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Shalom, This is the fifth edition of Tribesman. We hope you like it. I think we have a good quality magazine and we are improving all the time. We have some interesting articles in this issue. Two of our articles deal with descendants of the House of David in Western Europe. Royal Houses, aristocracies, and very many "commoner" families in Europe are descended to some degree from King David. This is an additional indication that people of West European origin are Lost Israelites. Biblical passages and simple logic indicate that Divine Providence intended the House of David to remain in Israelite surroundings. One word of Be careful of the "Jerusalem advice: Syndrome." This is a phenomenon known especially from Jerusalem. Every year Jerusalem receives more than a million tourists. Among these tourists there are those who suddenly decide they are the Messiah, or Elijah, or just the recipients of a special message from on High. This often results in bizarre behaviour and needs treatment though in many cases the afflicted behave normally. If due to the articles in *Tribesman* you discover that your family may be descended from King David, take it easy. You are not the only one. The message should be that if you have a noble ancestry, and if you have merited that it be made known to you, then you have an obligation to serve God at a higher level than you otherwise may have done.

It is the same in the Army. In the forces you have officers, NCOs, and privates. An NCO may sometimes be able to "get drunk with the boys." An officer should not. An officer is expected to take more risks, work harder, conduct himself better, help and direct those around him. In return he ultimately gets paid better, has more prestige, lives more intensely and has numerous additional benefits. Even without the benefits he is still required to do more and behave differently. As Israelites we are all officers and should behave accordingly.

#### IS BELIEF HEREDITARY AMONGST ISRAELITES?

There is an article in this issue on conversion to Judaism and its pertinence to Lost Israelite studies. The word for "convert" in Hebrew is "ger." This word literally means, "sojourner." It could be applied to a stranger who came to attach himself to Israel or to anyone (including an Israelite) who did not originally belong to the local community but had come to live amongst them. Such people did not have local family, relatives, and acquaintances. They were especially vulnerable and susceptible to exploitation. The Torah therefore in thirty-six places warned the Israelites to treat the foreign sojourner fairly.

"And if a stranger sojourn with you in your land, you shall not vex him.

"But the stranger that dwells with you shall be unto you as one one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself" (Leviticus 19; 33-34).

All the tribes of Israel as one body received the commandments at Mount Sinai. In a sense they then all became "converts."

[Exod 19:6] And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

[Exod 19:7] And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

[Exod 19:8] And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

[Exod 19:9] And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD".

It was said that the people would believe **forever**. In some sense there exists an inherent



instinctual desire in the hearts of those of Israelite descent to believe in the Bible.

[Deut 5:2] The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

[Deut 5:3] The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

[Deut 5:4] The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire.

It is not that one is born believing but at least one remains open to this belief. This does not apply to every Israelite but it is a tendency. Most people of Israselite descent want to believe in the Bible but they also have their own lusts and weaknesses. In order to justify submssion to these other forces grounds for disbelief are then sought after. This is as if one takes a bribe to deny the truth in order not to cope with the inner conflict that results.

[Exod 23:8] And thou shalt take no gift [Hebrew: "shochad" translated as "gift" in the KJ but actually meaning, "bribe"] for the bribe blinds the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous.

After many generations of estrangement it is logical that a "Renewal of the Covenant" should be required. May God bless all of you and all the peoples of Israel.

Yair Davidy, Tribesman editor.

## **PROOF OF IDENTITY FROM CONVERSION TO JUDAISM**

The following article brings up a lot of interesting points.

It says that many converts are of West European origin (from "Brit-Am" areas) and that these make the best converts. This and other evidence indicates that these people (to a degree) have a natural affinity with Judaism and with Hebraic lore. This is traceable to Israelite origins and may even serve as a supportive indication of such origins. That is the main point of this article.

We do not encourage individual conversion to Judaism. We are not involved in it and think that in many cases it may be unwise and perhaps unnecessary. Judaism as a religion also does not encourage conversion and is actually somewhat opposed to it. Conversions do however take place and in our time on a scale perhaps more than ever before. We are therefore making observations about an existing situation. Yair Davidy, the author of this article, identifies himself as an Orthodox Jew and will express himself openly, giving his own opinion and/or letting the points speak for themselves. In order to get my point across I am allowing myself, in this case, to speak quite freely. No offence to anybody is intended.

Jewish sources indicate that in the end times the Lost Tribes will convert to Judaism meaning that they will return and re-accept the Mosaic Code. This is supported by Biblical references, for instance, the Prophet Malach says, "Remember ye the Law of Moses, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with statutes and judgments. Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers unto the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4;4-6). The above passage contains the following indications: We are exhorted to remember the Law of Moses which was commanded "for all Israel" including all Twelve of the Tribes. Turning the "heart of the fathers unto the children and the heart of the children to their fathers" could imply the renewed identification of the Lost Tribes of Israel with their Israelite ancestry. Darrell W. Commonwealth Publishing) Conder (of suggested this to me. I believe that the Lost Tribes as Tribal groups will return and accept anew the Mosaic Law while retaining their Tribal identity. This is a Renewing of the Covenant that has the same practical application as conversion. At the same time it is a principle that many of those who over the centuries converted to Judaism were of Judaean or Lost Israelite ancestry. The Khazars, for instance, became Jewish and they were descended from Israelites primarily of the Tribes of Menasseh and Simeon.

#### The Jewish and Judaizing Phenomena

A related phenomenon is the present Christian involvement with Judaism. Christian missionaries are now engaged in an all-out effort to convert as many Jews as possible to Christianity and they are having some success mainly with fringe elements. When a Jew becomes a Christian he is lost to Judaism. From the point of view of Jewish law he is committing idolatry and a Jew should allow himself to be killed before worshipping another god. Some people will be offended at these words but would you rather I not say them? On the other hand, Christians of all denominations are re-asserting and emphasizing their Jewish roots or the common denominator between themselves and Judaism. There are also numerous groups of Christians who try and make themselves as Jewish as possible. They sometimes even call themselves "Jews for Jesus" or "Messianic Jews." This phenomenon is occurring in America and to a lesser extent in Britain. There is an increased support for the State of Israel and an interest in Jewish things. Elsewhere there is also an increase in anti-Semitism. There are also cases of Christians who were once adopting Jewish customs now becoming Jew haters of the worst kind. A kind of reaction is appearing in some circles. Historically, most Christian reformers at the beginning of their ministry were friendly towards the Jews but when they found the Jews to be unreceptive (or worse) they turned hostile. The movement to convert Jews to Christianity reveals both a misplaced urge to draw closer to Jews and to Judaism as well as latent anti-Semitic emotions. One way or the other people are re-defining themselves. They are also searching for their roots and "Identity." Conversion to Judaism is increasing and is part of the search for self-definition. One of the criteria we use for determining Israelite origins is relative positive or negative attitudes towards the Jewish people. The Jews are mainly from the Tribes of Judah, Benjamin, Simeon, and Levi with a smattering of other tribes and adopted members of the family. The Lost Ten Tribes are chiefly from Joseph, Reuben, Zebulon, Issachar, Gad, Asher, Dan, Naphtali, with some from Judah, Benjamin, and Levi and many attached strangers of their own. There should be an instinctual feeling of fraternity between the two groups. Since the Jews have often been a persecuted minority and still are vulnerable how

others relate to them is a valid indication of who the "others" may be. The more pro-Jewish over the long run a group is the more likely is it that they have Israelite origins. This is not an absolute test. I remember a case of a Government school in Poland where two brothers were mistreating their Jewish schoolmates. The headmaster complained to the parents of the brothers. The parents then revealed the fact that they themselves were Jewish but had kept it secret from their children and from others due to the risk of persecution. In this example it would seem that Jewish origins had had a negative effect. There are numerous cases where Jews have been anti-semites. In the State of Israel we have had Government Ministers who were anti-Jewish. On the Gentile side there were cases of individuals who were once pro-Jewish (or appeared to be so) but then changed their attitude. The opposite scenario has also taken place: There were apparent anti-semites who actually helped the Jews when they could. Even so, these are exceptions and the exception proves the rule. On the whole the relative degree of being pro-Jewish ("philo-semitism") is а legitimate standard especially when combined with other factors. The wish to convert to Judaism and the success of conversion in itself is one measure of philo-semitism.

#### Why Do People Convert?

"The reasons converts have for converting vary with the individuals involved, of course, but the common denominator is the search for Truth, Meaning (reason for living) and *Chessed* [i.e. kindness, empathy].

"People who are attracted to Judaism are usually above average in intelligence and sensitivity. Abstract questions regarding Truth, Justice, human behaviour and its causes and effects, Meaning, etc., rarely enter the mind of the less perceptive individual, while the insensitive and coarse are not likely to notice such things in their environment as emptiness, moral decay, lies and corruption, cruelty, and the suffering and ugliness they breed. Those types accept such conditions as 'natural,' feel at home where they are, and have no reason to search for anything else.

"The *rabbanim* who work with converts and *ba'alei teshuvah* [i.e. penitents] are in emphatic agreement that converts come to Judaism with a highly developed *midah* [quality] of chessed which they possessed prior to conversion. I can say from my own experience that the hunger for *chessed*, gentleness and caring can be an even greater driving force in some than the search for Truth.

Quoted from, "From Another Planet" by S. bat-Avraham, pp. 10-11, in "The Jewish Woman's Outlook" vol II/ no 1, August-September 1981/ Elul 5741-Tishrei 5742.

There follows, A letter from Dvora relating first-hand knowledge, followed by comments, followed by an interview with a Rabbi who has had much first-hand experience. This Rabbi is not very well acquainted with our views but has noted ethnic distinctions of importance and has his own ideas the principles of which are pertinent to ourselves.

#### Letter from Dvora: Scottish Baptists Become Jews

Shalom Yair,

If I were only reading this research [about the Lost Ten Tribes], I would be totally unconvinced. It sounds like fairy tales to me. However, whereas you are coming at the issue from the past, I am acquainted with it's future and seeing where the two are conjoined convinces me of its truth and accuracy.

What I have personal knowledge of is at least seven families now (and I'm searching for others) who are all of the same generation, all primarily descendants of immigrants originating in the British Isles (notably Scotland); all from the southern US (notably Texas); all rooted in the same sect of X'tianity (at least four of those families include one or more preachers/pastors among them); all drawn to Judaism at the same point in history —most having already converted. If this isn't clear evidence of the fulfillment of the prophecies to return ALL the tribes to their land and commitment to the One G-d, then we wouldn't recognize it if it hit us between the eyes. In Jeremiah it says "one from a city and two from a clan" which negates the possibility of literally millions of returnees—although Israel would be thrilled to have so many new Jews within her borders. Hashem has already addressed the issue of intermarriage by communicating to these people that they must convert to Judaism in order to be accepted back, just as the Ethiopians and others have done in the past....

ALL those who descended from one of the "lost" tribes (and I write it that way because they were never lost to Hashem) will be inspired by Hashem to reunite with their brothers by conversion to Judaism. Remember the prophecy of the two sticks? They become one. There will no longer be Israelite and Jew, but the Israelite will become a Jew (religiously, by conversion) and the Jew will become an Israelite by adopting the thought and action patterns of his brother Israelites who never forgot the authentic Jewish idea.

These are necessary steps to achieving two great aims: 1) The end of the desecration of G-d's name in the world, and 2) the bringing in of the final redemption with all that it entails for humanity. After all, this is the destiny of the seed of Jacob. Dvora

Dvora

**COMMENT:** A convert today in effect becomes part of Judah. The sources foresee that the Lost Ten Tribes will re-accept the convert in effect converting. They will however (according to the sources) mainly come in Tribal groups and retain Tribal distinctions. What Devorah speaks of is a drop in the Ocean even though it is symptomatic. In addition the people concerned in some cases may belong to parts of the southern "Judah" tribes, i.e. Judah, Benjamin, Levi, and Simeon. Many of these tribes are also to be found amongst the Lost Ten Tribes.

Also the sources do speak of great numbers returning, e.g. Jeremiah 31;8, Hosea 1;10. The descendants of Israel upon whom the blessings were to descend were to be exceedingly numerous, Genesis 13;16, 15;5, 17;4-5, 18;18, 22;17, 24;60, 28;3, 28;14.

The sons of Joseph were to "swarm as fish swarm in the midst of the earth" (Genesis 48;16) and all these are to return, see e.g. Isaiah 11;12-13.



#### ORTHODOX RABBI INTERVIEWED: ETHNIC DISTINCTIONS IN CONVERSION-APTITUDES INDIRECTLY AFFIRM "BRIT-AM ISRAEL" BELIEFS!

"Brit-Am Israel" has no official doctrine regarding conversion. Unofficially, the sources indicate that the Lost Ten Tribes will return and re-accept the Mosaic Code. They will do this apparently as national or tribal groupings rather than as individuals. We do not advocate private conversion to Judaism and have no involvement with it one way or another, - and that's the way we want it. Private conversions do however occur and the interview below shows that "Brit-Am Israel" beliefs are affirmed by certain characteristics of those applying for conversion.

Whatever your religious views, if you are sympathetic to Brit-Am Israelite Identity belief, the following article contains information and opinions worth considering.

In this article, a Rabbinical Authority in Israel is interviewed and says that people of North European descent (and especially from Holland, North England, and Scotland) make the best converts and that these converts must have had "Jewish" (or "Israelite") ancestors.

MR is a retired Rabbi who for many years worked for the Governmental Religious Ministry. MR is well known and was involved in interviewing and guiding prospective converts to Judaism. His opinions are of great interest and his observations are highly relevant to our own researches. He opines that the best converts (and at one stage the largest number) come from areas which we believe to have been settled by Lost Tribes of Israel. He also believes that these converts must have had some ancestral connection to Israel. His observations are subjective ones based on years of experience. A scientific survey would almost certainly substantiate his views. Note that MR retired some time ago and that nowadays conditions have changed somewhat. A person who today held a position parallel to that once occupied by MR may well have a different set of experiences to base opinion upon. Note also that the views expressed are those of the person interviewed and not necessarily those of "Brit-Am Israel". MR is very cultured and knowledgeable and expresses himself very well but English is not his mother tongue and this occasionally may have influenced his mode of expression. The following interview was conducted and recorded by Yair Davidy.

"You had people interested in Judaism from very many countries. You had many people who came from Great Britain... Scotland. You had many people from Germany... Many people from Holland and the Scandinavian countries, Finland..."

#### Where Did the Converts Come From?

<< My name is MR. I am now retired, but for many years I was a teacher for classes in Judaism. The people who came to these classes were interested in conversion, in [*becoming a*]

"ger", like Abraham was, -"one who comes to live". A true convert is called a "ger tzedek" ["*a righteous sojourner*"], a true convert. The people were told that these [*classes*] were simply classes for those interested in Judaism, to learn about Judaism, but many of the participants in these classes later applied for conversion. The Conversion process was then conducted by the Beit Din (by the "Rabbinut") in the various towns. We were just the teachers. We were not the converting Rabbis. We had no converting authority. Over the years we had many, many hundreds, maybe thousands [of pupils] who passed through this institution. You had people interested in Judaism from very many countries. You had **many** people who came from Great Britain, [*and from*] Scotland. You had many people from Germany. -It is interesting that there were less from France. - Many people from Holland and the Scandinavian countries, Finland, etc., etc.

#### **The Conversion Process**

#### "There is absolutely no need to be a Jew"

<>Usually [*amongst*] the greater part of these people ...there were more women than men, on the whole. Of course, they were always told that there is no need to be a Jew. In the Opening Session, we would begin by trying to convince them that there is absolutely no need to be a Jew. In order to have the ability to approach God, to pray to God, or to find favor or grace in the eyes of God, there is no need to be Jewish. This was said at the very beginning! This was repeated always! This was hammered in! On the other hand, you could be a very worthy person, without being Jewish. On the contrary, we are full of respect for a good Christian...Whatever the case, it is obviously much better to be a good Christian than a bad Jew.

<< Slowly they were introduced. There are no secrets, and they were introduced [to Judaism]. There is a lot to learn. Judaism is based on learning. Judaism is definitely based on learning. It is demanded of the would-be converts to have knowledge of Judaism in order to conduct their own life and household according to the Laws and Precepts. Study, the ability to study Torah, is a necessary requirement of Judaism. The conversion process is not so much a declaration of faith as it is the proof that you have assimilated a very large body of knowledge with the idea of practicing [the Laws and Precepts] -that is, not only theoretical knowledge. Therefore [because of this requirement of acquiring knowledge] a course like our own took up to a year. By the way, we did not accept anybody into this course unless he or she had [been] already a year in the country. Because we felt that it would otherwise be unfair unless the person understood what Jewish or Israeli society is. The person had to undergo a language-training course to acquire a fair knowledge of Hebrew. Another very important requirement was that the person had to find himself an already observant family, where he would be invited, and [who] would actually in a sense "adopt" him: The idea being to see how to observe Judaism in the way it is practiced in the family. This family became like an "adoptive" family, they had to sponsor him, and in the end the candidate had to come with a member of the family before the Rabbinical Court which is comprised of at least three Rabbinical Judges. The family had to sponsor him, they had to vouch for him.... So, in this way many hundreds even thousands passed [through this process].

#### Why do non-Jewish People in Israel Convert?

"It was not so much the theological aspect..."

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<<Many ...did it for reasons of marriage. Although according to the Law, to Jewish law, the desire to get married to a Jewish partner is not a reason to convert. On the contrary, it is a reason not to convert. The fact is that for many this was the reason, due to the marriage partner [*being Jewish*]. maybe it was the conclusion of family-pressure from the other side. There were also people who had passed through Kibbutzim or who had worked in Moshavim [co-operative farming settlements] and were then attracted by a certain warmth which is peculiar to Israeli society. A person does not remain a stranger, you understand, if he is anywhere a long enough time and then a bond is created to the society, to the people, to the nation of Israel. No doubt the fact that Israel is a country "under siege" also contributed to the idea of Identification. There are many reasons. It was not so much the theological aspect, as the essential warmth that they experienced whether it was from the Kibbutz society or society in general. It was easy for them to make friends. This was no doubt an important point for many of them.

<<So this is it, these are the basics. [*These are*] the reasons why so many came, Israeli society was attractive to them. At the beginning they felt, well, it is a secular society and maybe they could fit in very well. Only later when they came to conversion they maybe understood that [*the*] demands are in fact very strict, very severe, and yet most of them did in fact persevere.

OK, maybe you have questions at this point?

#### ARE THERE DIFFERENCES? ETHNIC DISTINCTIONS IN CONVERSION?

"Converts who come from 'northern countries' ...have a much greater affinity with Judaism.... By 'northern' I mean Scotland, Holland, Scandinavian countries"

# Question: What perhaps would interest our readers, are ethnic distinctions. Did you see any differences in ethnic distribution amongst the people concerned?

**Answer:** Look, I would say definitely that the people, the converts who come from "northern countries" (let's put it that way), have a much greater affinity with Judaism than let us say people who come from the east and from southern countries. For example, we had very, very few from Italy, maybe more [*but few from*] the Balkans. Of course now we have the case of Russians, which is a different story, in itself. From Slavic countries there were very few. There is a definite preponderance of people from "Northern" countries. By "northern" I mean Scotland, Holland, Scandinavian countries: These definitely have greater [*affinity*]. The conversion process is more natural to them than it is to either Latin or even Slavic people. Definitely yes, this is definitely so, this is correct. We did have from time to time, usually for marriage purposes, we had candidates from the Far East, but very few on the whole.

There was a difficulty. On the whole we can also say that people who came from a good Christian background had less of a problem as compared to people who came from, let us say, an atheistic or non-religious environment.

# Question: Did you not once [before this interview] say that Dutch people had an affinity for Judaism?

**Answer:** Yes of course, this has to do with the Bible, with the affinity for what they call the "Old" Testament, definitely.

#### "There were quite a number of Scottish people. ... They were amongst the best candidates. Also the Dutch and the Northern English".

#### What about the Scottish and Irish?

**Answer:** The Scots, yes. There were not too many Irish, not too many Irish, no. But there were quite a number of Scottish people. One must say that they were amongst the best candidates. Also the Dutch and the Northern English.

#### The Influences of Religious Upbringing As Well As Ancestry

#### "The basic concepts of religion are the same"

#### Question: Was there any difference in sociological abilities to adapt?

**Answer**: Look, again, the more religious the upbringing the person has [*the better it is*]. The basic concepts of religion are the same. There is more **observance**, maybe, in Judaism BUT the basic concepts are very similar, identical. I would say not only similar, but identical. [*Likewise*] In ethical behavior, in ethical externally related behavior, in family-oriented behavior.

## Question: Amongst these people with whom you had contact, these prospective converts, did many of them believe they had some type of Jewish ancestry?

**Answer:** An interesting question, that's an interesting question. There are many of them who claim that a grandmother told them something. [*These types of proofs are usually*] very flimsy, cannot prove anything but they **claim** that a grandmother told them something.

#### "A desire or affinity...There must be something in them. Otherwise it could not happen"

## Question:\_ Did any of them claim, not necessarily that they had Jewish ancestry, but that they were descended from the Lost Ten Tribes, or something like that?

**Answer:** I have never heard of this, no. I can say that the urge to become Jewish [*is ancestral*]. One can say in a definite way that the average Gentile does not want to convert. I mean, there is no need for it, but he does not want it [*anyway*]. On the contrary, he is very much put off by it [*-the idea of conversion*]. You can say that [*concerning*] those who have a desire or affinity [*to convert that*] there must be something in them. Otherwise it could not happen.

#### Question: In the light of your own experiences what implications do you see for the future? And knowing my own beliefs about the Lost Ten Tribes having migrated to Western Europe, do you see any implications?

**Answer:** The implications are that the barriers that used to exist between Jews and Gentiles have come down considerably. The barriers are much lower than they once were. It is much easier today, than it was. There is a two-fold reason. One is that Israel is again a national entity. That is attractive. The second reason is that, for appearances' sake only, Israel appears as a secular country, therefore the barriers are lower. Also, of course [*there is*] a weakness of religion in the home country.

"One of the reasons [for conversion]:...There is Jewish blood there!"

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## Question: Do you have any thoughts in the light of your own experiences, regarding our claims that the Lost Ten Tribes went specifically to places in Northwest Europe?

**Answer:** We know from historical sources that the Roman legions who took part in a war against Judea over many, many years took with them, into captivity, slaves and Jewish women. No doubt through slavery, through [*the offspring of*] intercourse with Jewish women, etc., tens of thousand, maybe millions, came as settlers to northern Europe, came to Germany, [*etc*] This may be one of the reasons from whence this Jewish blood [*evident in conversion*] came.

#### Question: You would say therefore that whatever the historical explanations are...?

Answer: There is Jewish blood there!

Question: Of the people with whom you had contact, how many would you say were genuine? Answer: Genuine converts? Look, we mentioned the fact that many converted for marriage reasons, OK? But eventually they learn and they become genuine afterwards. Also many of them would like to assimilate into a secular Israeli society and not a religious observant society, right? There is a big difference. But there are many genuine conversions. If you want me to estimate, as to how many become "geri-tsedek", righteous converts, I would say fifteen per cent.

#### What Does the Future Hold?

"We are coming very rapidly to a point of coming together again... This is really the Messianic process".

# **Question:** Just out of interest, for the record, what is your own reaction to those of my works *[i.e. to the publications of "Brit-Am Israel"*] which you have seen?

**Answer:** I think it is wonderful. I think it is very inspiring. There is no doubt that we are coming very rapidly to a point of coming together again, before there was a... divergence. Jews were exiled ...and Christianity spread among heathen tribes, as it were. Today, there is a renewed interest. We are living in a period when we can come together again. Before there was a movement **away** from the Holy Land. Today, there is a renewed interest, a searching for roots and so forth, and coming together. This is really the Messianic process.

#### Question: Do you think there is any room for the Jewish authorities to open up to them?

**Answer:** To open up to them? NO. It is not done. It is not good. Even the Prophetic pronouncements never speak about conversion. They only say that they [*the nations*] will respect Israel. **THOSE WHO ARE FROM THE LOST TEN TRIBES, MAYBE YES,** BUT THAT IS ALREADY A DIVINE PROCESS, which we do not know. If you take Isaiah 2 as a model, it also says that many will come to the Mountain of the LORD but not for conversion purposes. That the teaching will go forth from Jerusalem, -yes; but not for conversion.

**Comment:** The ideas of MR are his own and are not those we agree with on all points. Yair Davidy was born Jewish though during his years in Israel he did happen to come in contact with quite a few converts to Judaism. These converts were mainly from Western Europe. All believed that they themselves might have some degree of Jewish ancestry. Nearly all of them were open to the possibility that the Lost Ten Tribes went to Western Europe and for some of them **this was one of the motivating factors** in their conversion. This point is perhaps at variance somewhat with one of the expressed impressions of MR, though Yair Davidy's own impression is based on acquaintance

with relatively very few cases compared to the numbers MR dealt with. It may be that those whom Yair met were exceptional. On the other hand this type of idea is the kind one would usually be inclined to keep to oneself and only if asked to express it.

**Conclusion:** From the above and from other sources we can see that Israelite ancestry to some degree is a factor in Conversion to Judaism. Most converts in recent times and the best ones come from "Brit-Am" areas and therefore the knowledge that these areas are those of Israelite ancestry is reinforced.

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Extracts from a Pamphlet published by the Reverend Joseph Wild in **1882** and sent to us by Pastor Ken Kemble of Uvalde, Texas, USA. Pastor Wild was a Christian and presented his ideas through a Christian perspective. **NEVERTHELESS**, those points made by Pastor Wild and presented below remain pertinent REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT one accepts or rejects Christianity as the promised faith. It will be noticed that Pastor Wild promotes ideas I had expressed in "The Tribes" and "Ephraim." I had acquired these notions through the study of Jewish sources, the studies of other people and/or through my own researches. Pastor Wild through his own independent studies of Scripture had apparently preceded me in several respects. He also succeeded in formulating some of the relevant principles more pertinently. The parallelisms between us are due to the Truth of our Biblical understanding regarding the Identity subject.

## MANASSEH and the UNITED STATES AN ESSAY BY THE

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**No** one interested in the course of human events can reasonably afford to be indifferent of the history of the United States, for in the future history of the world, this country has to play a prominent and successful part.... For the past century the population has been doubled every twenty-five years...The tyrannies and intolerance of the past make us blush for our sires, because their opportunities were so grand and the results so feeble...

FOR WHOM DID GOD INTEND THIS COUNTRY?

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and what is the Divine ideal belonging to it? in answering these two questions we will need to go back to the beginning of our race, not simply to the Pilgrims and Puritans, but back still, for these folks were Pilgrims and Puritans before they came to this country......These people had their own ideas very distinctly defined politically, socially, and religiously, and they were to the rest of England as offensive as their ideas were distinct. But whence came their ideas, and how came they to be distinct? Divine adaptation reigns through all known creation. .... Primary differences respond to nature and Providence, and in this they make known to us the intentions [of the] Creator, both through man and beast. The Pilgrims and Puritans stand for a peculiar character, a regular sui generis, a character who in form and habit, in speech and manners, and in ideals and practice, is in some degree in contrast with the rest of mankind. But again we ask, How came he by these distinct traits... "God speaks once, yea, twice, and man perceiveth it not." The great and mighty rivers...have their rise and origin far back inland...knowledge of the beginning enables us to analyze the waters, forecast the course, and see the end. So a knowledge of

#### OUR ORIGIN

will enable us to judge more correctly of our work and place among the nations. A true conception of the beginning will give us a prospective view of our destiny and end.

Let us travel back... to the place of our birth.... back some 3,500 years....About this time Egypt was great and prosperous, well versed in astronomy, agriculture, architecture, and sociology. There are two kings on the same throne- Pharaoh and Joseph. This Joseph had risen to power and honor from the humble position of a slave. He was the eleventh son of the Hebrew Patriarch Jacob, and the first-born of Rachel, his beloved wife.

His father and brethren were sojourning with him at this time. He had married into the priestly family of Potiphera, by taking for his wife...Asenath. Joseph was known in Egypt by the name of Zaphnath-paaneah, which meant the revealer of secrets. Of his children, two sons are brought to special notice. Let us now repair to the deathbed of the venerable Patriarch Jacob, and listen to the benedictions given and prophecies uttered. He first recounts to Joseph how God had appeared to him at a place called Luz, and how and what the Almighty had promised to him and his seed after him. Then he says, "*Thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee in Egypt are mine: as Reuben and Simeon, they are mine*". These two grandsons the old Patriarch adopted, making them joint-heirs with his own sons. It is very important that we thoroughly understand the nature of this will, what it contains as to time, men, and things, and what the distinction was with respect to Ephraim and Manasseh. Having ascertained this, we must then follow in

#### THE FOOTSTEPS OF EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH

on the line of history relative thereto, to see if the said will has been executed and fulfilled. the whole will was entailed, even to the end of time, in the bounds of the tribe. It was tribal in its clauses- that is, what was said to each of the twelve sons as well as to Ephraim and Manasseh was to descend to the Tribe, and belong to the Tribe, and be characteristic of the Tribe. This is even true of the children of the concubines of Jacob....

Take for an illustration the case of Ishmael, the brother of Isaac, and son of Abraham; indeed the first-born of Abraham, and we find that the Angel of the Lord said concerning him: "And he shall be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren" (Gen. xvi.12). Now it will be apparent to all that such a prediction was tribal and national. It is not only Ishmael that will be wild and free, but that his descendants will be. Ishmael will re-live and re-appear in his seed after him. And will one conversant at all with history deny that these predictions have been literally fulfilled, even to this day? The Arab...is proud to claim Ishmael as his father. Will any one be bold enough to claim that

the angelic predictions touching Ishmael should be spiritualized? Nay, verily not, because the land and the people are literal facts which none can hide away or truthfully deny....

Remembering these facts, let us examine

#### THE WILL OF JACOB MADE TO EPHRAIM AND MENASSEH

but with special reference to Manasseh. The language of Scripture recording the same is inimitable....

Genesis 48;8-22: "And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?"

"And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place, And he said, Bring them, I pray you, unto me, and I will bless them.

"Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and he embraced them.

"And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see your face; and lo, God has shewed me also your seed.

"And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

"And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

"And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hand wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

"And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long until this day,

"The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

"And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

"And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

"And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

"And he blessed them that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh, and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

"And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

"Moreover I have given to, you one portion above your brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword, and with my bow." (Genesis 48;8-22).

Here, I believe, we have the origin of the American nation; here we have welded out the first Puritan...And as in Ishmael and Esau's case, we find literalness, so in this case....

The old Patriarch was evidently guided by Heaven in blessing the lads. It was not the will of Joseph that Ephraim should precede Menasseh. Joseph tried to rectify it, he made objection, and tried to change the hands of his father. The old Patriarch had crossed his hands, and in that position

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they made a cross, what is now called St. Andrew's cross. You will also see that if you fold the cross together from the center, you have the shape of the Pyramid. The St. Andrew's cross is nearly like the letter X. A portion of the Scots are from Joseph, hence their plaid of many colors and the St. Andrew's cross. You will observe that Joseph put his two sons in the right position, before his father - namely, Manasseh, his oldest son, on the right hand, and Ephraim, the youngest on the left hand but Jacob's crossing his hands changed the whole purpose of Joseph. Nor would the old Patriarch yield, though importuned by Joseph to do so. There surely was a Providence in the whole proceeding. The birthright, an////;.d preference, and pre-eminence was given to Ephraim. We should remember that Ephraim became the representative of all national and political blessing, for he not only was set before Manasseh, but he was set before Rueben, the first-born of the twelve sons, as we read in 1 Chron. v.1: "Now the sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born, but forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's)." The plain meaning of this passage is, that all political blessings will flow down through Joseph's sons; they will have most liberty, and be the most prosperous of the nations of the earth; in them all the nations of the earth will be blessed temporarily...in Judah all the nations of the earth will be blessed spiritually. The inference is clearly this, that if England stands for Ephraim, and the United States for Manasseh, why then politically, they must be superior to all other nations. Other nations must get better as they imitate and practice after England and America. Through Judah was to come the best Savior and best religion ...the religion from Judah, and political freedom of Ephraim and Manasseh, will very generally go hand in hand.

The temporal blessings falling to Ephraim and Manasseh as representatives are, that Ephraim was to be a nation and company of nations...while

#### MANASSEH IS A PEOPLE AND A GREAT PEOPLE.

And as recorded in Deut. xxxiii. 17, "His glory is like the firstlings of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns; with them he shall push the people together unto the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh". This very thing these two nations have done and are doing.

To better comprehend what follows, let me state a few facts preparatory: About B.C. 980, the kingdom of Israel was divided; nine tribes went off and formed what is afterwards called <u>the kingdom of Israel</u>. Their first king was Jeroboam, their last was Hoshea. This kingdom continued about 250 years. They were carried captive into Assyria about B.C. 725...The Tribes are called the Ten Lost Tribes. The other part of the whole kingdom of Israel contained the Tribes of Judah, Levi, and Benjamin. It was called <u>the kingdom of Judah</u>.

Ever after this the Jews and Israelites were a distinct people, and have remained so to this day...The Tribes were to disappear from view for a time, then come to the fore as inheritors of.... blessings and they and the Jews are to be joined together in the latter days. The Jews have never been lost.... Their history and course through the ages is very different from that of Israel.

...The Saxon race are these Ten Lost Tribes. Among them was hid this Tribe of Manasseh, and as the prophecies began to fulfill on the line of Ephraim, so it would naturally follow that those having reference to Manasseh would. As pointed out by the prophets, the home of Israel, when coming to view, would be in some islands, for in the islands they were to rest and renew their strength. These islands we take to be the British. The place would, after resting...get too narrow for them, hence they will throw off the surplus by emigration. But they are first to lose some of their own children - namely the Manassehites: "The children which thou shalt have, *after thou hast lost the other*, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me, give place to me that I may dwell" (Isa. xlix. 19). Now God had in reserve this country for them, for, geographically speaking,

the whole world is laid out in reference to Israel. "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance - when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deut. xxxii; 8). This same idea is frequently set forth in the Divine Book...the settlement of America was neither accidental as to time nor persons. When

#### MANASSEH'S BIRTH TIME OF A SEPARATION

drew near, he began to get restless ; and that his brethren might see him and he learn to know his own, Providence permitted them to come to the surface under Cromwell, and for several years Manasseh stood forth in separate character. The people asked Cromwell to be their king, for as yet they knew not the grand purpose of Providence; he refused, well he might, for this people are to choose their rulers from among themselves, and their nobles and governors are to proceed from the midst of them, as the prophets had foretold. This English Cromwell was only a successor of Gideon and Jephthah and other democratic leaders of the Tribe of Manasseh.

When this Tribe was first settled, they were divided in their own land; half of them stayed on the East of the Jordan and took to farming, **the other half preferred exploring and trading. They had a great desire for more land- a desire natural to Americans to this day.** They complained to Joshua saying, "Why hast thou given me but one lot, and but one portion to inherit, *seeing I am a great people*?" And Joshua told them if they were a great people to go and clear land for themselves and drive out the giants from the mountains and wooded country of the Perizzites. And again "Joshua spake unto the House of Joseph, even to Ephraim and Manasseh, saying, *Thou art a great power, and hast great power*; thou shalt not have one lot, only" (Josh. xvii. 17)...What people on the face of the earth can say as naturally as we can, "We are a great people"?

It is in this Tribe, too, that we find the first Woman's Rights movement. The daughters of Zelphehad petitioned the State Council for the privilege to vote. No wonder that the Woman's Rights Movement should be so prominent amongst us. You will remember that Manasseh counted as a Tribe, made thirteen Tribes. So when he settles down to real independence and distinction, he federates thirteen States. He represents these symbolically by thirteen white stars in a field of blue, to signify that they were under Heaven's protection. He chooses the eagle as his bird of symbolism. This bird formed one of the four faces of the cherubim. And the Almighty often reminded His children that He had cared for them as the eagle cared for its young. When the Twelve Tribes were camped in four squares, the banners outside of the battalions presented the face of a man, ox, eagle, and lion....

#### OUT OF NEARLY SIXTY CONQUERED COLONIES THE ONLY ONE ENGLAND EVER LOST WAS THAT OF MANASSEH,

this country. And though England could sweep the sea and conquer continents, she was as weak as other nations when she sought to fight against God's intentions; then she could not subdue the divided and half-fed colonists. How apparent the finger of God in all this! How expressive the Psalmist when he says, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee; that it may be displayed because of the truth" (Psa. ix. 14).

Let any one examine

#### THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES,

and study its design ......facts, providence, and prophecies do so wonderfully agree. Take the obverse side. Here you have an eagle...in its beak a scroll, inscribed with a motto, "*E pluribus Unum*." One out of many, as Manasseh was. and as the country is building up a grand nationality and oneness......But it is on the reverse side of the Great Seal that we have a wonder. Here we have an unfinished pyramid...exactly the same as the Great Pyramid in Egypt is at this day...(Isa. xix. 19): "In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of Hosts in the land of Egypt." Now it is somewhat singular that the Congress of 1782 should have adopted so remarkable a sign, one that would witness to God and tell of their origin. The

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reverse side is the underside, and shows from whence the nation came, and on what it is built. ...The suggestions of items upon the Great Seal were from St. John Prestwich, Bart, an Englishman. He gave the suggestions to the American Minister, John Adams, and thence the same were conveyed to Congress and adopted.

...When the Tribes marched, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh went together, on the West side of the ark, for their homes were Westward. On their battalion banner was the figure of a youth...

...The word Manasseh in Hebrew is Nenasseh, from Nasshane, and means forgetting. So England and America will be friends, for Manasseh will forget and forgive.

And at the same time Ephraim at Waterloo conquered a world's peace, changed the course and destiny of nations. Ephraim calls us Brother Jonathan.

All the other colonies are called sisters. - Jonathan was of Benjamin. We speak of ourselves as a people. We begin our laws of enactment-"We, the people of the United States." How Manasseh-like it is! Other nations legislate by the name of their rulers or the name of their nation. We called England, John Bull, the very thing that Ephraim was compared to in the Bible. Ephraim was spoken of as an heifer, and this word in Hebrew is Engle<sup>+</sup>. Of him it was said he should go forth and grow as calves in the stalls-Ka Engli.

The division of the Tribe away back, accounts for the difference between the Pilgrims and Puritans, between the North and South. When we remember that Manasseh was deprived of his birthright, it is no wonder that he set his face against kings, titles, and monarchical forms of government. This disposition was handed down.

...To know our destiny, we must study the prophecies relating to Manasseh...When the Tribes return to occupy, by representation, Palestine, we find Manasseh has her lot and place. I can only wish that the glorious truth committed to our keeping may be cherished, and that we, as a nation, may work out our God-assigned task. The future has work and some trouble in reserve, but if we are faithful...we need fear no evil...

#### The Name "America": Another Explanation

In the past, we have traced the name America to Amerigo (also called "Americo") Vespucci. This is the conventionally accepted explanation. The European name "Amerigo" is derived from the Hebrew for Machir or "Ha-Machiri" and Machir was the son of Menasseh. A Jewish prince in southern France was known as "Machir" in Hebrew and and as "Amerigo" and "Americo" in Latin. There are however other explanations though experience shows that the same names sometimes derive from several sources. One of the other explanations says that:

In Nicaragua there is a mountain Sierra Amerrique in Chontales deriving its name from the (what sounded to Spanish ears like) Amerrique people who lived along the whole Mosquito Coast, particularly in the area of Cape Garcia a Dios. "The name America or Amerrique in the Mayan language means, a country of perpetually strong wind, or the Land of the Wind, and sometimes the suffix '-ique', 'ik' and '-ika' can mean not only wind or air but also a spirit that breathes, life itself." Quoted from: Jules Marcou, 1888, *Nouvelles Recherches sur l'Origine du Nom d'Amerique*.

\* The Hebrew word for "Bull-calf" (heifer) is "aegel" which begins with the letter "ayin" and can indeed be pronounced as "an." Thus Aegel becomes "Angle." People named Yaacov, for instance, in Yiddish are often nicknamed "Yankel," with the "Yaak" of Yaakov becoming "Yan." "Aegel" (Bull-calf) was a nickname for Ephraim and it was also a nickname applied on the Continent to the Angles. –editor.

♥ "Brother Jonathan" was a nickname for the U.S.A. It was later replaced in public consciousness by "Uncle Sam". Jonathan was from Benjamin son of Jacob and Rachel and the full-brother of Joseph. Editor.

Science and Tribal Characteristics:

### **Tribal Characteristics**

#### Levi, Simeon, Dan, and the Police NEW GENETICAL STUDIES PROVE TRIBAL AFFILIATION!!!!!!

Chris Lingle, a correspondent of ours, believes that many of the Rabbis and learned Jews amongst the Jews today and especially in the Land of Israel are descended from the Tribe of Levi. Correspondents of ours have suggested that the Hugeonots and Welsh were from Levi or that families of pastors and spiritual leaders were Levites in origin, etc. Another claim has been made that the Lombards who settled in Northern Italy were also descended from Levi. [We will discuss this in a coming issue]. There may something to all these claims BUT we, on the other hand, have noticed that also in Israel many of the policemen are from Levi.

Regarding the brothers Simeon and Levi, "Tools of violence will be your trade" (Genesis 49;6-7) is one way of translating the Blessing of Jacob. "Cursed be their anger", "My spirit will not dwell within their company" (Genesis 49;6-7): Police brutality?? "Simeon and Levi are brothers." In the USA the police are dominated by the Irish amongst whom settled many from Simeon. Dan was also important amongst the Irish and many of the Judges and lawyers in some U.S. states are of Irish descent. "Dan" means "judge". Policemen are also, to a degree, judges and very often a policeman has to use his judgmental discretion as to whether and how to arrest an offender or to suffice with a warning or even to look the other way.

Regarding the Levites it should be noted that both Moses and Aaron were of the Tribe of Levi. The descendants of Aaron became the priests, called "Cohens" in Hebrew, whereas other members of the Tribe of Levi performed subsidiary Temple functions and communal tasks possibly as teachers and officials. The Biblical scholar Yehudah Kiel analyzed the positioning of Levitical settlements as described in the Book of Judges and concluded that the Levites also performed a Border-Guard type role in recently conquered or incompletely occupied areas.

The sons of Aaron as stated became the priests or "Cohens". Since being a "Cohen" has status so families of Cohen origin retained knowledge of their Cohanite ancestry until the present day. Some families even have genealogical records right back to the Second Temple Period and beyond. The status of being a "Cohen" passes through the male line. Cromosomes are groups of genes. Males have an chromosome than females. extra This chromosome determines the difference between male and female and is called a "Y" chromosome whereas females have only Xchromosomes. Chromosomes may be described as carriers of genes that as a group are responsible for specific characteristics. In principle a person receives half of his genes from his father and half from his mother but if he is a male he receives from his father an extra chromosome ("Y") or particular grouping of male-determinant genes which his father also received before him. In other words, the male determining "extra" Y-chromosome is passed on untouched from father to son. In a recent study of male Cohens scientists have claimed to isolate the unique Y chromosome borne by Cohens.

"Prof. Karl Skorotsky, head of the Nephrological Department in Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, performed a study on 68 kohanim and 120 other Jews - of Sephardic [i.e. of "Spanish" or Eastern origin] and Ashkenazic [i.e. of "German" or Western] origin- and found that the 'Y' chromosomes of the kohanim have unique genetic properties not found in other people". The results of this study were published in the British scientific magazine, *Nature*.

"Based on surveys of Jewish gravestones, about 5 percent of the seven million male Jews around the world belong to the priestly tribe. This means 350,000 men, or about 100,000 to 120,000 in Israel alone".

Professor Karl Skorecki, "along with Sara Selig and Shraga Blazer at the Technion and Robert and Neil Bradman, P.J. Warburton, Monica Ismajlowicz and Michael Hammer of London's University College and the University of Arizona, found a preponderance of the YAP, DYS19B haplotype in kohanim of both Ashkenazi and Sephardi origin (as well as a few Yemenites), but not in the non-kohanim. This served as further evidence that the Jewish priesthood predated the division of world Jewry into these two major ethnic groups over 1,000 years ago"

Now, the above study may yet prove to be mistaken OR it may not and a new beginning for determining the Israelite Tribal affiliation of all Israelites may have began. The Sages believed that in the latter days everybody's tribal status would be made known and Maimonides repeated this principle in his Codification of the Law.

And who was the Tribe whose familial membership was to be determined first of all?? YOU GUESSED IT!

-The Tribe of Levi was to be first and the Cohens are part of the Tribe of Levi!!!:

<<Said Rabbi Hama Bar Hanina: When God comes to let it be known who belongs to which Tribe, he clarifies firstly the Tribe of Levi, as it says, "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi..." (Malachi 3;3); [On the other hand] said Rabi Yitschak, God did a kindness with Israel in that a foreign family that assimilated [amongst Israelites] in the past will remain assimilated. (Talmud, Kiddushin 70;a). Even those of forein origin who have identified with Israel will remain Israelite. John Tvedtnes summarized the article "Decoding the Priesthood," which appeared in the 10 May issue of The Jerusalem Report:

<<The man who started all this is Karl Skorecki, an Orthodox Jew and kohen from Toronto, who is a nephrologist by profession. He wondered about the possibility to determining from DNA the truthfulness of claims to descent from Aaron, knowing that the Y chromosome was passed from father to son. He linked with Michael Hammer, an expert in evolutionary genetics at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Later. Skorecki teamed with Neil Bradman. chairman for the Center for Genetic Anthropology at University College in London, who had also come up with the idea of tracking kohanim. Meanwhile, Skorecki moved to Haifa, where he is head of nephrology at Rambam Hospital and also serves on the staff of the Technion.

<<The initial sampling was from 188 Jewish males, 68 of them kohanim, in the U.S. and U.K. Half were Askhenazim. half Sephardim. Over half of the kohanim had a common set of genetic markers on the Y chromosome. The same genetic markers were found in 10-14% of nonpriestly Jews and in a still smaller percentage of Levites. Testing among non-Jews (Palestinians, Britons, and Greeks) has indicated that some of these, too, have the right genetic makeup, but no more than 5% has been found in any non-Jewish group. Sampling was done by having the men and boys rub the inside of the mouth with a cotton swab.

<<After the initial study, the researchers were able to identify additional markers on the Ychromosomes of kohanim and, with wider sampling, have demonstrated that the incidence of these markers among kohanim exceeds 70% and may run as high as 80%. This suggests to the researchers that the oral tradition of the priesthood is essentially accurate, that the vast majority of Jewish males identifying themselves as kohanim descend from a common ancestor. It also suggests that there has been a very high degree of fidelity among the wives of kohanim. (Researchers caution that this does NOT suggest that there hasn't been the same degree of fidelity among other Jewish wives, but note that this cannot be tested.)

<>David Goldstein, an American-born expert in genetic evolution at Oxford has calculated, based on rates of genetic mutation, that the common ancestor of the kohanim lived some 3,000 years ago, which lends support to the tradition of Aaron as the originator of the line. Goldstein notes that although he is not, by family tradition, a kohen, he does have the genetic makeup of a kohen.

<<Researchers note that these kohen genes may lead past Aaron to his ancestors, such as his great-great grandfather Jacob. But they cannot use the data to establish a common ancestry for all Jews, both because of conversions throughout the ages and because of the tradition of "Jewishness" coming through the maternal line. If the genetic profile is, indeed, from Aaron, then its existence among nonkohanim would suggest that some kohanim have, in the past, been unfaithful to their wives, but there is no way to know this.

<<The Lemba of South Africa, who call themselves "black Jews," have a high incidence of the kohen chromosome. While many of them practice a form of Judaism, most of today's Lemba are Christians. Some of these, however, have been turning to the religion of their ancestors. According to their tradition, they are descendants of Abraham from a lost tribe that emigrated to Yemen 2,500 years ago, then followed a star down the east coast of Africa, settling in what is today Zimbabwe and South Africa. Today, they number 50-70 thousand.

<<Tests among Lemba males indicate that 8.8% of them have the kohen genes, which is similar to the frequency among Jewish males who are not kohanim. Among the Buba, a senior Lemba clan, 53.8% of the males have the genes. This tribe claims to have been named after the man who led them from the ancient land of Israel. One prominent Buba. Ephraim Selamolela, noted that the Buba have different noses and skin color from the other Lemba and that they typically marry cousins rather than people outside the clan.

<>DNA samples among the Lemba were collected by Tudor Parfitt, director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University College London. He has long studied the Lemba Israelite traditions, tracing the oral history from South Africa back to Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Yemen. He recently starred in a documentary aired on British TV's Channel 4.

<Some have suggested that the kohen chromosomal features among the Lemba is due to Jewish sailors on a Portuguese trading ship that arrived in the area several hundred years ago. Parfitt, however, believes that some of the Lemba's ancestors were Jews who lived in southern Arabia before the 13<sup>th</sup> century CE. [Tvedtnes hastens to add that the 53.8% kohen gene markers among the Buba is hard to explain on the basis of promiscuous Jewish sailors unless the kohanim among them only mated with the one Lemba tribe, which hardly seems likely.]

Some of the Lemba have expressed a desire to move to Israel, but the idea is not widespread. British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks has written a letter in which he rejects genetic testing to determine one's Jewish status, and it is likely that Israel's chief rabbis would concur. The genetic researchers note that it is not their intention to determine who is Jewish, either on the basis of physical characteristics or of DNA sequences.

<<Some other groups claim to be Jewish in origin or descendants of the "ten lost tribes." These include some Kashmiris, the Chiang-Min on the Chinese-Tibetan border, and the Ibo (Igbo) of Nigeria (whose religion is Christian). Researchers are now testing the DNA of groups in Africa (the Beta Yisrael of Ethiopia), India (the Bene Israel), and the Middle East (Jews in Iraq, Morocco, Yemen, and Bukhara).

<<The research on the DNA of kohanim has been welcomed by Rabbi Ya'akov Kleiman, the American-born head of Yeshivat Kohanim in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. He sees it as another sign of the impending redemption and reconstruction of a functioning temple, with the kohen back at their ancient duties. The Yeshivah was established to help kohanim learn these duties, and currently has a rather small membership of about ten. Kleiman, who has tested positive for the kohen genes, is working on a register of kohanim, but believes that one must follow the tradition rather than genetics in determining priestly status.

Skorecki and Hammer have received telephone calls from kohanim who want to be tested. Most of the requests have come from men who want to marry divorcees or converts (both forbidden to kohanim). But both scientists caution that DNA testing cannot substitute for the oral tradition in determining one's status as a kohen>>.

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**Comment:** The gene considered may have come from outside Israel. Alternately the Lemba may have received the gene through intermarriage with a group of Jews. **In Arabia there were once whole settlements of Cohens that were exterminated by Mohammed and his friends on his way to turning Arabia and everywhere else they went into a desert.** Refugees from these settlements could quite easily have reached parts of eastern Africa. Even though the study may sound definite there is much more research needed to be done on this subject.

#### Gene Also Found Amongst Converts From North America

Devora Cain of Jerusalem writes:

There is a phenomenon of persons of Scottish descent, whose ancestors congregated in the American South, who affiliated with the Southern Baptist church for generations, all who at the same point in time, began a spiritual odyssey which has led each of them to convert to Judaism. This is in fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezekiel's two sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-22). This is how we know the true descendants of the Northern Kingdom who are returning. Unlike the pretenders who insist that they have "rights" outside of any association with Judaism, those whom Hashem is gathering as a remnant to represent their forefathers are returning by way of halachic conversion to Judaism. In the end, there is no distinction making them an Israelite as opposed to a Jew. We are truly one people in the land of our inheritance. Yair Davidy has apparently been given this task by Hashem because it is the time of regathering and many people do not know, but need to know why they feel and experience such strange compulsions. i.e., to identify as Jews and immigrate to Israel, etc. ... Finally, I would add that although it is understood that DNA testing is no "proof" of anything, at least two converts to Judaism, from the group as described above, have tested positive for the Cohen gene. May ALL the exiles be returned speedily in our days to the everlasting blessing of Klal [entire community ofl Israel.

Dvora Cain, Yerushalayim

#### ISRAEL AND GENETICS Jewish Links To Europeans

Mair Lapid was a Russian-born Jewish resident of Kirvat Arba (outside Hebron) in liberated Israeli territory. He was an engineer by profession and the father of 13 children. He conducted serious research on the Lost Ten Tribes and on Genetics. His eldest son, Shlomoh. assisted in this research and edited his manuscripts. The sources were mainly in Hebrew and Russian. Some of it was based on private conversations with scientists and confidential documents. Mair and Shlomoh Lapid were shot down some years ago by Arab terrorists in a drive-by shooting. It was partly in revenge for this shooting that Baruch Goldstein killed 23 Arabs at the cave of the patriarchs. Dr. Goldstein had been ther family doctor, neighbor, and friend of Mair Lapid and his family. [A future article will discuss the cave of the patriarchs in hebron and its significance for the Ten Tribes]. Lyndon LaRouche claimed that Doctor Baruch Goldstein was a British agent. Lyndon LaRouche considers most true Israelites enemies of his.

Based on his researches Mair Lapid believed that the Lost Ten Tribes were amongst north European peoples. Before he was killed he showed Yair Davidy two versions of his

manuscript and other documents. Much of it was technical and I could not understand it. Some of it I did not agree with or I considered the conclusions drawn to be mistaken but there was some important information there. The family of Mair possesses his manuscripts and intends to eventually publish them. Much of this material was derived from already-published scientific documents or from popular scientific magazines such as the Hebrew-language, "Mada." Two notable articles on the subject were written by Chaim Sheba ("Mada," vol. 13, number 3-4,1969) and Bat-Sheva Boneh-Tamir ("Mada," vol. 24, number 54,1980). They said in effect that the Jews (both eastern and western) are basically related to North European peoples or that amongst these peoples are many people related to them. It was based on genetic common denominators but was before the use of DNA testing. In effect what conclusions one draws depends on what one is prepared to look for or what one emphasizes or takes for granted. The material also requires someone with a scientific background to evaluate it and expound on it. Results deduced depend on what and who is tested and what is not. There is also the factor of marginal significance. How much importance should be attached to differences affecting a small percentage of the population or affecting marginal factors and how much to the overall results? The British are related to the peoples of Western Europe. People in the British Isles also

have genetic links with Semitic peoples and with those from the eastern Mediterranean. One study even shows that the Berbers of North Africa are distantly related to the British! A technical document I was shown by Mair Lapid seemed to imply (as far as I could make out) that the appearance of certain genes amongst the Jews of Yemen varied according to the need for that gene in the region. A gene, for example, providing a measure of resistance against malaria or some other disease would only manifest itself where there was a need for it, i.e. in an area where the disease was prevalent. In a close-by but unaffected area the gene (so I understood) would be almost non-existent. The implications of these findings taken to their logical conclusion are farreaching. I would say that in scientific terms nothing can yet be proved definitely but there are two important points that can be deducted and are worth noting:

1. The Jews are all more or less related to each other.

2. The evidence does not prove that a portion of the "Jews" (i.e. Lost Ten Tribes) went to the west a long time ago BUT such an approach is more consistent with ALL of the evidence taken as a whole than any other.

God judges each of us according to our deeds and nobody claims otherwise.

#### Geneaology:

#### THE HOUSE OF DAVID AND THE LOST TRIBES ARE ROYAL HOUSES OF EUROPE, ARISTOCARTS, AND NUMEROUS COMMONERS DESCENDED FROM KING DAVID?

Are the monarchs of Britain from King David of Judah? Evidence suggests that they are. Also descended from the House of David are some monarchs of other western nations, very many families of aristocratic origin as well as the families of numerous ordinary people whose ancestors were the younger sons of nobility or intermarried with them. If one goes back far enough this encompasses a large number of people of British descent as well as numerous others. What counts

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in Biblical terms is descent through the male line. The deeds, attitudes, and thoughts of a person determine who he is more than anything else though ancestry in some way does have significance to the people concerned. The following articles explore some aspects concerning the House of David in Western Europe.

After exhorting the exiled Ten Tribes of Israel to leave a traceable path of dolmens, the Prophet Jeremiah (chapter 31) continues and describes how the Tribe of Judah (i.e. the Jews) will also be re-established. A New Covenant will be made between God and the Houses of Israel and Judah. This Covenant will entail a change of nature and will be set in the heart so that the will of God will be instinctively known and performed :

"The days come that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah."

"In those days...will I cause the branch of righteousness to grow up into David; and he shall execute judgement and righteousness in the land" (Jeremiah ch.33;14-15).

#### "David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of Israel" (Jeremiah ch.33;17).

DAVID had numerous sons. Solomon the son of David had 300 wives and 700 concubines and children were borne to him. Most of the kings of the House of David had more than one wife and several children each of whom also would have raised a family of his own. It follows that numerous offspring on the male side must have belonged to the House of David. Descent through the male is what Scripture, strictly speaking, requires in order for the descendants to call themselves by the House of their male ancestor- even though, in Jewish Law, anyone borne of a Jewish mother is considered Jewish. The House of David reigned in Judah and quite a few families amongst the present-day Jews trace themselves back to David, some of them have complete (or almost complete) geneaological records all the way back. In some cases the traditions may not be entierely valid ones but in other cases they most likely are. The Biblical Commentators Rashi (1040-1105) and Abarbanel (1435-1508) as well as the Maharal (1512-1609) and many other famous Rabbinical scholars were descended from King David. The Maharal (1512-1609) was the leading Rabbinical scholar in his time. John Dee who formulated the idea of a future British Empire in the time of Elizabeth-I was sent by Elizabeth to interview the Maharal. What transpired is unknown.

Apart from those descendants of David amongst the modern Jews, people from Judah were also exiled together with the Lost Ten Tribes and in this and other ways descendants of David must have penetrated the ranks of the exiled Israelites. An Aramaic inscription mentions a "House of David" somehow in connection with Dan in the Galilee, (ABRAHAM BIRAN, "Biblical Dan," Jerusalem, Israel, 1994, p.277). There was also a Judaean enclave known as Yadi in southeast Turkey which was attached to Judah in the south, "He recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel" (2-Kings 14;28). The rulers of Yadi had Hebrew names like Gabbar, Bamah, Hayya, Saul, (A.T. Olmstead, "History of Palestine and Syria To the Macedonian Conquest", New York, 1931, p.184) and maybe represented a minor branch of the House of David. Yadi disappeared together with the northern Ten Tribed Kingdom of Israel. The Assyrians exiled the Ten Tribes of Israel. The Ten Tribes went to the north and part of them became identified as Scythians who were also known as Sacae. The Sacae-Scythians were spread over several areas and at one stage an offshoot of the Sacae had an independent kingdom in eastern Iran named "Sakastan". The ruling dynasty of Sakastan believed itself descended from King Solomon the son of David. Iberia (Georgia in the Caucasus in southern Russia) also belonged to the Scythians. Here too there was a dynasty (related to the Arsacid Kings of Parthia) that traced itself back to David as well as to a mythical "Angl-Tork." The main region of the Scythians was the area formerly known as the USSR

which along with Eastern Europe is referred to in historical terms as "Scythia." The ruling houses of the Sakae-Scythians in Sakastan and Scythia were interrelated and had familial connections with the monarchs of the Guti (Goths) east of the Caspian Sea and with the Parthians and they with each other. It follows that these rulers too, at least in part, may well have been descended from David .

From the monarchic and aristocratic lines of Scythia came the early kings of Scandinavia, of the Franks, and of the Anglo-Saxons.

#### TEA TEPHI, DAUGHTER OF ZEDEKIAH OF JUDAH, AND THE PROPHET JEREMIAH IN IRELAND

Enthusiasts have adduced all kinds of genealogical permutations in order to prove that the reigning house of Britain is descended from an eastern princess named Tea Tephi daughter of Zedekiah, king of Judah of the House of David. **Tea Tephi** according to legend married an Irish king. Their descendants moved to Scotland and from there they eventually inherited the English Throne.

In the past, a lot of people who were interested in Israelite Identity were also fascinated by the possibility that the British Royal Family were descendants of David. An old Irish legend was discovered that spoke of a mysterious princess from the east named Tea Tephi who married one of the kings of Ireland. From this king emerged the monarchs of Scotland and from them those of England. Tea Tephi had been accompanied by someone named Simon Berak and another wise man. Simon Berak was identified with Baruch, son of Neria, disciple of Jeremiah the prophet and the wise man was said to have been Jeremiah himself! Tea Tephi was one of the daughters of the kings of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had conquered Jerusalem. He took King Zedekiah and most of the people captive back to Babylon. A small remnant of the poor people was temporarily left in Judah. Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard placed Gedaliah in charge of this remnant. Gedaliah was assassinated and the Jews who had remained in Judah fled to Egypt since they feared the anger of the Babylonians (Jeremiah chapters 41,42,43). They forced Jeremiah and everybody else to go with them. "Men, women, and children, and the king's daughters, every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they to Tahpanhes" (Jeremiah 43;6-7). We see here the daughters of the king being taken with Jeremiah and Baruch to Egypt. Later Irish tradition developed the idea that Jeremiah had brought one of the king's daughters to Ireland and that Jeremiah himself is buried in Ireland.

Since Tea Tephi was the daughter of the king of Judah who was of the House of David so, too, were her descendants descended from David. The British Israel organization in Britain with the support of the British Royal Family expended much effort and money in propagandizing the legend of Tea Tephi and it worked. For some reason the notion of a romantic princess from the east caught the fancy of the populace, and it still does. There are in fact several other paths by which the seed of David penetrated British and European Royal Houses. They are more direct, seem more likely and are more logical than Tea Tephi. They also concern the male line, which is what counts in Biblical genealogy. These other possibilities, however, though seemingly more probable have not captured popular imagination in the same way that the legend of Tea Tephi has!

#### THE JEWISH RULERS OF NARBONNE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID

One fount of the Davidic line may have penetrated West European nobility via France! There was once a semi-autonomous Principality in Narbonne (Southern France) described by Arthur J. Zuckerman ("A Jewish Princedom in Feudal France, 768-900", New York, 1972). It was ruled by a Jewish Prince of the House of David whose offspring intermarried with the aristocracy and Royal

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Line of France and these with that of Normandy, Scotland, and England. From these houses descend many aristocratic and common families of France, Britain, and other lands. This is the possibility we will examine in the Following pages. It is not the only possibility; there are several others all of which may be valid and any one of which is sufficient. One way or the other, descendants of King David did reach Western Europe at an Early date. Quite a few families either descend from David through the male line or are related in one way or other due to intermarriage. It therefore follows, that (theoretically at least) present-day descendants of David may be extremely numerous.

#### DAVID'S SEED AS THE SAND OF THE SEA

Compare the possibility that many people of European descent are descended from David with the following verse:

"As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me" (Jeremiah 33;22).

We see from the above that descendants of David were to be very numerous.

David was promised that the Rulership over Israel (or at least part of it) would come from him:

"If my covenant be not with day and night, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

"Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham ,Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them" (Jeremiah 33;25-26).

Literally speaking, the promises to David and to the Levites do not necessarily mean that they will always have rulers and ministers over the Houses of Israel. Rather, the Biblical promises may be understood to state that descendants of David and Levi will always be available to fulfill their ancestral functions whenever the Promised Messianic Order shall be instituted or whenever the Children of Israel are worthy. Even so, it may be that many of the Rulers over the exiled Israelites and those who ministered to them in Britain and elsewhere are (and were) descended from the Houses of David and Levi. [The Levites along with other tribes will be discussed further in future articles].

My friend Shmuel ben Yaacov (of Shiloh) has suggested that just as a genetic marker was found for the priestly caste (Cohens) on the Y chromosome for the male line, so, too, may one be found for descendants of David. This present article examines the House of David that existed in southern France and whose descendants intermarried with European aristocracy. This is one of the main recognized possibilities for Davidic blood being found amongst Gentile families in the west.

#### JEWISH DESCENDANTS OF DAVID

A Midrash (Seder Olam Zuta) traces descendants of David to about 400 CE or later. It lists names but does not give dates. Another more modern source ("Der Geheimnisse der Juden," 5 volumes) reportedly gives genealogical lists tracing from David to Rashi and from Rashi to known Jewish families.

Nebuchadnessar had exiled the Jews of Judah to Babylon. The exiles included many members of the House of David. Later, many of the exiles returned to Judah but the Diaspora in Babylon remained an important center, and after the destruction of Judah it was strengthened. The Jews of Babylon under the Babylonians, Persians, Parthians, Sassanians, and Arabs enjoyed a large degree of autonomy. They had their own rulers ("Exilarchs") who belonged to the House of David. Bustenai ben Haninah (618-670 CE) was Exilarch under the Persians and then under the Arabs. The Arab Caliph Omar had captured the daughters of the Persian king Chosroes-ii. He took one for himself and gave one to Bustenai who already had had sons by his Jewish wives. When Bustenai

died the succession was disputed between the sons of the Jewish wives and those of the Persian ones. It was alleged that the Persian woman had not converted but the sages did not accept this claim and decided in favor of her offspring. Offspring from the Persian woman as well as the Jewish ones eventually served as Exilarchs, but friction existed between the two sides. (Encyclopedia Judaica, "Bustenai," "Exilarchs", "Geneaology, House of David.").

Meanwhile Gaul was being conquered by the Franks after which it became known as France. The early ruling house of the Franks was that of the Merovingians. These wore their hair long and often had Hebrew names. They were friendly towards the Jews and it is believed that some of their aristocracy converted to Judaism or at least were well influenced by it. Different researchers have identified the Merovingians as from the Tribes of Judah (Herman Hoeh, "A Compendium of World History," USA, 1962), Benjamin (Baigent, Leigh, & Lincoln. "The Messianic Legacy", 1987, U.K.), and Dan (Athol Bloomer). The Merovingian dynasty was to be displaced by the Carolingians but the possible presence of Jewish nobles or Israelites who were conscious of their origins amongst the early aristocracy of France places a different perspective on later developments.

The Arabs had conquered the whole of the Middle East, North Africa, Spain, and part of Southern France. Charles Martell defeated them in battle and saved France from Moslem domination. Charles Martell was not a Merovingian but he made himself de facto ruler, while his son Pepin formally usurped the monarchy. Henceforth, the Carolingians replaced the Merovingians. The first Carolingian monarch was Pepin (751-768), the son of Charles Martell. Pepin continued the reconquest of those parts of southern France still held by the Arabs. Amongst the areas he conquered was Narbonne, which at that time had a large Jewish population. The Jews turned Narbonne over to Pepin and in return were promised autonomy. Zukerman points out that Pepin himself was an usurper and in need of legitimization. The Arab rulers of Spain were adversaries of Pepin. They were also enemies of the Arab rulers of Bagdad who had massacred their relatives in the east. In 766 the Franks sent a mission headed by a Jew to Bagdad. As a result of this mission, the King of Bagdad sent Machir (a Jewish descendant of King David) to France. Machir in Bagdad had been known as Natronai. He was a descendant of Bustenai through one of his Jewish wives. Natronai (Machir) had been the Exilarch (763-766) but was deposed. By sending him and his brother to France, the King of Bagdad was ridding his important Jewish community of a divisive element. He was also cementing relations with the King of the Franks and doing him a favor. The King of the Franks was his potential ally against their mutual enemy in Arab Spain. The identification of Natronai with Machir is according to Zuckerman; Athol Bloomer however disagrees: "I disagree with the identification of Machir with Natronai and see him as the enemy of Machir's family. There were a number of Natronais in the Exilarch family and legend has sometimes confused them".

At all events Machir was of the Exilarchic House of David and he and his brother Gershom and at least one of their sisters went westward to Europe. Machir was given the Princedom of Narbonne in southern France over which he had autonomous rights. Charlemagne confirmed these rights in 791. Charlemagne ("Charles the Great") was the son of Pepin. He was to become the first Holy Roman Emperor. Machir was also known in the west as Theodoric, Thierry, Aymerim Aimericus, and Americo. The name Americo or America is a Latinised version of the Hebrew name "Machir" or "Ha-Machiri". Machir was a warrior who fought on behalf of Charlemagne against the Arabs in Spain. He is recalled in the ballads of southern France sometimes as a Jew and at other times as a Christian. Due to his fame the name Americo appears to have entered the region. Eventually several hundred years later Americo Vespucci of Northern Italy received the name. Vespucci was a navigator who explored the coast of America on behalf of Henry-VII of England. Americo (Amerigo) Vespucci gave his name to **AMERICA**, WHICH IS NAMED AFTER HIM. Machir in the Bible was the first-born son of Menasseh. The descendants of Machir dominated the

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half-tribe of Menasseh on the East Side of the Jordan. Divine Providence decided that North America would become the land of Menasseh and the origin of its very name in Hebrew is the same as that of the first born son of Menasseh. It is interesting to note that the very name "Menasseh" can be taken to mean representative responsible government while one of the meanings of the name "Machir" is selling or capitalism. These two names therefore express something of the essence of the North American nation.

Machir of Narbonne had several wives, as did the Frankish monarchs and many of the aristocrats at that time. Machir gave his sister to Pepin and took the sister of Pepin as one of his wives. The son of Machir was William, while the son of Pepin was Charlemagne and the son of Charlemagne was Louis. Athol Bloomer claims that the mother of Charlemagne was the sister of Machir and indeed there is great uncertainty as to his mother really was. Different accounts say that a daughter of William married either Charlemagne or the son of Charlemagne, Louis (814-840). Charlemagne was friendly to the Jews. He resolutely resisted pressure to persecute them and he was referred to as "David." William the son of Machir ruled over the area of Septimania. He was made Duke of Aquitaine and is referred to as "King of the Goths" since the area of southern France was a place of Gothic settlement. At one stage many Goths converted to Judaism and the terms "Goth" and "Jew" in southern France were used synonymously. William at one stage was the virtual ruler of France and served as Regent. Very often, the individuals concerned had several wives, several names, and numerous offspring whom they married off to each other. Genealogical records concerning these people often become confused and contradictory but an overall pattern repeats itself. The records also helped determine matters of inheritance, rank, and status and so they were liable to be doctored. Descendants of Machir were from time to time in different records referred to as Jewish. Despite their Jewish origins their descendants were sometimes anti-Semitic and persecuted the Jewish people. They intermarried with French monarchy and upper echelons of the aristocracy. Their descendants helped fertilize the nobility of France, Flanders, Scotland, and England. At that time all of Europe was governed by the feudal system. The nobility of different countries often intermarried with each other.

Some points of possible importance are:

- One of the sons of William (grandson of Machir) was Bernard of Septimania who was the alleged physical father of Louis-III of France.
- The wife of William the Conqueror was Matilda of Flanders who was descended from Machir.
- The Dukes of Aquitaine were also possibly descended from William son of Machir. They were amongst the ancestors of English Kings.
- It is said that Louis the Stammerer the King of Aquitaine was also the son of Bernard of Septimania. Isabella of France was one of his descendants and she married Edward-II of England (1307-1327).

#### GOOD DEEDS DO PAY

Last week, A 55 year-old Dutch woman, resident of Harlem, north of Amsterdam, found lying on the pavement a package containing 23,200 Gilden (ca. \$11,000). She turned the package over to the police who delivered it to its owner, a 73-year old woman, who payed her a small reward. At the end of the week the woman who found and returned the money received a bigger reward. She won 83,800 Gilden (ca. \$20,000) in the lottery! *Yediot Acharonot, 14.12.99* 

#### New Geneaological Discoveries: Another "Brit-Am" First!

Athol Bloomer (<atholb@hotmail.com>) of Australia sent the following messages tracing some of the monarchs and aristocrats of Europe and Britain to Machir and commenting upon them. Athol may not be right on every point but he is a serious researcher and his work potentially may have great importance. This series of articles are printed in the present and future issues of Tribesman with the permission of Athol. This is the first time this information is being revealed in a public format! The articles have been edited slightly. They contain a lot of names and some repetition but we considered the information to be so important as to leave the material submitted largely as it was. We are honored to merit to be the first to publish these findings of Athol Bloomer. Athol is a Catholic and has his own beliefs that have influenced his research but this is legitimate. ATHOL'S IDEAS ARE HIS OWN AND ON SOME POINTS WE DISAGREE WITH HIM. The bottom line of research is finding and presenting the truth to the extent that we can, and this Athol has done. The upshot of Athol's articles is that both amongst Jewish Rabbinical families and amongst Gentile aristocratic lines in the West exist descendants of David King of Judah and Israel.

## THE HOUSE OF DAVID by ATHOL BLOOMER

I have spent many years researching the ancestry of Machir Theodoric of Narbonne since I read about the work of Professor David Kelley in a book by Sir Iaian Moncrieffe entitled "*Royal Highness- The Ancestry of the Royal Child*" published for the birth of Prince William in 1981. It is only very recently that I discovered the identity of Hernaut de Gironde as King Harald Hildetand, ancestor of Rollo of Normandy from whom descends William the Conqueror. I had done a lot of research on the other lines and it was only as the information accumulated that I started to see it all clearly. Of course a lot more work needs to be done. I was shocked to discover that the Carolingian family were Jewish on their female lines, as at the same time many of them seemed to be devout Catholics.

#### THE HOUSE OF DAVID IN BABYLON

The institution of the Babylonian Exilarchate came when King Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin, King of Judah captive to Babylon in c.597 B.C. After being imprisoned for 37 years Evilmerodach, King of Babylon, released Jehoiachin and "he spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat of honor higher than those of the other kings who were with him in Babylon" (2-Kings 25:28). Archeology has discovered the royal accounts recording the food allowance granted to Jehoiachin and his five sons in prison in Babylon. From Jehoiachin arose a royal Davidic dynasty in Babylon reigning from their own palace and court over the Jewish communities of the East. They reigned in regal splendor until the beginning of the fifteenth century when Tamerlane deposed them in 1401, and a branch of the family transferred to Baghdad to lead the Jewish community until 1700.

#### THE JEWISH SIDE OF THE FAMILY

In the Talmud it says: "Hiyya states, 'The Messiah cannot appear until the Exilarchate at Babylon and the Patriarchate at Jerusalem have ceased'" (Sanhedrin 38a). The Babylonian Exilarchs were the Heads (Rosh Galuta) or Princes (Nasi) of the Royal House of King David of the lineage of

King Solomon. The Patriarchate in Jerusalem was a branch of this dynasty as were the Western Exilarchs in Narbonne, France. In the 6th century the Babylonian Exilarch Mar Zutra II (508-520), the son of Huna-vi (484-508), had established an autonomous Jewish Kingdom called Mahoza in Mesopotamia. Mar Zutra II then became the king of Mahoza. After the overthrow of Mahoza seven years later, Mar Zutra's pregnant wife fled (with her son in the womb) to Palestine. The child was also known as Mar Zutra and in Palestine he was made 'Rosh Pirka' (head of the Sanhedrin) in 520 at Tiberias. He established the Davidic Patriarchate of Jerusalem. His descendants continued as Davidic Nasis or Patriarchs for 8 or 10 generations until the 8th century, when Ahunai's son Zakkai returned to Babylon and took the name of Judah re-establishing the old line of Exilarchs. He married the daughter of the Bustanoi Exilarch Hananiah ben David. After his death the Bustanoi line regained the Exilarchate in the person of Natronai ben Habibai in 771. He was succeeded by Moses ben Isaac Iskoi from another line of the Bustanoi. Natronai ben Habibai went into exile in Spain. Moses ben Isaac Iskoi was succeeded by his son Isaac Iskoi ben Moses, the 10th Exilarch since Bustanoi. The Exilarch Bustanoi had been married to the daughter of the King of Persia, Omar ibn Kattab, and this is why the line from Ahunai of Palestine (that was not descended from Bustanoi) was considered a purer line of Exilarchs by many.

Judah's (Zakkai's) son David regained the Exilarchate after Isaac Iskoi ben Moses, while his two brothers Gershom and Machir had earlier left for France, where Machir was to become the founder of a Western Exilarchate at Narbonne. David ben Judah was to be the forefather of many of the remaining Babylonian Exilarchs. However his family split into two competing dynasties for the Exilarchate. David ben Judah's grandson Zakkai was not an Exilarch but two of Zakkai's sons Josiah (Hasan) (930-933) and David (918-940) became Exilarchs. David ben Zakkai's descendant Hezekiah II ben David I (1021-1058) deposed Josiah ben Zakkai's great-grandson Daniel ben Azariah who had re-established the Jerusalem Patriarchate at the end of the 10th century. Daniel's son David fled to Egypt and established a rival Exilarchate in Egypt supported by the Fatimide Muslim Dynasty. Tamerlane removed the Exilarchs in Babylon in 1401 and the Royal House transferred to Baghdad. The Davidic Nasis [princes] of Bagdad ruled over the Jewish Community in Iraq until 1700.

**To re-capitulate:** The Patriarchate of Jerusalem (Palestine) had been founded by a son of the Babylonian Exilarch in 520 and his descendants ruled over the Jews of Palestine until the 8th century. The son of Ahunai of the Palestinian Patriarchial Family was Zakkai who returned to Babylon where he married the daughter of the Exilarch Hananiah ben David. After his father-in-law's death, Zakkai became the Babylonian Exilarch. Zakkai took the name Exilarch Judah. Two of his sons Gershom and Machir went to Narbonne and founded the Western Dynasty of Exilarchs there.

#### The Jewish Side of the Family in the West

The Western Exilarchs reigned in Narbonne (southeast France) until 1306 when they were expelled from France. From this Western Exilarchate came many Nasis of the Royal House as leaders of the Jewish Communities. The Beneveniste families were descendants of the Western Exilarch. They numbered important figures such as Isaac Benveniste, the Nasi of Aragon Jewry. In the early 1200's, Isaac Benveniste was the Royal Physician to King James I of Aragon (also a descendant of the Western Exilarch Machir Todros) and he was the prominent figure at the Jewish councils at Montpellier and Saint-Gilles in 1214 and 1215. Pope Honarius III acknowledged him in his position of leadership amongst the Jewish Communities. Isaac Benveniste was the great-grandson of Sheshet ha Nasi of Barcelona. His father was Sheshet Benveniste who served Raymond Berenger IV Count of Barcelona, and he continued to serve his son Alfonso II and grandson Pedro II both Kings of Aragon and Catholic descendants of Machir ben Judah of Narbonne. Sheshet ha Nasi the grandfather of Sheshet Benveniste was a member of the Western Exilarchic family of Narbonne.

Isaac Benveniste's descendant Samuel Benveniste (died after 1356) was also a physician to the brother of King Pedro IV of Aragon. Samuel's descendant Abraham Benveniste (1406-1454) was the 'Court Rabbi' under King John II of Castile. From Abraham Benveniste descended the famous Marranoes Gracia Nasi (called ha Geveret or La Senora) and her nephew and son-in-law Joseph Nasi Duke of Naxos.

#### The Kings of Septimania Were Also Exilarchs!

Male descendants of David from the Middle East had come to Narbonne in southeast France and been given the Kingdom of Septimania. As well as being the temporaral rulers of this semiautonomous region they were also the spiritual heirs of the Exilarchy. Like the Jewish Kingdom of Mahoza, the new Jewish Kingdom of Septimania in Southern France and Northern Spain did not last long. As a Kingdom or Principality Septimania was to last three generations or so but as the seat of the Western Exilarch it lasted for three centuries when the head of the male line transferred to Barcelona, Spain. The Jewish female line descendants continued in Narbonne until the expulsion in the 14th century. Ermengarde the Viscountess of Narbonne in the 12th century married into the Halevi family and from then on the Jewish leaders in Narbonne were only of the Davidic family on the female line. The male line of the Exilarchs continued in Barcelona and then Toledo and transferred to Portugal at the time of the expulsion in 1492. Joseph Nasi the Duke of Naxos was the last great Nasi Exilarch of the Royal House of David. Solomon Abenaes, Duke of Mytilene, succeeded him.

It was in the 11th century that the Catholic descendants of Machir and Gershom had conquered Palestine and established the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem.

#### THE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE THE SISTER OF MACHIR BECAME THE MOTHER OF CHARLEMAGNE!

#### **More Background**

Sir Iaian Moncrieffe refers to the work of Professor Arthur Zuckerman of Columbia University who wrote of the Jewish identity of Theuderic, Duke of Toulouse in his book 'A Jewish Princedom in Feudal France'. He explains how as a reward for the assistance of the Jews of Narbonne to King Pepin he granted them in the 8th century a Jewish principality in Septimania which acknowlegded Carolingian overlordship. Pepin installed Machir son of the Babylonian Exilarch as the Jewish King of Narbonne. In the French Chansons [ballads] he was called Aimeri but was known amongst the nobility as Theuderic or Thierry, Duke of Toulouse. Professor Zuckerman states that he was recognized by the Abbasid Caliph of Baghdad and by Pepin as 'The Seed of the Royal House of David'. Zuckerman also mentions an assertion that the Western Exilarchs were of purer blood than those in the East. Machir (Theuderic) married a sister of Pepin called Alda. His son Guillaume [i.e. William] d'Orange, is also famous in the French Chansons and was nicknamed 'Hook Nosed'. He was fluent in Arabic and Hebrew. The Heraldic device on his shield was the same as that of the Eastern Exilarchs -- the Lion of Judah. Guillaume observed the Sabbath and Sukkot during his campaigns. Zuckerman states: "The chronicler who wrote the original report of the siege and fall of Barcelona recorded events according to the Jewish calendar...the Commander of the expedition, Duke William of Narbonne and Toulouse conducted the action with strict observance of Jewish Sabbaths and holy days. In all of this he enjoyed the full understanding of King Louis". Guillame d'Orange established in 792 a Jewish Yeshivah [Rabbinical College] at Gellone (later called St.Gilles) gathering Torah scholars and creating a Jewish library. Guillame in 806 retired to this Yeshivah for his final years. Later historians tried to hide the Jewishness of this dynasty and to remove all record of this Jewish Kingdom in Europe- but modern scholarship is now able to bring to light much of this hidden history.

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#### The Journal Of The Ten Tribes Of Israel Who Were Lost And Are Now Found

#### The Origins of the Western Branch of the House of David

Charles Martel had defeated the Muslim armies in 732 and they retreated to Narbonne. This was the start of a seven-year seige. In order to gain the allegiance of the Jewish populace in Narbonne Charles sent to Iraq for a son of the Babylonian Exilarch to come and lead the Jews of France. This was done possibly at the urging of his wife of Jewish ancestry Rutrud (Ruth) of the famous Leviti family of Merovingian France. Impeccable genealogists, such as Professor David Kelley and Sir Iaian Moncrieffe (the Queen's Albany Herald), confirm the account of the Davidic origins of Theodoric (Aimeri) of Narbonne and his descendants.

"The Jews in Babylonia had been administered since the time of the captivity in the sixth century BC, by their own Exilarchs or 'Princes of the Captivity'. These were descended from King Jehoiakin of the Royal House of David. They lived in great state in their own palace, and continued until overthrown by Tamerlane in the fifteenth century AD. The Jews of Narbonne in Septimania (now southern France, but then under Moslem Spain) assisted the Franks to capture the city from the Ummayad Caliphs of Spain. In return the Frankish king obtained from the Ummayad's traditional enemy, the Abbasid Caliph of Islam at Baghdad, overlord of the Exilarchs in Babylonia, a prince of the Royal House of David. This prince was intended to be the local 'Jewish King' in Narbonne. Gershom ben Judah and his younger brother Machir arrived in 739. Charles Martel made Machir the Count of Narbonne and his brother Gershom Count of Vienne. Machir married Charles Martel's daughter Alda (Aude/Olba/Alba/Aldana) by his wife Ruth, also known as Swanchilde (Sunnihilda). The dating of the arrival of the Exilarch Family to France has been confused. Some accounts such as the Chansons placing it in the reign of Charlemagne, others in the reign of Pepin as Machir married Pepin's sister Aude (Aldana/Olba/Adel/Alba). Some Jewish sources state that he arrived in the reign of King Charles and later people thought this meant the famous Charlemagne [whose name means "Charles the Great"]. It was in fact however in the reign of Charles Martel (the grandfather of Charlemagne) that Machir and his family in France. Charles Martel was the effective ruler of France and the father of King Pepin but Charles was not officially King though in later accounts he may have been so referred to, thus confusing the records.

Machir's sister known as Bertha Bigfoot married the son of Charles Martel, Pepin, and became the mother of Charlemagne. Bertha (also called Bertrada) gave birth to Charlemagne in 742. Bertha's mother was said to be called 'White Flower' (Blanche Fleur) or Lilly-which is the origin of the name of the House of Lily for the French Kings. Lily is also a title acquainted with the Davidic House and the future Messiah as the 'Lilly of the Valley'. Charlemagne was referred to as "David" by his followers. When Charlemagne became King in 768 on the death of his father King Pepin-I, he proclaimed Machir the Western Exilarch, King of Septimania. Machir was his maternal uncle [the brother of his mother]. The families of Machir, Gershom and Bertha were to replace the old Merovingian Dynasty-and they took to themselves the Merovingian names and titles. As a result the genealogies became confused and later generations obscured the fact of this powerful Jewish Dynasty in Europe. Later genealogists hid the origin of the mother of Charlemagne with a false genealogy linking her to the Merovingians. They did the same for all the Exilarch family. You must remember that The Carolingians were replacing the Merovingians and they had a need for legitimatizing themselves by appearing to be a continuation of the Merovingian line. Fortunately in many cases they have only thinly disguised the genealogies so that it is possible to reconstruct them. One of Machir's descendants, Bertrand de Bar-sur-Aube, a native of Champagne was the author of two chansons de geste between 1190 and 1217. They were called 'Aimeri de Narbonne' and 'Girart de Vienne'. 'Aimeri de Narbonne' centered on Aimeri, son of Hernaut de Beauland, Count of Narbonne. As a youth he accompanied Charlemagne after the slaughter of Roncesvals and because he was the only warrior brave enough to besige Narbonne, Charlemagne gave it to him after Narbonne's capture as a fief. Aimeri then went to Pavia to seek the hand of Hermenjart, daughter of

Desier. He was aided by Girart de Vienne. On his return to Narbonne with his bride he had to reconquer Narbonne from the Saracens. The French Chansons tell of the Davidic Dynasty mixing up Machir's grandsons and nephews with his sons. Other Jewish sources tell us that Machir had four sons whose Jewish names were Nathan, Menachem, Nehemiah and Yakar. These four sons were Theodoric, Duke of Ripaurien; Guillame de Gellone Duke of Septimania; Harald King of Lethra and Jutland; and Alberic (Oliba) Count of Toulouse and Carcassone. Guillame's Jewish name was Nathan Kalonymus. His son was Bernard of Septimania known as Bernart de Brubant in the Chansons. Bernart deriving possibly from Ben or bar Natan. Bernart de Brubant's son was Bertran de Narbonne in the Chansons who is identified with Bernard Naso's son Bernard the Hairyfoot.

#### **DAVID IN THE CHURCH?**

Many of the descendants of Machir and Gershom became zealous Catholics and some were in the Church and were even declared saints such as St. Mayeul, St. Odo, and St. Hugh of the Cluniac Reform. In the secrecy of their families the Mystical Traditions of Judaism were passed on and some of their descendants such as St. Hildegarde and St. Matilda were great mystic saints. These mystical traditions could readily be understood in Catholic terms as well as Jewish. This was demonstrated later when many Hebrew-Catholics started to reveal these mysteries to the general public as well as on the Jewish side Moses de Leon revealed them to the Jewish public. Whole families of saints arose from the Davidic House such as the Family of St.Matilda the Holy Roman Empress, wife of Emperor Henry I the Fowler.

#### THE SPREAD OF KABBALAH ("JEWISH MYSTICISM")

Saint-Gilles (in Narbonne, France) was a Jewish Rabbinical Yeshivah and a center from which Jewish spiritual mysticism (Kabbalah) spread throughout Europe. Saint-Gilles had been founded by Isaac Benveniste's ancestor Guillame I Curtnez (Hooknosed), Duke of Narbonne and Western Exilarch in the 9th century.

In Continuation: This article is part of an ongoing series by Athol Bloomer. Coming issues of "Tribesman" will provide more background history on the figures spoken. Athol will continue to reveal the Davidic ancestry of ancient monarchs who were important in the formation of European States and whose descendants are still with us. Coming revelations include: The origin of the Welfs, the Davidic ancestry of the Plataganet kings of England in detail, of William the Conqueror, of the kings of Denmark, of Rollo of Normany, of the founders of the Kingdom of Russia, of Sweden, and Norway, of the ancestors of Queen Victoria, of Princess Diana, and of Prince Phillip. Historical events connected with these geneaologies will be discussed and even popular prognostications concerning these dynasties spoken of. Future issues will include Genaological trees, maps, and illustrations. A parallel series will summarize the entire histories of whole European nations emphasizing the Lost Israelite aspects of their past. The histories of these nations will also shed light on the dynasties that ruled over them.

#### The Israelite Identity of the English: How Much Did The Russians Know?

The last Czar of Russia identified the English as physically belonging to the same race as the Jews but for him this was an insult. He hated them both. "An Englishman he liked to repeat is a Zhid." "The English he [Nicholas] called Yids," –Witte. The anti-Semite Hippolyte Lyutostansky influenced Nicholas-II. He said: "The English are pure-blooded Israelites...The clearest characteristics of the Israelites are well known all over the world and the same characteristics are to be found in the English people...the universal business greed of the English people, their political greed." In July 1905 Nicholas and Wilhelm-II of Germany signed a treaty versus the Jews. They eventually went to war with each other against their will. Both Germany and Russia still endanger Israelite Tribes.

Source: Maurice Samuel, "Blood Accusation," 1966, USA.

#### Book Review:

## **ISRAELITES IN SCANDINAVIA**

"The Incredible Nordic Origins," by S. Gusten Olson, 1981, England.

The book traces the Israelite origins of Scandinavian peoples. The work is very interesting, it contains a lot of information, some insights of value, and the revelation of new sources of inquiry. There are also many photographs of ethnic types in Scandinavia that are interesting and valuable but perhaps could have been presented a little differently.

On the negative side the author gives quite a bit of background information that may be of interest to Scandinavians but I found superfluous. The book is crammed full of facts, some of which are enlightening, whereas others are less than exciting. The effect is sometimes that of a confused jumble. The typing font was one of those of the pre-computer era.

A lot of the sources quoted are old but good ones. Much of this valuable material appears to have been translated straight from Swedish for the first time ever. On the whole it is a useful informative work, which was a pleasure to review, and is worth acquiring.

We are not going to summarize this work because we could not do it justice. We will point out a few points of interest and give a hint as to the gist of the exposition. Olson links different sources together without explicitly saying whether or not he agrees with them but rather leaves the reader to draw his own conclusion. Some of these sources appear to contradict easch other but Olson leaves them as they are and does not attempt to make forced reconciliations.

Some highlights of his work relate or suggest that: An old Swedish chronicles says that Scandinavia was populated from the time of Abraham by the Gether (also known as Skyther) who were descended from Shem and came from the Imaus Mountains near the Caspian Sea. Prior to that, Scandinavia was peopled by **Canaanites** who also dwelt in other northern regions such as Britain. One authority suggests that the **Lapps** of Scandinavia were offshoots of these Canaanites. The Canaanites are also known to history as Phoenicians. The early **Fins** encountered the Lapps and influenced them. In ca 500 BCE the **Norsemen** also met the Lapps who were influenced by Norse culture. Before the Norsemen came there was also a **Celtic** people in Scandinavia whose descendants are of the light-colored broad-headed type whereas the Norsemen are long-headed. The Fins of Finland are a fair-haired people quite distinct from the Lapps and also different from the Swedes. In ancient times trading routes existed between Scandinavia and the Middle East. Amber from Scandinavia was highly valued. The tribe of Dan (according to Ezekiel 27) traded in "cassia" which according to one authority means amber. In Scandinavia runic inscriptions have been found whose letters are derived from the Phoenician-Hebraic alphabet. Runes can be traced to the Black Sea area.

The Fins and Estonians, says Olson, are one and the same people and are descended from Israel. There are however some Finnish authorities who would not agree with this equation of Estonians with the Fins. The Fins came to Finland from Russia in ca. 500 BCE. The Neuri were a mixture of Scythians, Greeks, and Hebrews. They were one of the peoples from whom the Fins originate. Historians who wrote of the Israelite origins of the Finnish people include S. Dalin (1747), O. Rudbeck (ca. 1705), Bjorner, Hogstrom, and Lagerbring (1769).

In 111 BCE the Cimbri came to Scandinavia. They were also Israelites. The name Cimbri is a form of "Humria" which is how he Assyrians pronounced "Omri." King Omri of northern Israel in Assyrian records gave his name to the whole people, who were called "House of Omri", or just "Omri." A Bronze Assyrian sword was found in southeastern Sweden as well as Assyrian-type statuettes of the goddess Astarte.

The Scandinavians and the Germans are different peoples. Odin and the Asar came from Asov north of the Black Sea. The name "Odin" comes from the Hebrew "Adon" meaning "lord" and applied to God or a deity. All Scandinavian gods were based on prototypes from the ancient Middle East. Balder for instance was a form of Baal. There may have been two heroes named Odin. The historical Odin was descended from the kings of Troy. The Nephtalite Huns migrated to Scandinavia. They were descended from the Israelite tribe of Nephtali. They were identified with the White Huns written of by the historian Procopious. There are many places in Scandinavia named after the Huns who were also known as "Chuni". The name originally derived from that of Guni a clan of Nephtali.

In the Viking period many people from Scandinavia settled in Britain.

The national characteristics and temperament of the Scandinavians provide further proof of their Israelite origins. Olson believes that Democracy is an Israelite characteristic and anti-Semitism is an anti-democratic force. The Scandinavians have a strong Democratic tradition.

Olson identifies different groups who settled in Scandinavia (especially Sweden) as Israelite entities. This is one of the most interesting sections of his work. Many Walloons from Belgium migrated to Sweden in the 1600s. Olson opines that they were descended from Levi. They made their mark in the fields of metalworking, art, education, music, and medicine. The sea-faring Tribe of Zebulon is evident in Holland which has always had strong Scandinavian connections. The Fins of Finland descend from Issachar. The Fins are rugged, tenacious, obstinate, and lovers of freedom, but they can also be humble and submit to their lot in adversity. The Fins are meditative and respect education. They possess many other qualities associated with Issachar. The Danes are similar to the Jews and descend from both Dan and Judah. They have the qualities of businessmen. The Swedes possses the attributes of Naphtali. [This national characteristic analysis of Olson is very good even though his conclusions differ somewhat from those of Brit-Am. In fact, most of this work of Mr. Olson is very good.] Gad and Asher are also to be found in Scandinavia. The Norwegians have the characteristics of Benjamin. [The idea that the Norwegians are descended from Benjamin is popular with Identity people.]

Olson finishes off hs work with a few pages dedicated to his own opinions some of which appear of value while others may be doubtful: He is very much against miscegenation. He opines that the Germans and Russians are the natural enemies of Scandinavia. The Scandinavians have been used on occasion by enemies (such as Rome) against their fellow Israelites. The Swedes and Dutch are both Israelite nations and have a natural affinity for each other. The Scandinavians like all Israelites have been materially blessed: Scandinavia has valuable forests and Sweden possesses much copper and iron.

"The Incredible Nordic Origins," by S. Gusten Olson, 1981, England. 200 pages. Available from: S. Gusten Olson, Fostop 230, S-446 96, Halanda, Sweden. Price \$20 includes postage by airmail.

This book contains good, interesting ideas, a lot of valuable facts that are unavailable elsewhere, as well as some material that may appear rather superfluous. Israelites did settle in Scandinavia and Scandinavia was connected to the Middle East from the earliest of times. The Scandinavians are a combination of peoples that Olson believes to have been mainly Israelite. From Scandinavia came the Viking settlers of Northern England, as well as much of Scotland and Ireland. Much later Scandinavian immigrants in large numbers moved to North America where both quantitatively and qualitatively they made a valuable contribution.

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## **PROPHETIC PROFILE** of the HOUSES OF EPHRAIM and MENASSEH

From the Tanach (Old Testament)

#### By John Hulley (Yochanan ben David).

According to Bible prophecy the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel (especially Ephraim) are to:

1) lose their faith and thus their identity as Israelites; \*\*\* Jeremiah 3:8; Hosea 1:4, 6-7, 9; 7:8; 8:8; 9:16-17; Micah 5:3,7

2) later restore their relationship with God and recover their identity; \*\* Jeremiah 3:11-15; 31:18-20,27; 33:7-8,14,23-26; 50:4-6,17-20; Ezekiel 36:25-31; 37:23; Hosea 1:10-11; 2:1,19-20,23; 3:5; 14:4-8; Amos 9:9; Zechariah 10:6,9,12

3) grow vastly in numbers; \*\* *Hosea*\_1:10

4) join the House of Judah (the Jews) in reconquering the land of Israel; \*\* *Isaiah* 11:14; *Obadiah* 17-21; *Zechariah* 9:13-16; 10:3-7

5) settle in Israel (e.g. in Samaria); \*

Isaiah 11:11-13, 16; 27:12-13; Jeremiah 3:18; 16:14-15; 23:7-8; 31:1-10, 13,15-17,20,27-28; 33:7-11,14; Ezekiel 36:6-12,16-24,28-38; 37:21-26; 47:13-48:34; Hosea 1:11-2:1, 23; Amos 9:14-15; Micah 7:14-15; Zechariah 8:12-13; 10:6,10

6) <u>solve their differences with the Jews</u>, uniting with them; \*\* *Isaiah* 11:13; *Jeremiah* 3:18; *Ezekiel* 37:19-26; *Zechariah* 9:13

7) and together become a nation of priests, above other nations, a <u>blessing to all the families of the earth</u>, probably in the messianic era. \* *Genesis* 12:3; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; *Exodus* 19:6; *Leviticus* 20:26; *Deuteronomy* 7:6; 26:19; 28:1,7,9-10,13; *Isaiah* 27:6; *Jeremiah* 31:31-34.

PROPHECIES on the tribes of EPHRAIM and MANASSEH According to prophecy the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh are to:
8) grow exceptionally in numbers, Genesis 49:25

9) <u>benefit from the best of the earth's resources</u>, \*\* *Genesis* 48:20; 49:22, 25; *Deuteronomy* 33:13-16

10) have the military status of a <u>world power</u>. \*\* *Genesis* 49:23-24; *Deuteronomy* 33:17

11) The tribe of <u>Ephraim</u>, younger son of Joseph, <u>will be greater than</u> that of his older brother, <u>Manasseh</u>, and may have ten times the population. Indeed Ephraim is to be "fullness of the nations" -- a difficult Hebrew phrase, variously translated, e.g. as "a multitude of nations" or as "fulfillment of the nations". \*\*

Genesis 48:19-20; Deuteronomy 33:17

\* = unfulfilled,
\*\* = partially fulfilled
\*\*\* = entirely fulfilled

## **EPHRAIM IN ACTION**

by John Hulley with Jill Hulley

The problems of the survival of the state of Israel keep escalating. The country is threatened by nuclear, biological and chemical weapons from nearby Moslem states, starting with Iraq. Small geographical dimensions plus concentration of the population make it especially vulnerable to weapons of mass destruction. The first strike could be terminal.

In repeated prophecies the *Tanach* reveals God's solution to this problem. A key step is the reappearance of the lost ten tribes of Israel, including the leading tribe – Ephraim – which is forecast to be a world power.

## 1a. Nuclear and other threats to Israel

The 50-year confrontation between Israel and Iraq is more explosive than was the 40-year Cold War between the US and USSR. That one was relatively stable, because each side was deterred by recognition that the other side could retaliate powerfully even after it had been attacked. In the circumstances it was not worthwhile for either side to start anything. But in this confrontation Israel is so small that the first blow could be final. One or two nuclear bombs or one or two plane-loads of germs in the Tel Aviv area might kill so many people that retaliation or defense would scarcely be practical.

### Prime Minister Barak on the nuclear threat:

NEW YORK (August 9,1998) - Labor Party leader Ehud Barak wrapped up a visit to the US late last week by saying that Israel should stop haggling over three percent of the West Bank and instead focus on potential nuclear threats from Iran and Iraq.

"The Palestinians are the weakest link in the Arab chain, not the strongest one," he told the Conference of residents of Major American Jewish Organizations on Thursday.

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## General Tal: IDF must retain its first-strike capability

Ramat Efal (July 5, 1998) - A leading government strategist said yesterday he is concerned by what he called the tendency of the nation's leaders to believe that defense-based systems can protect the country, calling such a concept "very dangerous."

Defense Ministry adviser Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yisrael Tal told a conference on military doctrine at Ramat Efal that Israel must retain its capability to strike at its enemies, including an option for preemptive attack.

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In the circumstances Israel cannot afford to wait for the enemy to attack before taking action. The obvious way to avoid disaster is through a preemptive strike. In 1981 Israel did just that: in a surprise attack Israeli planes succeeded in destroying the atomic reactor at Osirak.

The attack was justifiable, since Iraq was (as it still is) at war with Israel. Using only conventional bombs, the objective was to reduce nuclear danger to both sides; it was a conventional war to forestall unconventional war. Achieving complete surprise, the attack was miraculously successful: It put the nuclear facility out of action without loss of life to either side. But the chances of repeating such a surprise again are small.

The danger from Iraq is matched by threats from other Moslem nations. Iran is expected to achieve nuclear capability within a couple of years; it is also developing long-range missiles. Syria has a massive supply of poison gas and the delivery system to carry it to Israel. The U.S. has just officially warned Israel to be prepared for biological attacks.

Iran, Iraq and Syria would like to bring an end to the new state of Israel. The Moslem holy book – the *Koran* – foresees the return of the Jews to Palestine (Sura 17, verse 106); but the only kind of relationship which it authorizes between Moslem and Jew is one of subservience: the Jew must be a second-class citizen (*dhimmi*), paying a special tax. The loss of Islamic control over the land of Israel is unacceptable. To subdue the Jewish rulers has become a holy duty.

Generally speaking the Arabs lack the technology to produce nuclear weapons and missiles. They get hold of it mostly from countries in north Asia – from the successor states of the former USSR, from China and from North Korea. While the continents of Africa and Latin America remain relatively free of nuclear weapons, Asia is going the other way. One after another, the Asian nations are joining the nuclear club. It is feared that Pakistan – a Moslem nation which has recently done so – may soon become a supplier to the Arabs.

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Is there any way to make Asia a nuclear-free zone? Could it also become a zone free of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction? So long as that has not happened, what are the chances for Israel to survive?

#### 1b. God's plan

Just as God has been involved in the restoration of Israel thus far, He has a plan for dealing with the present crisis. The plan involves the return of the ten Lost Tribes, one of which – Ephraim – has become supremely strong militarily. Another one – Manasseh – may also be at the level of a world power. Together with the Jews these are to succeed in reconquering and restoring Israel.

"In that day the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people ... and he shall ... assemble the outcasts of Israel [house of Ephraim], and gather together the dispersed of [the house of] Judah from the four corners of the earth ...

They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; Together they will plunder the people of the east. They will lay hands on Edom and Moab, And the Ammonites will be subject to them . . .

And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria [house of Ephraim]; like as it was to Israel [twelve tribes] in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt (Isaiah 11:11-16)

In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel [Ephraim], and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. (*Jeremiah* 3:18)

Then shall the children of [the house of] Judah and the children of Israel [house of Ephraim] be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head (*Hosea* 1:11)

> And the house of Jacob [Judah] shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph [Ephraim] a flame And the house of Esau for stubble

> > (Obadiah 18)

I will bend [the house of] Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with [the house of ] Ephraim.I will rouse your sons, O Zion against your sons, Javan, And make you like a warrior's sword . . . For the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock, the house of Judah, And hath made them as his majestic horse in the battle . . . And they shall be like mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle . . . And they of [the House of] Ephraim shall be like a mighty man . . . And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon (Zechariah 9:13; 10:3,5,7,10)

It is wonderful to know that the divine plan exists. In order for the House of Ephraim to play its part well however it may be important to know who and where it is. In fact the *Tanach* offers several clues by which it can now be recognized. In addition to the prophecies cited above there are more than twenty others about the Lost Tribes, individually or as a group. Among the books of the *Tanach* virtually all of *Hosea* and most of *Amos* are devoted to them, as is the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of *Jeremiah*. So are shorter sections of *Jeremiah*, and also of *Genesis, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Micah* and *Zechariah*.

These describe their loss of faith and of Israelite identity; subsequent restoration of both; remarkable growth in numbers, wealth and power; cooperation with Judah in reconquering the land and settling it; solution of age-old differences with Judah and the two of them becoming together a blessing to the world.

A review of prophecies which are already wholly or partially fulfilled may reveal which peoples fit the prophecies. For example it was prophesied that Ephraim will join Judah in the reconquest of the land of Israel (Isaiah 11:14; Obadiah 17-21; Zechariah 9:13-16; 10:3-7). We can ascertain which gentile people or peoples have been taking part in the military action. We should then know the identity of Ephraim. The identification can be checked by reviewing the history of all the other prophecies that are already fulfilled.

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#### **Ancient Hebrew Runes**

The ancient Scandinavians, Goths, and Angles had a script of their own known as Runes. Later other northern tribes adopted this script for their own purposes. At first runes are believed to have been kept secret. The Herules were a people from Scandinavia with whom runic writing is especially associated. They were frequently allied with the Goths. Orjan Svensson lives in Blekinge in southern Sweden in an area settled by the Herules. In this region some of the earliest examples of runic writing have been found. Orjan has deciphered the language of the runes and has proven that runes were written in different Semitic dialects the most common of which was identical with or close to Hebrew. In other cases Aramaic influence is noticeable. Orjan Svensson believes the writers of these scripts were probably Hebrews. It is known that some of the Israelite tribes (especially those east of the Jordan) were influenced by Aramaic. Orjan also says that runic script itself originated in the Middle East. In the following article he explains aspects of his findings. Editor.

# THE HEBRAIC ORIGINS OF RUNIC

## by Orjan Svennsson

Runes were anciently used in vast areas. There are runic inscriptions distributed over large parts of Europe. Some of the earliest known examples in Europe stem from the Balkans. It was therefore a long-held belief that the runic alphabet originated amongst Gothic tribes on the northern Black Sea shore. From there it was believed to have spread northward to the Germanic heartland and to Scandinavia and Britain. In recent years however archaeological excavations in the Middle East have shown that runes, which are identical to Scandinavian ones, were used in the Levant area as early as at least one millenium BCE. Among other things a statuette in the Canaanite city of Ugarit (presently located in Syria) has been found with the inscription "athrt" written in runes on it. The statuette depicts the godddess Athirat or Ashera in Hebrew (see Caquot and Sznycer, Ugaritic Religion, 1980, p.24, XIVa). Another find is a silver needle from a pre-1450 BCE grave in Knossos, Crete. On that needle is an inscription with "Scandinavian" runes: i-l d-g-n a-w-i r-b (see Godart and Olivier "Recueil des insriptions en linear A," 1982, volume 4, p.154-155). The Knossos inscription mentions the Phillistine god DaGoN. Runic writings that are more 3000 years old recently have been uncovered in archeological excavations; in Israel - in Gezer and in Megiddo. This proves that runic script is far older than researchers earlier had believed. It is actually originally one of several Middle Eastern scripts that gave rise to the Greek and Latin scripts. Previously, all runic texts that were found in Scandinavia were interpreted as if they were Indo-European in language. Now, however, a Norwegian scholar, Kjell Aartun, has demonstrated that many of them actually are written in Semitic languages. I have published a small book (in Swedish) that once and for all proves that all of the oldest known runic inscription of Blekinge in southeast Sweden are written in a language that entirely consists of Hebrew and Hebrew derivatives. Inscriptions all over Europe also demonstrate that Semitic speakers brought the runes to Europe. I have demonstrated that more than any other Semitic language the Blekinge [Swedish] inscriptions resemble "Northwest Semitic."

The Phoenecians were a seafaring people who dwelt along the coasts of Israel, Lebenanon, and Syria. They spoke a language similar to Hebrew. You may ask if it is possible to determine whether the runic inscriptions of Blekinge are Phoenician or early Hebrew? To this I can respond that in my opinion the language resembles early Aramaic and Hebrew more than anything else. Actually there exists a similarly pronounced word in Aramaic or Hebrew for every known word in the old runic inscriptions of Blekinge. Further, the only deity which is mentioned in Scandinavian inscriptions is El, which is one of the Hebrew names for God. No specific Phoenician god is mentioned, and the version of the name El is most similar to the version found in Biblical Aramaic. To me this indicates that the most ancient runic inscriptions of Blekinge are Hebrew or from Hebrew-speakers of Aramaic rather than Phoenician.

Orjan has concentrated on deciphering inscriptions in his own area of Blekinge in southeast Sweden. He has gone to the sites, examined the inscriptions from all angles, photographed them using the most sophisticated techniques, and read all available literature concerning them. He believes that most of the inscriptions are connected with some kind of fertility cult. According to the Bible the Israelites synthesized belief in God with practices taken from pagan fertility cults. It will be remembered that in my book "Ephraim" (p.239) I analyzed an inscription written in a mixture of Hebrew and Aramaic that dealt with matters concerning a fertility cult. The inscription was found east of the Jordan in what had been the territory of Gad. It is our belief that from the Tribe of Gad descend many of the inhabitants of Sweden. The language of this inscription should be compared with that of the runic inscriptions as deciphered by Orjan. Editor.

#### The Journal Of The Ten Tribes Of Israel Who Were Lost And Are Now Found

#### The Language of the Most Ancient Runic Inscriptions of Blekinge

For anyone who studies the Blekinge inscriptions closely it is evident that their language can be classified as a kind of Aramaic; that (at least with respect to the words) is very close to Biblical and post-Biblical Hebrew. In two volumes entitled Die Minoische Schrift: Sprache und Texte (Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden, 1992-1997) are word-lists with Minoan, Ugaritic, Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, Ethiopic, Akkadic, etc. These include examples of words that are found in fertility cult texts. A comparison between the Blekinge inscriptions and these word-lists shows that the Hebrew word-lists make the best match. Forms of words found both in the mentioned Hebrew word-lists and in the Blekinge inscriptions are quite numerous. Consequently it can be concluded that those who wrote the ancient Blekinge inscriptions were Hebrews, or alternatively very closely related to the Ancient Israelites. The alphabet used in the Blekinge inscriptions is a version of the so -called "Futhark" Futhark uses runic characters that were also used by the Angles in England and later also by the Vikings. In my book [in Swedish] I also consider the Istaby and Gummarp stones from western Blekinge. It may be interesting to know that the Gummarp stone earlier was known as the Gomor stone. [The name "Gomor" has connotations connected with Israel and the Cimmerians]. Concerning the Istaby stone I can tell you that according to a local legend the stone was erected by a princess who had entered Blekinge from the sea. The tradition also says that she had a golden harp that was buried together with her.

All of the previously published so-called interpretations, of these inscriptions, are nothing else than fanciful guesses, and they are completely false. In recent years, however, the enigma of the ancient Old Futhark inscriptions has to a large extent been solved. It has been conclusively proved that all of the most ancient Old Futhark inscriptions in the world are written in a Semitic language. It has also been proved that they are intimately associated with Semitic fertility cults and almost certainly of hebrew origin.

In future issues of "Tribesman" we will continue our discussion of Runic writings in more detail and provide illustrated examples alongside additional information.

## The Celts, France, Basques, Etruscans, and Israel Observations of Shmuel Moel, student of Celtic culture, of Paris, France

The Irish Celts do not identify much with other Europeans. They feel an affinity with Jews. There are many linguistic connections between Irish, Gaelic (of Scotland), and Hebrew. There is a legend that a king of Gaul fasted when the Temple was destroyed and as a reward France has been blessed ever since. The Celts are often more Semitic in character than European. The Etruscans of northern Italy, the Basques of northern Spain and southern France, and the Ligures of southern France and northern Italy, all had Semitic or Hebrew connections according to Basque specialist Lahovary. The Basque peoples came from the Middle Orient and, as well as Semitic connections, they also are linked to the Indo-Dravidians. There is a dolmen and menhir in the Negev of southern Israel that could be of Celtic origin. Jews were living in Brittany and Normany until about 1505 c.e., when they were expelled. The place-name Caen in Normany maybe a derivation of the Hebrew name "Cohen". Celts and Basques in the 1800s claimed their languages came from Hebrew. Many Marranos [descendants of Jews who were forced to become Christians] settled in Bordeaux, France. [Many became Hugeonots]. The famous Rabbinical Commentator on the Bible, Rashi, in Troyes (in Champagne, France) was the first to discover how to make Champagne wines. The name Dreyfus is derived from Troyes or Triev.