



PURSUING SHALOM IN FACE OF A RISING TIDE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

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WHAT IS ANTI-SEMITISM?

A form of discrimination against the vulnerable?

Brennan (1995), *Dehumanizing the Vulnerable:
When Word Games Take Lives*

Rhetorical strategies (unborn, disabled, females,
Jews, Blacks: deficient humans, subhuman,
lower animals, parasites, diseases)

Gold (1996): Jews in N. America suffer similar, but
less visible discrimination, incl. in SSWs.

HOW IS ANTI-SEMITISM DIFFERENT?

- ❖ Gold calls for putting anti-Semitism “on the anti-racist agenda” in SSWs. Yes, but
- ❖ Consider the stereotypes - cf. Roma discriminated against in Europe, killed by Nazis (250,000)
- ❖ but not accused of conspiring to take over the world, controlling media, entertainment, banks

JEWES ARE NOT BABY SEALS

- ❖ Not seen as poor, defenseless, vulnerable, uneducated victims - cf. Palestinian leaders: victim status as weapon in diplomatic war
- ❖ Anti-Semitism rife on Left and far Right (socialists and national socialists) and throughout Muslim world (Malaysia, Pakistan, N. Africa, Sudan) and among immigrants to Europe
- ❖ Rising tide of anti-Semitism in the West, primarily on Left, not Right as in 20th century
- ❖ Anti-Semitism on campus: BDS, Occupy movements

A LONG HISTORY

- ❖ Part of European history for 1,000 years
- ❖ religious, racial, and economic elements
- ❖ Connected to building nations and nationalism
- ❖ first expulsion of Jews from a European country was in England (Edward I, 1290)
- ❖ Followed in France, Germany, Spain, and others
- ❖ 19th century: nationalist and racist strain paramount, religious fades - Jews as “cosmopolitan,” not part of nation

ANTI-SEMITISM SINCE 2000

- ❖ My focus is on anti-Semitism since 2000, in Islamic world, in Europe and U.S.
- ❖ *Both* in its blatant and violent expressions
- ❖ *and* as exhibited by govt.s, media, and on Left
- ❖ Relation of anti-Zionism to anti-Semitism

ANTI-SEMITISM & THE MUSLIM WORLD

- ❖ A-S is extreme, violent, and taught from early childhood throughout the Muslim world
- ❖ e.g., madrassas throughout Pakistan, funded by Saudi Arabia as core of the educational system, teach extreme A-S
- ❖ Daniel Pearl, journalist for WSJ, abducted, required to say, My father's Jewish, my mother's Jewish, I'm Jewish.
- ❖ then beheaded, his body cut into 10 pieces, and video of the killing released, *Slaughter of the Spy-Journalist, the Jew Daniel Pearl.*

ANTI-SEMITISM & ARAB INTELLECTUALS

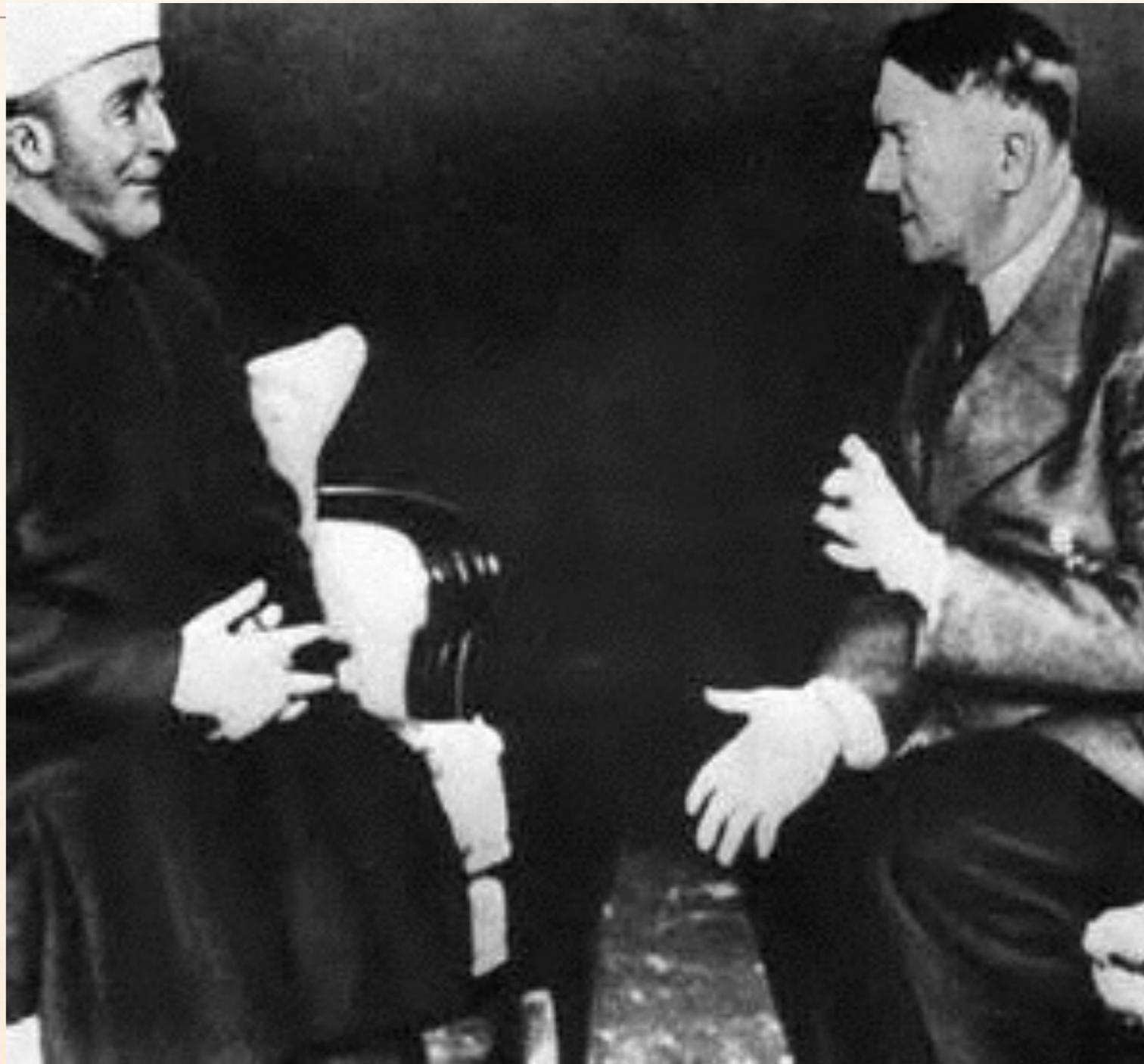
- ❖ A-S a key part of Arab intellectual life, no less in Egypt and Jordan despite peace agreements.
- ❖ Bogus history, forgeries, Holocaust denial
 - ❖ *Protocols* from Czarist Russia endlessly republished and circulated as fact; *Mein Kampf* (100s found in Arafat's tent after fled Lebanon)
 - ❖ Oslo accords: PLO promised to stop spewing hate, but instead increased it throughout schools, media

GAZA FASHION, NOV 1, 2015



- ❖ A clothing store - called Hitler - with knife-wielding mannequins, Gaza City

HITLER AND THE GRAND MUFTI



❖ Berlin,

❖ 1941

PALESTINIANS, ISRAEL, JEWS

- ❖ Palestinian movement begins in Jew-hatred led by Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Hajj Amin al-Husseini
 - ❖ organizes pogroms (1920s, 1930s)
 - ❖ rejects any presence of or peace with Jews - Peel Commission 1939
 - ❖ allies with Hitler, urges extermination of Jews r/t expulsion from Europe, extend Final Solution to Middle East
- ❖ Arafat, Abbas, Hamas reject all peace that would leave a Jewish state in existence, however small: Israel accepts, Palestinians reject

ANTI-ZIONISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM

- ❖ In Muslim world, no pretense that if Israel gave up even more land or stopped settlements, etc., hatred of Jews would cease - Western fantasy
- ❖ Oslo accords (1993-95), in which PLO agreed to stop A-S incitement and propaganda, followed by big increase in A-S in schools, media, speeches
- ❖ every Israeli concession (under constant US pressure since Reagan) and acceptance of peace, every two-state solution since 1947-48
- ❖ followed by new Palestinian demands, terror, war and increased A-S propaganda: 1947-48, 1967 (UN Res 242), 2000 (Camp David), 2005 (Israel withdraws from Gaza, Hamas takes over)
 - ❖ large majority of Palestinians reject 2-state solution, Israel's existence

*“If the Palestinians wanted a
Palestinian state more than they
didn't want a Jewish one, they
would have had it by now.”*

Alan Dershowitz



JEW-HATE, NO MASK

- ❖ In Middle East, no distinction between A-S, A-Z:
- ❖ PA celebrates, funds murderers of Jews;
- ❖ guides to killing Jews like this on Twitter:
- ❖ “Slaughter the Jews!” (not Israelis)
 - ❖ not stop settlements, Zionist state, etc.

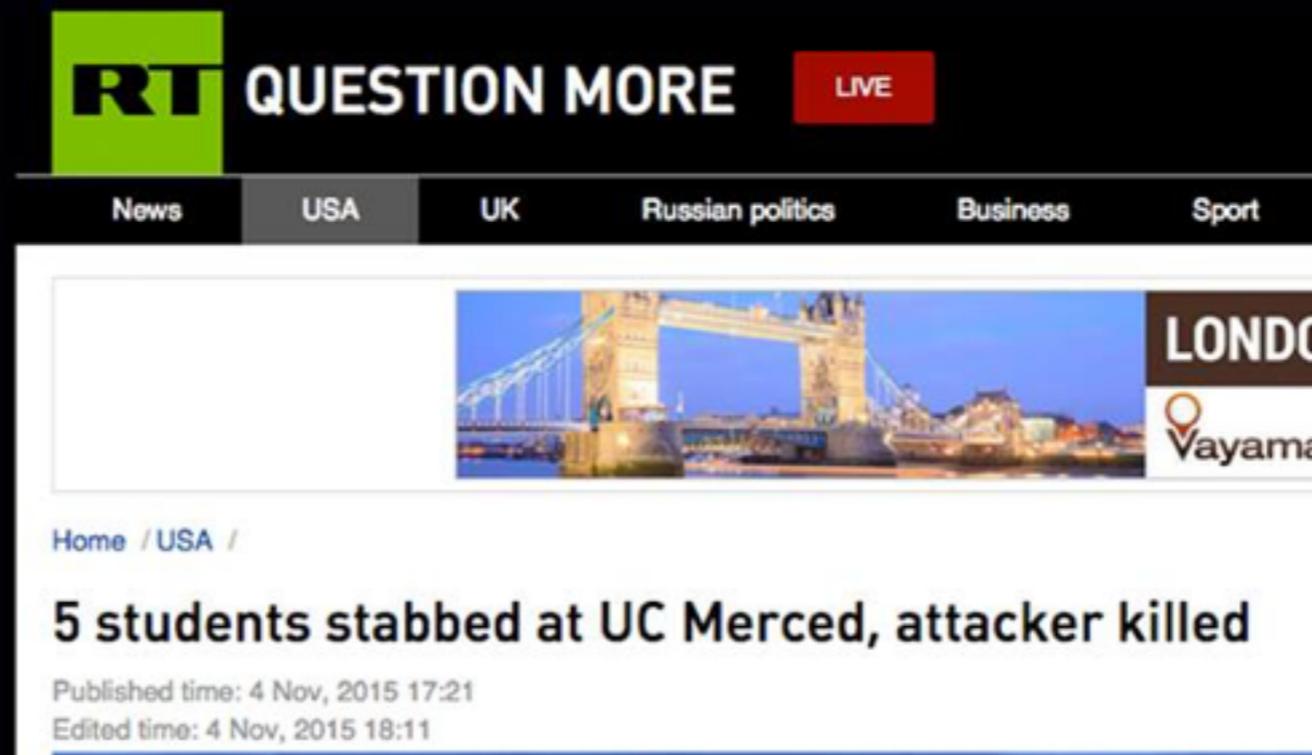


IS WESTERN ANTI-SEMITISM MORE SUBTLE?

HOW THE MEDIA REPORTS MURDER OF ISRAELIS:



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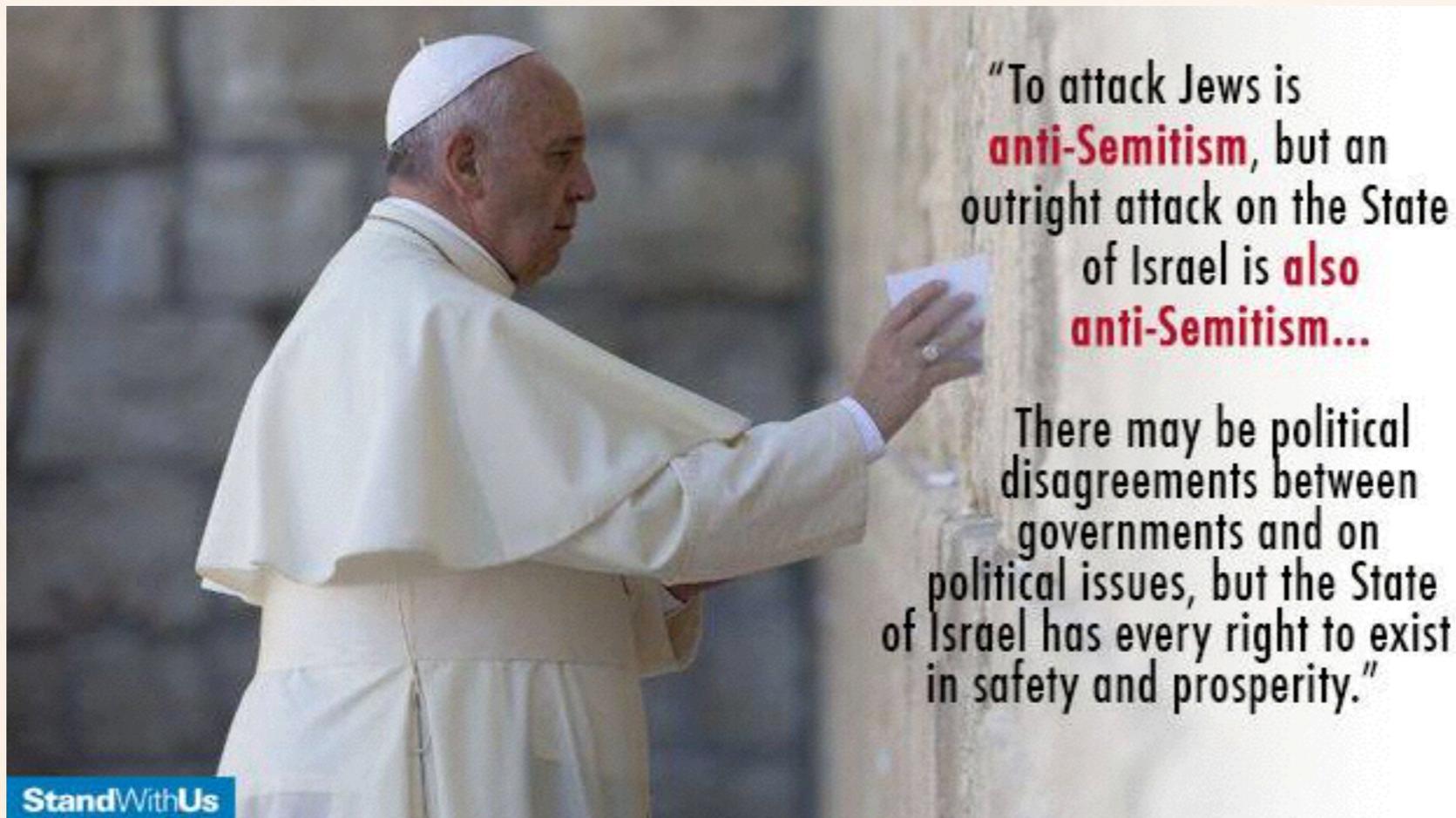


- ❖ Spot the
- ❖ difference!

IS WESTERN A-S MORE SUBTLE?

- ❖ Officially, yes - constant media bias in coverage, political elite bias Europe, U.S. - cf. EU labeling Israeli products singles out Israel (r/t Jews), not slurs on Jews as subhuman bloodsuckers
- ❖ But: rise in A-S incidents and violence against Jews in Europe
- ❖ Big increase in 2014 - trigger event of Gaza war - UK, France
 - ❖ Attacks, not on Israeli or Zionist targets in Europe, buildings, organizations, but Jews, Jewish stores, synagogues

ISRAEL AND ANTI-SEMITISM



- ❖ Denying the right of the Jewish state to exist - as Palestinians, Muslim and Arab states, and “anti-Zionist” leftists do, **IS** anti-Semitic

ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE LEFT

- ❖ Far Left fervent in its anti-Semitism, always presented as anti-Zionism; enters liberal/left mainstream: Labor Party (UK) - Corbyn; Dem. Party (US) increasingly anti-Israel
- ❖ BDS: singles out Israel for vilification, infested with anti-Semitism that leaders don't denounce or even see; anti-Semitic in its goals and methods
- ❖ "Classical anti-Semites in modern garb" (Netanyahu);
- ❖ "This is the face of the new anti-Semitism. It targets the Jewish people by targeting Israel and attempts to make the old bigotry acceptable for a new generation" (Harper, then PM Canada)
- ❖ Occupy movement: classic anti-Semitic slurs - Jewish bankers,
- ❖ media control; founder Lasn - anti-Semitic conspiracy theorist



OCCUPY = ANTI-S, ANTI-CAPITALIST

- ❖ Occupy stresses anti-capitalist strain of Anti-S. On OWS demos:
- ❖ “Zionist Jews...running these big banks & Federal Reserve...need to be run out of this country”
- ❖ American Nazi Party supports Occupy: “Who hold the wealth and power in this country? The Judeo-Capitalists - the #1 enemy in this country.”
- ❖ “There is a conspiracy in this country where Jews control the media, finances...They have pooled their money to take control of America.”
- ❖ Cal: UCLA Jewish student “biased” because of Jewish comm’y activities; Berkeley swastikas, graffiti (“Zionists shd be sent to the gas chamber”)

OCCUPY VS. TEA PARTY

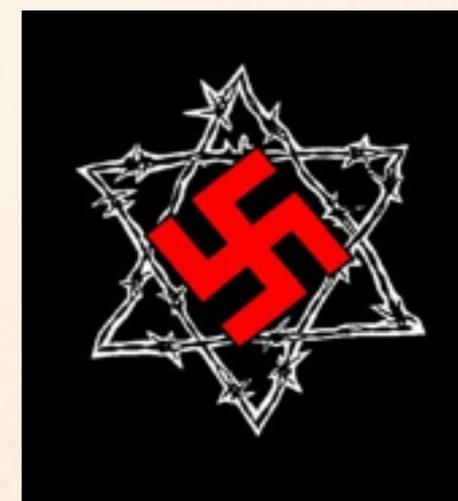
- ❖ Not all OWS anti-Semitic, but these incidents are all documented on film. Element of OWS that neither leaders nor media expose or denounce
- ❖ Compare alleged incidents of racism in Tea Party - none documented or verified
- ❖ Media (and Dem. pols) went wild slurring Tea Party as racist - double standard

RHETORIC OF ANTI-SEMITISM

- ❖ **Double standard:** Jews blamed for activities not unique to them as if they were & out of all proportion to their incidence: cf. Hitler, Stalin, and
- ❖ Pres. of Harvard Lowell 1920s: tried to limit Jews because “they cheat.” When someone objected that others did too, he said “Don’t change the subject!”
- ❖ UN and human rights, women’s rights; population displacements, def’n of refugee; war crimes, CNN, BBC.

RHETORIC OF ANTI-SEMITISM

- ❖ **False moral equivalence:**
- ❖ 40% Europeans think Israel is a Nazi state
- ❖ Naqba = Holocaust
- ❖ Zionism = racism (USSR, UN)
- ❖ Israel = apartheid state (Carter, leftists)
- ❖ Unintended civilian deaths in war = terrorism, murder



RHETORIC OF ANTI-SEMITISM

- ❖ **Anti-Semitism, anti-Americanism, anti-capitalism in Europe**
- ❖ Shared by far Left and extreme Right (into Euro, US mainstream)
- ❖ Americans, Jews, & evils of modernity - money-driven, profit-hungry, urban, mobile, rootless, individualistic, hostile to tradition (cf. capitalism)
- ❖ Helps create a European identity as against Jews & Americans
- ❖ Oppos'n to Israel (labeling, like Nazis, apartheid) absolves Europe of past ("Germans will never forgive the Jews for Auschwitz" Zvi Rex)