

The case of Joseph Churba: an arm of Soviet deception in Washington, D.C.

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On May 25, the Israeli political scene was rocked by news that 25 members of the "Jewish underground" terrorist movement had been indicted on several charges, including conspiring to blow up the Dome of the Rock, the third holiest shrine in the Muslim religion, on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. This was part of the largest crackdown against underground terrorist networks in Israeli history.

Days earlier, Israeli newspapers reported that a special team from the Shin Beth internal security service had been dispatched to investigate links between the Jewish Defense League and the West Bank terrorist group known as Terror Against Terror (TNT). Members of this group were arrested in March for carrying 262 pounds of dynamite up the steps of the Temple Mount to blow up the Dome of the Rock and another Muslim shrine, the al-Aksa mosque.

These crackdowns are sending shockwaves throughout Israel and abroad. But if the Shin Beth wants to be thoroughly serious about its investigations of TNT terror links into the United States, it will cooperate with U.S. counter-terrorist experts to apprehend one figure "above suspicion," who has so far gone untouched: Joseph Churba, a co-founder of the Jewish Defense League with Rabbi Meir Kahane and a leading tool of the Soviet intelligence services for duping and disorienting U.S. conservative and pro-Israeli layers.

In the Washington scene, Churba, as the one-time chief Mideast adviser to U.S. Air Force intelligence and as a foreign policy adviser to President Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign, carries a good deal of weight among conservative U.S. military and foreign policy figures. Churba bills himself as one of the principal critics of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's "détente policies," which he blames for the near loss of the Mideast to the Soviet Union.

Third Temple and Third Rome

But through tracing the activities of Joe Churba, the investigator arrives at one of the more shocking realities of contemporary political intelligence warfare: It is the Soviet Union and its ruling "Third Rome" messianic-imperialist

elites which are the guiding hands behind the crazies who intend to set off religious wars by blowing up the Temple Mount and rebuilding the Temple of King Solomon on that spot.

The ruling ideology of the Russian Orthodox Church has for hundreds of years been that Moscow will be the site of the "third and final Rome." That belief is today allied to the imperialist yearnings of the Soviet military and Communist Party leadership. Throughout history, that combination of Russian messianism and imperial ambitions has repeatedly drawn upon the messianic expectations aroused by the "New Jerusalem," the rebuilding of the "Third Temple" of King Solomon as affirmation of an apocalyptic new era dominated by the Moscow mystics.

Today, it is the same. All the pawns in the Temple Mount/Third Temple are manipulated by Soviet intelligence, ranging from U.S. Christian fundamentalist fanatics to the Israeli cultists whose nominal political spokesman is former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

Hence Joe Churba.

In April 1983 Joe Churba addressed a gathering in Portland, Oregon, of 100 members of the Temple Mount Foundation, the organization created by millionaire Christian fundamentalist Terry Risenhoover to fund the rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon once Al-Aksa and the Dome of the Rock are destroyed. The Temple Mount Foundation coordinates between 1) Soviet intelligence; 2) Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the cult creators of the British and European oligarchy who trace their "wisdom" to the "secret knowledge" of Solomon; 3) the Christian fundamentalists, who believe that only after the Temple is built will Jews convert to Christianity and Armageddon occur, and, 4) the Jewish fundamentalists of the Gush Emunim and TNT, who believe that rebuilding the Third Temple will mark the advent of the Messiah.

In the United States, the Temple Mount Foundation is only one of several "Christian fundamentalist" organizations, that are pouring money and equipment into Israel to sacrifice the Israeli state in a broader plan for bringing "apocalypse"

to our times. Joe Churba was no innocent in this gameplan. As he spoke, the room featured a big model of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, for all who doubted the plan was operational. For Churba, it was only the first event in a planned national tour on behalf of Risenhoover's madmen.

At his speech to the Temple Mount crazies, Joe Churba repeated his theme, printed elsewhere in ads taken out by his Washington, D.C.-based Center for International Security and signed by 100 U.S. generals, that Israel is now the "only secure ally the United States can depend upon, sharing a common destiny with the United States. It is the one pillar for the region." After his speech, however, Churba told a reporter for *EIR* that *the time has come for Israel to consider a strategic alliance with the Soviet Union.*

Churba's call for a Soviet-Israeli strategic alliance shows that the Temple Mount project is consistent with plans of that faction which rose to power with Yuri Andropov, the former head of the KGB, to transform Moscow into a Third and Final Rome. While the Temple Mount crazies fiddle with an idea that might cause the entire Mideast to explode into a holy war, Moscow grins; the very Islamic fundamentalists who have vowed to carry out a jihad against Israel are now under increasing control of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gaidar Aliyev, who serves as the Third Rome faction's emissary to Syria, Iran, and other radical Arab states.

The 'Great Game'

In 1975 Joe Churba, who was then head of the Mideast desk for U.S. Air Force Intelligence, had his security clearance stripped, when he leaked a document to Bernard Gwertzman of the *New York Times* that challenged the Pentagon's strategic assessment which made Europe a priority over the Mideast in a war with the Soviet Union.

Since his ouster, Churba wrote two books on Mideast geopolitics, the *Politics of Defeat: America's Decline in the Mideast* (1977) and *Retreat from Freedom* (1980). As Churba readily admits, he bases his analysis upon the 19th-century "Great Game," which pitted the British, Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman, and Russian Empire in a Hobbsian battle for control of the region.

The Great Game spawned a snakepit of double and triple agents like H. A. R. "Kim" Philby, the former chief of Soviet counterintelligence for British MI-6, who "defected" to the Soviet Union, becoming a KGB General, after his father, the British Arabist St. John Philby, handed over key Islamic fundamentalist assets. It was Kim Philby who trained James Jesus Angleton, who has been identified as a controller of early operations by Churba and Rabbi Meir Kahane.

In his 1977 book, Churba said: "The present course of United States policy will enable the Soviets to achieve dominance in the Middle East and global strategic superiority over America. Under such circumstances, it would be criminal for anyone to suggest denying the Kremlin its *Pax Sovietica*

at the risk—for it would then be the only other option available—of nuclear conflagration."

In *Retreat from Freedom*, Churba predicted that the Soviets would reach "global strategic superiority" by 1985. Where Churba had identified Turkey, Iran, and Israel as the three "pillars" of stability against a Soviet takeover of the Middle East in 1977, by 1980 he said: "Israel is without question the only reliable and effective ally the United States has in the Middle East." So, Churba wrote a letter to the *New York Times* suggesting:

"Our policy makers, presumably, are searching for ways of avoiding a choice between nuclear war and inaction in the face of Soviet expansion gulf-ward. History yields to them an idea worth chewing on . . . the partition of Iran into Soviet and American zones.

"Washington might propose allowing Soviet dominance of the areas of Iran directly south of the Soviet-Iranian border in return for a free hand in southern Iran. The rationale: by reducing uncertainty about the extent of the superpowers' respective ambitions in the region, the risks of military confrontation would diminish. . . ."

Joe Churba may not be on the KGB payroll, but his willingness to partition Iran, as Neville Chamberlain paved the way for the partition of Poland between Hitler and Stalin, shows what he means by a *Pax Sovietica*. It is this sort of treachery that led Churba to call for a strategic alliance between Israel and the Soviet Union at the Temple Mount gathering in Portland.

Turning Jews into animals

Joe Churba grew up with Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the Jewish Defense League, in Flatbush. Both joined Brit Trumpeldor (Betar), the militant Jewish youth group founded by Vlad Jabotinsky, where they became close friends with Moshe Arens, the current Israeli Defense Minister. After their ordination as orthodox rabbis and advanced degrees, Churba and Kahane set up a number of business fronts for political intelligence operations.

One early operation run through Consultants Research Association was to create the July 4th Movement, a campus support group for the Vietnam War whose only known branch was at the Jesuits' Fordham University. Churba with Kahane in tow traveled to and from Washington, D.C. where Kahane masqueraded as a Presbyterian journalist named "Michael King." They started a magazine on Washington "night life," which folded after two issues. They also wrote a book called *The Jewish Stake in Vietnam*. During this time Kahane described himself as "an expert on penetrations and front groups," and their activities had the reported sponsorship of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, the Mossad, and the James Jesus Angleton wing of the CIA.

When Kahane launched the JDL in May 1968, Churba became an instructor at Maxwell Air Force Base, but they

have remained in close contact to this day. They planned the JDL to create a new Jewish identity, not as a leader in the creation of a Judeo-Christian renaissance, but as a *Chaya* ("animal"), which is the name that Kahane gave to the JDL's goon squads from which the Temple Mount terrorists have been recruited.

The JDL's first major intervention was the Ocean Hill-Brownsville "race riot" that former National Security Adviser, McGeorge Bundy, then president of the Ford Foundation, sought to drum up against Jewish teachers opposed to his "community control," deschooling program. The JDL's main enemy, Leslie Campbell (a.k.a., Jitu Weusi of The East) was the "Black anti-Semite" foil to build JDL's armed goons.

The JDL and Campbell both shared a common "mother" through the Ford Foundation-related networks of "Mac" Bundy. Shortly after the New York teachers' strike, Rabbi Kahane invited a Princeton University anthropologist named Elizabeth Dolgin operating on a grant from the Center for Urban Ethnography to work for 18 months at the Jewish Identity Center in Manhattan, where the Chaya squads were brainwashed. Her "action anthropology" project was funded by the Ford Foundation-linked Center for Urban Ethnography. Dolgin's comment that the *Chaya* identity was built upon Herbert Marcuse's "dialectic of absorption," may reveal more than she knows.

After he left OSS, Marcuse's projects included creating Angela Davis of the Communist Party U.S.A. With a draw down account from Bundy's Ford Foundation, Marcuse set up the East Side Service Organization (ESSO), which funded the Mark Rudd crazies. ESSO also funded "Up Against the Wall Motherf---ers," an anarcho-syndicalist group that carried out gun-running for the Newark riots with the Ruddites. The token leaders of the Newark riot were Greenwich Village guttersnipe poet Leroi Jones (a.k.a., "Imamu Baraka") and Les Campbell: two of the JDL's leading "Black anti-Semites."

This operation is the root of Rabbi Kahane's current organizing of "Jews Against Jackson," to polarize the Black and Jewish communities. JDL threats to Jackson, the reason why President Reagan assigned Secret Service protection to the candidate, may yet be used as the cover for an attempt upon Jackson's life that has the potential to trigger 1960s-style race riots.

'Blood and soil'

The *Chaya* identity is a fascist "blood and soil" myth. It draws upon early biblical tales of the Maccabees and Masada, as interpreted by the Zionist leaders Theodor Herzl, Max Nordau, and Vlad Jabotinsky. Of these three Zionist leaders, the more important for Churba and Kahane is the blood-and-soil Russian fascist Vlad Jabotinsky.

Born in Odessa to a wealthy grain-trading family, Jabotinsky settled as a journalist in Switzerland in 1898, before attending the Jesuit University of Rome in 1902, where he was recruited to "economic socialism" by Antonio Labriola

and the Venetian agent Benedetto Croce. Through Labriola, Jabotinsky was introduced to his "most beloved hero" Giuseppe Mazzini, who co-founded the Propaganda 1 Freemasonic Lodge to run the 1848 Jacobin destabilization of Europe.

On his return to Odessa, Jabotinsky created an underground network of Jewish "self-defense" units, stretching throughout Russia and Eastern Europe, which still bedevil U.S. intelligence circles. Jabotinsky's underground not only had unsolved ties to the Czarist secret police, the Okhrana, and later Soviet intelligence services, but also open leanings to the fascists of the 1930s.

Labriola, the Hegelian scholar Croce, and other contemporaries of Jabotinsky in Italy not only gave him the basis of his "Jewish Monism," upon which Kahane's *Chaya* identity is drawn, but as Jabotinsky was well-aware, they were the authors of *Il Duce* Benito Mussolini's fascism. Jabotinsky lobbied Mussolini to take up the Nordau Plan to create a Jewish state in Palestine, and he worked closely with the Birgonium, created in Palestine in the 1930s, who took Mussolini's corporatism as their model.

The impact of Jabotinsky upon Churba and Kahane has been tremendous. Michael Ledeen, who is one of Churba's close collaborators, wrote a book called *Universal Fascism* in which he traces the birth of fascism from Giuseppe Mazzini's Propaganda One Freemasonic scheme to create a Young Europe. Mussolini, according to Ledeen, developed this into a plan for a fascist empire beginning at a 1932 Conference in Volta. Ledeen's only complaint with this Fascist International is that it foundered upon "the Jewish question."

Ledeen, in fact, sits on the board of directors, with Churba, of the Washington-based Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs!

Ledeen's propaganda work on behalf of universal fascism earned him the role of special envoy of Henry Kissinger to the P-2 Masonic Lodge run by a former member of Mussolini's secret police (OVRA), named Licio Gelli. The P-2 lodge has been implicated in every major coup attempt and terrorist act that has hit Italy since 1969.

Ledeen, not surprisingly, works out of Jesuit Georgetown University, the center of treason in the United States. Since the Jesuits have universally been the bridge between Nazi and Communist networks, it is hardly surprising that such an operative would help bridge Churba's ties from the blood-and-soil fascist ideology of Jabotinsky to the Soviet Third Romers.

"Universal fascism" of the sort that permeates oligarchic cults like the Propaganda Two Masonic Lodge, is the blood-and-soil ideology that brings together the Temple Mount crazies with the Third Rome faction in Moscow. Universal fascists like François Genoud of Lausanne, Switzerland, the heir to those fascists who gathered at the 1932 Volta Conference, work hand-in-glove with Michael Ledeen, Ruhollah Khomeini, and Gaidar Aliyev of the Soviet Politburo. This is the substance of Churba's "Pax Sovietica."