

# The Satanic Talmud & The Synagogue of Satan

Part 14

## Trump proclaims national day honoring racist rabbi, Menachem Schneerson



**Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known as “The Rebbe.” Schneerson said:  
“The substance of all [divine] emanations was created only to serve the Jews.”**

*President Donald Trump recently proclaimed April 3rd “Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A.” in honor of a man known as “The Rebbe.” Such a day has been proclaimed by every U.S. President for the past 42 years. But the Chabad leader that this national day celebrates disseminated some teachings that were profoundly problematic, especially for Palestinians in the Occupied Territories...*

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President Donald Trump recently [proclaimed](#) April 3rd “Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A,” a national day to “celebrate Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.” The proclamation called upon “all government officials, educators, volunteers, and all the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.”



Please note that the information in the article comes largely from Jewish and Israeli sources. A list of the sources used in the article is provided below it.

The main source, Israel Shahak, was a respected Israeli professor who had been praised by Noam Chomsky, [Institute Professor](#) Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Edward Said, Columbia Professor and public intellectual; and diverse others.

It is my feeling that all Americans should know the facts reported below. Year after year after year, American citizens are being told to honor Rabbi Schneerson. We need to know what The Rebbe taught, consider the implications for us and for others, and decide for ourselves whether we agree with the annual decree that we celebrate his views.

**[The Extremist Origins of Education and Sharing Day: Why is the US Honoring a Racist Rabbi?](#)**

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*[See additional comment and information below article.]*

If things proceed normally, the President will proclaim a day in April “Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A.” Despite the innocuous name, this day honors the memory of a religious leader whose lesser-known teachings help fuel some of the most violent attacks against Palestinians by extremist Israeli settlers and soldiers.

The leader being honored on this day is Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, charismatic head of a mystical/fundamentalist version of Judaism. Every year since 1978, a Presidential Proclamation, often accompanied by a [Congressional Resolution](#) (the 1990 one had [219 sponsors](#)), has declared Schneerson's birthday an official national day of observance.

Congress first passed a Resolution honoring Schneerson in [1975](#). Three years later [a Joint Congressional Resolution](#) called on President Jimmy Carter to proclaim "Education Day, U.S.A." on the anniversary of Schneerson's birth. The idea was to set aside a day to honor both education and the alleged educational work of Schneerson and the religious sect he headed up.

Carter, like Congress, dutifully obeyed the [Schneerson-initiated](#) resolution, as has every president since. And some individual states are now enacting their own observances of Schneerson's birthday, with [Minnesota](#) and [Alabama](#) leading the way.

**Schneerson and his movement are an extremely mixed bag.**

Schneerson has been praised widely for a public [persona](#) and organization that emphasized "[deep compassion and insight](#)," worked to bring many secular Jews "back" into the fold, created numerous schools around the world, and had [offered](#), in the words of the Jewish Virtual Library, "social-service programs and humanitarian aid to all people, regardless of religious affiliation or background."

However, there is also a less attractive underside often at odds with such public perceptions. And some of the more extreme parts of Schneerson's teachings – such as that Jews are a completely different species than non-Jews, and that non-Jews exist only to serve Jews – have been largely hidden, it appears, even from many who consider themselves his followers.

As we will see, such views profoundly impact the lives of Palestinians living – and dying – under Israeli occupation and military invasions.

### **Who was Rabbi Schneerson?**

Schneerson lived from 1902 to 1994 and oversaw the growth of what is now the [largest](#) Jewish organization in the [world](#).<sup>\*</sup> The religious movement he led is known as "[Chabad-Lubavitch](#)," (sometimes just called "Lubavitch" or "[Chabad](#)," the name of its organizational arm). Schneerson was the seventh and final Lubavitcher "Rebbe" (sacred leader). He is often simply called "the Rebbe."

Founded in the late 1700s and originally based in the Polish-Russian town of [Lubavitch](#), it is the largest of about a dozen forms of "Hasidism," a version of Orthodox Judaism connected to mysticism, characterized by devotion to a dynastic leader, and whose adherents often wear distinctive clothing. (Spellings of these terms can vary; Hasid is also written as Hassid, Chasid, etc.)

There is an extreme cult of personality focused on Schneerson himself. Some followers consider him the [Messiah](#), and Schneerson himself [reportedly](#) sometimes implied this was true. Some Lubavitch educators consider him divine, making such [claims](#) as, “the Rebbe is actually ‘the essence and being [of God] ... he is without limits, capable of effecting anything, all-knowing and a proper object of worshipful prostration.”

While many secular Jews and Jews from [other denominations](#) disagree with its actions and theology, Chabad-Lubavitch is generally acknowledged to be a [powerful force](#) in Jewish life today. According to a 1994 [‘New York Times’](#) report, it is “one of the most influential and controversial forces in world Jewry.”

There are approximately 3,600 [Chabad institutions](#) in over 1,000 cities in 70 countries, and 200,000 adherents. Up to a million people attend Chabad services at least once a year. Numerous [campuses](#) have such centers and the Chabad website [states](#) that hundreds of thousands of children attend Chabad summer camps.

According to the [Times](#), Schneerson “presided over a religious empire that reached from the back streets of Brooklyn to the main streets of Israel and by 1990 was taking in an estimated \$100 million a year in contributions.

In the U.S., the [Times](#) reports, Schneerson’s “‘mitzvah tanks’ – converted campers that are rolling recruiting stations whose purpose is to draw Jews to the Lubavitch way – roamed streets from midtown Manhattan to Crown Heights. And the Lubavitchers’ Brooklyn-based publishing house claimed to be the world’s largest distributor of Jewish books.”

### **Non-Jewish souls ‘satanic’**

While Chabad sometimes openly [teaches](#) that “the soul of the Jew is different than the soul of the non-Jew,” Schneerson’s specific teachings on this subject are largely unknown to the general public.

Quite likely very few Americans, both Jews and non-Jews, are aware of Schneerson’s teachings about the alleged deep differences between them – and about how these teachings are applied in the West Bank and Gaza.

Let us look at Schneerson’s words, as quoted by two respected Jewish professors, Israel Shahak and Norton Mezvinsky, in their book [‘Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel’](#) (text available online [here](#)). This book, praised by Noam Chomsky, Edward Said, and many others is essential reading for anyone who truly wishes to understand modern day Israel-Palestine. (Brackets in the quotes below are in the translations by Shahak and Mezvinsky.)

Some of Schneerson’s rarely reported teachings:

**“The difference between a Jewish and a non-Jewish person stems from the common expression: ‘Let us differentiate.’ Thus, we do not have a case of profound change in which a person is merely on a superior level. Rather, we have a case of ‘let us differentiate’ between totally different species.”**

**“This is what needs to be said about the body: the body of a Jewish person is of a totally different quality from the body of [members] of all nations of the world ... The difference in the inner quality between Jews and non-Jews is so great that the bodies should be considered as completely different species.”**

**“An even greater difference exists in regard to the soul. Two contrary types of soul exist, a non-Jewish soul comes from three satanic spheres, while the Jewish soul stems from holiness.”**

**“As has been explained, an embryo is called a human being, because it has both body and soul. Thus, the difference between a Jewish and a non-Jewish embryo can be understood.”**

**“...the general difference between Jews and non-Jews: A Jew was not created as a means for some [other] purpose; he himself is the purpose, since the substance of all [divine] emanations was created only to serve the Jews.”**

**“The important things are the Jews, because they do not exist for any [other] aim; they themselves are [the divine] aim.”**

**“The entire creation [of a non-Jew] exists only for the sake of the Jews.”**

**Most people don’t know about this aspect of Schneerson’s teaching because, according to Shahak and Mezvinsky, such teachings are intentionally minimized, mistranslated, or hidden entirely.**

**For example, the quotes above were translated by the authors from a [book](#) of Schneerson’s recorded messages to followers that was published in Israel in 1965. Despite Schneerson’s global importance and the fact that his world headquarters is in the U.S., there has never been an English translation of this volume.**

**Shahak, an Israeli professor who was a survivor of the Nazi holocaust, writes that this lack of translation of an important work is not unusual, explaining that much critical information about Israel and some forms of Judaism is available only in Hebrew.**

**He and co-author Mezvinsky, who was a Connecticut Distinguished University Professor who taught at Central Connecticut State University, write, “The great majority of the books on Judaism and Israel, published in English especially, falsify their subject matter.”**

According to Shahak and Mezvinsky, “Almost every moderately sophisticated Israeli Jew knows the facts about Israeli Jewish society that are described in this book. These facts, however, are unknown to most interested Jews and non-Jews outside Israel who do not know Hebrew and thus cannot read most of what Israeli Jews write about themselves in Hebrew.”

In Shahak’s earlier book, [‘Jewish History, Jewish Religion’](#), he provides a number of examples. In one, he describes a 1962 book published in Israel in a bilingual edition. The Hebrew text was on one page, with the English translation on the facing page.

Shahak [describes](#) one set of facing pages in which the Hebrew text of a major Jewish code of laws contained a command to exterminate Jewish infidels: “It is a duty to exterminate them with one’s own hands.” The English version on the facing page softened it to “It is a duty to take active measures to destroy them.”

The Hebrew page then went on to name which “infidels” must be exterminated, adding “may the name of the wicked rot.” Among them was Jesus of Nazareth. The facing page with the English translation failed to tell any of this.

“Even more significant,” Shahak reports, “in spite of the wide circulation of this book among scholars in the English-speaking countries, not one of them has, as far as I know, protested against this glaring deception.”

Praised by Said, Chomsky, etc., Shahak is almost unknown today.

This pattern of selective omission, it seems, applies to Shahak himself, whose work is largely unknown to Palestine activists today, even though he was considered a major figure in the struggle against Israeli oppression of Palestinians, and his work was praised by [diverse writers](#).

While Shahak was alive, Noam Chomsky called him “an outstanding scholar,” and said he had “remarkable insight and depth of knowledge. His work is informed and penetrating, a contribution of great value.”

Edward Said wrote, “Shahak is a very brave man who should be honored for his services to humanity ... One of the most remarkable individuals in the contemporary Middle East.” Said wrote a forward for Shahak’s [‘Jewish History, Jewish Religion.’](#)

*‘Catholic New Times’* said: ‘This is a remarkable book ...[It] deserves a wide readership, not only among Jews, but among Christians who seek a fuller understanding both of historical Judaism and of modern-day Israel.’

*'Jewish Socialist'* stated: "Anyone who wants to change the Jewish community so that it stops siding with the forces of reaction should read this book."

The *'London Review of Books'* called Shahak's book "remarkable, powerful, and provocative."

Yet, very few Americans today know of Shahak's work and the information it contains.

### **American tax money & Jewish Extremism in Palestine**

If they did, it's hard to believe that Americans would allow [\\$8.5 million per day](#) of their tax money to be given to Israel, where such teachings underlie a powerful minority that is disproportionately influential in governmental actions.

Nor is it likely that a fully informed American public would allow donations to religious institutions in Israel that teach supremacist, sometimes violent doctrines to be tax-deductible in the U.S.

One organization raised over [\\$10 million tax-deductible dollars](#) in the U.S. in 2011 alone – removing money from the U.S. economy and enabling illegal, aggressive Israeli settlements in Palestine. And some of this money went to benefit individuals convicted of murder – including the murderer of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The *New York Times obituary on Schneerson* [reported](#) that Schneerson was "a major political force in Israel, both in the Knesset and among the electorate," but failed to describe the nature of his impact.

One of a sprinkling of writers willing to publicly discuss Shahak and Mezvinsky's findings is Allan Brownfeld, who is less reticent. Brownfeld is editor of the American Council for Judaism's periodical *Issues* and contributor to the *'Washington Report on Middle East Affairs.'* In a [review](#) of [Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel](#), Brownfeld describes Schneerson's views on Israel:

"Rabbi Schneerson always supported Israeli wars and opposed any retreat. In 1974 he strongly opposed the Israeli withdrawal from the Suez area. He promised Israel divine favors if it persisted in occupying the land."

Brownfeld reports that after Schneerson's death, "Thousands of his Israeli followers played an important role in the election victory of Binyamin [Netanyahu](#). Among the religious settlers in the occupied territories, the Chabad Hassids constitute one of the most extreme groups. Baruch Goldstein, the mass murderer of Palestinians, was one of them."

Another such Chabad Hassid is Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburg (also sometimes written as "Ginzburg" and "Ginsburgh"), who studied under Schneerson in Crown Heights, NY and who heads up a major Chabad institution in the West Bank.

Ginsburg praised Goldstein, the murderer of 29 Palestinians while they were praying, and considers all non-Jews subhuman.

According to author Motti Inbari, Ginsburg “gives prominence to Halachic and Kabbalistic approaches that emphasize the distinction between Jew and non-Jew (Gentile), imposing a clear separation and hierarchy in this respect.”

In his book [\*Jewish Fundamentalism and the Temple Mount: Who Will Build the Third Temple?\*](#) Inbari states, “[Ginsburg] claims that while the Jews are the Chosen People and were created in God’s image, the Gentiles do not have this status and are effectively considered subhuman.”

Professor [Inbari](#), an Israeli academic who now teaches in the U.S., writes that Ginsburg’s theological approach continues “certain perceptions that were popular in medieval times.”

“For example,” Inbari writes, “the commandment ‘You shall not murder’ does not apply to the killing of a Gentile, since ‘you shall not murder’ relates to the murder of a human, while for him the Gentiles do not constitute humans.”

Inbari [reports](#), “Similarly, Ginsburg stated that, on the theoretical level, if a Jew requires a liver transplant to survive, it would be permissible to seize a Gentile and take their liver forcefully.”

While the mainstream American press almost never reports this kind of information, an April 26, 1996 [article in ‘Jewish Week’](#) by Lawrence Cohler reported on Ginsburg’s teachings, including their problematic roots in Jewish texts.

Cohler reported that a professor of Bible at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Rabbi Moshe Greenberg, “called for radically revising Jewish thinking about some Jewish texts on the grounds that scholars such as Rabbi Ginsburgh are far from aberrant in their use of them.”

Cohler quoted Greenberg’s concerns: “‘There’ll be a statement in Talmud... made in circumstances where it’s purely theoretical, because Jews then never had the power to do it,’ he explained. And now, he said, ‘It’s carried over into circumstances where Jews have a state and are empowered.’”

A rabbi associated with Ginsburg coauthored a notorious Israeli book, [\*The King’s Torah\*](#), which claims that Jewish law at times permits the killing of [non-Jewish infants](#). American donations to the Chabad school Ginsburg heads up, and that published the above book, are [tax-deductible](#) in the U.S. Ginsburg, who endorses the book, teaches classes throughout Israel, the U.S. and France.



Such extremism is opposed by the majority of Israelis, and major Jewish religious authorities condemn it, a Chief Rabbi, for example, [stating](#): “According to the Torah, every man is created in God’s image.”

Yet, such extremist views continue to exert a [powerful influence](#).

Israeli military manuals echo extremist teachings: “kill even good civilians”

Israeli military manuals sometimes replicate extremist teachings. For example, a booklet authored by a Chief Chaplain stated, “In war, when our forces storm the enemy, they are allowed and even enjoined by the Halakhah to kill even good civilians...” Such teachings by the [IDF rabbinate](#) were prominent during Israel’s [2008-9 attack](#) on Gaza that killed 1,400 Gazans, approximately half of them [civilians](#). (The Palestinian resistance killed nine Israelis during this “war.”)

Chicago writer Stephen Lendman has [described](#) these teachings, giving a number of examples.

Lendman writes, “In 2007, Israel’s former chief rabbi, Mordechai Elyahu, called for the Israeli army to mass-murder Palestinians:

“If they don’t stop after we kill 100, then we must kill 1000. And if they don’t stop after 1000, then we must kill 10,000. If they still don’t stop we must kill 100,000. Even a million.”

Lendman reports that some extremist Israeli rabbis teach that “the ten commandments don’t apply to non-Jews. So killing them in defending the homeland is acceptable, and according to the chairman of the Jewish Rabbinic Council:

““There is no such thing as enemy civilians in war time. The law of our Torah is to have mercy on our soldiers and to save them.... A thousand non-Jewish lives are not worth a Jew’s fingernail.”

Lendman writes, “Rabbi David Batsri called Arabs ‘a blight, a devil, a disaster.... donkeys, and we have to ask ourselves why God didn’t create them to walk on all fours. Well, the answer is that they are needed to build and clean.”

Another such rabbi is Manis Friedman, a Chabad-Lubavitch rabbi inspired by Schneerson who served as the simultaneous [translator](#) for a series of Schneerson’s talks. (Friedman is currently dean of a Jewish Studies [institute](#) in Minnesota.)

A 2009 article in the Israeli newspaper *Ha’aretz* reports, “Like the best Chabad-Lubavitch rabbis, Manis Friedman has won the hearts of many unaffiliated Jews with his charismatic talks about love and God; it was Friedman who helped lead Bob Dylan into a relationship with Chabad.

**“But Friedman, who today travels the country as a Chabad speaker, showed a less warm and cuddly side when he was asked how he thinks Jews should treat their Arab neighbors.”**

In *Moment* magazine’s article, **[“Ask the Rabbis // How Should Jews Treat Their Arab Neighbors?”](#)** Friedman answered:

**“I don’t believe in western morality, i.e. don’t kill civilians or children, don’t destroy holy sites, don’t fight during holiday seasons, don’t bomb cemeteries, and don’t shoot until they shoot first because it is immoral.**

**“The only way to fight a moral war is the Jewish way: Destroy their holy sites. Kill men, women and children (and cattle).”**

Lendman reports, **“Views like these aren’t exceptions. Though a minority, they proliferate throughout Israeli society...”**

They also, Lendman notes, work to prevent peace in Israel-Palestine.

Shahak and Mezvinsky note that when the book containing Schneerson’s statements quoted above about Jews and non-Jews was published in Israel, he was allied to the Labor Party and his movement had been provided **“many important benefits”** from the Israeli government.

In the mid-1970s Schneerson decided that the Labor Party was too moderate and shifted his support to the more right-wing parties in power today. The authors report, **“Ariel Sharon was the Rebbe’s favorite Israeli senior politician. Sharon in turn praised the Rebbe publicly and delivered a moving speech about him in the Knesset after the Rebbe’s death.”**

### **Roots in Some Early Texts**

Brownfeld decries the fact that few Americans are properly informed about the fundamentalist movement in Israel **“and the theology upon which it is based.”**

He notes that Jewish Americans, in particular, are often unaware of the **“narrow ethnocentrism which is promoted by the movement’s leading rabbis, or of the traditional Jewish sources they are able to call upon in drawing clear distinctions between the moral obligations owed to Jews and non-Jews.”**

Teachings that Jews are superior and gentiles inferior were contained in some of the earliest Hassidic texts, including its classic text, **[“Tanya,”](#)** still taught today.

Brownfeld quotes statements by **“the revered father of the messianic tendency of Jewish fundamentalism,”** Rabbi Kook the Elder, and states that these were derived from earlier texts. [Kook, incidentally, was also an early **[Zionist](#)**, who helped push for the Balfour Declaration in England before moving to Palestine. He was the uncle of Hillel Kook, an agent

who went by the name “Peter Bergson” and created front groups in the U.S. for a violent Zionist guerilla group that operated in 1930s and ’40s Palestine.]

Brownfeld quotes Kook: “The difference between a Jewish soul and souls of non-Jews—all of them in all different levels—is greater and deeper than the difference between a human soul and the souls of cattle.”

Brownfeld explains that Kook’s teaching, which he says is followed by leaders of the settler movement in the occupied West Bank, “is based upon the Lurianic Cabbala, the school of Jewish mysticism that dominated Judaism from the late 16th to the early 19th century.”

Shahak and Mezvinsky [state](#), “One of the basic tenets of the Lurianic Cabbala is the absolute superiority of the Jewish soul and body over the non-Jewish soul and body. According to the Lurianic Cabbala, the world was created solely for the sake of Jews; the existence of non-Jews was subsidiary.”

Again, Shahak and Mezvinsky report that this aspect is often covered up in English-language discussions. Scholarly authors of books about Jewish mysticism and the Lurianic Cabbala, they [write](#), have frequently “willfully omitted reference to such ideas.”

Shahak and Mezvinsky write that it is essential to understand these beliefs in order to understand the current situation in the West Bank, where many of the most militant West Bank settlers are motivated by religious ideologies in which every non-Jew is [seen](#) as “the earthly embodiment” of Satan, and according to the Halacha (Jewish law), the term “[human beings](#)” refers solely to Jews.

Israeli author and former chief of Israeli military intelligence Yehoshafat Harkabi touches on this in his 1988 book [‘Israel’s Fateful Hour.’](#)

Harkabi writes that while such extremist beliefs are not “widely dominant,” the reality is that “nationalistic religious extremists are by no means a lunatic fringe; many are respected men whose words are widely heeded.”

He reports that the campus rabbi of a major Israeli university published an article in the student newspaper entitled “The Commandment of Genocide in the Torah,” in which he implied that those who have a quarrel with Jews “ought to be destroyed, children and all.” Harkabi writes that a book by another rabbi “explained that the killing of a non-Jew is not considered murder.”

Brownfeld writes, “Although messianic fundamentalists constitute a relatively small portion of the Israeli population [most Israeli settlers are motivated by the subsidized lifestyle US tax money to Israel provides], their political influence has been growing. If they have contempt for non-Jews, their hatred for Jews who oppose their views is even greater.”

Brownfeld cites the murder of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had started to make peace with the Palestinians, writing that it was just one “in a long line of murders of Jews who followed a path different from that ordained by rabbinic authorities.” Brownfeld reports that Shahak and Mezvinsky “cite case after case, from the Middle Ages until the 19th century.”

The authors report, “It was usual in some Hasidic circles until the last quarter of the nineteenth century to attack and often to murder Jews who had reform religious tendencies...”

They [quote](#) a long article by Israeli writer Rami Rosen, “History of a Denial,” published by *Ha’aretz Magazine* in 1996. This article, which cannot be found online, at least in English, is also cited in the [book](#) *Brother Against Brother: Violence and Extremism in Israeli Politics from Altalena to the Rabin Assassination*, by Israeli professor [Ehud Sprinzak](#).

In his *Ha’aretz* article Rosen reported: “A check of main facts of the [Jewish] historiography of the last 1500 years shows that the picture is different from the one previously shown to us. It includes massacres of Christians; mock repetitions of the crucifixion of Jesus that usually took place on Purim; cruel murders within the family; liquidation of informers, often done for religious reasons by secret rabbinical courts, which issued a sentence of ‘pursuer’ and appointed secret executioners; assassinations of adulterous women in synagogues and/or the cutting of their noses by command of the rabbis.”

While Rosen’s article may seem shocking, in reality, it simply shows that members of the Jewish population, like members of Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and diverse other populations, have at times committed atrocities, sometimes allegedly in the name of their religion. The difference, as Shahak and Mezvinsky point out, is that such information is largely covered up in the U.S. Such cover-ups, however, don’t make facts go away. They merely bury them, where they smolder and at times eventually lead to exaggerated perceptions.

U.S. media rarely report that some extremist Israeli [settlers](#) are intensely hostile to Christians, and in one instance [threatened](#) peace activists who came to the West Bank to participate in nonviolent demonstrations, “We killed Jesus and we’ll kill you, too.” There is also a record of official hostility. For example, a few years ago an Israeli mayor ordered all *New Testaments* to be rounded up and [burned](#). Schneerson’s “schools”

While Schneerson is honored on national “Education” days, the reality is that the elementary schools he created often failed to teach children “basic reading, writing, spelling, math, science and history,” according to a graduate.

In his article “[National Education Day and the Education I Never Had](#),” Chaim Levin reports on his experience at the Chabad school “Oholei Torah” (Educational Institute Oholei Menachem) in Crown Heights, New York – the site of Chabad’s world headquarters:

“I have profound respect for the late Rebbe and his legacy. However, I remember very clearly those talks that [Schneerson] gave – the ones we studied every year in elementary school about the unimportance of ‘secular’ (non-religious, formal) education, and the great importance of only studying limmudei kodesh (holy studies). As a result of this attitude, thousands of students were not taught anything other than the Bible throughout our years attending Chabad institutions.”

The goal of such schools, Levin writes, was to produce “schluchim,” missionaries who would promote Chabad all over the world.

Meanwhile, he notes, “Failure to provide basic formal education cripples children within Chabad communities. We cannot ignore the harm done...” Levin writes, “Until this day, Oholei Torah and many other Chabad schools — particularly schools for boys and a few for girls in Crown Heights and in some other places — do not provide basic formal education.”

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In his 2000 article, Brownfeld writes that Shahak and Mezvinsky’s book should be “a wake-up call “to Americans, particularly Jewish supporters of Israel.”

Fourteen years later, however, very few people are aware of these books and their powerful information, and U.S. tax money continues to flow to Israel. The main author, Israel Shahak, is now dead, as is Edward Said; Noam Chomsky rarely, if ever, mentions him; and Shahak’s co-author, Norton Mezvinsky (uncle of Chelsea Clinton’s [husband](#)), is a member of a [Lubavitch](#) congregation in New York.

In many ways, little seems to have changed since 1994, when Congressmen Charles Schumer, Newt Gingrich, and others introduced legislation to bestow on Schneerson the Congressional Gold Medal. The bill passed both Houses by unanimous consent, honoring Schneerson for his “outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity.”

And in two weeks, Americans will be officially called on to observe a day that honors Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson and the Lubavitcher movement.

That is, unless masses of people [contact](#) their Congressional representatives to demand a whole new direction: a “National Education and Sharing Day” that honors an individual who values education, and who believes that all people – in the words of the [Declaration of Independence](#) – are created equal.

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UPDATE: The following comments were sent to us by Rabbi David Mivasair. With his permission, we are sharing them with readers:

I am so glad to see you taking on the grotesquely deceptive (and so far successful) campaign to disguise the Lubavitcher Rebbe as a humanist and universalist. His teachings are deeply racist and demeaning to the very core.

I say this as a rabbi who for decades read and studied his teachings deeply. While much of what he wrote and talked about contains beautiful and expansive teachings about religious life, much of it also is savagely contrary to any humane, positive view of all people who are not Jews.

I have for years wished that someone, somewhere would oppose the cynical and self-serving attempts by Chabad to brand their organization in the garb of government approval and expose the deeply racist core of much of their teachings. I appreciate you taking this on and hope you will have some success with it.

Thank you,  
Rabbi David Mivasair

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I don't believe that Chabad is the "largest Jewish organization in the world". I think that is what Chabad wants to say about itself. However, for example, the Reform movement, a



**liberal religious organization in the US and many other countries, is probably larger. Chabad consistently inflates its own importance.**

**It is hard to judge how “large” an organization is when it doesn’t have any membership rolls.**

**The Union for Reform Judaism has hundreds of synagogues around the world and knows how many members each one actually has.**

**Chabad, on the other hand, raises millions upon millions of dollars from donors and uses that money to send out “emissaries” to communities everywhere. So, it is highly visible and nearly ubiquitous. However, I seriously doubt the number of people who consider themselves to be members is anywhere nearly as large as the Reform movement of liberal synagogues, rabbis, schools, publishing arm, summer camps, etc., etc.**

**I just looked up the number of members the Reform movement has. Its website\* says: More than 1 million Americans and Canadians are affiliated with Reform congregations, making Reform Judaism the largest Jewish denomination in North America. Further, it says: The Reform Jewish Movement comprises nearly 900 congregations in the U.S. and Canada, more than 1,200 congregations worldwide, and the organizations and institutions that support the lay leaders, clergy, and Jewish professionals among its ranks.**

**To say that a million Jews are “affiliated” in North America means they are members. And, that same organization extends beyond the US and Canada to Europe, Asia, South America, Africa and Australia and New Zealand as well, of course, as Israel. It clearly is larger in terms of membership than Chabad.**

**Chabad devotes great efforts to promoting itself. That is why they invest their resources in having governments on all levels declare special days and allow their distinctively-styled Hanukkah menorahs in prominent spots on public property. But, it certainly cannot claim a membership at all comparable to the Reform movement.**

**I am neither a member of the Reform movement nor an advocate for it. I wrote to you because I wanted you to be aware that the claim that the Lubavitcher Rebbe created the “largest” Jewish organization in the world is false. He didn’t.—**

**I share Alison Weir’s article because it is both true and accurate, but more so to help people wake up to the fact that it embodies all of the Satanic attributes of Zionist Chabad Judaism. Israel today is fractured and divided into roughly 15 sects that are identified with Judaism. Not all are Biblical by any means. These are the fanatics that will embrace their Antichrist very soon.**

**In over fifty years of following radio and television religious programming, I had never heard what I know about the Ribbi, Rabbi Schneerson. Christian ministries like John Ankerberg, Dr.**

Dave Breese, Ray Brubaker, J.R. Church, Les Feldick, Ed Hindson, Grant Jeffrey, Robert Jeffress, Tim LaHaye, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Missler, Dr. David Reagan, Gary Stearman, Perry Stone, Jack Van Impe, Jimmy D. Young, and many others. These ministries are suspect in my analysis of Scripture in that they give Israel a “Free Pass” by totally ignoring the obvious “Anti-Christian” stance.

Furthermore, since Israel wants the Christian tourist business to bring U.S. dollars to their economy there is an apparent implied “see no evil, hear no evil, say no evil, attitude toward Christian ministries that conduct trips to the Holy Land. You hear nothing about the persecution of Sephardic Jews, i.e., Biblical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.



Our country is being run by Zionist Chabad Satanic Jews. The President himself has become part of the Zionist Chabad sect of Judaism. His son-in-law, Jared Kushner is a devout Chabad Jew, and his wife Ivanka has converted and has been taking Chabad classes at a Zionist Chabad Synagogue of Satan close by their Washington, D.C. home.

These are the people that chose Barabbas rather than to accept Jesus the Christ as their King and Messiah. They are about to very soon make a covenant with the Antichrist himself, Prince Charles of Wales. The evidence and proof is there for you to read in Part 6 of this series at my web page [www.pastorbobreid.com](http://www.pastorbobreid.com).

President Trump has in recent weeks lost his exuberance. His voice reveals it all. The tone of his voice sounds beaten down. He appears weakened, almost as if he looks forward to his demise. The campaign spirit of his rallies is gone, his zest and passion have ebbed. He looks like a shabby, out of shape, boxer trying to hang on until the referee ring of the bell.

The office of President takes a toll on the individual who occupies it. It appears that he no longer has control of his presidency. I truly hope that I am wrong but he is in a war with people led by Satan. His family ties have compromised his oath to the Constitution of the USA. His loyalty is to Israel first, and the U.S. second. MAGA is really about MIGA.

He has become a slave to his lenders. His alliance with the devil was inevitable! The universe is a dance of exchanges of energy. Making a deal with the devil is based on the desire to get something from the universe without giving equal energy. It is a form of magic, and magic always comes with a price. The price, when the bill collector comes, will always be more and different than what you expected to pay.

President Donald J. Trump owed \$1.8-billion dollars to more than 150 banking and credit institutions when he came into office. As admirable as it appears, the fact that President Trump does not take a salary but donates his quarterly pay check, may be more propaganda than substance.

President Trump has never filed personal bankruptcy; however, he has filed chapter 11 for at least six of his companies in the past.

When candidate Donald Trump said he was going to “drain the swamp,” most people thought it meant he would stop corruption in Washington D.C. That means limiting access of lobbyists, curbing deals with foreign governments, and refusing to profit off the White House.

Well, that never happened. In fact, since Trump got to D.C., America has seen an unprecedented attack on presidential ethics. We’ve witnessed Trump campaign donors get cushy White House jobs, Goldman Sachs bankers write the GOP tax plan, and a spokeswoman promote Ivanka brands on TV.

Call it Swamp 2.0, or “The D.C. Swamp on Steroids.” But no one is profiting like Trump himself. Since the president continues profiting from his businesses, each of the 110 days Trump spent at his properties in 2017 was a marketing event. Likewise, every time someone stays at the Old Post Office in D.C., Trump gets paid.

But these are just a few examples of Trump and family monetizing the presidency.

The Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks campaign spending and politicians’ finances, published Trump’s financial disclosures in late 2017. From the public records and other reports, it’s clear where and how Trump is making money off the office.

### **Here are the ways Trump is cashing in on the presidency.**

#### **1. Trump’s hotels**

- **Trump hotel income jumped from \$33.8 million in 2016 to \$60.5 million in 2017.**

**According to financial disclosures, Trump hotel revenue soared over the past few years. In 2015, records show just \$16.7 million in hotel and resort revenues. However, that amount doubled to \$33.8 million during the campaign and election year. Since Trump began occupying the White House, hotel income jumped about 80%, reaching \$60.8 million in 2017.**

**These extraordinary numbers appear easy to explain. After all, Trump opened the Old Post Office hotel in D.C. late in 2016 despite the clear guideline that “No elected official of the Government of the United States...shall be admitted to any share or part of this Lease.” Since**

then, it has become the go-to hotel for any foreign visitor looking to win favors from the Trumps. It's also become the headquarters of GOP activity in D.C.

## **2. Trump campaign events at Trump properties.**

- **Various Trump properties banked at least \$720,000 from Trump's own campaign events.**

The Center for Responsive Politics sorted the spending of political committees at Trump properties, and Trump's own campaign events topped the list. In 2017 alone, Trump's 2020 campaign spent \$720,064 at buildings Trump owns. Right here is an example why U.S. presidents are expected to divest from their businesses. Since Trump still holds these properties, he and his family make bonus money every time he holds a fundraiser.

## **3. Golf club memberships**

- **After Trump was elected, Mar-a-Lago doubled member fees to \$200,000 before taxes.**

This one was straightforward. After the election, Trump signaled he would spend a great deal of time at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. So the club simply doubled its membership fees to \$200,000 before taxes. USA Today found that executives from 50 government contractors and 21 lobbyists hold memberships at Trump clubs.

In the first eight months of 2017, two-thirds of those executives and lobbyists played golf on days Trump was there. The swamp was never so convenient for doing business, and the president was never so obvious about how to find him before.

## **4. Trump's own golf trips**

- **Secret Service golf-cart rentals alone cost taxpayers \$137,000 in nine months. The payments go to Trump's business.**

Not only do Trump's frequent golf trips burn taxpayer dollars; they also make the Trumps lots of money. The system is rather simple and, once you see how it works, you can see why Trump spent over 25% of his first year in office at his own golf clubs.

Overall, the easiest mark is the U.S. Secret Service tasked with the job of protecting Trump. As the law stands, the agency cannot receive payments from presidents. This law exists to limit potential conflicts of interest (irony alert). So the Secret Service paid \$137,000 to Trump's Florida and New Jersey properties for golf cart rentals in just the first nine months of 2017.

## **5. Republican fundraisers**

- The Republican National Committee (RNC) spent over \$300,000 at Trump properties in 2016 and 2017.

Since the Trump D.C. hotel is a block from the U.S. Justice Department and close to the White House, anyone who wants to make a contribution to Trump's pockets simply books events there. The same goes for Trump Tower in New York and Mar-a-Lago. In 2016, the RNC spent \$146,521 at Trump properties. The RNC topped that figure in 2017, when it spent \$173,416. Have a policy you want Trump to support? Hold a fundraiser.

## 6. New real estate investors

After Trump won the election, prices of real estate at Trump Tower in New York began to skyrocket. Demand cooled off as people got to know the new president, but that didn't stop Trump business from recording \$168.5 million in revenue in 2017 — the best of any year disclosed. According to a report by USA Today, about 70% of Trump's buyers were LLCs, so we don't know the identity of them. Who'd want to hide such a thing?

## 7. The Trump online store

- The Trump Organization opened an online store in November 2017.

Want to show your #MAGA pride? Buy a made-somewhere-other-than-the-USA polo shirt that says "Trump" on the front. You can find one (\$90) at Trumpstore.com site that launched in fall 2017. (It's proudly "decorated" in America, too.) We won't know until next year how much Trump makes off his own apparel site, but we list it here as an obvious money grab by the president and his family. I receive in my e-mail box every day, at least a half-dozen offers to order a President Trump MAGA hat. On the other side of the fence, I get Nancy Pelosi's fund appeals begging for a buck, sometimes as many as five times a day from a different Democrat telling me that they have contacted me and I have not donated!

## 8. Holiday parties

- Mar-a-Lago's New Year's party tickets jumped to as much as \$750 per person in 2017.

Want to rub shoulders with one of the most powerful men in the world? Any Mar-a-Lago member or guest can do so for \$600 and \$750 per person, respectively, at the Trump resort on New Year's Eve. According to Politico, those prices represent as much as \$175 more than the 2016 prices. The only difference between 2017 and the prior year is Trump sat as POTUS the second time around.

It's yet another cash grab in what was a year of monetization of the U.S. presidency. When they say America is in decline and becomes more like a Third World country every year, examples like this one don't help. Someday, historians may call the GOP of 2017 the part of "Banana Republicans." Actually, the conservative National Review already does.

All that I just shared does not get the publicity as it does when he donates his quarterly presidential salary to the VA or the National Parks. We are a nation of one huge club as George Carlin used to say, and you and I are not in it.

Blessings,

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