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The Klausenberger Rav :

The Klausenberger Rav said the following in a speech in תשכ"ג: "The Rabbonim Meta'am Hamedina (government hired Rabbonim) are meshabed the Torah Hakedosha to the Medina for their salaries and their kavod. Therefore, the Medina has Rabbonim meta'am so they should pasken whatever the Medina wants. It would be less damaging if the government would hire Galachim to pasken what the medina wants."



The Brisker Rav told the following story about his father, Reb Chaim:

In תר"ע, there was an asifa of Gedoiley Yisroel to fight Gezeiros Al Hadas, which was attended by the Chofetz Chaim and Rav Chaim Brisker. From the time of this asifa, until his passing a few years later, Rav Chaim would never again attend an asifa.



The Brisker Rav explained his fathers' reasoning as follows: At the asifa, Reb Chaim had stood with the Rashab and the Chofetz Chaim, and proclaimed that that he is ready and willing for mesiras nefesh mamash. Reb Chaim fought like a lion that there should be no compromises. However, there were other Rabbonim at the asifa who brought up ideas about the possibility of

giving in and making compromises. Rav Chaim went home and made a cheshbon hanefesh. -True, he himself held strong, but still, he felt that because he had heard others say it wouldn't be so terrible, he had been affected with kerirus because of this. And he was then mekabel that for the rest of his life he wouldn't go to asifos.

He would write, he would work to make things happen, he would speak - but hearing from other people that we have to make concessions...he would never go again. He said that when a new pirtza breaks out, unless we are actively on guard against it, kerirus attaches itself to you.

(Said over by Reb Tzvi Meir Zilberberg - can be heard on Option 3 # 114)

The Steipler:

Reb Moshe Mordechai Shulsinger writes the following story, heard from the Talmid Chacham to whom this occurred with the Steipler:



"This Rabbi told me that he had had the privilege of learning with the Steipler for many years in the 'Beis Yosef' [Novarhadok] Yeshiva in Bnei Brak, beginning in 1934 (when the Steipler came to Eretz Yisroel and became the head of this Yeshiva). In 1935, a rabbi in Tel Aviv passed away, and the news reached the Steipler, who was in Bnei Brak. The Steipler decided that it was a chiyuv of kovod haTorah to attend that rabbi's funeral. The Steipler was very poor, and he did not even have the small amount of money in his pocket for a bus ride from Bnei Brak to Tel Aviv. So he decided that he would walk to Tel Aviv for the funeral, and this talmid accompanied the Steipler on this route from Bnei Brak to Tel Aviv. When they came close to Nahalat Ganim, the Steipler suddenly asked the student accompanying him: "Perhaps you know if the deceased rabbi had any connection with the Mizrahi?" The talmid replied: "Yes, he was one of the Mizrahi rabbis." The Steipler immediately told him, "We are returning to Bnei Brak for the Yeshiva, there is no obligation of Kovod Hatorah here." The talmid asked the Steipler how we should define what Mizrahi is, and the Steipler replied: The Mizrahi people are "מרימים יד בתורת משה..."

פנינו רבינו הקהלות יעקב (ח"ב עמ' י"ד)

The Badatz issues a warning to parents and Mechanchim not to let children dress up as IDF soldiers or policemen.



250,000 stickers, proudly displaying, 'Arik Gei'a-proud deserter' were printed by a group of Mosrei Nefesh to keep themselves strong!



This Yungerman, Avraham Ben-Dayan was recently imprisoned and was not given his Tefillin R"L. Upon his release, he visits his Rabbis.



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Yidden around the world heard with shock and dismay about the tumultuous events which occurred on Sunday night this week in the city of Bnei Brak. Predictably, overly hasty media reports put forth the version presented by the police, in which two female soldiers were making a routine visit to a new recruit who lived in Bnei Brak when they were “attacked” by an angry crowd of violent extremists “seeking to lynch them” (actual descriptions used in reports). Police forces streamed to the scene to rescue them, and in the process, there were riots in which a police car was overturned and a police motorcycle was burned. Sharp condemnations were heard from all sides against the unacceptable behavior of the Bnei Brak chareidi rabble, including headlines like “Bnei Brak Erupts in Turmoil After Extremists Hunt Down Female IDF Soldiers” and “The Horrifying Chillul Hashem in Bnei Brak and Why We Must Stop the Bleeding” on supposedly religious media outlets.

After the smoke had cleared somewhat, the true picture began to emerge. The soldiers circulated in Bnei Brak for hours, and were unquestionably involved in delivering draft summons and similar activities. In fact, there is now a public dispute between the police spokesman and the IDF spokesman, who gave conflicting accounts of what the soldiers were doing, each publicly accusing the other of lying – not that either one has credibility by any knowledgeable citizen. In any case, when it was discovered that the soldiers were actively involved in the ongoing attempt to force chareidim to conscript (because one who has been recorded as receiving a hand-delivered summons cannot later claim not to have known, and will usually receive a longer sentence for not conscripting), bystanders began to congregate and protest while the soldiers waited inside a building and called for police assistance.

From that point on, matters spiraled quickly out of control. Entire troops of policemen swamped the area, and began to violently clear the streets. This occurred around one in the afternoon, when the Bnei Brak streets are full with men, women and children, and continued the entire afternoon. The policemen crossed every red line of unbridled violence, to the extent that many residents refer to the events as reminiscent of an old-fashioned shtetl pogrom. They threw stun grenades, sprayed pepper spray and used their batons (truncheons) – at first, on the protesters, but once those had quickly dispersed the police continued to use them on completely

POLICE “POGROM” IN BNEI BRAK

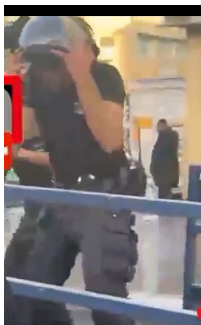


there learning. Twenty-seven civilians were arrested, each one of them with indescribable violence. Eyewitnesses reported seeing bochurim – some no older than fourteen years old! – being hauled away by five burly policemen accompanied by shoves and kicks. In one famous clip, policemen hit a chareidi woman and pulled off her sheitel in the street. In another, a man cycling through the streets on the way home was attacked without any reason, beaten, and dragged away.

Almost all the arrestees, after the court clarified that they were innocent bystanders, were released that night or the next day, but the trauma they – and the entire Bnei Brak – experienced that afternoon will not fade so quickly.

That said, many observers pointed at the absurdity of the anti-chareidi smear campaign. Genuinely violent demonstrations take place in Israel regularly, and never merit anything close to the same response. Only two years ago, in the height of the so-called “Judicial Reform”, crowds of ultra-leftists routinely attempted real lynchings on rightist politicians or even on their family members, with the expressed intention of causing grave physical harm or actual murder. These acts of violence were met with restraint from both the police and the media. *Never* was there any incident of indiscriminate use of stun grenades or pepper spray. Only when chareidim are involved is the entire neighborhood marked for a brutal “collective punishment”.

If such a double standard and unjustifiable treatment would have happened in chutz l’aretz to Jews, the Israeli government would have undoubtedly condemned it as open anti-Semitism. Yet, as Chazal say, “the hatred of *amei ha’aretz* to *Talmidei Chachomim* is greater than the hatred of the non-Jews to the Jews”, and nowhere can this be better seen than with the Zionist State, the self-appointed guardian of the Jewish Nation!



Two policemen were wounded by their own fire!

innocent and uninvolved pedestrians for hours. A group of policemen without ID tags and with covered faces to protect them from prosecution afterwards (which is completely against their own regulations) burst into a chasidishe yeshiva (Yeshivas Bo-hush) and seized bochurim sitting

A Shabbos of Chizzuk was held for Bochurim who have the status of ‘draft doggers’. The boys heard Shiurim from Roshei Yeshiva and Divrei Chizuk.



History repeats itself: A Teimoner (Yemeni) Bochur was drafted into the IDF R“L. Seen: the Prime Minister cutting off his Peios.



A baby carriage left stranded at the protest amongst all the chaos.



Rav Elchonon Wasserman HY”D ZT”L:

“The average person, especially young people, do not have their own opinions. Their opinions and hashkofos are based on what they read in the newspapers that they are so loyal to. People who read the newspapers fully believe b’emuna sheleima that everything written there is true, and it doesn’t even occur to them to wonder if it’s true or not. So effectively, the newspaper writers are the teachers and madrichim of Klal Yisroel. We all know who these teachers and madrichim are, and their talmidim – their peiros – take after them.”

(Ma’amar Agudas Yisroel, Kovetz Ma’amarim)

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