crusades. When Christian armies were marching to free Jerusalem from the Moslems, they stopped off to murder Jews all along their trek. Entire Jewish communities were wiped out because we were “heretics”.

 During the Black Plague in the fourteenth century, the blame was placed on the Jews. They claimed that we poisoned the wells or put a curse on them. The fact that Jews were also affected made no difference.

 After the Christians reconquered Spain from the Moslems, there were pogroms against all the Jewish communities for a hundred years before the expulsion. Towards the end, the perpetrators of the Spanish Inquisition afflicted us in their torture chambers, and those whom they considered heretics were burnt at the stake. All this with the approval and encouragement of the Pope in Rome.

 The Cossacks in the Ukraine in 1648 and 1649 had a grudge against their landlords. The Jews worked for the landlords, so they took it out on the Jews, whom they anyway hated for their religion. They brutally slaughtered a third of the Jews in Poland. The only advantage the Nazis had over them later on was technology, the machinery to carry out mass murder.

So, for millennia we could have mistakenly thought that their hatred was due only to our refusal to accept their religions. Should their religious fanaticism ever come to an end, surely anti-Semitism would also come to an end. History has shown us otherwise. As soon as the European nations turned to secularism, they came up with a venomous new brand of hatred: racial antisemitism. They hate us because we are who we are.

**The blood libel**

 In 4904, (1144), a lie was spread that the Jews make a secret pact to kill a Christian child every year. Eventually they made up a story that Jews use the blood to mix into their Pesach matzos. The blood libel was perpetrated against us for a full eight hundred years. There is no nation in the world that despises eating blood as do the Jewish people. Jews throw away an egg if there is even one tiny drop of blood inside.You can be sure that even if the victims admitted their “crime” under torture, it never had a drop of truth to it. For eight hundred years, this libel spread all over Europe. Entire communities were wiped out. There was even such a libel brought against the Jews of Damascus in 1840. The last two instances of the blood libel were in the twentieth century. In 1911, the Mendel Beilis trial took place in Russia. The phony story was so badly put together that even the Russian court had to eventually admit that he was innocent. In 1928, in Massena, New York, Jews were accused of killing a missing Christian child to extract his blood to use in the matzos. Rabbi Berel Wein says that he knew somebody from that town who remembered that the missing child was eventually found. This is the story of the Jewish people.

**The Jewish plot to take over the world**

        There exists a book called “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.” It was written by an unknown author about a hundred and twenty years ago, and the basic theme was that the Jews have a secret organization which is trying to take over the world. Henry Ford, the inventor of the model T-Ford, was a terrible antisemite and owned a newspaper called The Dearborn Independent. He ran a series of 91 articles with a theme similar to the Protocols. The Nazis used the book to arouse Jew hatred. This book is still in use today. The Muslims propagandize their murderous intentions using this book today. Numerous writers declared a hundred years ago that the book is a fake. Where is the alleged office of this Jewish organization that’s trying to take over the world? Who was present at their meetings? None of this makes any difference to our enemies. The facts on the ground are all meaningless to them. It’s the lies and the hatred that count.

**Jew hatred in Russia**

 When Nikolai the First died, his successor was Alexander the Second, who lightened some of the restriction on the Jews. Many people deluded themselves into thinking that antisemitism had finally come to an end, and that now they would be able to gain equal rights. The latter half of the 19th century in Russia was witness to what was probably the worst antisemitism that ever took place in Russia. There was a series of pogroms, organized by the government, towards the end of the 1800s. Many do not know that it was Gedolei Yisroel who were secretly behind the effort to inform the other nations of the world what was going on, to arouse them to put pressure on the Russian government to stop the attacks. Indeed, the nations protested. Letters came from the governments of the United States, England, and others. The Czar replied that *it’s all the Jews’ own fault*. They brought it upon themselves, and the people are rising up against them. That’s what he answered, they brought it upon themselves, so what do you want from me? The truth was, of course, that all Russia’s problems were caused by the Czar, but he needed a scapegoat to deflect the blame from himself, and that was the Jews. The Jews always seem to be the most convenient scapegoat.

**German Jew hatred**

 Hitler wrote his book Mein Kampf in the 1920’s while under house arrest. He clearly spelled out his racial theories, and how he wanted to destroy the Jews. It’s all absolute insanity, yet somehow he became the leader, the Fuhrer, elected by eighty million Germans who cheered for him as perhaps for no one ever before. The Nazis committed atrocities all through the ‘30’s. When Kristallnacht happened, they blamed the Jews for it, even though it was obviously organized by the government. They said it was all the Jews own fault. They brought it all on themselves, because they’re such terrible people. So the German people arose spontaneously against them. The Nazis made the Jewish community pay an exorbitant fine to clean up all the mess that was made by Kristallnacht **‬**‬‬‬.‬‬‬‬

**Polish Jew hatred**

 Jews lived in Poland for a thousand years. They were originally invited in by one of the kings because he recognized their value to the country. The Jews contributed very much to Poland, as they did in basically every country where they were dispersed. After the First World War, the Treaty of Versailles stipulated that the newly independent countries cannot discriminate against minorities. The Poles paid no heed to this. The first thing they did was turn virulently antisemitic. They boycotted Jewish businesses, cut off all their sources of livelihood, and said, “Jews go home.” Home? Hadn’t we lived there for the last thousand years? As much as the Poles will deny this left and right, we know that the Polish people handed over the Jews to the Nazis out of hatred and so that they could take away their possessions.

 There was a pogrom in Kielce, Poland, after the war was over, in 1946. The Poles weren’t satisfied with what the Nazis had done.

**Under Moslem rule**

Mohammed did the same thing as did Martin Luther, who came after him. Although there are some statements in the Koran that seem positive about the Jews, but when he saw that they wouldn’t accept Islam, he turned against them. Most of the Quran is full of threats and curses against those who do not accept the belief in Mohammed, but especially against Jews. Just as it was under the Christians, we were always officially considered second class citizens by the Muslims. They put numerous restrictions on us because we didn’t believe in their prophet. There were many times when fanatic Muslim rulers attempted to force everyone to convert to their religion, in a manner similar to ISIS. Nevertheless, for those of our people who lived under the Moslems, life was generally easier than it was in Europe under the Christians.

**Allies of our attackers**

 Throughout history, when our nation was attacked, other nations were happy to join our enemies and prevent Jews from escaping. This was the case after the destruction of Bayis Rishon by the Babylonians, and during the destruction of the Bayis Shaini by the Romans. More recently, during World War Two, many European nations participated eagerly in the slaughter of Jews; Ukrainians, Lithuanians, Poles, Romanians, etc.

**False promises**

 Various Jewish movements have suggested causes of antisemitism and promised to remove it. All the anti-Torah groups that arose in the last 200 years promised that if their movement will only be successful, antisemitism will disappear. German Jews believed that melting into German culture would do the trick. Hundreds of thousands converted to Christianity, and those who did not want to convert adopted Reform, which imitated the church service and even permitted intermarriage. We saw that the Nazis did not neglect to hate and kill even the ones who had been baptized generations earlier or their descendants.

 The Haskalah movement in Eastern Europe promised Russian Jewry that if they will secularize and modernize, the nations will respect them. They won’t discriminate against Jews anymore, and the Jews will gain equal rights. It didn’t work. The anti-Semitism in Russia in the latter half of the 1800s was absolutely ferocious.

 The Zionist movement started with the promise that if we would only have our own state, the nations will view us as “normal.” This would surely remove antisemitism from the world. Sitting here today, in

 Socialism also promised universal peace. It was a dismal failure. Every explanation of Jew hatred was totally wrong. It makes no sense in human terms. No sense at all. As we say in the Hagadah, “In every generation they rise up against us to destroy us, and

**Holocaust denial**

 No historical event has been more thoroughly documented than the Holocaust. There are movies, pictures, a film of Eisenhower entering the concentration camp. The Nazis made a museum where they kept records of their millions of victims. It contains sixteen miles of shelving. This museum was opened to the public a few years ago. After the war, the Germans paid reparations to those who were willing to accept them, probably billions of dollars. Would they have paid if it had never happened? Maybe the deniers would say that the Nazis were in cahoots with the Zionist lies?

**A few more questions**

• Why is the world so concerned with the Palestinians “right of return,” but has completely ignored the 850,000 Jewish residents of Arab countries who had to flee for their lives in 1948 when the Jewish state was declared. They escaped with only the shirt on their backs

 • Why is Israel accused of being an apartheid state, if Arabs and all other ethnic groups are eligible for hospital treatment, and entrance to universities**?** How do non-Arab minorities fair in Arab countries, by comparison?

• Why are there no protests against Iran, Russia, North Korea, Syria, Pakistan and Yemen with known records of human rights abuses?

• There is a movement called BDS, which boycotts anything that’s done in Israel because, after all, they’ve taken the territories away from the Palestinians, and we’re not treating the Palestinians fairly. Are we the worst? Even according to them, are we the worst?

• The Muslims claim that we have no history on the Temple Mount. It is exclusively their holy place, and we never had a country in the territory of Israel. This is utter nonsense. The Muslim religion officially believes in the

• We never could have imagined, even in our worst nightmares, that there would be such suppressed hatred under the surface as we have seen since the occurrences of October 7, and how difficult it is for some to condemn the perpetrators and sympathize with the victims.

• Jews brought a blessing to every country where they were dispersed, in commerce, in medicine, and in their refined way of life compared to the life of the gentiles around them. What logic is there in all this hatred of Jews?

• It is hard to believe that it is currently unsafe for a Jewish student in the universities. We all know of the current scandal whereby presidents of the most prestigious universities were unwilling to state that violent genocidal protests against Jews contradict the code of humanitarianism in their school. What did we do to them to bring about such virulent hatred? This is the question to which there is no answer, when we try to seek an explanation in human terms.

• When the current war started, most of the nations were horrified by the atrocities and declared that Hamas must be completely eliminated. Now, almost the whole world has reversed its position and is singing a very different tune, **a** tune that is contrary to the facts on the ground and all common sense. Why is this?

**Some speculations**

 If you ask people for their thoughts on why they hate us, you may come up with a number of answers. Some may say that they are jealous of us. Jews are so successful in business and are heavily represented in the professions. Based on the smallness of their population, there should be only a handful of Jewish doctors and lawyers. Yet, the percentage is way out of proportion to their numbers. There are many very wealthy Jews, about whom the antisemites fabricate a libel that rich Jews make their money dishonestly.

 As already mentioned, some say they hate us because of our religion, and our refusal to accept their beliefs. Our distinctly Jewish look annoys them, such as tzitzis hanging out or payos, black hats and being fully dressed even in summertime, when gentiles are shedding as much clothing as they can get away with. Others may say that they hate us because we are encroaching on their space, when formerly gentile or black neighborhoods become primarily Jewish.

 All these speculations may have some truth, sometimes, but hardly sufficient to justify the venomous hatred we have undergone. Certainly, there are times when jealousy arouses their hatred, or their fanatical adherence to their religions causes them to despise us. However, whenever these factors are not present, *they still hate us*. There were very few wealthy Jews in poverty stricken Russia. Everyone knew that the Czar was the cause of all the Russian people’s misery. Yet, when the government blamed everything on the Jews, the populace jumped on the hatred bandwagon with passionate violence. When one of these causes is not present, there is always something else to fan the flames of *sinas Yisroel*.

**Cause and effect**

 From our this-worldly perspective, everything that happens has a cause that results in a certain effect. This is correct. In *lashon hakodesh*, a cause is called a *siba*. When someone slips on a banana peel, he may be injured. If someone leaves his keys in his car, a thief may steal it. And so it is with everything that happens in this world. One thing leads to another, cause and effect. If Jews are wealthy, the goyim may hate us out of jealousy. If a gentile neighborhood is turning Jewish, that can be a sufficient cause for them to hate us.

 What we sometimes fail to remember, however, is that the Ribono shel Olam is the *mesabev hasibos,* the ultimate cause behind all causes. He has all the resources of the universe at His disposal. Therefore, when He has an agenda, He can bring it about by utilizing the causes that will result in the desired effect.

 If Hashem decides that someone should be injured, he arranges that someone should drop a banana peel in the spot where the designated individual is about to walk. If his car is supposed to be stolen, Hashem causes him to be in a rush and leave his keys in the car.

 What determines the final outcome? *Mankind’s free will choices,* be they the choices of one individual, a community, a nation, or even of the entire world. The Creator, Yisborach, weighs all the merits and demerits on His heavenly scale, and responds accordingly. We, of course, are not privy to this information, so we only see the immediate cause and effect.

**What, then is the truth?**

So, the puzzling question is as clear as can be, but we will soon see that so, too, is the answer.

**All foretold**

 I am sure you already know, dear readers, that the answer to all of this is crystal clear. But let’s refresh our memories by opening up a Chumash and listen to what the Ribono shel Olam has said on the matter. The Torah warned us that if we break the covenant we made with Hashem and stray from the path of Torah we will be severely punished. Our cities will be destroyed, multitudes will die and the rest will go into exile. This warning is stated in two places in the Torah, the first referring to the destruction of the First Bais Hamikdash by Babylonia, and the second referring to the destruction of the Second Bais Hamikdash by Rome. Following this second section, in just a few short verses, there is a description of the pattern of life we will have to undergo while in exile. It is precisely the story of what happened to us over the last two thousand years. We have, indeed as predicted, remained small in number, been scattered from one end of the earth to the other, been persecuted and banished from host countries time and time again. All is foretold explicitly in the Chumash. But here is the verse we will focus on: “It will come to pass, just as Hashem rejoiced over you to do good to you and to increase you, so will He cause others **to rejoice over you to destroy you** and to wipe you out.” (Devarim 28:63)

 So there you have it! The secret is out, as clear as can be. There is no need to search for theories to explain a phenomenon that cannot be explained in human terms. As long as we have not yet done proper teshuva and are still in exile for our sins, our enemies will have a passionate hatred for us, to the point where they will literally rejoice to destroy us. There is no need to search for a rationale to explain the phenomenon of anti-Semitism. Hashem already explained it in no uncertain terms.

 Now you understand why the nonsensical lies and false accusations never end, and why the silly solutions proposed never work. Antisemites do not care about humanitarianism or whose land Palestine should really be. It makes no difference to them if Jews really mixed blood into their matzos. It’s all just an excuse, an outlet for the lust of Jew hating.

 You will surely wonder why this hatred has flared up now more than ever since the Holocaust. Here is the explanation from the Vilna Gaon, as interpreted by R’ Elchanan Wasserman. Rav Elchonon quotes a statement from the Vilna Gaon. “This world is a replica of the World Above.” So wrote the Vilna Gaon. R’ Elchanan explains what the Gaon meant to say by that. He says, if you stand in front of a fruit store and see in the store window plastic fruits-plums, oranges, apples; you understand that the real fruits are inside and this is merely a replica of what’s inside. What’s happening in this world is a replica of what’s happening Above. When you see an increase in antisemitism, in *sinas Yisroel*, it’s because there is a terrible *kitrug* (accusation) against Am Yisroel in Heaven. Hashem is saying, “I am not pleased with my peoples’ actions.”

**The words of the nevi’im are all true**

 The Tanach is a letter to us from Heaven. One of the thirteen principles of faith is that “All the words of the prophets are true.” The more familiar we would be with the content of their words, the less puzzling questions we would have about history and current events.

 The prophets told us repeatedly that our enemies are merely a stick in the hands of Hakados Baruch Hu. He sent them as a tool, when his infinite wisdom dictated that His chosen nation needs to be punished. Sancheriv, king of Ashur, exiled the ten tribes, five sixths of our people. Yeshaya said in Hashem’s name, “Woe Ashur! The stick of My wrath.” Concerning Sancheriv’s arrogance, Hashem said, “Can the ax be vain over the one who chops with it?”

 The Novi Amos reports how the people of the ten tribes were smitten over and over again, thrice with periods of extreme hunger from drought and locusts, once with a plague and once with the sword of their enemies. After each report, he says in Hashem’s name, “And you haven’t returned to me,’ says Hashem.” The Neviim repeatedly told them that all their tzaros were a message from above to do teshuva.

 So, the all the Sancherivs, Nevuchadnetzars and Hamans were no fluke of an accident. The Cossacks and the Spanish Inquisition did not just happen in a vacuum. Nor are the terrorist of our time, or the antisemitic protesters anything else but a stick in His hand. All the nations that have made an about face to condemn the state of Israel, are actually all part of Hashem Yisborach’s agenda. It is our task to figure out what Hashem wants from us.

 We have been promised that there will be a final redemption with the coming of Moshiach. Rambam states, “Yisroel can only be redeemed with teshuva, and the Torah has promised that Yisroel will indeed do teshuva at the end of their galus.”

**How do we continue to survive?**

With all this hatred, two thousand years, ghettos, pogroms, how have we survived? This too is written clearly in our

 The Novi Yirmiyahu said, “So said

 So, it’s no wonder that there is still an Am Yisroel, in spite of all we’ve endured. Hashem has promised that only when the sun, the moon, the stars, and the waves of the sea will no longer exist will the Jewish people no longer be Hashem’s nation.

**Preordained?**

 The Torah commands that when someone builds a new house, he must make a railing around the roof. Otherwise, “the one who falls will fall off.” Chazal tell us that he is called “the one who falls” because he was worthy of falling “since the six days of Creation.” How can we understand this? Doesn’t every person have free will? The fellow who fell from the roof could have chosen to be a great tzadik, someone who surely should not deserve to fall off the roof. And certainly not from the beginning of Creation.

 Furthermore, we read in a pasuk in Eichah that “The bad and the good do not come from the word of the One above.” The simple meaning, as per the context of the verses there, would imply that whatever happens to us is a result of our deeds. Rashi in his commentary, however, quotes a very puzzling Midrash. “Rav Yochanan said, ‘From the day that Hakadosh Baruch said, ‘Behold I have placed before you life and good, etc, no evil or good has come forth from His word. Rather, the evil comes of itself (automatically) to the doer of evil, and the good to the doer of good.” What can this mean? Isn’t every decision coming directly from Hashem Yisborach?

 Perhaps these two puzzling statements of Chazal can be understood in the following manner. Because Hashem created the world in a way that mankind will have total free will to do either good or evil, nothing is predetermined in advance. The person may be very worthy of good, or perhaps the opposite. However, Hakadosh Baruch Hu foresaw all the possible free will choices that people could make, and prepared His heavenly response to each and every one. Hence, it was already decided from the six days of Creation that the person who would choose to do all the things that the “faller” chose to do, would indeed fall. No new decision needs to be made. Hashem has set everything up in advance, but all based on the good or bad choices that people make.

**Just this writer’s speculation**

Rav Elchonon Wasserman poses a question on a verse in Yeshaya, which states that the Jewish people were punished doubly for all their sins. Don’t we learn in other places in Tanach that Hashem punishes us less than we actually deserve? He answers as follows: When Hashem wants to get a warning message to Am Yisroel, He brings it on the whole world so as not to single out His people. If they don’t wake up and take notice, He then brings a *tzara* directly on Klal Yisroel. That is what is meant by their being smitten doubly.

 When Hashem brought the plague of Covid, it affected the whole world, but the message was really meant for us to arouse ourselves to teshuva. So Covid passed, and most people have gone right back to life as before, with very little change. So now He brings unmistakable *tzaros* specifically on the Jewish people, because He wants them to do teshuva. Yes, it’s only my personal speculation, but perhaps it is correct.

 We haven’t heard such words of hate and vilification since the time of the Second World War. We dare not let life just continue on without our being humbled, and mustering up as much improvement as we possibly can – in Torah, tefilah, honesty, and all other facets of our service to Hashem.

**In conclusion**

 As stated, all that happens is a message from Hashem. He awaits our complete and enthusiastic return to Him. It is not in the purview of this essay, nor is this author capable of prescribing precisely what Klal Yisroel as a whole and each indvidual need to do to find favor in Hashem’s eyes once again and merit the geulah. However, everyone can easily identify many areas that need improvement. Our Creator has all the resources of the universe at his disposal. He can bring the *geulah* as soon as we are deserving. It is my hope that the message written here will be internalized, and we will soon be *zoche* to complete teshuva and to the ultimate redemption. Amen!

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