

# MANIFESTO OF TORAH-TRUE JEWRY

THE CURRENT POLITICAL crisis and paralysis in the state of Israel is both tragic and laughable. But for Torah Jews it is painful beyond tolerance. The entire world press and media has focused on the bizarre twists and turns of the political 'horse-trading' that each of the contending parties offer to their respective coalition partners. An entire world has been summoned to watch and mock how small 'religious' parties who provide the votes needed to tip the scale in favor of one party or the other have learned from their secular counterparts to maneuver with their coveted vote for the desired leverage and power.

All of this tends to confuse and confound the overriding issue of what is the position of the authentic Torah-True Jewish Community.

The public has been terribly misled when it accepts the notion that the Torah can be interpreted to mean that one should support those who espouse a militant right-wing point of view, or one should support a more conciliatory and moderate point of view on the left. We, therefore,

deem it our obligation to articulate and clarify the genuine view of the Torah-True Jewish Community, that is unaffiliated with any partisan group and to transcend the narrow political issue of coalition relationships in favor of the more fundamental issue of a sovereign Jewish State in our holy land. It is a basic Halachic (Jewish Law) rule that Jews must not take the holy land with force, and that Jews must not establish a land and government in Eretz Yisrael before the coming of the Messiah. Only the Messiah King will redeem Jews from the dispersion and exile and will reestablish the Kingdom for Jews in Eretz Yisrael.

The very establishment of a government and statehood in our holy land is a cardinal sin that incorporates several very serious sins; rejection of faith in the coming of Mashiach, rebellion against the Kingdom of G-D, rejection of faith in the gathering of the exiles, rebellion against the nations of the world and the spilling of blood. This is quite apart from the horrendous sins of the Zionist power in the area of uprooting

the fundamental tenets of our faith and suppression of religion and religious faith.

Religious Jews are forbidden from participation, actively or passively, in such a power structure. Our mentors and leaders in all previous generations have always warned against working together with those sinners and disbelievers without regard to 'right wing' or 'left wing'. Our Torah does not recognize such distinctions. It has only one criteria of differentiation observant and pious Jews, and those who renounce the yoke of Torah and Mitzvos. It does not delineate any difference between those who eat pork or rabbits and those who are otherwise rebellious. Partnership with any of these rebels is forbidden.

At a time when the press and media report daily that a religious leader of one camp supports one faction and another religious leader supports another group that has a policy of 'not one inch' of the occupied territories; at such a time it is urgent that the authentic Jewish voice be heard that:

**THE TORAH DOES NOT ALLOW TORAH JEWS TO SUPPORT A POWER THAT IS A REBEGADE OF TORAH IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS POLITICAL PERSUASION.**

**THE TORAH DOES NOT SUGGEST OCCUPYING TERRITORIES OR RETAINING SUCH TERRITORIES. IT DOES SAY THAT NOT ONE JEWISH LIFE SHOULD BE SACRIFICED EVEN FOR THE ENTIRE STATEHOOD. WHOEVER SAYS OTHERWISE DISTORTS TORAH.**

**JEWS ARE NOT A PEOPLE OF WAR. JEWS DO NOT SPILL BLOOD. JEWS ALWAYS WERE, AND STILL ARE, READY TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR FAITH AND FOR THE SACRED TORAH, BUT NOT FOR TERRITORIES.**

How painful and dangerous it is for us to observe how the U.S. Government seeks to avoid further bloodshed in the Middle-East and to see it torpedoed by some Jewish spiritual leaders.

We, the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have taken an oath not to rebel against the nations of the world, and not to take sovereignty by ourselves before the coming of Mashiach. Jews cannot sacrifice Jewish lives -

for statehood or territories. Jews believe in the ultimate and eternal redemption and eagerly await the coming of Mashiach who will redeem us from our dispersion and return us to Eretz Yisrael.

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