

“Jewish Jihadis”

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(Inspired by the tragic stabbing of six people attending the Jerusalem Gay Pride march in Jerusalem in August 2015, which claimed the life of 16-yr old Shira Banki, and the arson attack on a Palestinian home, resulting in the death of a toddler, Ali Dawabsheh. The opening line refers to the press photo of the alleged assassin.)

Who does the length of beard fool,

When used by zealots as a tool

To camouflage a heartless heart -

Piety exposed

As a theatrical part?

Who were the devils

That taught you to hate;

To seek out fellow Jews,

And use them as bait;

To become disciples

Of Satan,

Incarnate;

And the law of God,

Obscenely,

To negate?

A Jewish jihad,

How do you justify?

Morality,

So glibly,

How do you deny?

The self,

So vainly,

How do you glorify?

Violent vengeance,

Why do you

Exemplify? -

Thou shalt not murder,

To you,

Does not apply!

They are my children,

Says the Lord,

Whom you, so cruelly,

Put to the sword;

With your zealotry,

So ill-conceived,

You render heaven

Shocked

And bereaved.

In the image of God

He made man

The very pinnacle

Of Creation's plan.

But he who slays a single soul,

Erasing it from heaven's scroll,

Has blurred that image

Of the Divine;

How can His face,

On Israel,

Shine?

Destroy sin,

Not the sinners;

We cannot all be

Spiritual winners;

There are no righteous men on earth -

Sinless,

In God's eyes,

From birth;

But to shed an innocent person's

blood,

Is evil taken

At the flood.

Go, ask God

Why, some, He wired

With desires that deviate

From the norm

That men and women

Woo the other

For a mate?

The Torah certainly makes clear,
In no uncertain terms,
That it's that partnership
That the good Lord affirms.
But who has the temerity
To seize the judgment seat,
And act as executioner,
With blood-thirsty conceit?

I have no doubt
That brutal men,
By heaven,
Shall be tried:
As will the one who stabbed the girl
Marching at the Gay Pride?

They call themselves religious,
Those profaners of God's name,
Whose hearts,
Instead of loving God,
With hate,
Are all aflame.
They justify their violence
With crude exegesis;
That a gentile's life is valueless,
Is their obscene thesis.

Was Abel an Israelite
When Cain struck his blow?
Yet God deemed him a murderer,
And expressed His deep sorrow.

And did the prophet not pronounce,
You're equal in God's sight,
To the sons of the Ethiopians,
In bloodshed,
Erudite?

You may well ask
How this could be,
If Israel was His 'treasure;'
But that was only when he strove
To be righteous,
Beyond measure.

So how dare you
Presume to be
Fulfilling God's quest,
By burning alive
A Palestinian child –
Humanity suppressed!

And when you invoke,
In your prayers,
With fervor,
Countless times,
The notion of *ya'aseh shalom*,
Are they just trivial rhymes?

No, they're not;
They're God's demand
That Israel pursue
The goal of sanctifying His name –
Violence as a taboo.
