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A 4,000 YEAR ADVENTURE



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Mr. Norman Mailer
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Dear Mr. Mailer,

It is my pleasure to send you *The Story of the Jews* by Stan Mack. It is original, delightful and enriching; I cannot say enough great things about it. This is an educational and highly entertaining cartoon narrative that covers 4,000 years in the life of the Jews. You will meet the key figures that shaped the culture - from Moses to Maimonides to Louis B. Mayer, and experience the significant events that propelled its history, from the Israelites arrival in Canaan and the world's first 'oy,' to their arrival back in Zion and later, in the United States. It is all masterly woven together by Stan, who in addition to being the author of *Real Life American Revolution*, is the creator of the cartoon columns: *Real Life Funnies*, *True Tales* and *Outtakes*.

I hope you will enjoy *The Story of the Jews* as much as I do. And if that is the case, I would be very grateful for any kind words you might provide towards the book's publicity and promotion. Consider it a mitzvah that would help Stan reach the audience for whom this would be an invaluable entry into his/her heritage. Enclosed, you will find the available finished pages which comprise the first half of the manuscript. If you would like to see the balance please let me know as I am happy to send it, along with anything else you might need, when it is ready.

I appreciate your interest and look forward to hearing from you, hopefully by December 15, as we plan to publish in April.

My best,

Melissa Milsten
Editor

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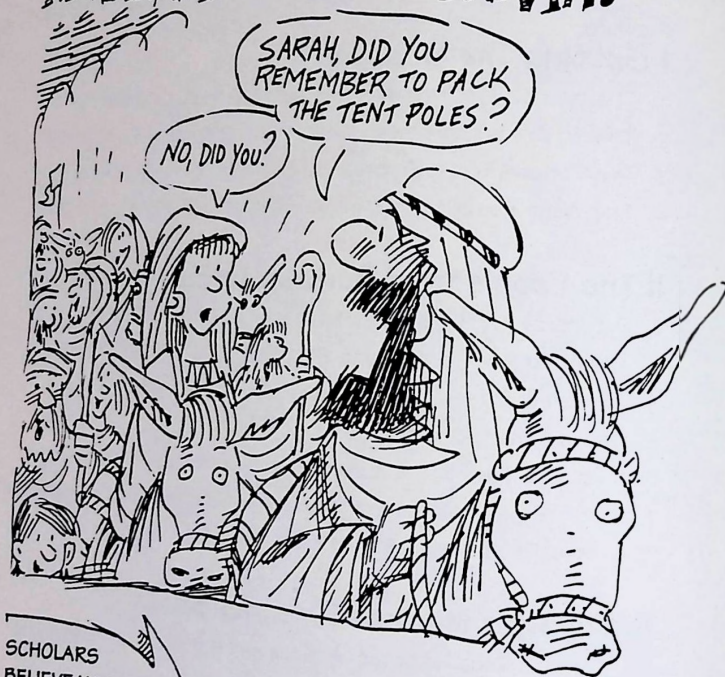
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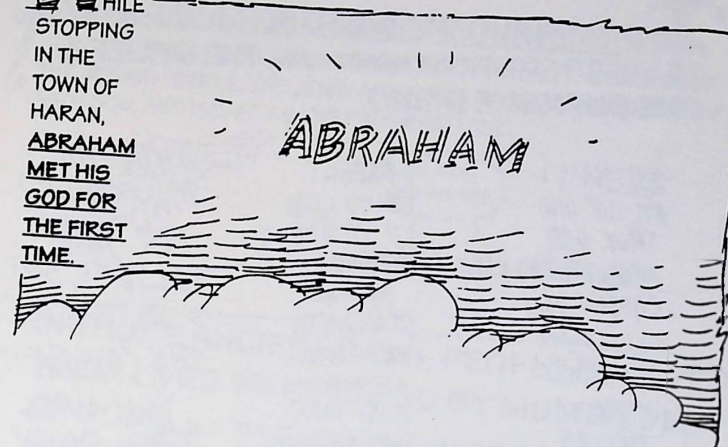
ABOUT 4,000 YEARS AGO,
 TRIBES OF PEOPLE CAME MARCHING OUT OF THE EAST,
 HEADING WEST ACROSS THE EUPHRATES RIVER.
 AMONG THEM WERE THE HABIRU. AND TWO OF THE
 HABIRU WERE A CLAN-CHIEF, THE BIBLICAL
ABRAHAM AND HIS WIFE, **SARAH**.



SCHOLARS BELIEVE HABIRU MEANS "PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER" OR "THE DIFFICULT ONES."



WHILE STOPPING IN THE TOWN OF HARAN, **ABRAHAM** MET HIS **GOD** FOR THE FIRST TIME.



THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT, THROUGH ABRAHAM, GOD DELIVERED TO THE WORLD THE CONCEPT OF MONOTHEISM. **THE BELIEF IN ONE SUPREME BEING.**

ABRAHAM, I AM THE ONE TRUE GOD, AND I HAVE CHOSEN YOU TO HELP ME MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

I EXPECT YOU TO LIVE UP TO THE HIGHEST MORAL STANDARDS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS THE LAND OF CANAAN FOREVER.

TRUE YOU MAY SUFFER FOR YOUR BELIEFS, BUT IF YOU VIOLATE THIS COVENANT, YOU WILL BRING DOWN MY WRATH ON YOU.



ABRAHAM, DID GOD SAY HOW LONG THIS COVENANT WILL LAST?

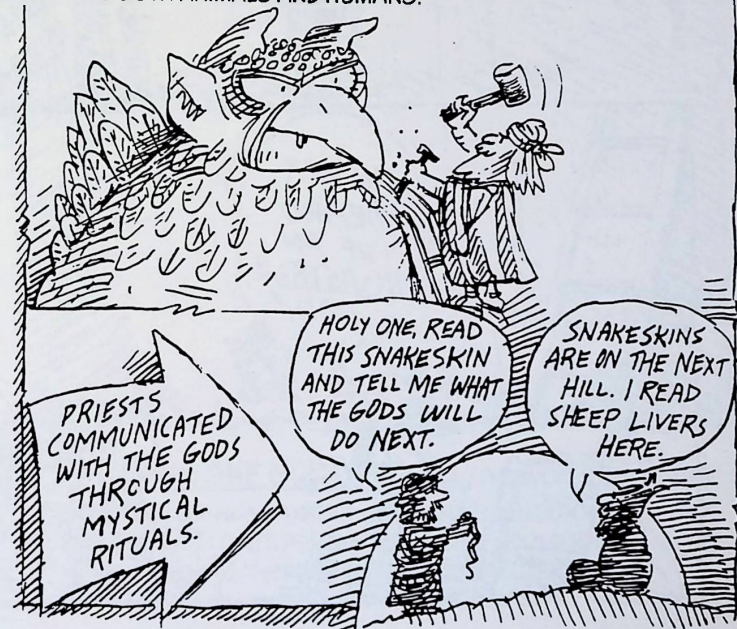
HE SAID IT WAS FOREVER.



AS A RESULT OF THESE ENCOUNTERS, JEWISH HISTORY WOULD COME TO RECOGNIZE ABRAHAM AS THE FATHER OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, THE JEWS AS HAVING A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, AND ISRAEL AS THE PROMISED LAND.



IN THOSE ANCIENT DAYS, PEOPLE BELIEVED THEIR LIVES WERE RULED BY MULTITUDES OF GODS. BUT THEIR GODS WERE UNTRUSTWORTHY AND BEHAVED DEVILISHLY HUMAN. THE PEOPLE REPRESENTED THEIR GODS AS BOTH ANIMALS AND HUMANS.



THE GOD OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WOULD BE DIFFERENT. HE WAS MORAL AND TRUSTWORTHY. YOU COULD COUNT ON HIM. HE WAS THE GOD OF ALL HUMANITY. HE WASN'T OF THE WORLD. HE CREATED THE WORLD.



BY HAVING ONE GOD OVER ALL, THE WORLD COULD GET RID OF ALL THE SCANDALOUS BEHAVIOR THAT WENT ON AMONG THE PAGAN GODS. WITH ONE ETHICAL GOD, PEOPLE WOULD HAVE A GUIDE FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR OWN MORAL CHARACTER.

ABRAHAM AND SARAH FINALLY ARRIVED IN **CANAAN**. GOD HADN'T MENTIONED THAT TINY CANAAN WAS ALSO A CROSS-ROADS CONNECTING ASIA, AFRICA, AND EUROPE, AND USED BY GLORY BOUND ARMIES AND FORTUNE HUNTING TRADERS.



ABRAHAM AND SARAH SETTLED DOWN AND HAD A SON, ISAAC, WHO, WITH HIS WIFE, REBECCA, HAD A SON, JACOB. JACOB FATHERED TWELVE SONS WHOSE FAMILIES WOULD SPREAD OUT, TAKING ON THE LOCAL TRIBES AND THEIR GODS.



400 YEARS WENT BY FOR THE HEBREW TRIBES. THE BIBLE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING EVENTS FROM THOSE YEARS. FOR MORE DETAILS, READ THE **BOOK OF GENESIS**.

ABRAHAM FATHERED A CHILD, ISHMAEL, WITH A SERVANT, HAGAR (SARAH WAS NOT AMUSED). ISHMAEL WOULD BECOME THE FATHER OF THE ARAB PEOPLE.



JACOB HAD A FIGHT WITH AN ANGEL WHO NICKNAMED JACOB ISRAEL. JACOB'S DESCENDANTS WOULD BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.



ABOUT 1400 BCE, JOSEPH, A TALENTED GUY, TALKED HIS WAY OUT OF HIS CHAINS AND INTO A TOP JOB IN THE EGYPTIAN ROYAL COURT.

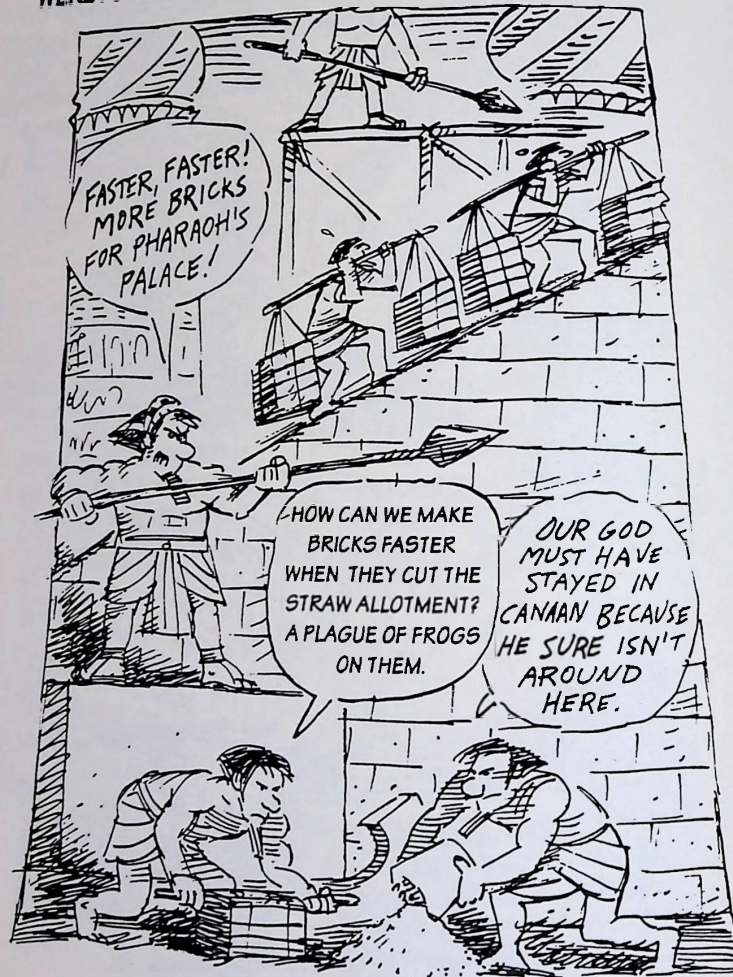
SARAH, AT 90, GAVE BIRTH TO ISAAC. GOD FIRST ORDERED ABRAHAM TO SACRIFICE ISAAC AND THEN, IN THE NICK OF TIME, GOD CHANGED HIS MIND.



JOSEPH, A SON OF JACOB AND RACHEL, WAS SOLD BY HIS ENVIOUS BROTHERS AND ENDED UP A SLAVE IN EGYPT.

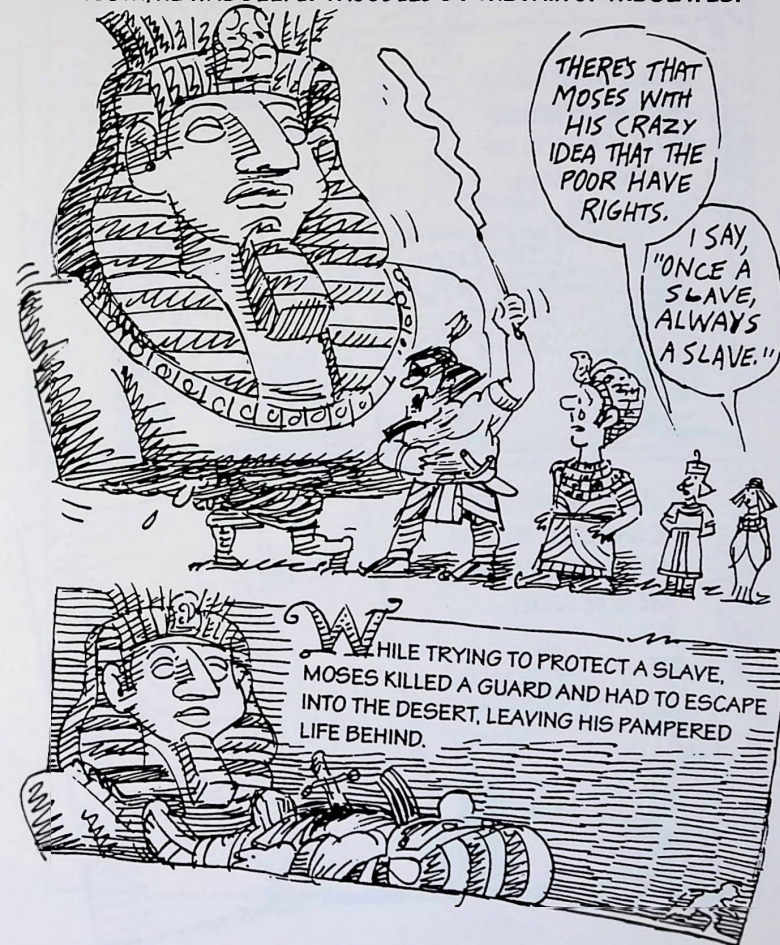


WHEN HARD TIMES HIT CANAAN, MANY ISRAELITES HEADED FOR THE FERTILE NILE WHERE JOSEPH HELPED THEM GET ESTABLISHED. BUT WHEN A NEW PHARAOH, RAMSES II, WENT ON A BUILDING BINGE, ALL FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING THE ISRAELITES, WERE FORCED INTO SLAVE LABOR GANGS.



AROUND 1300 BCE, EGYPT BEGAN KILLING MALE ISRAELITE CHILDREN TO HALT THEIR GROWING NUMBERS AND INFLUENCE. A MALE BABY WAS FOUND IN THE REEDS OF THE NILE BY PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER.

THE BABY, **MOSES**, WAS RAISED IN LUXURY. YET, AS A YOUTH, HE WAS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE PAIN OF THE SLAVES.



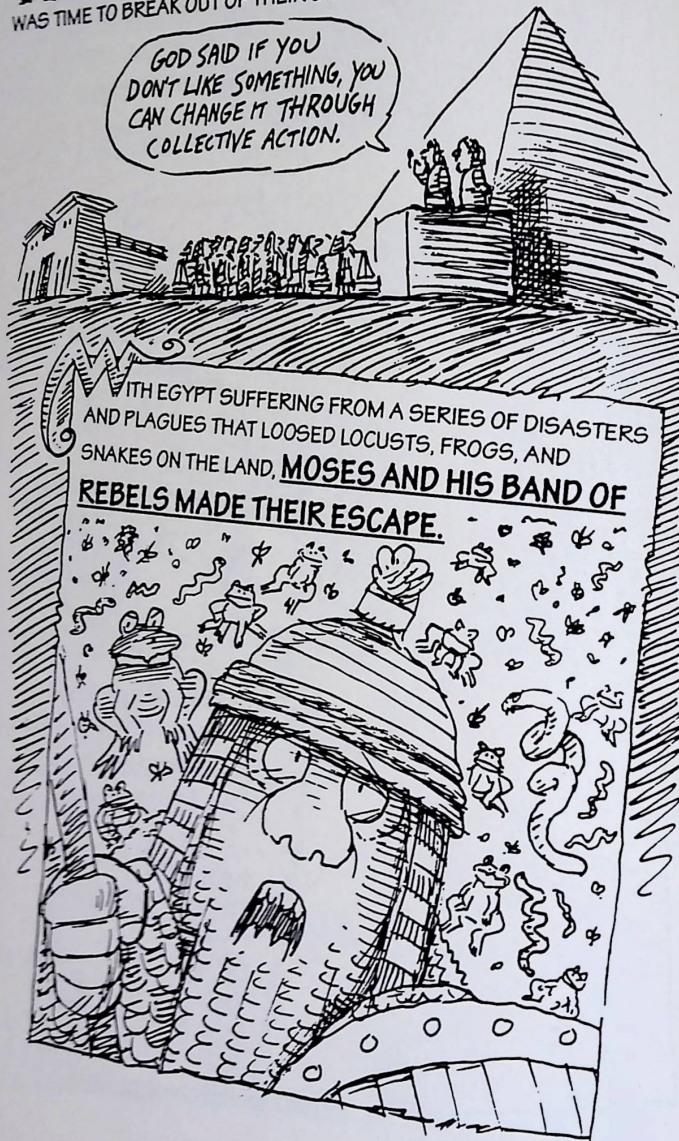
Moses settled down as a shepherd and married Zipporah. When he was 80, a bush caught fire in front of him and the social activist-turned-bedouin found himself in the presence of the God of Abraham.

GOD SPOKE TO A RELUCTANT MOSES.



WITH AARON'S HELP, MOSES CONVINCED THE ISRAELITES THAT IT WAS TIME TO BREAK OUT OF THEIR CAPTIVITY.

GOD SAID IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, YOU CAN CHANGE IT THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION.



MIRACULOUSLY, THE WATERS OF THE RED SEA PARTED FOR MOSES, AARON, THEIR SISTER, MIRIAM, AND THE EX-SLAVES. THEN THE WATERS RUSHED IN AND ENGULFED THE PURSUING EGYPTIAN ARMY.



THE ISRAELITES PUSHED THEIR WAY ONTO THE LAND AND SETTLED DOWN. IN TIME, THEY WERE DRAWN TO THE LOCAL CANAANITE GODS.

WE'RE GOING TO A LEWD CEREMONY TO THANK BAAL FOR A GOOD HARVEST.

FOR SHAME! WHAT ABOUT OUR COVENANT?



THE ISRAELITES REMAINED A LOOSE CONFEDERATION OF TRIBES. OVER THEIR TRIBAL CHIEFS THEY ELECTED **WARRIOR CHIEFS CALLED JUDGES** WHO WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE A DIRECT LINK WITH THE **GOD OF MOSES.**



FOR 200 YEARS THESE JUDGES SHOWED UP WHEN NEEDED, INTERPRETING THE LAW AND LEADING THE TRIBES INTO BATTLE. BELOW ARE A SELECTION OF THE BETTER KNOWN JUDGES.

SAMSON, THE STRONG MAN AND PARTY BOY, LOST HIS HAIR, EYES, AND STRENGTH OVER DELILAH, BUT STILL TOPPLED A PHILISTINE TEMPLE.



DEBORAH, AN OUTSTANDING JUDGE AND WARRIOR WHO WON A MAJOR VICTORY WHEN SHE MANEUVERED HER ENEMY'S CHARIOTS INTO THE MUD.

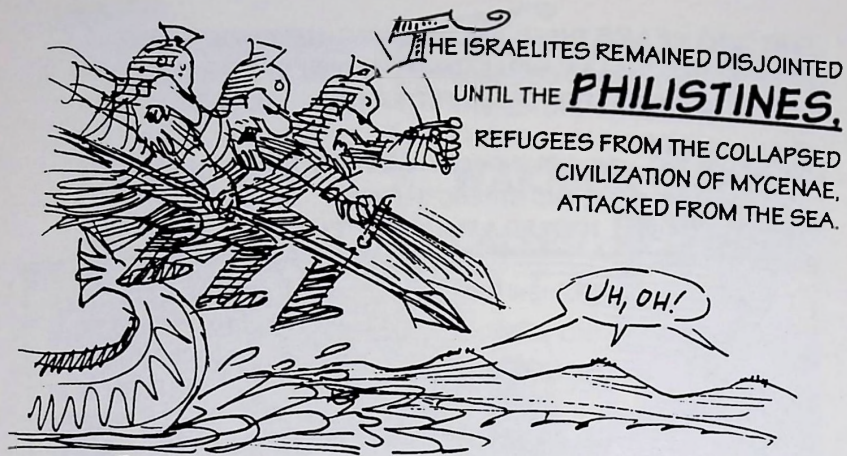


GIDEON, THE GREAT GENERAL WHO LOST HIS CHANCE TO BE THE FIRST KING OF THE JEWS BECAUSE HIS SON WAS A MASS MURDERER.



SAMUEL, LAST JUDGE, FIRST PROPHET, AND PREMIER POWER BROKER. HE SUPPORTED SAUL AS THE FIRST KING OF THE ISRAELITES, LATER HE REVERSED HIMSELF AND GAVE THE NOD TO DAVID.





THE ISRAELITES REMAINED DISJOINTED
UNTIL THE **PHILISTINES**.
REFUGEES FROM THE COLLAPSED
CIVILIZATION OF MYCENAE,
ATTACKED FROM THE SEA.

THE TRIBES UNITED BEHIND A BIG, BROODING FARMER NAMED
SAUL AND DROVE THE PHILISTINES BACK TO THE COAST.
IN 1020 bce, SAUL BECAME THE FIRST KING OF THE NEW
LITTLE NATION OF THE ISRAELITES. BUT THE
CROWN SAT UNEASILY ON HIS HEAD.

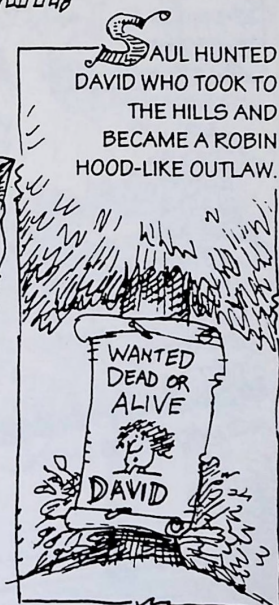


UNRELENTING
WARFARE
FINALLY DROVE
SAUL INTO AN
EXTREME
DEPRESSION.



I NEED
CLOSURE!

SAUL GREW JEALOUS AND SUSPICIOUS OF HIS SON-IN-LAW,
DAVID. THE CHARISMATIC DAVID WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS
POETRY AND FOR HAVING DEFEATED THE PHILISTINE GIANT,
GOLIATH, WITH ONLY A SLING.



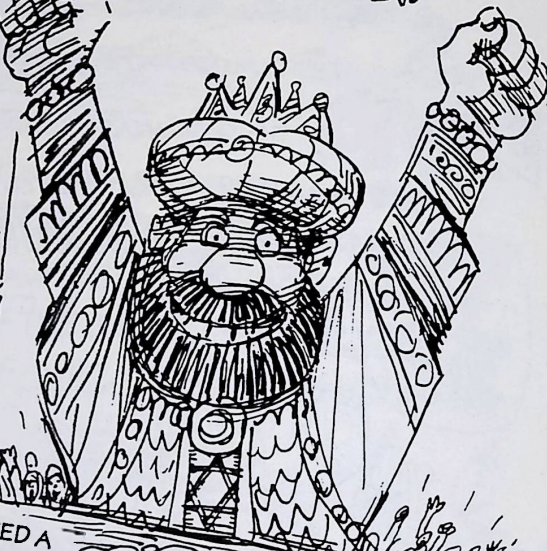
SAUL HUNTED
DAVID WHO TOOK TO
THE HILLS AND
BECAME A ROBIN
HOOD-LIKE OUTLAW.

IN 1050 bce,
SAUL ENDED UP
WITH HIS HEAD
DISPLAYED ON
A PHILISTINE
LANCE.



BOTH THE SOUTHERN ISRAELITE
KINGDOM, JUDAH, AND THE NORTH-
ERN, ISRAEL, ELECTED THE POPULAR
AND AMBITIOUS DAVID AS THEIR
KING. KING DAVID MOVED QUICKLY
TO TURN THE YOUNG COUNTRY INTO

**A MAJOR PLAYER
IN THE REGION.**



DAVID CONQUERED A
JEBUSITE TOWN HIGH IN
THE MOUNTAINOUS
CENTER OF CANAAN.
HE NAMED IT

JERUSALEM
AND MADE IT HIS CAPITAL.

CLOSE TO GOD
AND WITH A
GOOD VIEW OF
OUR ENEMIES.

THROUGH SHREWD GENERALSHIP AND POLITICAL MANEUVERING,
DAVID CREATED AN EMPIRE THAT STRETCHED FROM EGYPT TO THE
EUPHRATES. HE INTRODUCED A LUXURIOUS, WORLDLY LIFESTYLE TO
THE ISRAELITES.



WHEN KING DAVID CAUGHT SIGHT OF THE BEAUTIFUL BATH-SHEBA NAKED, HE ARRANGED HER HUSBAND'S DEATH SO HE COULD BE WITH HER. BUT, AS AN ISRAELITE KING, DAVID WAS JUDGED BY THE SAME ETHICAL STANDARDS AS ORDINARY PEOPLE.



IN 970 bce, DAVID, GIFTED POET, EMPIRE BUILDER, SINNING KING, AND SPIRITUAL MAN LAY DYING. BESIDE HIM WERE HIS WIFE, BATH-SHEBA, AND THEIR SON, **SOLOMON.**

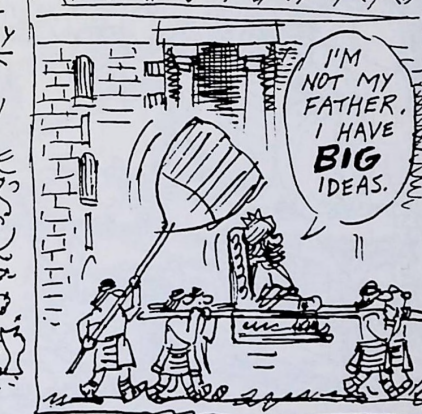
DAVID HANDED OVER HIS EMPIRE TO SOLOMON.



SOLOMON EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL TRADE. WHEN HE MADE A TREATY, HE MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF THE FOREIGN LEADER. IT WAS SAID HE HAD 999 WIVES.



SOLOMON CREATED A DAZZLING PALACE FOR HIS WIVES AND A MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE FOR THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.



VISITORS ARRIVED FROM ALL OVER TO SEE SOLOMON'S GLAMOUROUS KINGDOM AND WORSHIP THE INVISIBLE GOD OF THE ISRAELITES.



KING SOLOMON WAS SOUGHT AFTER FOR HIS GREAT WISDOM. HE WAS RENOWNED FOR HIS RIDDLES AND PROVERBS.



HOWEVER, THE HIGH COST OF SOLOMON'S RAZZLE-DAZZLE EXPANSION DIVIDED ISRAELITE SOCIETY.



WITH SOLOMON'S DEATH, HIS KINGDOM SPLIT IN TWO: ISRAEL IN THE NORTH AND JUDAH IN THE SOUTH.



THE PROPHETS — INCLUDING ELIJAH, THE SPECTER; AMOS, THE WRATHFUL; HOSEA, THE GENTLE; AND ISAIAH, THE ELOQUENT — THUNDERED AT THE RULING CLASSES FOR THEIR NATIONALISM, PAGANISM, AND OPPRESSION OF THE POOR.

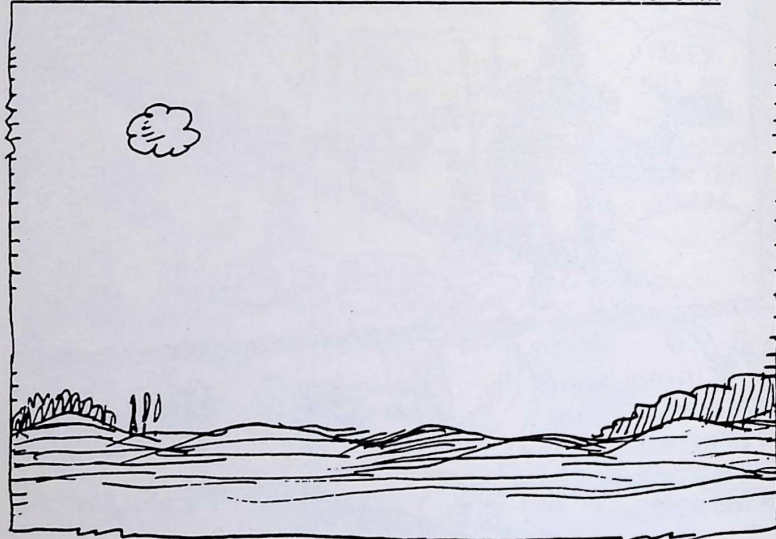
IT IS THE END OF ISRAEL UNLESS YOU RETURN TO BASIC MORAL VALUES.

GOD LOVES YOU EVEN IF YOU HAVE ABANDONED HIM!

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT HERE, GO TO JUDAH AND PREACH THERE!



AT THE END OF THE 9TH CENTURY bce, A NEW ASIAN EMPIRE, ASSYRIA, OVERPOWERED THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. IN 721 bce, THEY EXPELLED THE ISRAELITES FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRY. THE ISRAELITES VANISHED AS A PEOPLE AND WERE LOST TO HISTORY.



ISRAEL WAS MADE UP OF TEN OF THE TWELVE TRIBES OF THE ISRAELITES. FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS, **ISRAEL WAS AN UNSTABLE LAND WHERE PAGAN GODS MADE A COMEBACK.**

BAAL'S BACK! IT'S TIME FOR WILD PARTIES AND PROFANE SACRIFICES!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE EXPRESSING THEMSELVES.

GOD HELP US.



IN THE MIDST OF THIS CHAOS, THERE APPEARED IN ISRAEL A GROUP OF OUTSPOKEN, FEARLESS, REVOLUTIONARY

PROPHETS

BRINGING WARNINGS FROM GOD AGAINST MORAL BACKSLIDING.

ISRAEL HAS BECOME A BASKET OF ROTTEN FRUIT!



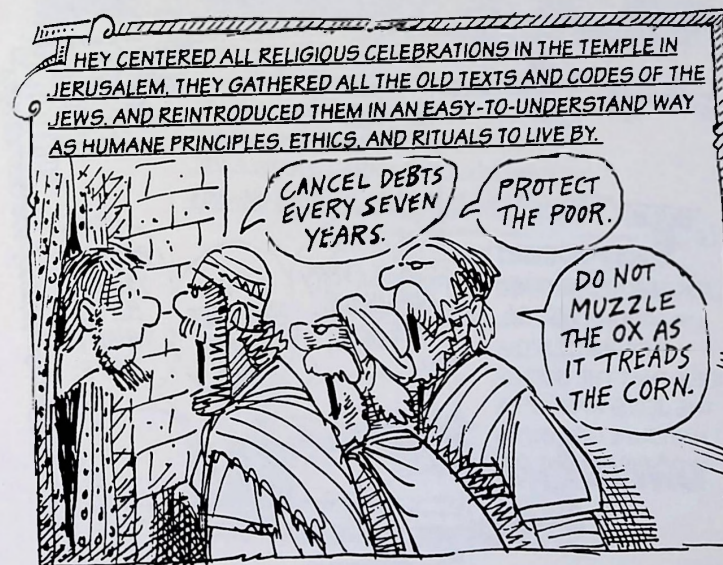
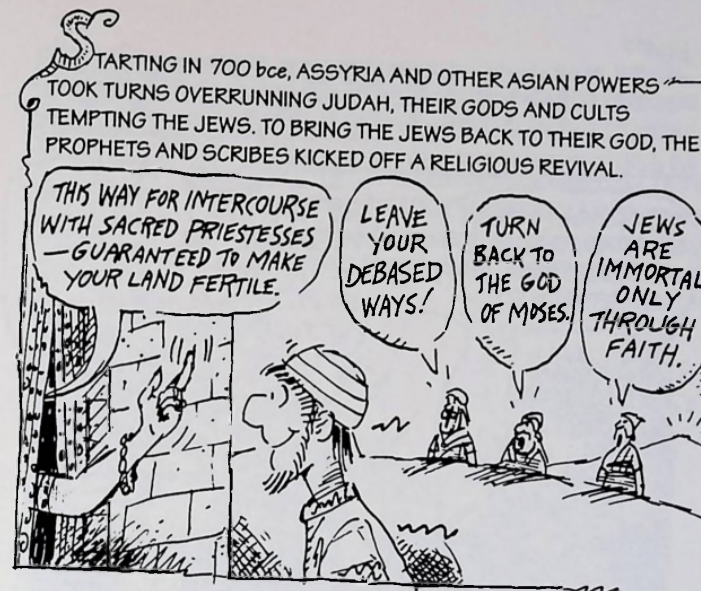
TO THIS DAY, PEOPLE CLAIM TO HAVE DISCOVERED ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL.



AND SO, THE NORTHERN HALF OF SOLOMON'S KINGDOM CAME TO AN END. THE PROPHETS MOVED ON TO JUDAH.

THE WORD "JEW" COMES FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH.

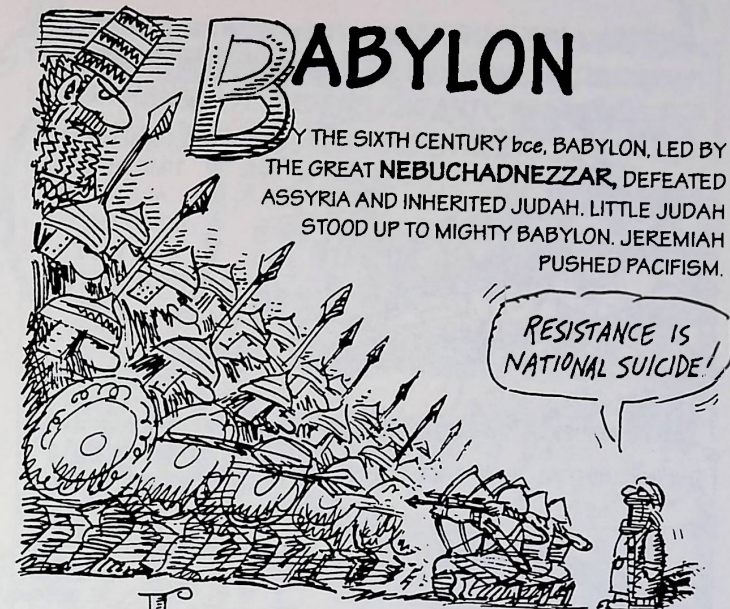
AGAINST THE WARNINGS OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH, LITTLE JUDAH REFUSED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ASSYRIA AND JOINED IN INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUES AGAINST HER INSTEAD.



THEN, IN 622 bce, KING JOSIAH, WHILE REPAIRING THE TEMPLE, DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT PARCHMENT ON WHICH WAS WRITTEN THE SACRED LAW OF MOSES. NOW THE JEWS COULD FIND THEIR WAY TO GOD THROUGH THE WRITTEN WORD.



THE PROPHET JEREMIAH SHOWED UP AROUND 626 bce. HE PROMOTED THE IDEA THAT THE GOD OF THE JEWS WAS NOT A NATIONAL GOD BUT A **UNIVERSAL GOD.**



JEWISH MILITANTS CALLED JEREMIAH A TRAITOR AND THREW HIM DOWN A WELL. JEREMIAH DISPLAYED A TRAIT THAT JEWS WOULD CARRY THROUGH HISTORY: FINDING SIGNIFICANCE IN EVERYTHING.

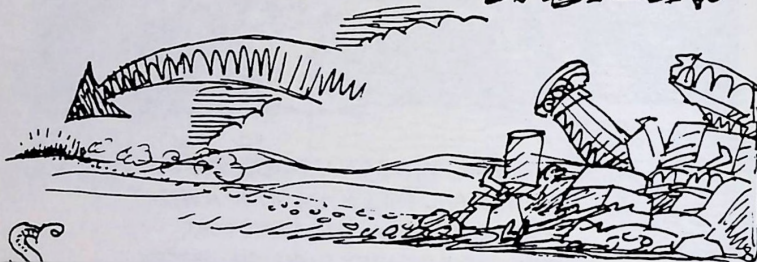


IN 586 bce, NEBUCHADNEZZAR BROKE JEWISH RESISTANCE. HE PLUNDERED JERUSALEM AND **DESTROYED THE TEMPLE.**



IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THE ARK OF THE COVENANT DISAPPEARED FROM HISTORY.

TO WEAKEN RESISTANCE, NEBUCHADNEZZAR TRANSPORTED ALL THE INFLUENTIAL JEWS BACK TO HIS CAPITAL, **BABYLON.**



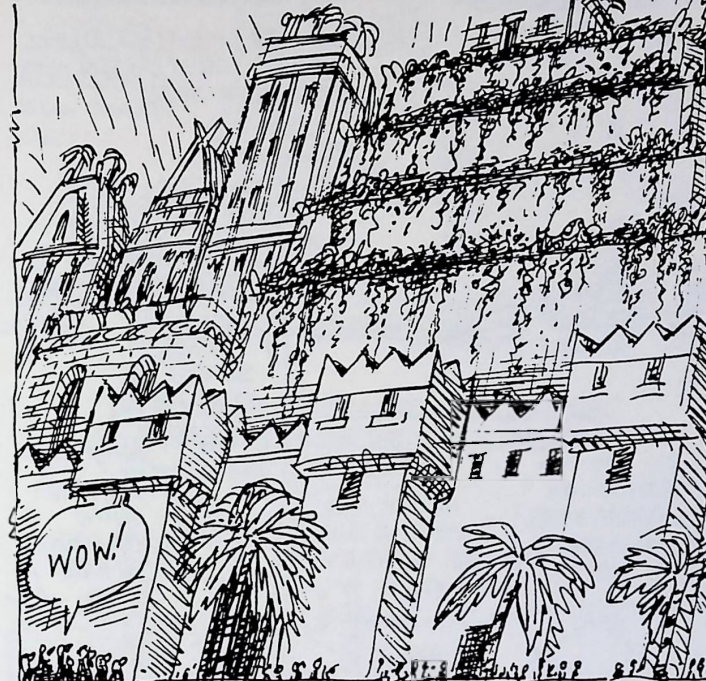
SOME JEWS CONTINUED TO FIGHT AMONG THE RUINS. OTHERS ESCAPED TO EGYPT, TAKING JEREMIAH WITH THEM.



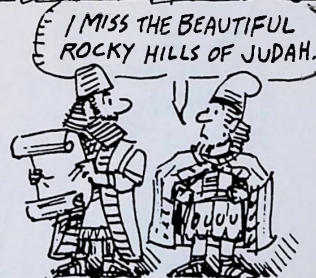
WE ARE DISPERSED BECAUSE GOD WANTS US TO FEEL DESPAIR!

ENOUGH, ALREADY. IT'S OVER.

WHEN THE JEWS ARRIVED IN THE MAGNIFICENT CITY OF BABYLON, THEY COULDN'T BELIEVE THEIR EYES: **TOWERING TEMPLES, LAVISH HANGING GARDENS, GIGANTIC PALACES, SPECTACULAR GATES, TEEMING STREETS...**



IN BABYLON, SOME JEWS ADJUSTED EASILY. OTHERS WERE NOSTALGIC.



I MISS THE BEAUTIFUL ROCKY HILLS OF JUDAH.

REMEMBER GOD
TRAVELS. HE IS
HERE IN BABYLON
WITH YOU.

INSPIRED BY THE PROPHET EZEKIEL, THE JEWS OF BABYLON CAME UP WITH THE IDEA FOR THE **SYNAGOGUE**

— A COMMUNAL PLACE TO MEET
AND PRAY, LED BY LAY TEACHERS
(THE FIRST RABBIS).

I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY
ABOUT THE
SABBATH.

YOU ALWAYS
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY ABOUT
THE SABBATH.

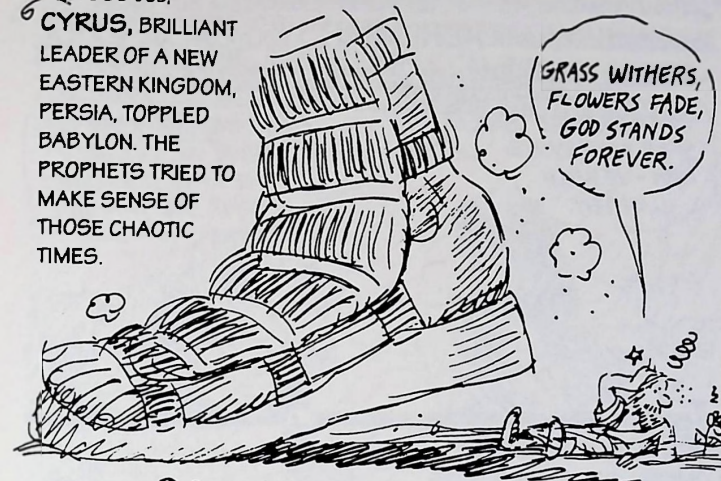
I DISAGREE
WITH
WHATEVER
YOU HAVE
TO SAY.

I DON'T
FEEL
LONELY
ANYMORE.

I THINK I HEAR
SOMETHING.



IN 539 bce,
CYRUS, BRILLIANT
LEADER OF A NEW
EASTERN KINGDOM,
PERSIA, TOPPLED
BABYLON. THE
PROPHETS TRIED TO
MAKE SENSE OF
THOSE CHAOTIC
TIMES.



GRASS WITHERS,
FLOWERS FADE,
GOD STANDS
FOREVER.

AMAZINGLY, CYRUS PROVED TO BE A DIFFERENT
KIND OF LEADER. HE SAID THE JEWS OF BABYLON
COULD GO HOME IF THEY WANTED.

SO,
LET'S
GO.

BACK TO THAT
PILE OF ROCKS?
NO WAY. WE HAVE
OUR FAMILY AND
BUSINESS HERE.

YOU GO. WE'LL
RAISE MONEY IN
SYNAGOGUE TO
PAY YOUR WAY.



THE JEWS BUILT A SMALL TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM, BUT TIMES REMAINED HARD UNTIL **NEHEMIAH**, A POLITICIAN, AND **EZRA**, A SCRIBE, LED A REBIRTH OF JEWISH CONFIDENCE AND FAITH.

EZRA SAID WE SHOULD STOP MARRYING NON-JEWISH WOMEN.

OH? AND WHERE DOES HE THINK OUR CHILDREN'S NICE LONG LEGS CAME FROM? NOT YOUR SIDE.



EZRA GATHERED AND COMPILED ALL THE OLD TEXTS OF THE SACRED LAW OF MOSES. TOGETHER THEY BECAME THE

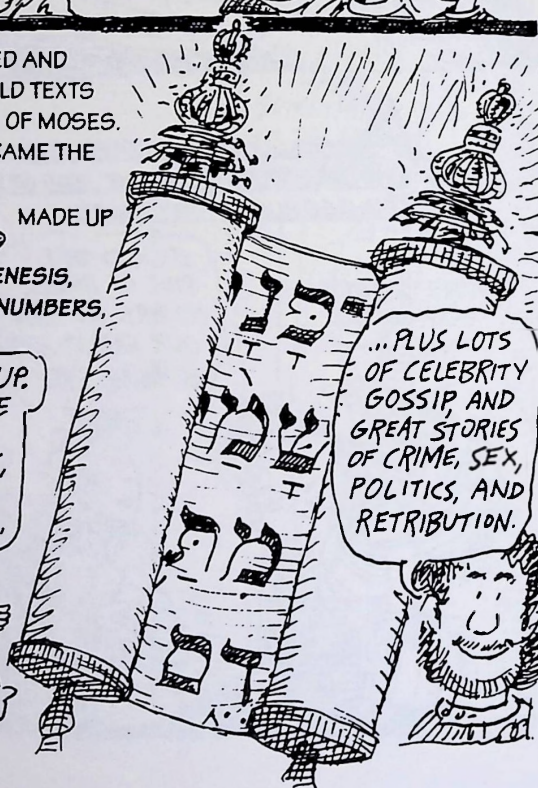
TORAH, MADE UP

OF THE BOOKS OF GENESIS, EXODUS, LEVITICUS, NUMBERS, AND DEUTERONOMY.

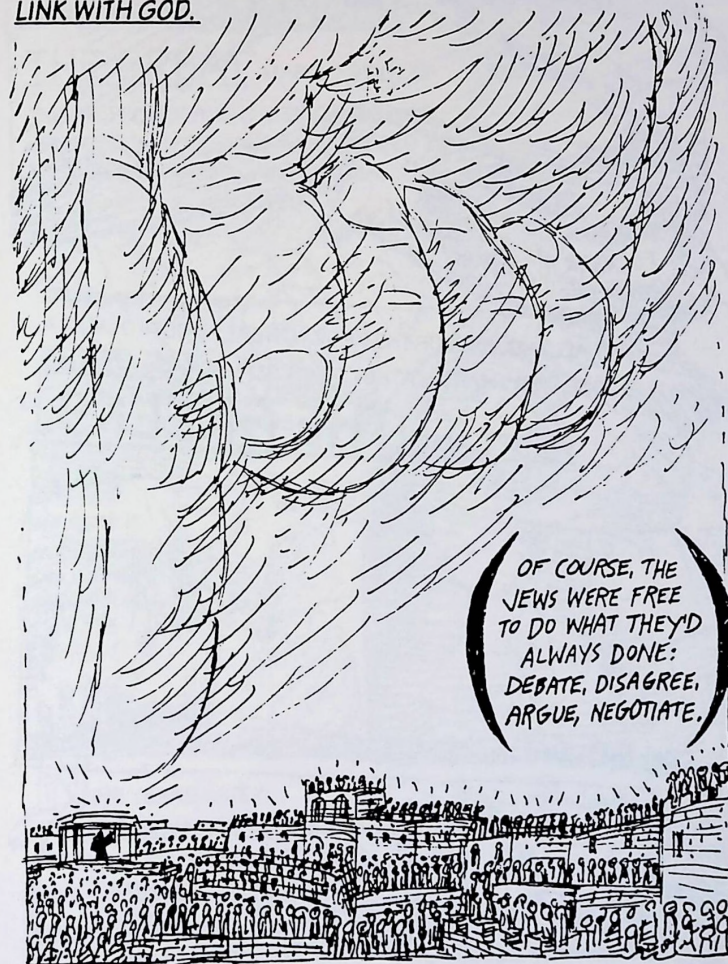
YOU CAN LOOK IT UP. IT'S ALL HERE: THE WILL OF GOD, THE MEANING OF LIFE, THE ROLE OF THE JEWS IN HISTORY...



...PLUS LOTS OF CELEBRITY GOSSIP, AND GREAT STORIES OF CRIME, SEX, POLITICS, AND RETRIBUTION.



IN 444 bce, EZRA ASSEMBLED JEWS FROM FAR AND WIDE IN JERUSALEM AND READ TO THEM FROM THE TORAH. AND WITH THAT READING, ALL THE JEWISH PEOPLE CAME TO RECOGNIZE THE TORAH AS THE BASIS OF JUDAISM AND THEIR DIVINE LINK WITH GOD.



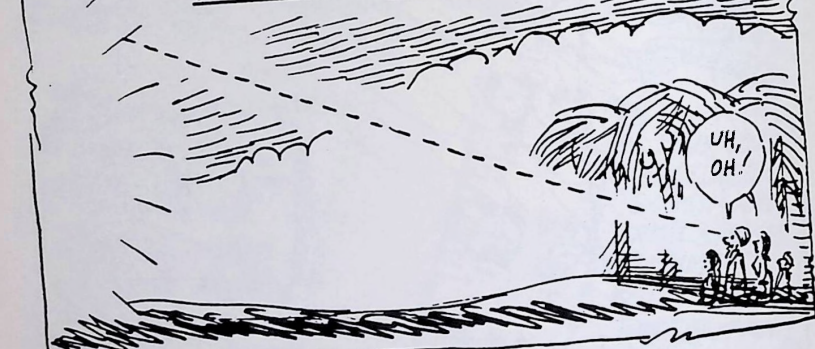
OF COURSE, THE JEWS WERE FREE TO DO WHAT THEY'D ALWAYS DONE: DEBATE, DISAGREE, ARGUE, NEGOTIATE.

AT THIS TIME, SOME JEWS BEGAN TO MOVE BEYOND THEIR HOMELAND IN SEARCH OF OPPORTUNITY AND ADVENTURE. AND WITH THEM WENT THEIR PORTABLE TORAH.



BUT ALL THE JEWS OF THE REGION WERE ABOUT TO MEET A POWER GREATER THAN ANY THEY'D MET SO FAR. **OUT OF THE WEST CAME THE GREEKS.**

THE GREEKS.



THE GREEKS DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THE JEWISH NATION. THEY'D NAMED THE AREA AROUND JERUSALEM PALESTINE AFTER THE PHILISTINES.

THE GREEKS

WELL, WE NEED MORE ROOM.

IN 335 bce, **ALEXANDER**

THE GREAT MARCHED OUT OF

THE WEST CARRYING GREEK CULTURE. HE CRUSHED THE PERSIANS AND CREATED AN EMPIRE THAT REACHED TO INDIA.



THE HILL TOWN OF JERUSALEM WAS PART OF HIS SPOILS.

NINE YEARS LATER ALEXANDER WAS DEAD. BY 175 bce, JUDAH WAS PART OF A SYRIAN KINGDOM THAT LOVED EVERYTHING GREEK.



THE GLORIOUS GREEK CULTURE, CALLED **HELLENISM**,
SPREAD ACROSS WESTERN ASIA. HELLENISM'S SOPHISTICATION AND
ORIGINALITY IN PHILOSOPHY, DRAMA, SCIENCE, AND ART SHOOK UP
THE SLEEPY EAST AND, IN PARTICULAR



THE JEWS, SOME OF WHOM HAD
MOVED WEST, SETTLING IN
HELLENISTIC TOWNS AROUND
THE MEDITERRANEAN.



IN TIME, JEWS LIVING IN
HELLENISTIC TOWNS FORGOT
THEIR HEBREW. IN
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT,
THEY TRANSLATED THE
TORAH INTO GREEK. THIS
ALSO HELPED INTRODUCE
THEIR GOD TO THE GREEK
WORLD.



SO INSTEAD OF CALLING
IT GOD'S COVENANT, WE'LL
SAY IT'S ABRAHAM'S
EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP
IN GOD'S GYMNASIUM.



INSIDE JUDAH, HELLENISM CREATED CONFLICT. JUDAISM WAS ABOUT MORAL ABSOLUTES. THE GREEKS BELIEVED IN **SELF-EXPRESSION, SKEPTICISM, AND PLEASURE.**



JEWISH SOCIETY REACTED TO THESE GREEK INFLUENCES BY SPLITTING INTO OPPOSING POLITICAL CAMPS.

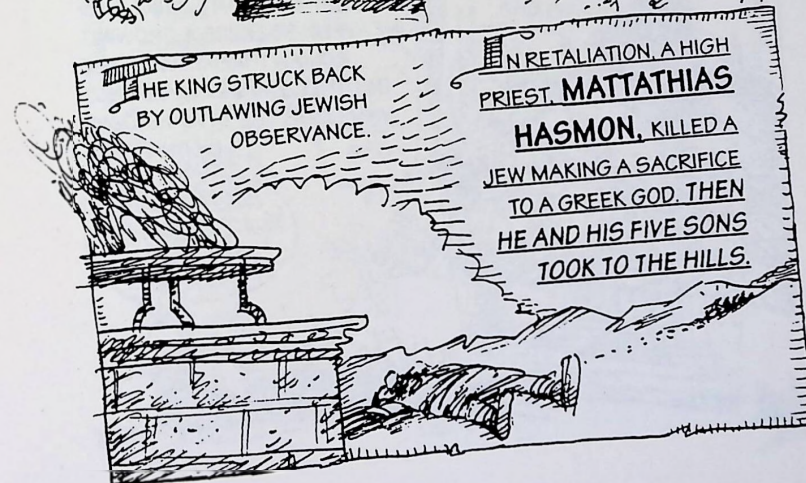
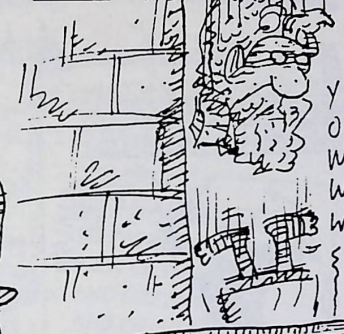


THE SYRIAN KING TRIED TO UNIFY AND STRENGTHEN HIS EMPIRE BY FORCING MORE GREEK CULTURE ON HIS SUBJECTS.

IN THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM, THE KING INSTALLED STATUES OF A GREEK/EGYPTIAN/JEWISH GOD.



HORRIFIED MODERATES AND PIETISTS PROPELLED HELLENISTS AND STATUES FROM THE TEMPLE WALLS.



THE LEADER OF THE BROTHERS WAS
JUDAS, NICKNAMED **MACCABEE**

(THE HAMMER), THE MACCABEES

LED A REVOLT THAT GREW UNTIL IT BECAME A
MASS JEWISH REBELLION AGAINST THE
WHOLE SYRIAN EMPIRE.



IN 162 bce, THE MACCABEES
SHOCKED THE SYRIANS BY
TAKING BACK JERUSALEM.



THE SYRIAN EMPIRE WAS
UNRAVELING BEFORE A GROWING
ROMAN THREAT. WHEN THE
BROTHERS MADE AN ALLIANCE
WITH ROME, THE SYRIANS GAVE
UP ON JUDAH.

PHOHEY. THIS
PLACE IS NOTHING
BUT ROCKS,
ANYWAY.



ONCE MORE, THE
JEWES WERE IN
CHARGE OF
THEIR OWN
COUNTRY, BUT

NOT FOR LONG. THE
HASMONAEAN
RULERS, FROM THE
PIOUS MACCABEE
LINE, TURNED OUT
TO BE PETTY
TYRANTS.



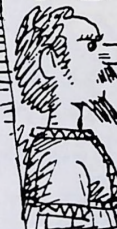
YOU TRY
TO RUN A
MODERN
COUNTRY
AND A
RELIGION
AT THE
SAME TIME.
ALL YOU DO
IS MAKE
ENEMIES.

THREE SECTS FORMED IN DEFIANCE OF HASMONAEAN POLICIES.

THE PHARISEES
HAD A LIBERAL VIEW
OF THE BIBLE BUT
WERE AGAINST
GREEK INFLUENCES.

MY DAUGHTER
IS NOT GOING
OUT IN
GREEK
FASHIONS.

BUT IT'S
SO
COOL,
DAD.

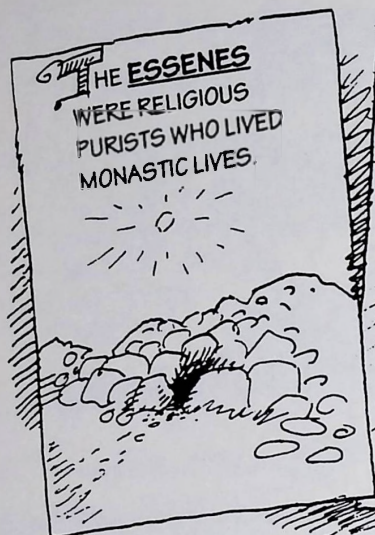


THE SADDUCEES
SUPPORTED A LITERAL
VIEW OF THE BIBLE
AND GREEK POWER
AND INFLUENCE.

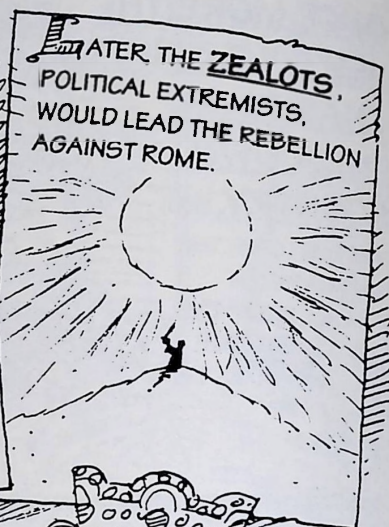
WE
BELIEVE IN
THE PRIEST-
HOOD...

...AND
TRICKLE-
DOWN
ECONOMICS.





THE **ESSENES** WERE RELIGIOUS PURISTS WHO LIVED MONASTIC LIVES.



LATER, THE **ZEALOTS**, POLITICAL EXTREMISTS, WOULD LEAD THE REBELLION AGAINST ROME.

THE LAST HASMONAEAN MONARCH WAS AN ENLIGHTENED WOMAN, **QUEEN ALEXANDRA**.

HER REIGN WAS A GOLDEN AGE OF THE JEWS.



WHEN ALEXANDRA DIED, HER TWO SONS FOUGHT OVER HER CROWN. EACH BROTHER PLEADED WITH MIGHTY **ROME** FOR HELP.



THE ROMANS

IN 67 bce, ROME GRABBED JUDAH FOR HERSELF. SHE RENAMED IT JUDEA AND MADE IT PART OF THE GREAT ROMAN EMPIRE. IN 37 bce, SHE APPOINTED A LOCAL POLITICO, **HEROD**, KING OF THE JEWS.



HEROD BUILT BIG, TAXED BIG, AND PUSHED EVERYTHING GREEK. HE CONSTRUCTED A COUNTRY FORTRESS FOR HIMSELF ON A HUGE ROCK CALLED **MASADA** NEAR THE DEAD SEA. HE EXPANDED THE **TEMPLE** TILL IT WAS LARGER THAN SOLOMON'S.

HEROD, WHO WAS IN THE HABIT OF KILLING SUSPECTED ENEMIES, INCLUDING HIS OWN WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW, DIED IN 4 bce.

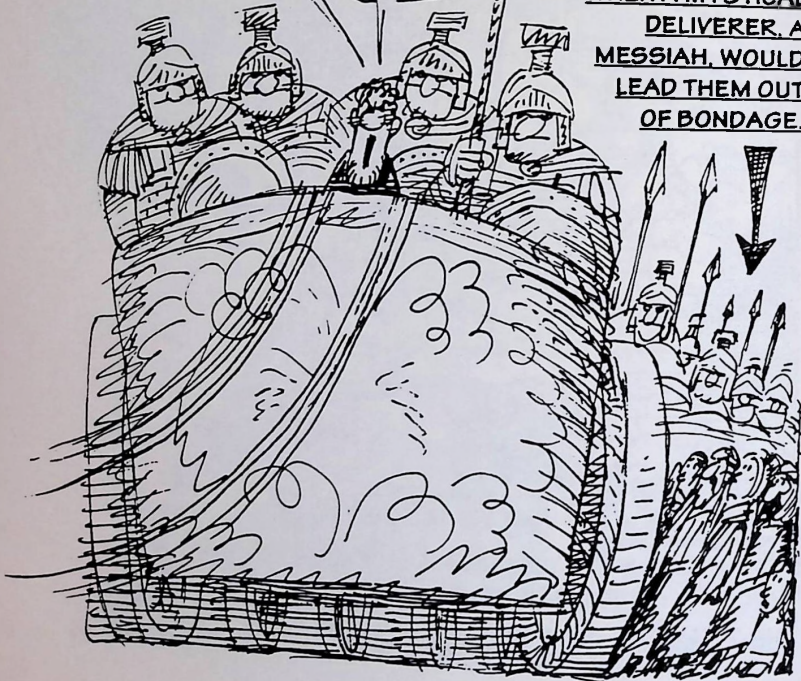


ROME TOOK OVER AND APPOINTED BLUNDERING, NON-JEWISH GOVERNORS, CALLED **PROCURATORS**.

GOUGE THESE
DESERT HOBOS
WITH TAXES
AND...

...FORCE THEM
TO WORSHIP
EMPEROR
CALIGULA.

THE JEWS WERE SUBJUGATED AND KEPT FROM THE PURSUIT OF THEIR RELIGION. THEY BEGAN TO SPEAK AND WRITE OF A FUTURE TIME WHEN A MYSTICAL DELIVERER, A MESSIAH, WOULD LEAD THEM OUT OF BONDAGE.



ROMAN PRACTICE WAS TO CRUCIFY POLITICAL PRISONERS. AS ROMAN RUTHLESSNESS INCREASED, THE JUDEAN HILLS FILLED WITH THE BODIES OF REBELLIOUS JEWS.



AT THAT TIME, THERE APPEARED IN JUDEA A YOUNG JEW NAMED JESUS, RAISED IN THE TRADITION OF THE PROPHETS...

...HE WAS A COMPELLING PREACHER. PEOPLE FLOCKED TO HEAR HIM. THEY SPREAD STORIES OF THE MIRACLES HE PERFORMED.

JESUS WAS DENOUNCED BY MANY TRADITIONAL JEWS.

HE REFUSES TO STICK TO PROPER RELIGIOUS FORM. BUT THAT'S THE WAY WE DEFY THE ROMANS.

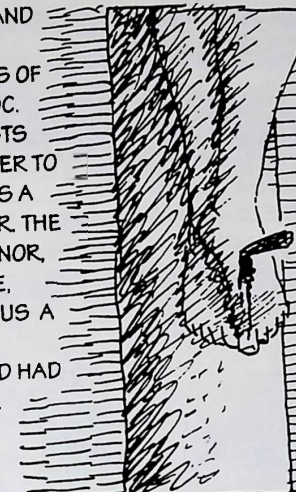


JESUS BEGAN TO SPEAK OF HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH. THIS HORRIFIED THE ROMANS WHO VIEWED JESUS AS A POLITICAL REVOLUTIONARY.

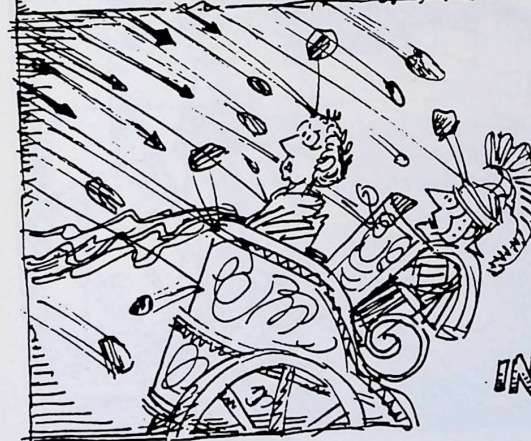


IN 33 ce, JESUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS WERE IN JERUSALEM FOR THE FEAST OF PASSOVER. JESUS STORMED AGAINST THE CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE TEMPLE. HE PUSHED OVER THE BOOTHS OF MONEY CHANGERS AND SELLERS OF SACRIFICIAL PIGEONS. HE DENOUNCED THE TEMPLE OFFICIALS.

PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES ACCUSED JESUS OF CREATING HAVOC. THE HIGH PRIESTS TURNED HIM OVER TO THE ROMANS AS A TROUBLEMAKER. THE ROMAN GOVERNOR, PONTIUS PILATE, DECLARED JESUS A DANGEROUS EXTREMIST AND HAD HIM CRUCIFIED.



THREE DAYS LATER, JESUS' FOLLOWERS SAW HIM RISE FROM THE DEAD. THE EVENT CAUSED LITTLE NOTICE AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY JEWS WERE BEING CRUCIFIED.



THE LAST PROCURATOR WAS SO CRUEL AND CORRUPT THAT **JUDEA** FINALLY ROSE UP IN REBELLION.

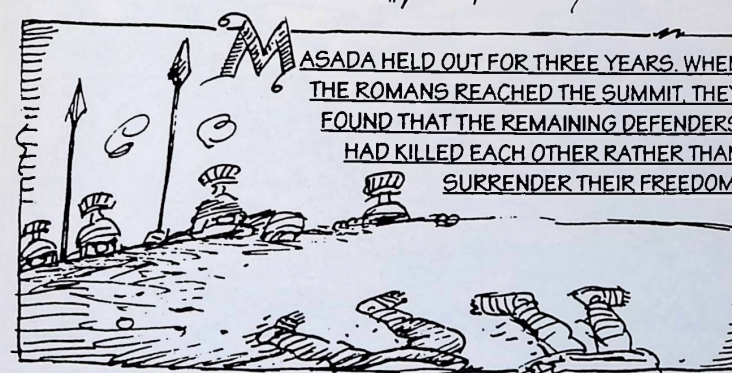
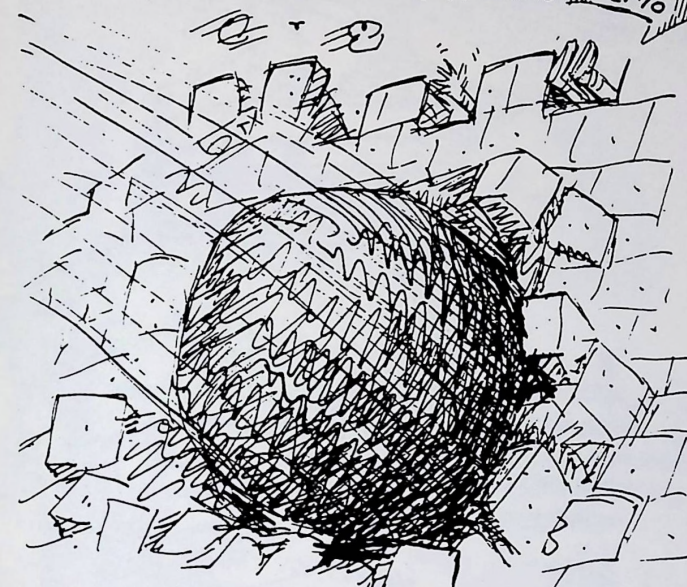
LED BY THE ZEALOTS, JEWISH FIGHTERS CAPTURED THE
MOUNTAIN FORTRESS OF MASADA.



IN 66 ce, THE JEWS DROVE THE SUPPOSEDLY
INVINCIBLE ROMANS OUT OF JERUSALEM **AND**
TOOK BACK THEIR COUNTRY.

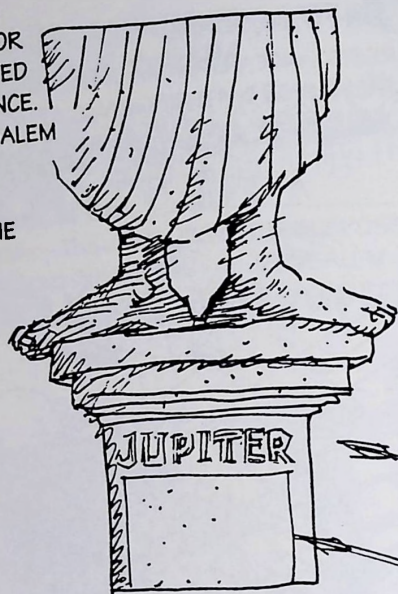
IN 70 ce, AGAINST TENACIOUS JEWISH
RESISTANCE, ELITE ROMAN LEGIONS, WITH
THEIR HUGE BATTERING RAMS, REGAINED
JERUSALEM

**AND DESTROYED
THE TEMPLE.**

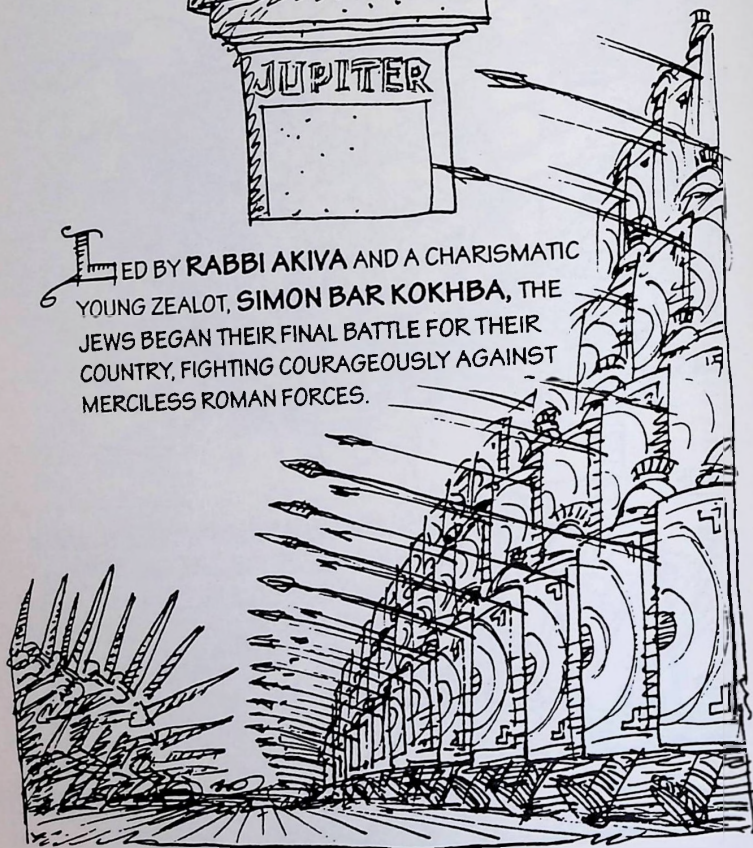


MASADA HELD OUT FOR THREE YEARS. WHEN
THE ROMANS REACHED THE SUMMIT, THEY
FOUND THAT THE REMAINING DEFENDERS
HAD KILLED EACH OTHER RATHER THAN
SURRENDER THEIR FREEDOM.

IN 131 ce, EMPEROR HADRIAN PROHIBITED JEWISH OBSERVANCE. HE REBUILT JERUSALEM AS A ROMAN CITY AND DEDICATED THE TEMPLE TO THE GOD JUPITER.



LEDED BY **RABBI AKIVA** AND A CHARISMATIC YOUNG ZEALOT, **SIMON BAR KOKHBA**, THE JEWS BEGAN THEIR FINAL BATTLE FOR THEIR COUNTRY, FIGHTING COURAGEOUSLY AGAINST MERCILESS ROMAN FORCES.



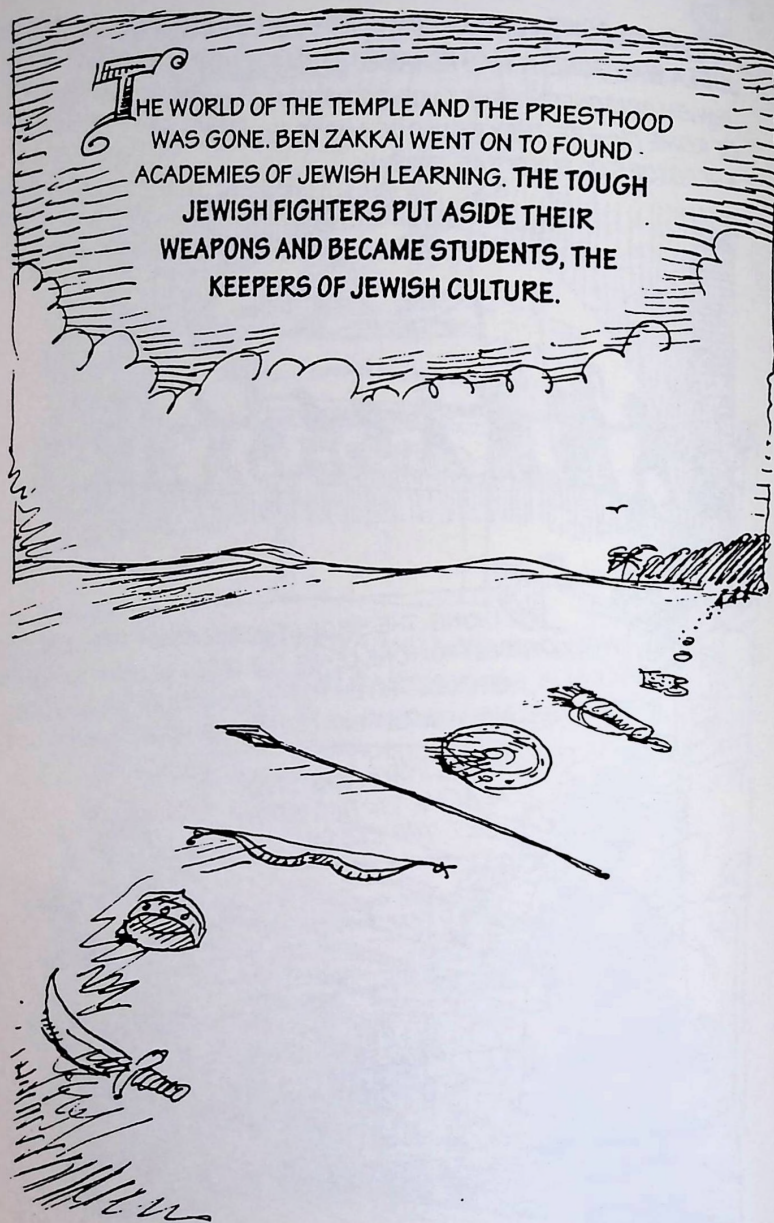
ROMAN POWER GROUND THE JEWS DOWN. BY 135 ce, JUDEA WAS GONE. IT WAS RENAMED **SYRIA PALESTINE**. JEWISH PRISONERS WERE TAKEN TO THE SLAVE MARKETS OF ROME (WHERE THEY WOULD BE AMONG THE EARLIEST ANCESTORS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY).



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DURING THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM, THE ZEALOTS WOULDN'T LET ANYONE LEAVE THE CITY. BUT JOHANAN BEN ZAKKAI, A SCHOLAR DRIVEN TO MAKE SURE JUDAISM WOULD SURVIVE, HID HIMSELF IN A COFFIN AND WAS CARRIED OUT.



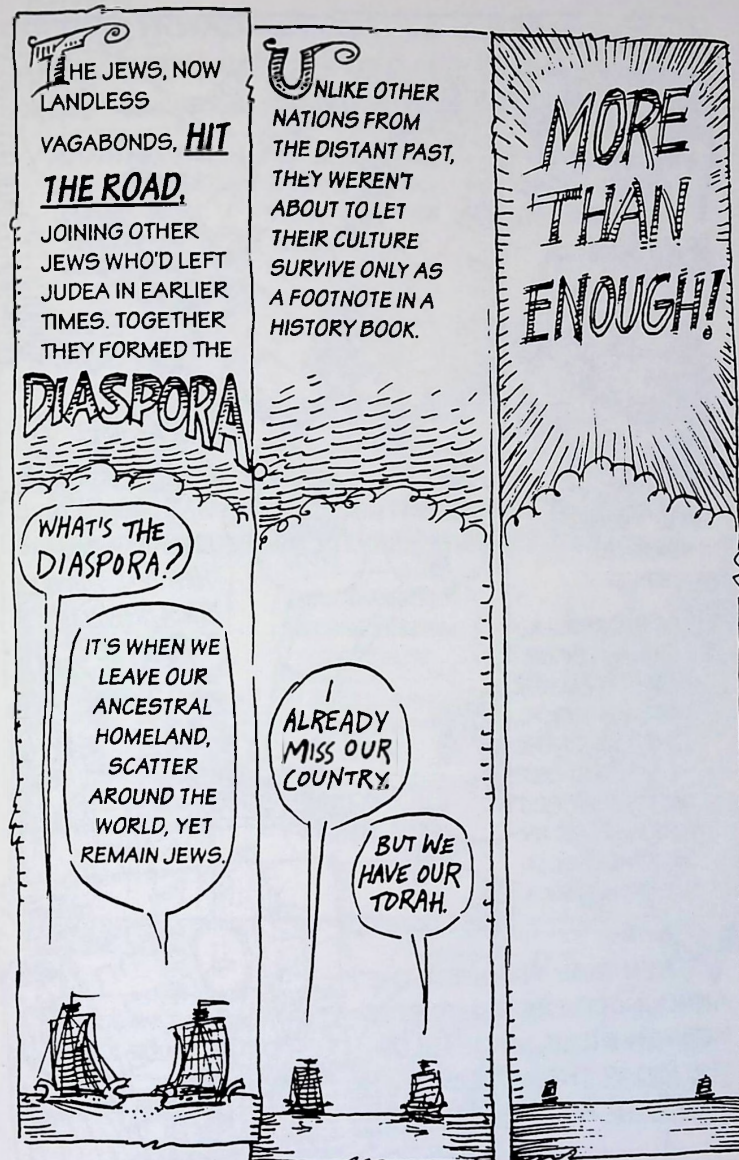
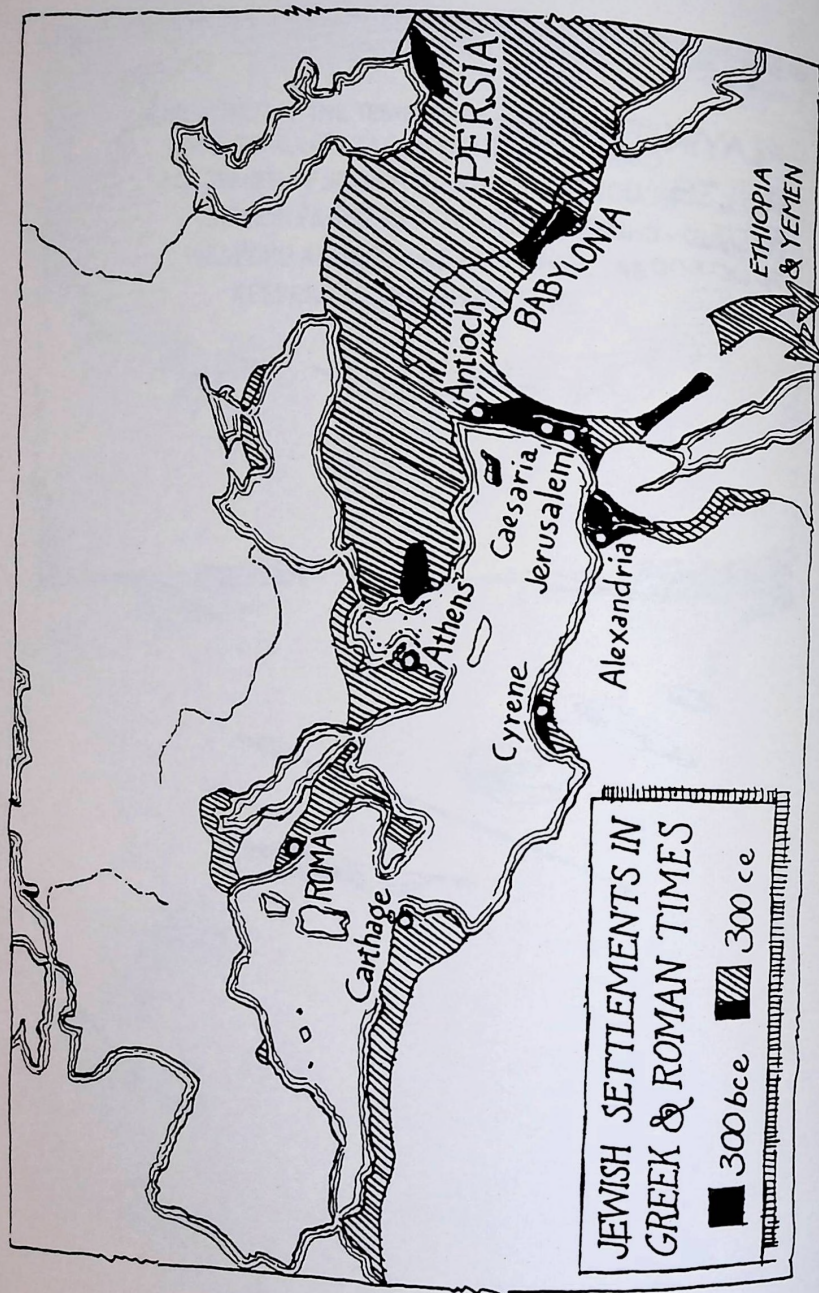


THE WORLD OF THE TEMPLE AND THE PRIESTHOOD WAS GONE. BEN ZAKKAI WENT ON TO FOUND ACADEMIES OF JEWISH LEARNING. THE TOUGH JEWISH FIGHTERS PUT ASIDE THEIR WEAPONS AND BECAME STUDENTS, THE KEEPERS OF JEWISH CULTURE.

5.

PLAYING BY THE RULES

(TALMUD - CHRISTIANS)
70 ce - 500 ce



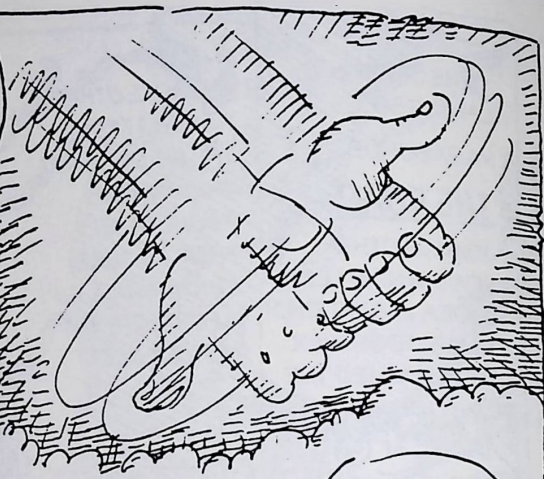
IT'LL BE UP TO US RABBIS TO MAKE SURE THE JEWS OF THE DIASPORA STAY TRUE TO JEWISH LAW.



BEN ZAKKAI AND HIS DISCIPLES SET UP YESHIVAS IN NORTHERN PALESTINE.

THESE SCHOLARS BEGAN TO SORT THROUGH ALL THE RICH HISTORICAL WRITING OF THE JEWS. THOSE WORDS THEY FELT WERE INSPIRED BY GOD, THEY ADDED TO THE TORAH.

WHEN THEY FINISHED, THEY ANNOUNCED THE COMPLETED HEBREW BIBLE, MADE UP OF THE TORAH, THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS, AND THE WRITINGS.



THIS IS SACRED. IT STAYS IN!

NOT SACRED. OUT!

JUDAISM IS ABOUT LIFE ON EARTH. THIS IS ABOUT HEAVEN. MAYBE THE CHRISTIANS CAN USE IT. OUT!



BUT, IT WAS NOT ALWAYS CLEAR HOW TO APPLY GOD'S WORDS TO DAILY LIFE. SINCE THE DAYS OF EZRA, PUNDITS HAD BEEN INTERPRETING THE SACRED TEXT.

MY FATHER WON'T LET ME MARRY JACOB. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

MY REAL ESTATE DEAL IS GOING SOUR. CAN THE TORAH HELP?

I WILL ILLUSTRATE GOD'S WISDOM WITH A STORY.

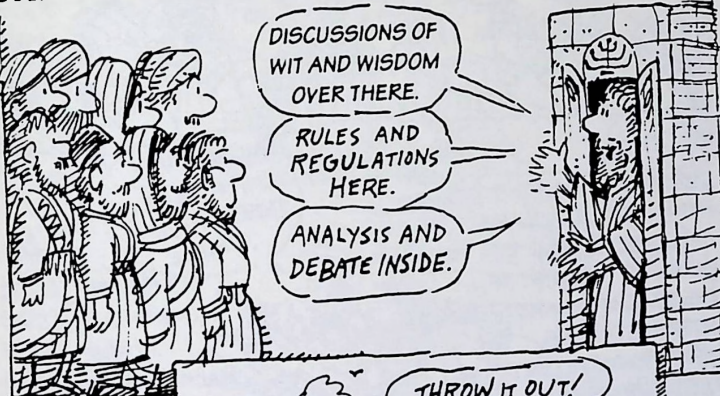


AROUND 200 CE, THE RABBIS GATHERED TOGETHER THIS VAST BODY OF ORAL LAW AND TRADITION. THEY STUDIED THE PROBLEM-SOLVING TECHNIQUES AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE PUNDITS.

DISCUSSIONS OF WIT AND WISDOM OVER THERE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS HERE.

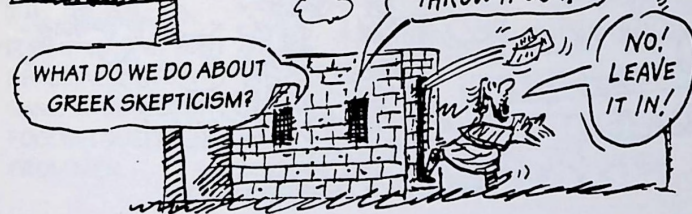
ANALYSIS AND DEBATE INSIDE.

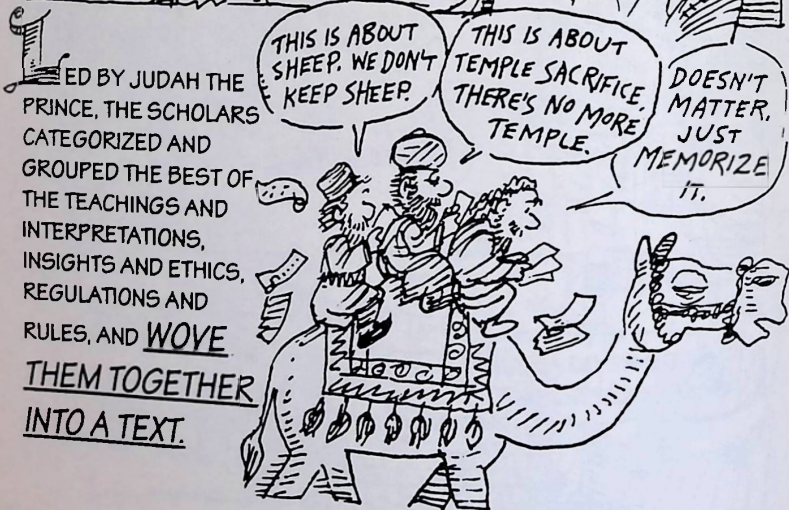
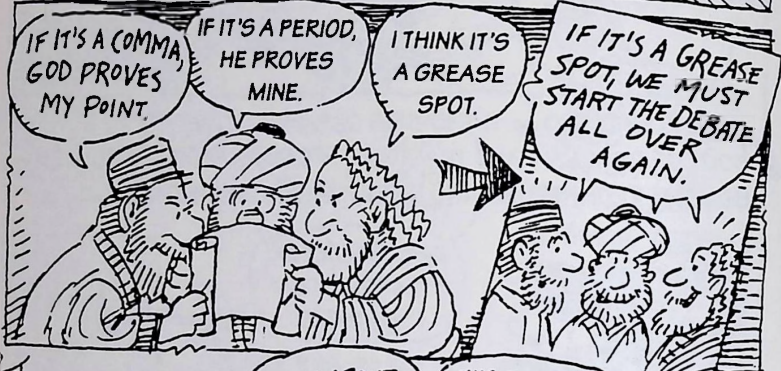
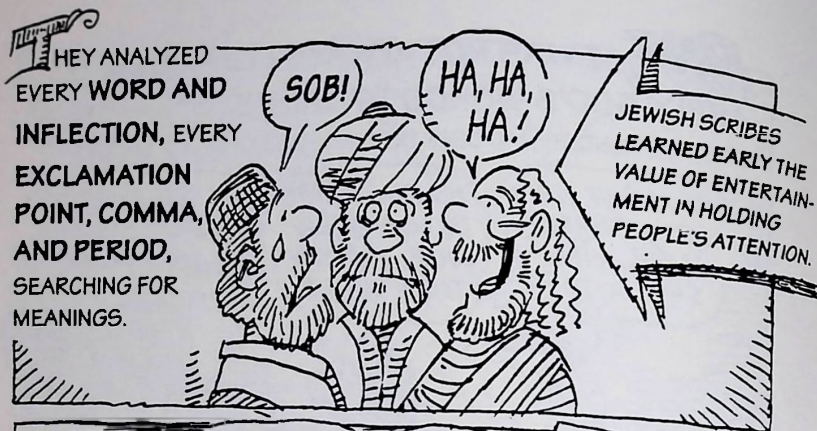


WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT GREEK SKEPTICISM?

THROW IT OUT!

NO! LEAVE IT IN!



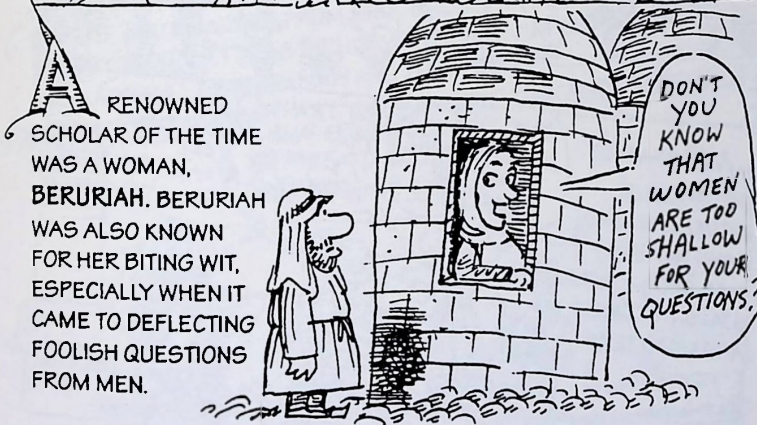


THEY CALLED THIS BODY OF WISDOM BASED ON THE TORAH THE **MISHNAH**, MEANING TO REVIEW. SOME RABBIS WORRIED THAT A WRITTEN MISHNAH WOULD COMPETE WITH THE TORAH.



THE MISHNAH WAS FINALLY CODIFIED. BUT JEWISH LEADERSHIP WAS SHIFTING FROM PALESTINE TO BABYLONIA.

THE MISHNAH IS CLOSED, BUT WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY.

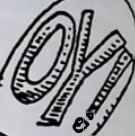


A RENOWNED SCHOLAR OF THE TIME WAS A WOMAN, BERURIAH. BERURIAH WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR HER BITING WIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO DEFLECTING FOOLISH QUESTIONS FROM MEN.

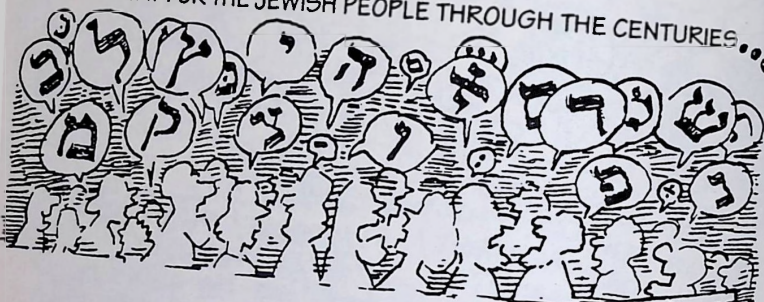
IN PALESTINE AND THEN IN BABYLONIA, DISCUSSIONS, STORIES, AND ELABORATIONS ACCUMULATED ABOUT THE MISHNAH. THEY

WERE CALLED THE **GEMARAH**, THE SUPPLEMENT.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF LINES OF GEMARAH FOR EVERY LINE OF MISHNAH.



THE MISHNAH AND THE GEMARAH TOGETHER MADE UP THE **TALMUD**. THE STUDY OF THE TALMUD WOULD LIGHT THE WAY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGH THE CENTURIES...



..AND SHARPEN THE SKILLS OF FUTURE LAWYERS, SONG WRITERS, TALK-SHOW HOSTS, STAND-UP COMICS, AND KIBBITZERS.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE ABOUT THE RABBI WHO...

OH, I KNOW THAT ONE. IT'S NOT FUNNY.

BECAUSE YOU DON'T TELL IT RIGHT. I'LL TELL IT.



THIS VAST QUANTITY OF JEWISH KNOWLEDGE WAS CARRIED FROM ACADEMY TO ACADEMY BY STUDENTS HONORED FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY MEMORIES.

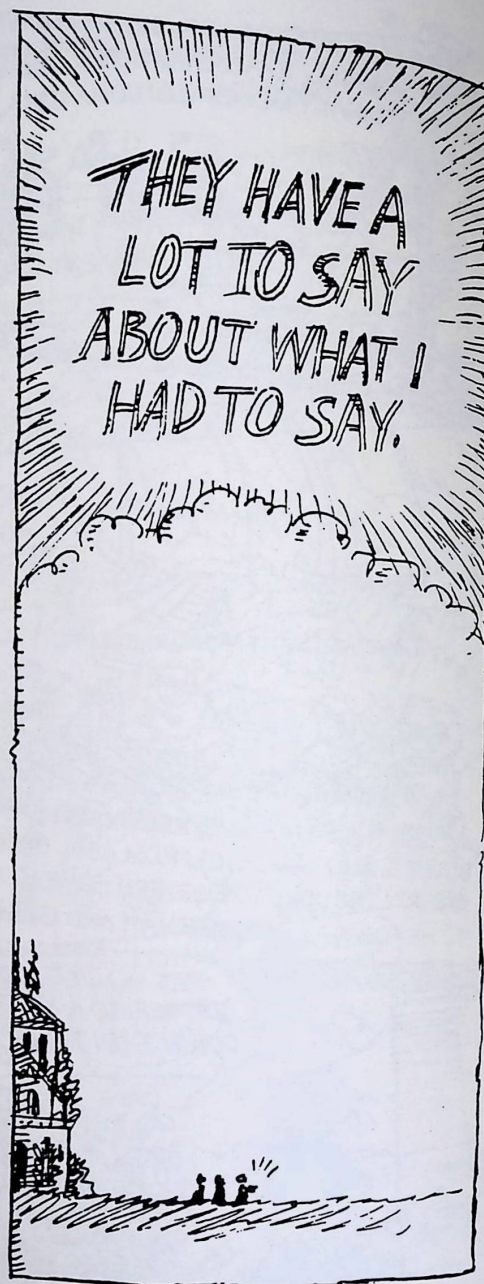


AT THE SAME TIME, RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS, CHANGES OF RULERS, AND INVADERS FROM ASIA BROUGHT UNCERTAINTY AND BLOODY TROUBLE TO EASTERN JEWISH COMMUNITIES, AND DANGER TO HEADS FULL OF MISHNAH AND GEMARAH.

THIS IS NOT GOOD. BETTER TO WRITE IT DOWN THAN TO LOSE IT.

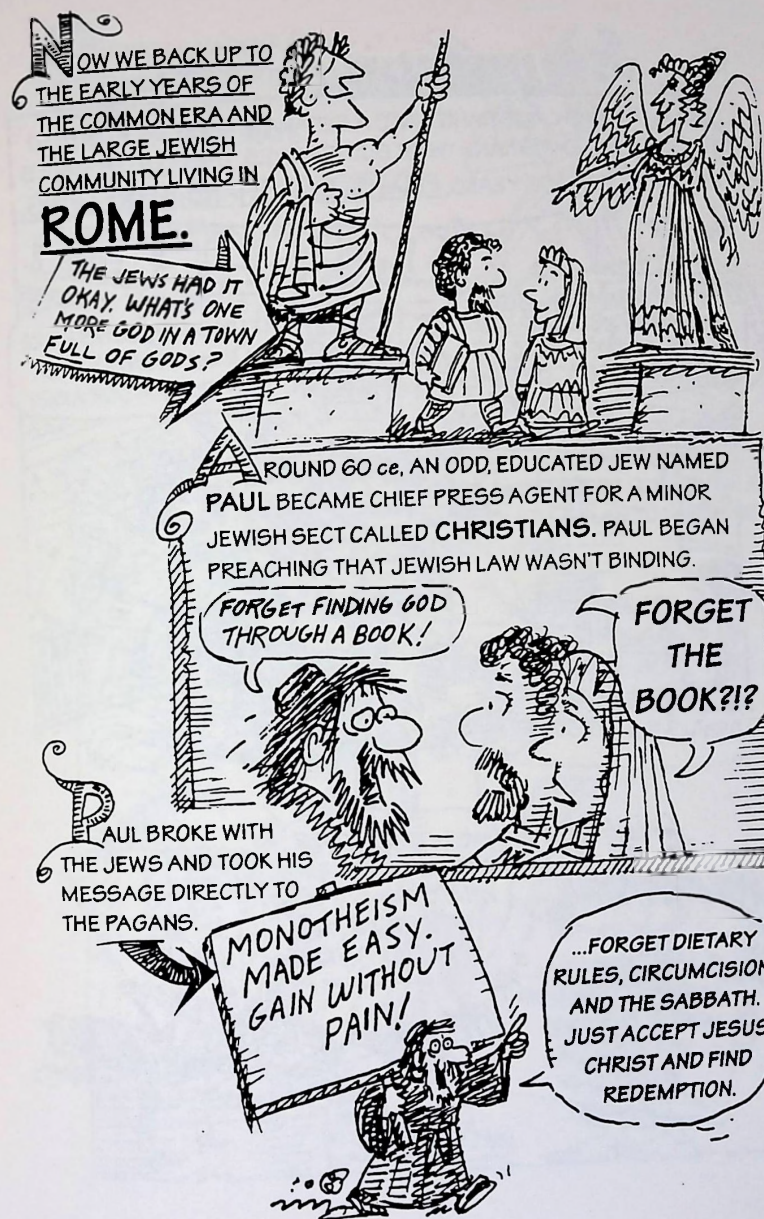


BY 500 ce, THE RABBIS HAD WRITTEN DOWN AND OFFICIALLY CLOSED THE TALMUD, AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE TRULY DESERVED TO BE CALLED THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK.



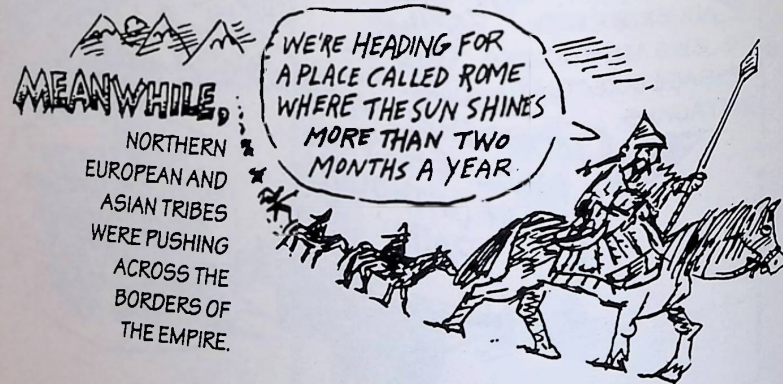
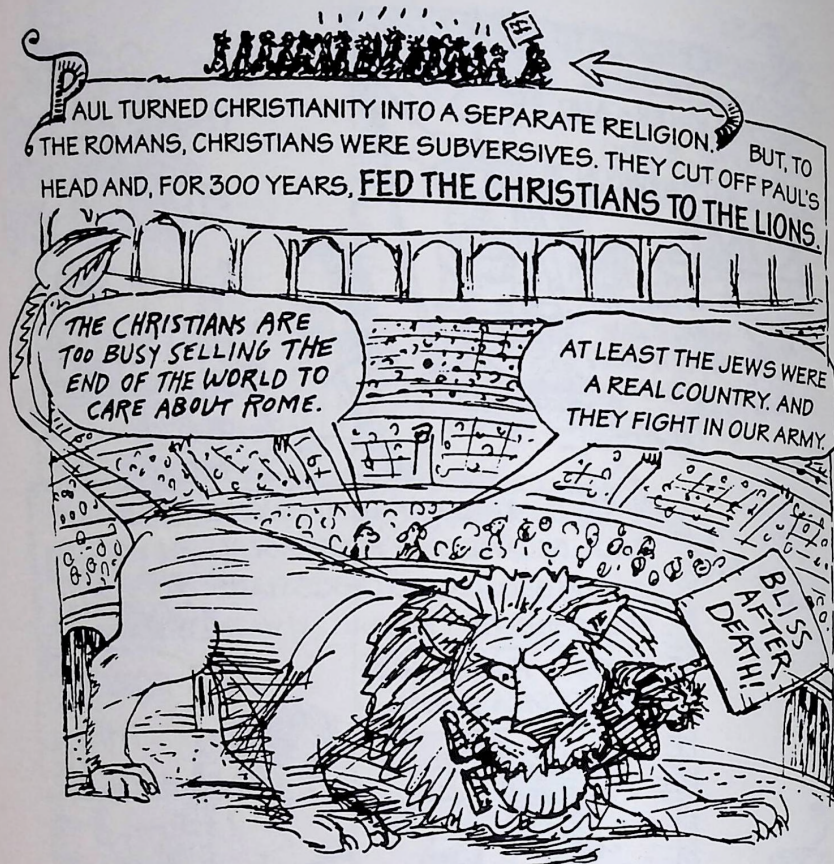
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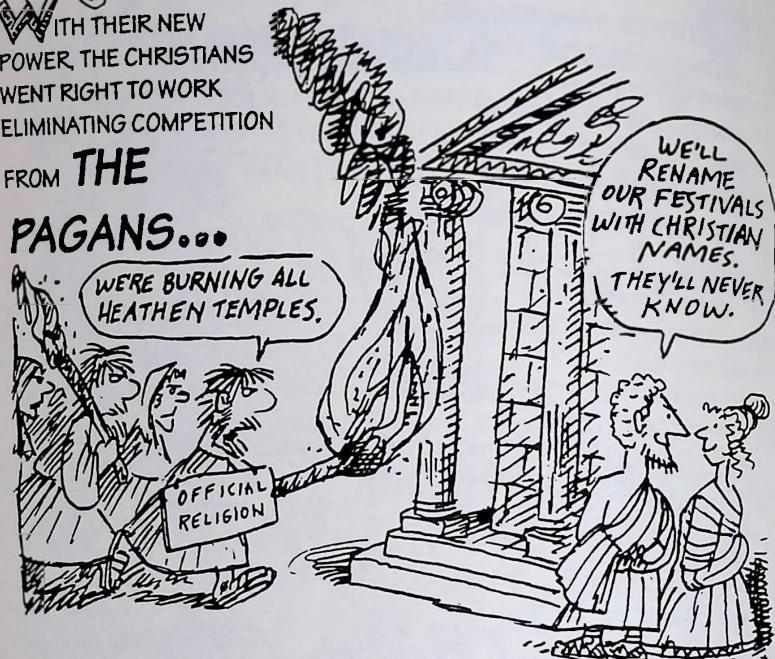
OUTSIDE INVADERS AND INTERNAL CORRUPTION SAPPED ROME'S STRENGTH. DESPERATE FOR STABILITY, PEOPLE EVEN CREATED NEW GODS.

I DON'T THINK IT WORKS.



WITH THEIR NEW
POWER, THE CHRISTIANS
WENT RIGHT TO WORK
ELIMINATING COMPETITION

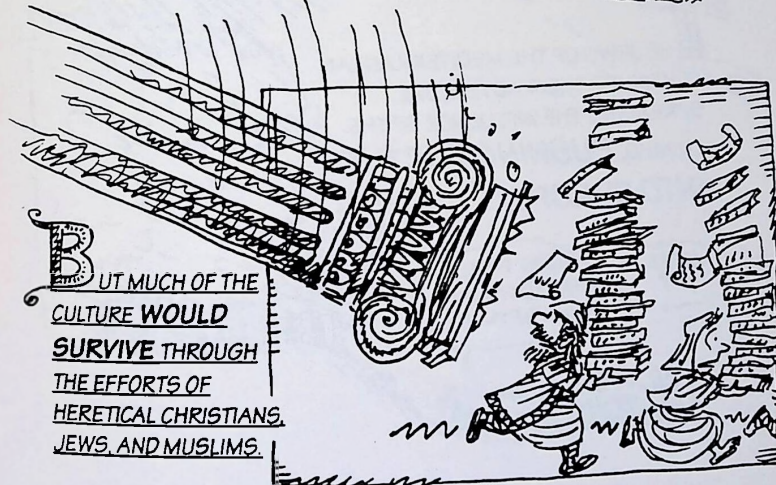
FROM THE PAGANS...



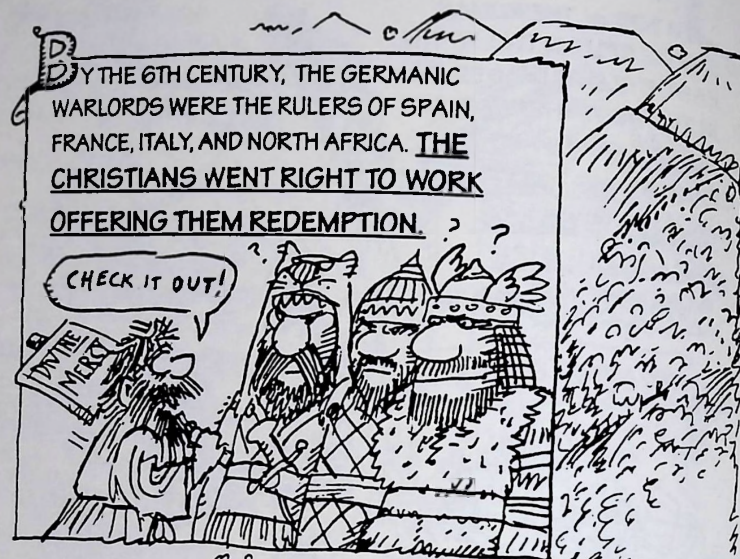
...AND THE JEWS.



IN 395 CE, THE ROMAN
EMPIRE SPLIT IN TWO. TO THE
EAST, BYZANTIUM LIVED ON.
IN THE WEST, THE NORTHERN
HORDES TRIUMPHED. BY
476, ROME AND THE
GLORIOUS GRECO-
ROMAN CULTURE
WERE GONE.



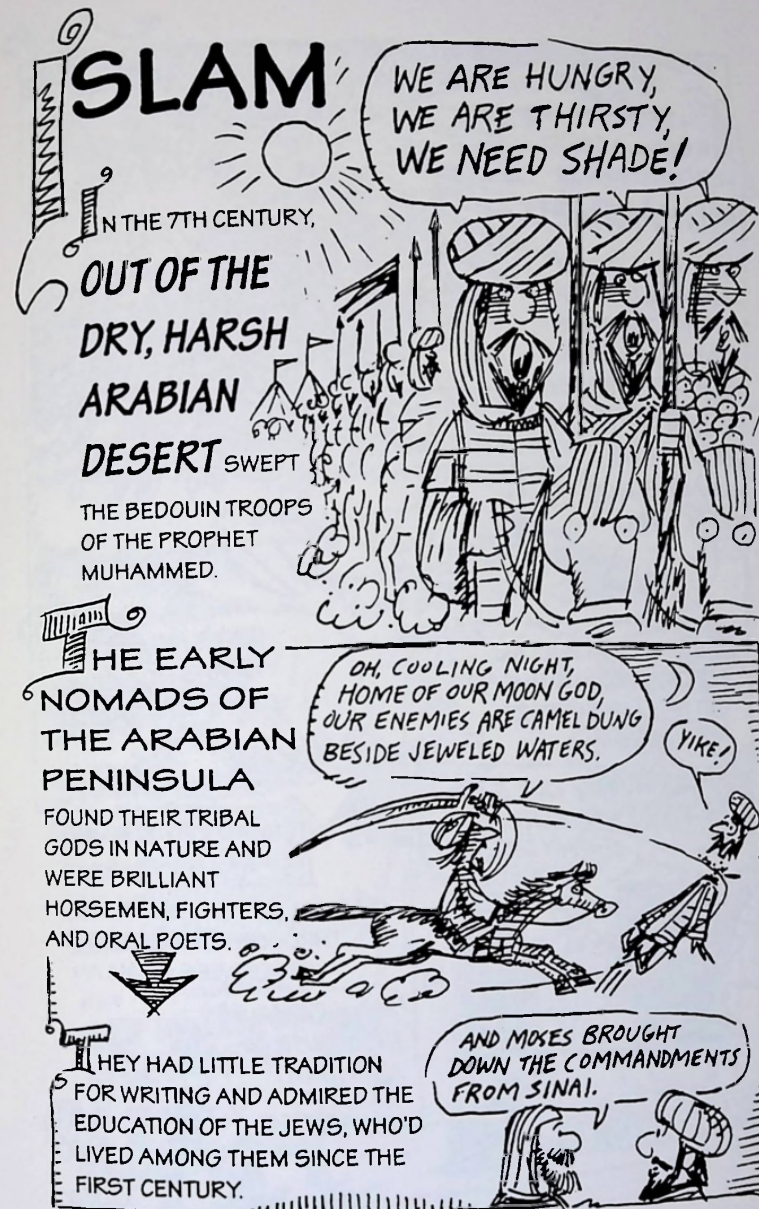
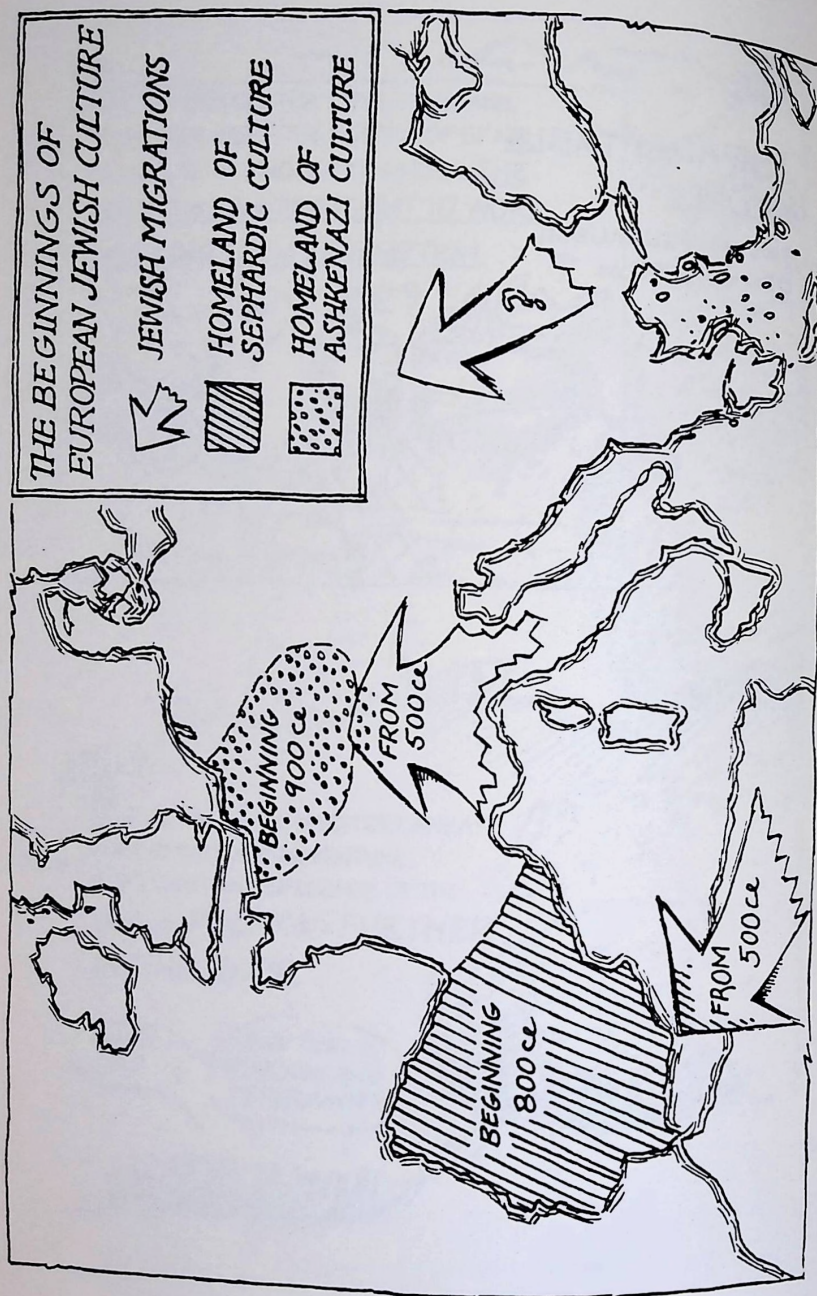
BUT MUCH OF THE
CULTURE WOULD
SURVIVE THROUGH
THE EFFORTS OF
HERETICAL CHRISTIANS,
JEWS, AND MUSLIMS.



6.

THE ADAPTABLE PEOPLE

(ISLAM - FEUDALISM)
500 ce - 1000 ce



IN 610 ce, A CAMEL
MERCHANT NAMED
MUHAMMED

RECEIVED A DIVINE
MESSAGE IN A CAVE
OUTSIDE THE OASIS
TOWN OF MECCA. AN
ANGEL TOLD HIM THAT
ALLAH (GOD) WAS
ONE AND THAT
MUHAMMED WAS HIS
MESSENGER.

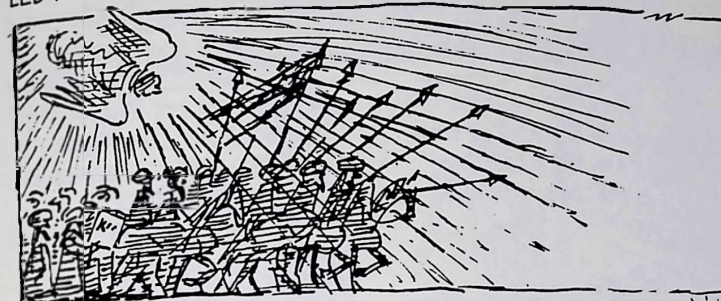
IN MANY WAYS, ISLAM
ECHOED JUDAISM. BUT, NOT
GETTING ANY SUPPORT
FROM JEWS ...

HEY, OUR GOD
HAS ALREADY
SHOWN UP. CASE
CLOSED.

...**MUHAMMED** CLAIMED
ISLAM AS THE TRUE
FAITH AND UNIFIED ARABIA
THROUGH A BELIEF IN THE
UNIQUENESS OF ALLAH.

ALLAH REVEALED
HIS TRUTH TO
ABRAHAM
AND
MUHAMMED.

WHEN MUHAMMED DIED IN 632 ce, HIS SUCCESSOR, THE CALIPH,
LED THE DESERT DWELLERS AGAINST THE OUTSIDE WORLD.



WITH FLASHING SCIMITARS AND A PURE, SIMPLE, PROPHETIC
MONOTHEISM, THE ARABS SPEEDILY ESTABLISHED AN ISLAMIC
EMPIRE THAT EXTENDED FROM ASIA TO NORTH AFRICA.

THE
KORAN

IN 711 ce, THEY
CROSSED OVER INTO
SPAIN AND DEFEATED
THE VISIGOTHS. THE
JEWS OF

SPAIN, WHO'D BEEN
TREATED FAIRLY BY THE
BARBARIANS UNTIL
THE VISIGOTH KING
BECAME CHRISTIAN...

...WELCOMED
THE MUSLIM
INVADERS.

B-BUT I
THOUGHT WE
WERE BUSINESS
PARTNERS.

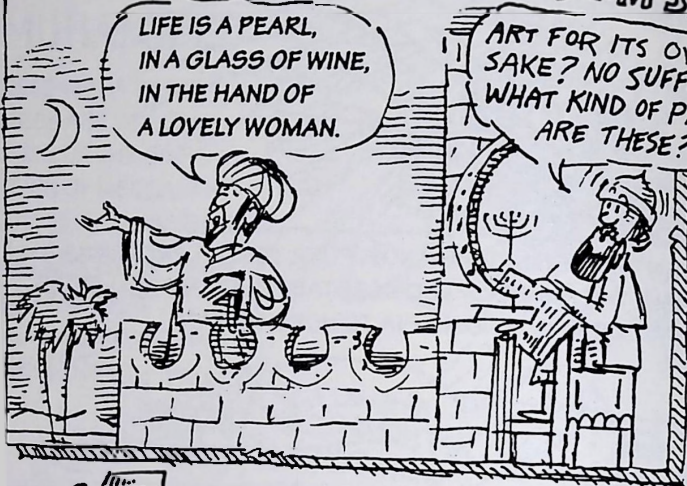
THAT WAS
BEFORE I
CONVERTED!



JEWISH WRITING HAD ALWAYS PUT GOD AT THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE. NOW, THE ARABS INTRODUCED THE JEWS TO A SENSUOUS AND ELEGANT VIEW OF LIFE. **POETS WERE THE MOVIE STARS OF MUSLIM SPAIN.**

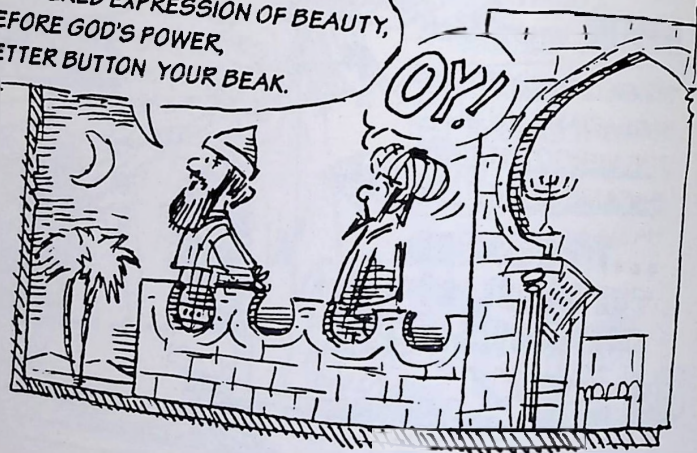
LIFE IS A PEARL,
IN A GLASS OF WINE,
IN THE HAND OF
A LOVELY WOMAN.

ART FOR ITS OWN
SAKE? NO SUFFERING?
WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE
ARE THESE?



THE JEWS ADAPTED THE ARABS' LOVE OF LANGUAGE AND POETRY TO THEIR OWN TRADITIONAL THEMES.

OH, SWEET NIGHTINGALE,
FEATHERED EXPRESSION OF BEAUTY,
BEFORE GOD'S POWER,
BETTER BUTTON YOUR BEAK.



THE MUSLIMS, TOLERANT OF CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM, WERE QUICK TO MAKE USE OF JEWISH SKILLS.

I GOT THE JOB. THEY SAID ALL NON-MUSLIMS HAVE TO DO IS PAY EXORBITANT TAXES AND NOT CHANT LOUDLY AT FUNERALS.

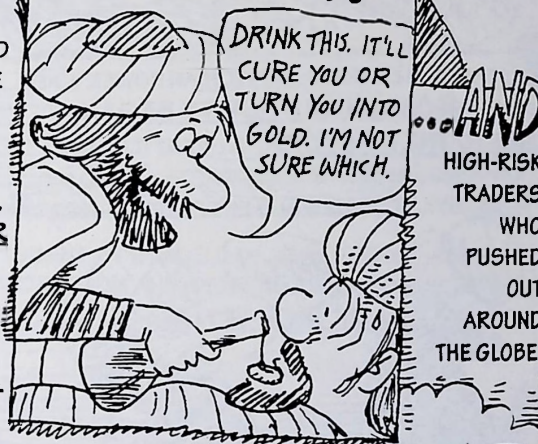


THE ARABS DEMONSTRATED A PASSION FOR KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE. BY THE 10TH CENTURY, ISLAMIC SPAIN WAS JAMMED WITH SCHOLARS, AND POETS. **FOR THE JEWS IT**

WAS A GOLDEN AGE OF ACHIEVEMENT.

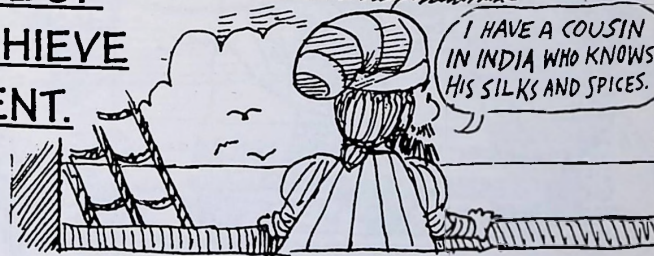
JEWS CONTRIBUTED SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS, ALCHEMISTS . . .

DRINK THIS. IT'LL CURE YOU OR TURN YOU INTO GOLD. I'M NOT SURE WHICH.



AND HIGH-RISK TRADERS WHO PUSHED OUT AROUND THE GLOBE.

I HAVE A COUSIN IN INDIA WHO KNOWS HIS SILKS AND SPICES.



WHILE THE JEWS ADOPTED MANY ARAB WAYS, THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE WAS GUIDED FROM BABYLONIA. MESSENGERS RAN BACK AND FORTH CARRYING QUESTIONS FROM THE DIASPORA AND ANSWERS, CALLED **RESPONSA**, FROM BABYLONIA.

THE RESPONSA BLEW OVERBOARD IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT'S UNREADABLE.

DOESN'T MATTER. IT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO GET HERE, I FORGOT THE QUESTION.



BY THE 10TH CENTURY, BABYLONIAN POWER WAS FADING, AND **JEWISH AUTHORITY BEGAN A SHIFT TO THE DIASPORA**. A GREAT ITALIAN SCHOLAR, MOSES BEN HANOCH, WAS HIJACKED BY MEDITERRANEAN PIRATES AND ENDED UP IN SPAIN.



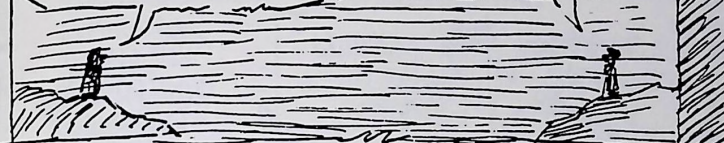
IN SPAIN, BEN HANOCH BECAME HEAD OF THE NEW CENTER OF TALMUDIC LEADERSHIP



DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF SPANISH JEWERY, EASTERN JEWS CALLED KARAITES LED A RELIGIOUS REVOLT AGAINST MODERNIZATION AND TOWARD A LITERAL VIEW OF THE TORAH.

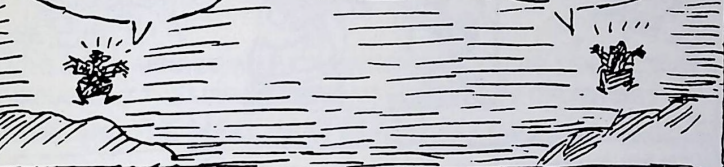
IN THE OLD DAYS WE HAD A COUNTRY TO FIGHT OVER. NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

HOW ABOUT NAME CALLING?

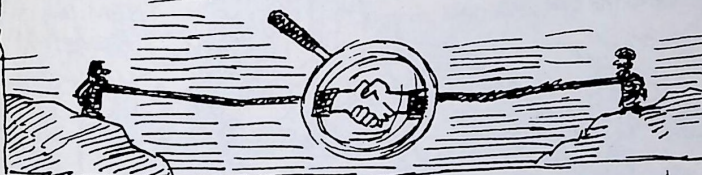


LIBERAL, TALMUDIST TRICKSTERS!

REGRESSIVE, PSEUDO-MESSIAHS!



THIS BATTLE, FOUGHT ON THE FIELD OF JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP, ACTUALLY LED TO REFORM AND A STRENGTHENING OF THE JEWS' ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE COMING **FEUDAL YEARS**...



... AS THEY BEGAN TO MAKE THEIR MOVE FROM MEDITERRANEAN AND BYZANTINE CITIES INTO **CENTRAL EUROPE.**

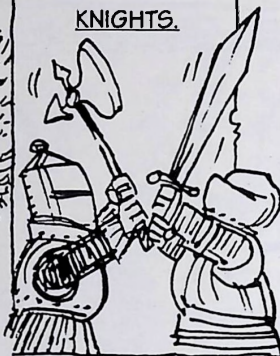
FEUDALISM

BY THE 7TH CENTURY, THE CHRISTIAN GERMANIC TRIBES WERE SETTLED IN WHAT IS NOW FRANCE, GERMANY, AND ITALY. THE NOBLES RAN SOCIETY. UNDER THEM WERE SERFS, KNIGHTS, AND CLERICS.

THE SERFS DID
ALL THE WORK.



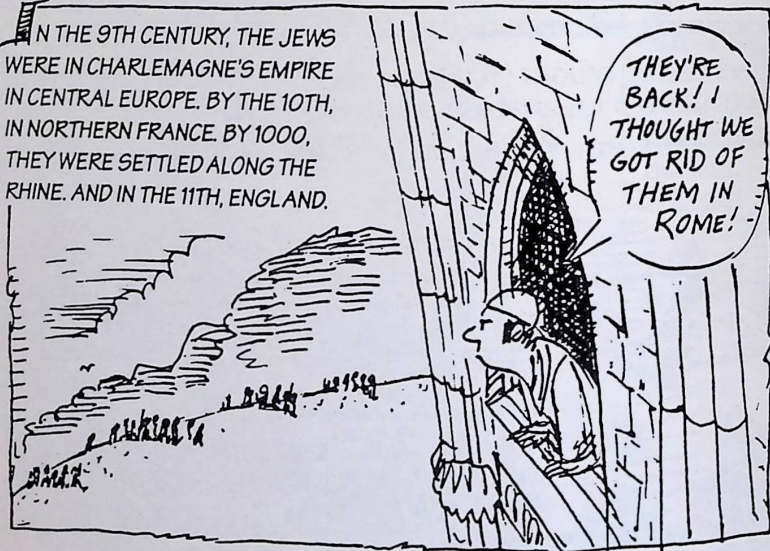
THE KNIGHTS
FOUGHT OTHER
KNIGHTS.



THE CLERGY
HUNG OUT IN THE
CHURCHES.



IN THE 9TH CENTURY, THE JEWS WERE IN CHARLEMAGNE'S EMPIRE IN CENTRAL EUROPE. BY THE 10TH, IN NORTHERN FRANCE. BY 1000, THEY WERE SETTLED ALONG THE RHINE. AND IN THE 11TH, ENGLAND.



THE TWO PATHS OF JEWISH PROGRESS

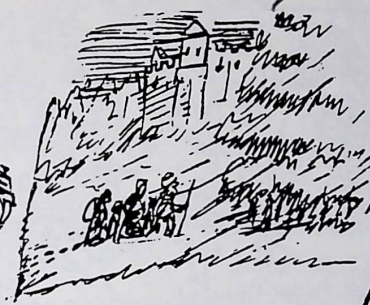
SEPHARDIM

JEWS WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME FROM THE SPANISH EXPERIENCE.

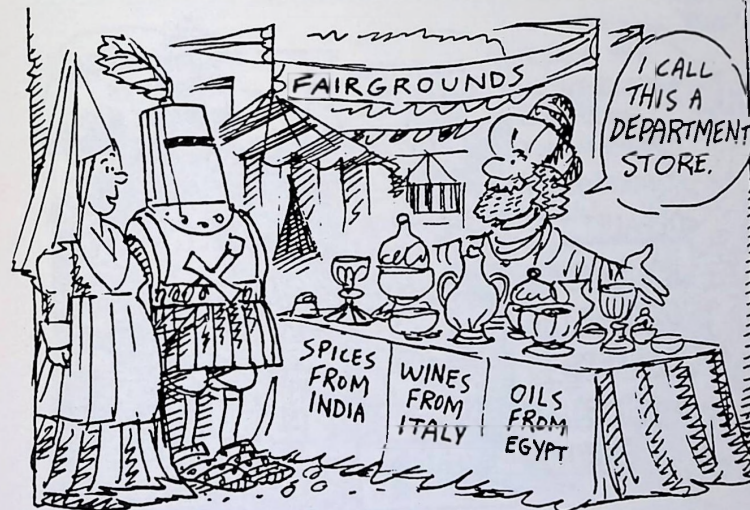


ASHKENAZIM

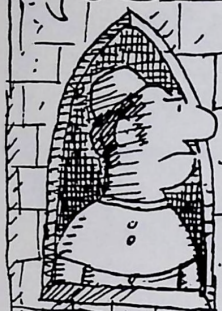
JEWS WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME FROM EUROPE NORTH OF SPAIN AND ITALY.



THE JEWS ARRIVED WITH EDUCATION, SKILLS, AND CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD. THEY TURNED THEMSELVES INTO **THE MERCHANT CLASS** OF A BACKWARD EUROPE.



I JUST HEARD
THAT A JEW WAS
ALLOWED TO
MARRY A GERMAN
PRINCESS. IT'S
OUTRAGEOUS.



LOCAL OVERLORDS VALUED THE JEWS,
GAVE THEM PROTECTION, AND ALLOWED
THEM TO GOVERN THEMSELVES BY JEWISH
LAW. THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,
GAINING IN WORLDLY POWER, GRUMBLED
AT JEWISH SUCCESSES.



THE CHURCH
FROWNED UPON
CHRISTIANS
LOANING MONEY
AT INTEREST. BY
DEFAULT, THE
JEWS WOULD
BECOME THE
BANKERS TO
CHRISTIAN
EUROPE.



COLLECTING
INTEREST
IS A
SIN!

MY RABBI
SAYS
ETHICAL
MONEYLENDING
IS
HONORABLE.

THE "RESPONSA" MESSENGERS
DID SHOW UP, BUT IT WAS TOUGH TO
RELATE ANSWERS FROM THE
SUNNY, POETICAL SOUTH TO THIS
COLD, BARBAROUS PLACE.

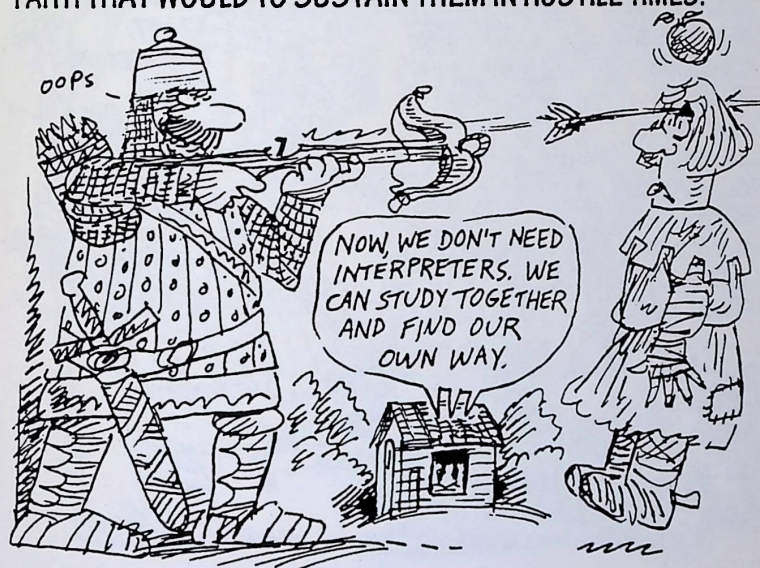
CHATTER
CHATTER



THESE DIETARY LAWS
ARE ABOUT GOATS AND
CAMELS. WE EAT WILD
DEER AND BEAR.



THEN, A BRILLIANT FRENCH RABBI NICKNAMED **RASHI**,
BORN AROUND 1040, WROTE SIMPLE, CLEAR COMMENTARIES ON THE
TALMUD. HE GAVE ASHKENAZIC JEWRY A PATH TO THEIR
FAITH THAT WOULD TO SUSTAIN THEM IN HOSTILE TIMES.



OOPS

NOW, WE DON'T NEED
INTERPRETERS. WE
CAN STUDY TOGETHER
AND FIND OUR
OWN WAY.

AROUND 1000, ATTACKS BY MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST AND ETHNIC GROUPS BEGAN TO TEAR APART SOPHISTICATED, LUXURIOUS, LIBERAL, ISLAMIC SPAIN. FROM THE NORTH, CHRISTIAN ARMIES ADVANCED. THE JEWS STRUGGLED TO SURVIVE THE VIOLENCE.



AS THE CHAOS INCREASED, WANDERING SEPHARDIC POETS KEPT ALIVE THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE JEWS. THEY WROTE LUMINOUSLY OF LOVE AND TREACHERY, JOY AND LONELINESS, AND A MYSTICAL YEARNING FOR THE HOLY LAND.



ENEMY CHAINS BIND THE NIGHTINGALE'S LEGS, IT SEARCHES FOR GOD'S LIGHT, BUT SEES ONLY STARS.

AS THE CHRISTIAN KINGS GRADUALLY CONQUERED SPAIN, SEPHARDIC JEWS BECAME PART OF ROMAN CHRISTIANDOM. THEIR DIPLOMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS HELPING SMOOTH THE TAKEOVER.



THEN, IN 1070,

JERUSALEM, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE FALTERING BYZANTINE EMPIRE, WAS CAPTURED BY OTTOMAN TURKS. **THE BYZANTINE EMPEROR APPEALED TO THE POPE FOR HELP.**



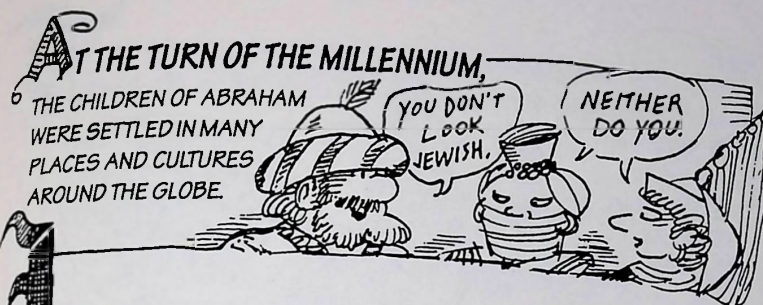
DEAR POPE, PLEASE SEND A FEW BRAVE KNIGHTS TO HELP DEFEND CHRISTIAN BYZANTIUM AGAINST THE HEATHENS.

IF THE EMPEROR COULD HAVE SEEN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT, HE'D HAVE KEPT HIS MOUTH SHUT.

7.

ONVERT OR ELSE!

CRUSADES - INQUISITION)
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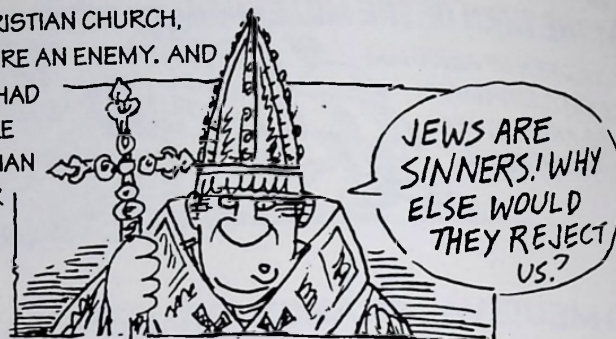
AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM,
THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM
WERE SETTLED IN MANY
PLACES AND CULTURES
AROUND THE GLOBE.

I**N MEDIEVAL FRANCE AND GERMANY,**
JEWS WERE SHOPKEEPERS, ARTISANS, AND MERCHANTS—
THE FIRST EUROPEAN MIDDLE CLASS, LIVING AT RELATIVE
PEACE WITH THE LOCAL NOBLES AND PEASANTS.



BUT, THERE WAS ONE
GROUP THAT VIEWED
THE JEWS AS TROUBLE.

TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE JEWS WERE AN ENEMY. AND THE CHURCH HAD BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SECULAR MONARCHS.

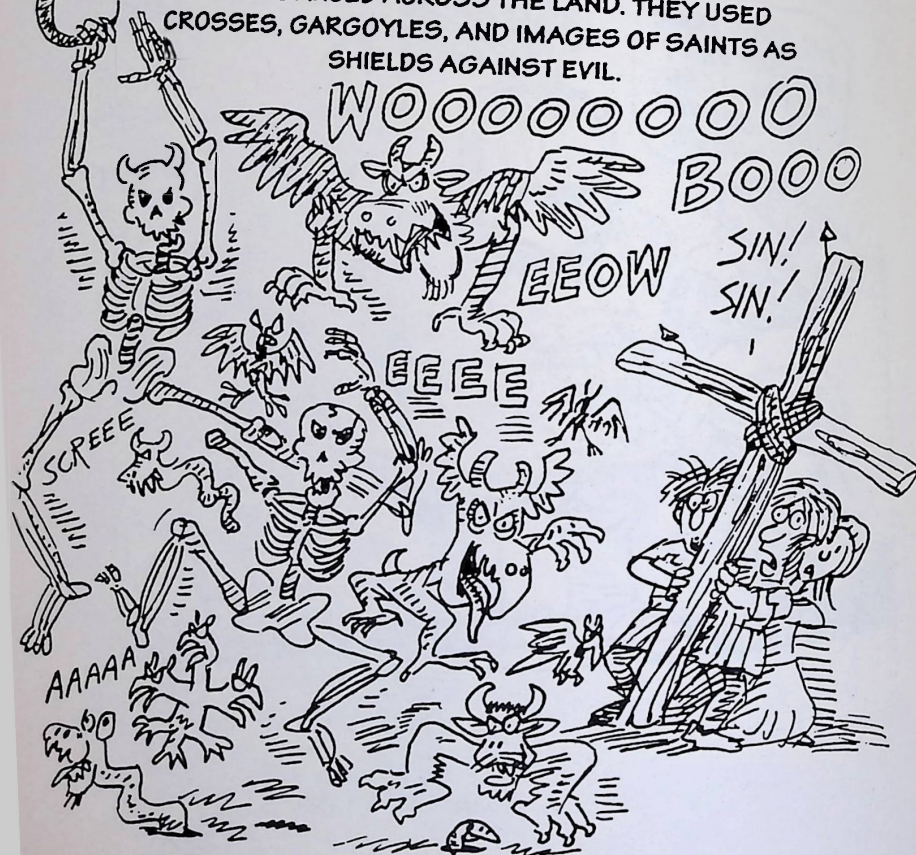


URING FEUDAL TIMES, EUROPE WAS FULL OF MYSTICISM AND SUPERSTITION. PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT ANGELS AND DEVILS DANCED ACROSS THE LAND. THEY USED CROSSES, GARGOYLES, AND IMAGES OF SAINTS AS SHIELDS AGAINST EVIL.

WOOOOOOOOO BOOO

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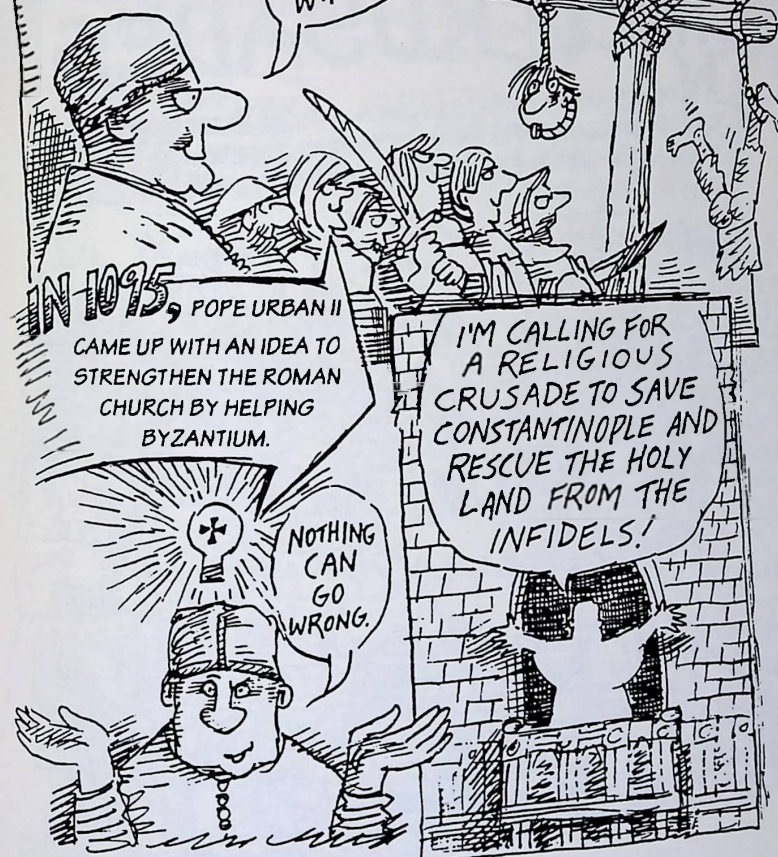
SIN!
SIN!



THE SUPERSTITIOUS, ILLITERATE, AND GULLIBLE

OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE, WHICH WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE, WERE QUICK TO SWALLOW THE CHURCH'S PRONOUNCEMENTS.

TO CLEANSE OUR LAND OF SIN, WE MUST PUNISH THOSE WHO DO THE DEVIL'S WORK.



IN 1095, POPE URBAN II CAME UP WITH AN IDEA TO STRENGTHEN THE ROMAN CHURCH BY HELPING BYZANTIUM.

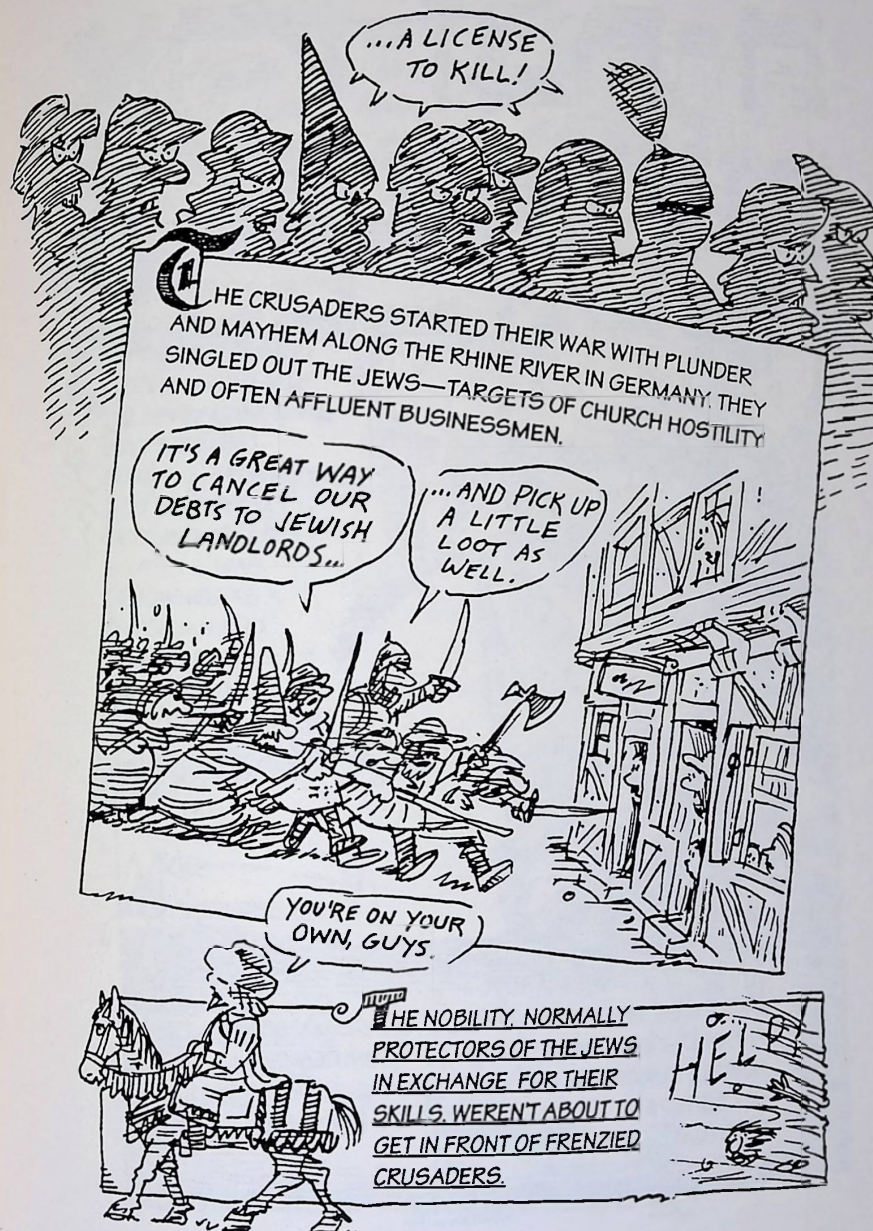
I'M CALLING FOR A RELIGIOUS CRUSADE TO SAVE CONSTANTINOPLE AND RESCUE THE HOLY LAND FROM THE INFIDELS!

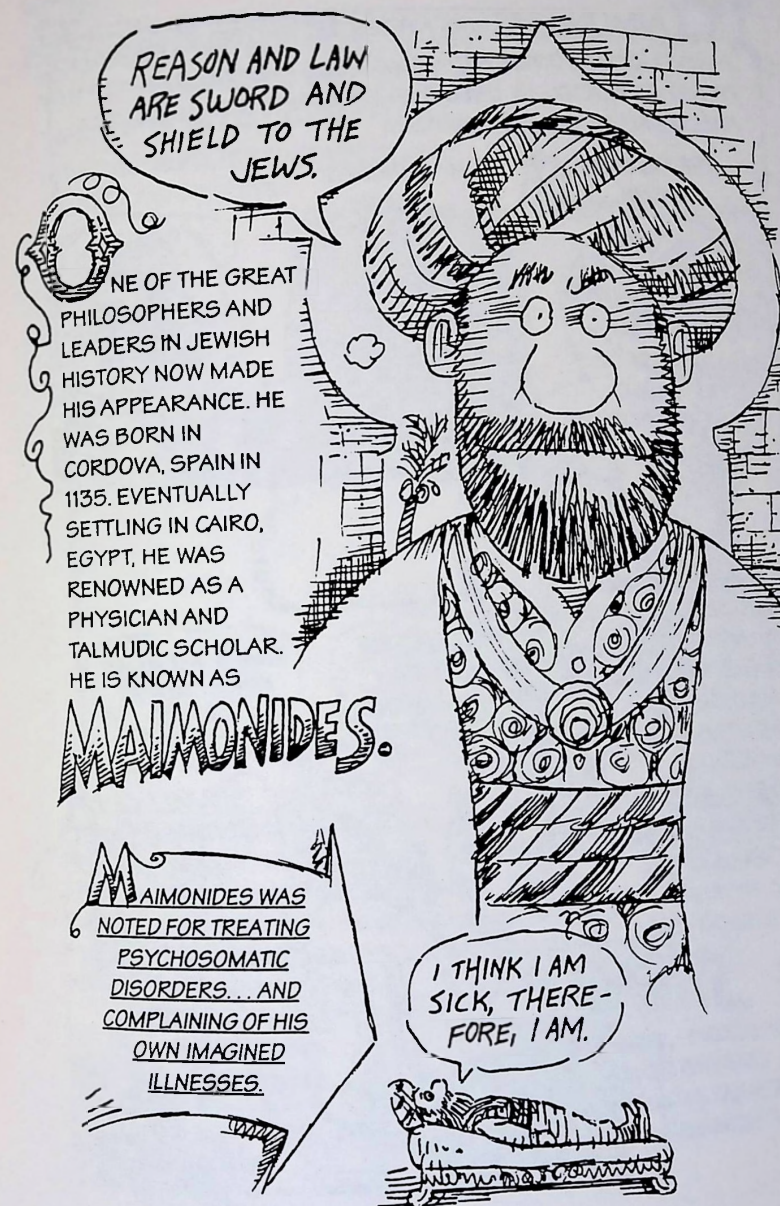
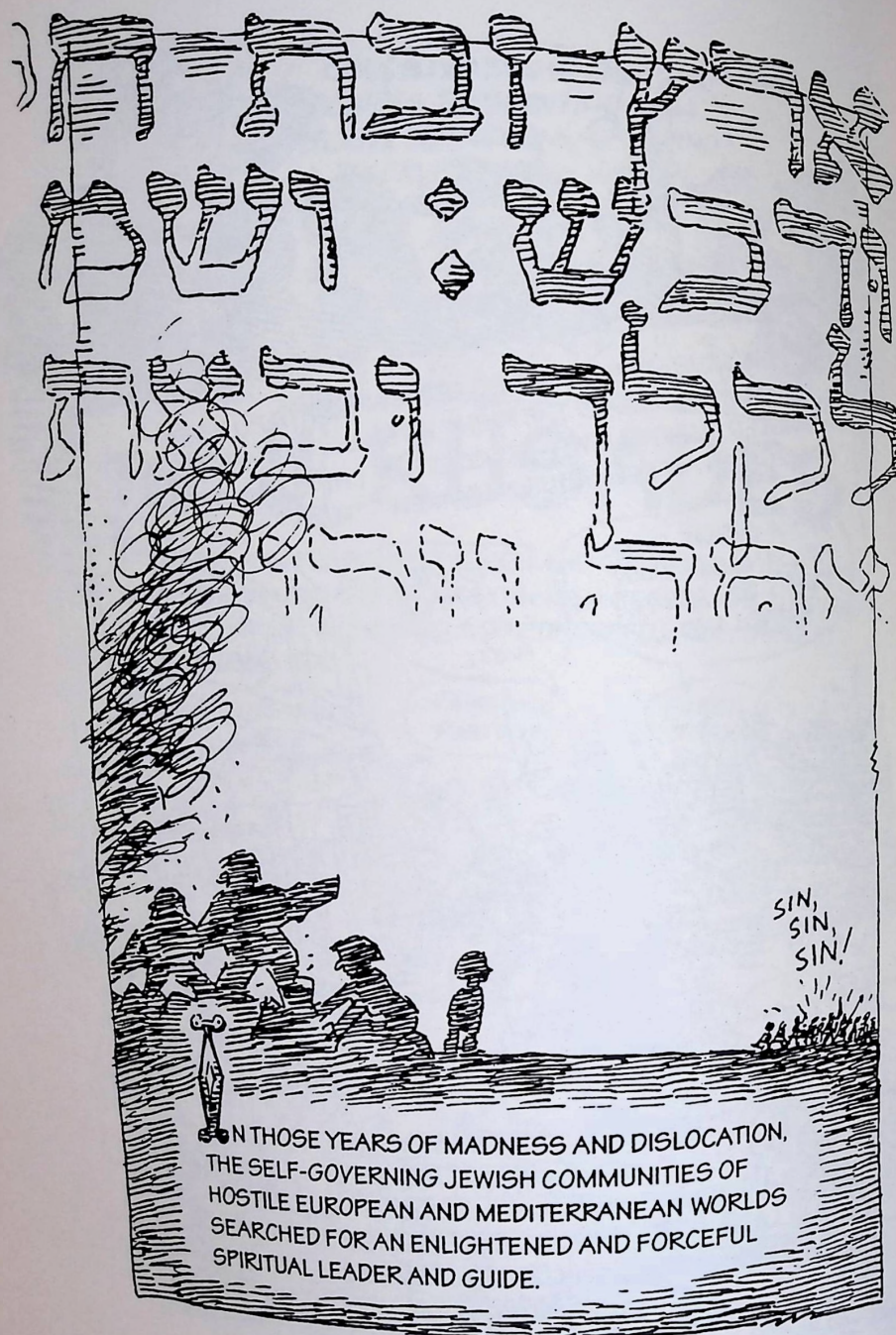
NOTHING CAN GO WRONG.



THE CRUSADES

NOBLES AND PEASANTS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SAINTS AND CRIMINALS, MAGICIANS AND VISIONARIES, PEOPLE WHO'D NEVER BEEN ANYWHERE THEIR WHOLE LIFE DROPPED EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW GOD'S CALL.

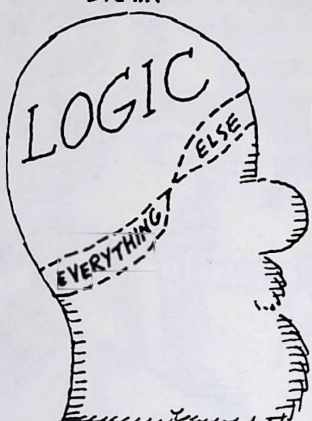
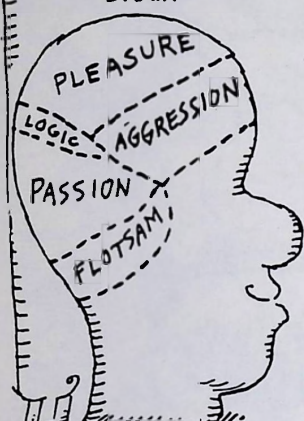




MAIMONIDES WAS A SCIENTIST WHO BELIEVED THAT JEWISH LAW WAS DIVINE AND MIRACULOUS AND COULD BE PROVEN BY REASON. HE USED GREEK PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC TO ANALYZE ALL OF TALMUDIC WRITING.

THE AVERAGE
BRAIN

MAIMONIDES'
BRAIN



EVEN
ANGELS
CAN BE
EXPLAINED
LOGICALLY.

HE CONCISELY SUMMARIZED THE MASS OF RABBINIC TEACHINGS AND PRINCIPLES IN HIS MONUMENTAL **MISHNEH TORAH**, LEAVING OUT MANY OF THE HAIR-SPLITTING INTERPRETATIONS.

YOU'VE LEFT LITTLE ROOM FOR A GOOD ARGUMENT.

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS RIGHT.

THOUGH I CAN'T QUITE EXPLAIN MOSES ON MOUNT SINAI,

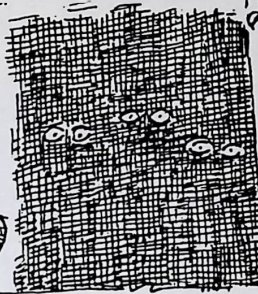
WHAT GOOD IS LOGIC AGAINST CRUSADER SWORDS?

SINNERS!

UP IN EUROPE, JEWISH LEADERS DID NOT ALWAYS HAVE TIME FOR MAIMONIDES' IDEAS.



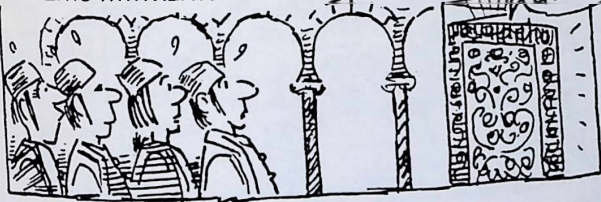
RATIONALISM WAS A HERETICAL AND DANGEROUS CONCEPT IN FEUDAL EUROPE. MANY JEWS TURNED INSTEAD TO A JEWISH TRADITION OF **MYSTICISM** FOR ITS MIRACULOUS POWER TO COMFORT AND PROTECT AGAINST EVIL.



DESPITE THE BLOODY CRUSADES, SOME JEWS IN EUROPE AND ENGLAND CONTINUED TO PROSPER BUT ONLY BY BECOMING THE PROTECTED PROPERTY OF KINGS.



AT THIS TIME IN BAGHDAD, THERE WAS A WOMAN WHOSE FATHER DID NOT DISAPPROVE OF HER STUDYING JEWISH LAW. BAT HA LEVI WAS NOTED FOR HER SCHOLARSHIP AND BEAUTY. SHE LECTURED FROM BEHIND A SCREEN SO AS NOT TO DISTRACT MALE STUDENTS WITH HER RADIANCE.

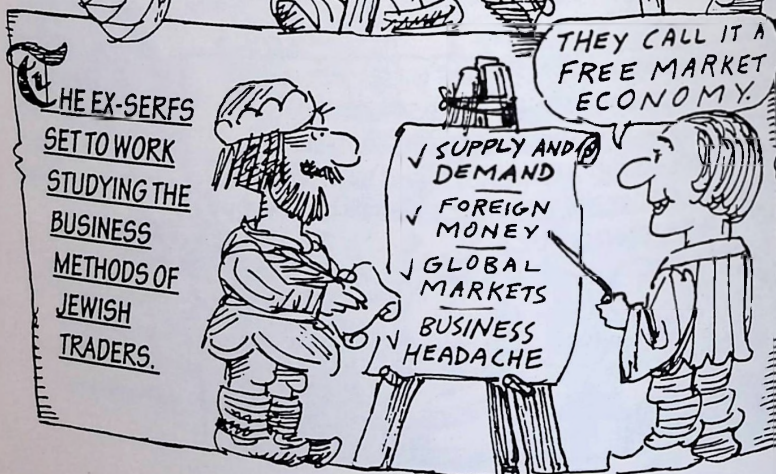
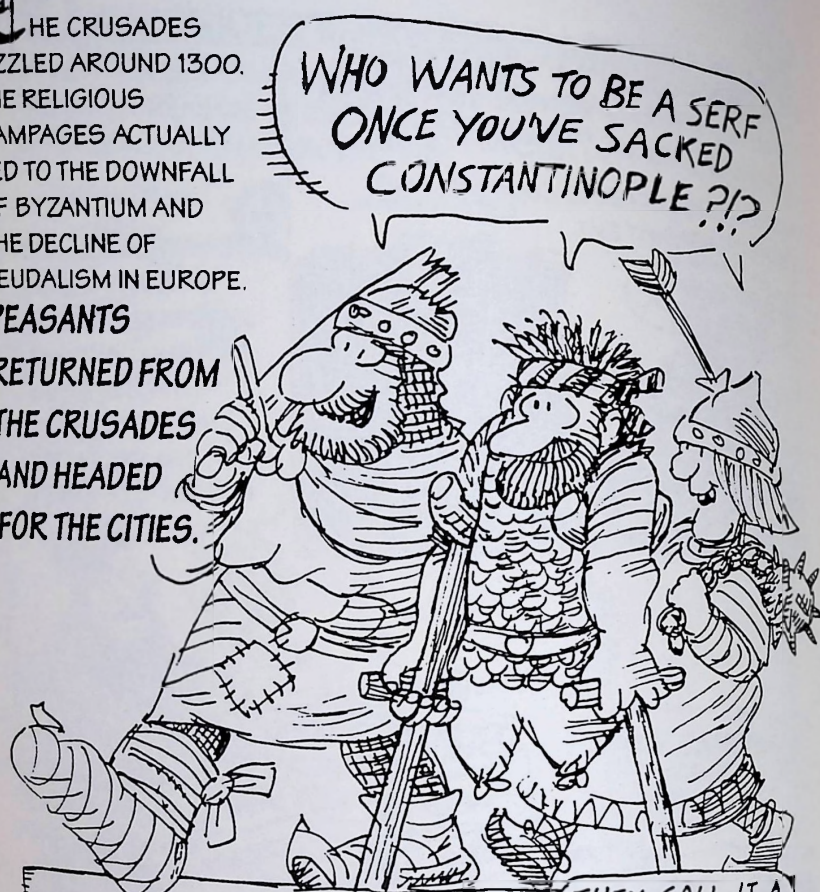


ANY QUESTIONS?

THE CRUSADES
FIZZLED AROUND 1300.
THE RELIGIOUS
RAMPAGES ACTUALLY
LED TO THE DOWNFALL
OF BYZANTIUM AND
THE DECLINE OF
FEUDALISM IN EUROPE.

PEASANTS

**RETURNED FROM
THE CRUSADES
AND HEADED
FOR THE CITIES.**



THE SAME CHANGES THAT WOULD IMPROVE CHRISTIAN LIFE LED TO INCREASED HOSTILITY TOWARD THE JEWS. CHRISTIANS MOVED INTO JEWISH BUSINESSES AND FORMED GUILDS THAT EXCLUDED THEM.

**LONG LIVE THE
CHRISTIAN
FREE MARKET!**

THE JEWS WERE LEFT WITH **MONEY LENDING**, THE BUSINESS THE CHURCH HATED AND EVERYONE BADLY NEEDED—HOW ELSE TO FINANCE HARVESTS, CATHEDRALS, AND WARS?

IN TIME, THE NEW CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN GREW ENVIOUS OF THE PROFITS BEING MADE BY JEWISH BANKERS.

**DEVIL
USURERS!**

AGAIN?

THE CHRISTIANS DROVE THE JEWS OUT OF THE MONEY LENDING BUSINESS AND TOOK OVER.

WE CHRISTIANS MAY SUFFER IN THE NEXT WORLD, BUT IN THIS ONE, WE'LL GET RICH.



THE JEWS WERE RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL TRADERS WHEN EUROPE WAS A BUNCH OF BARBARIC KINGDOMS. NOW THEY WERE BEING FORCED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ECONOMIC LADDER.



ORDINARY CHRISTIANS WERE BEGINNING TO QUESTION AUTHORITY, AND THE CHURCH AND KINGS WERE GETTING NERVOUS. THEY TURNED ON THE JEWS IN THEIR MIDST AND MADE THEM SCAPEGOATS AND TARGETS OF MOB ACTION.

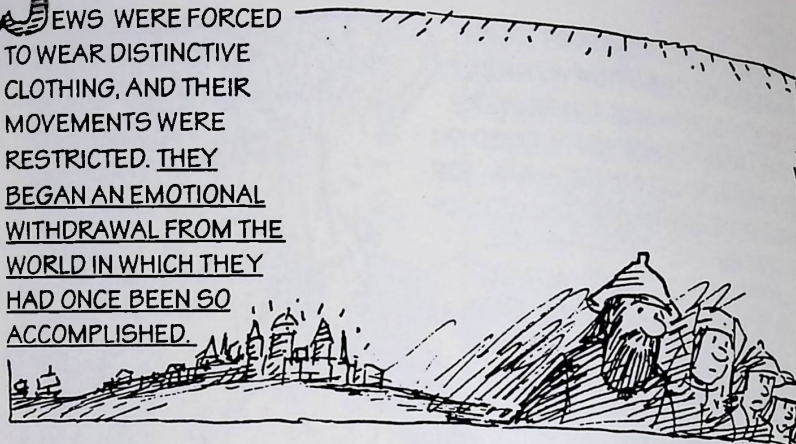


THE JEWS WERE ACCUSED OF BIZARRE ACTS LIKE USING THE BLOOD OF CHRISTIANS TO MAKE PASSOVER MATZOS.

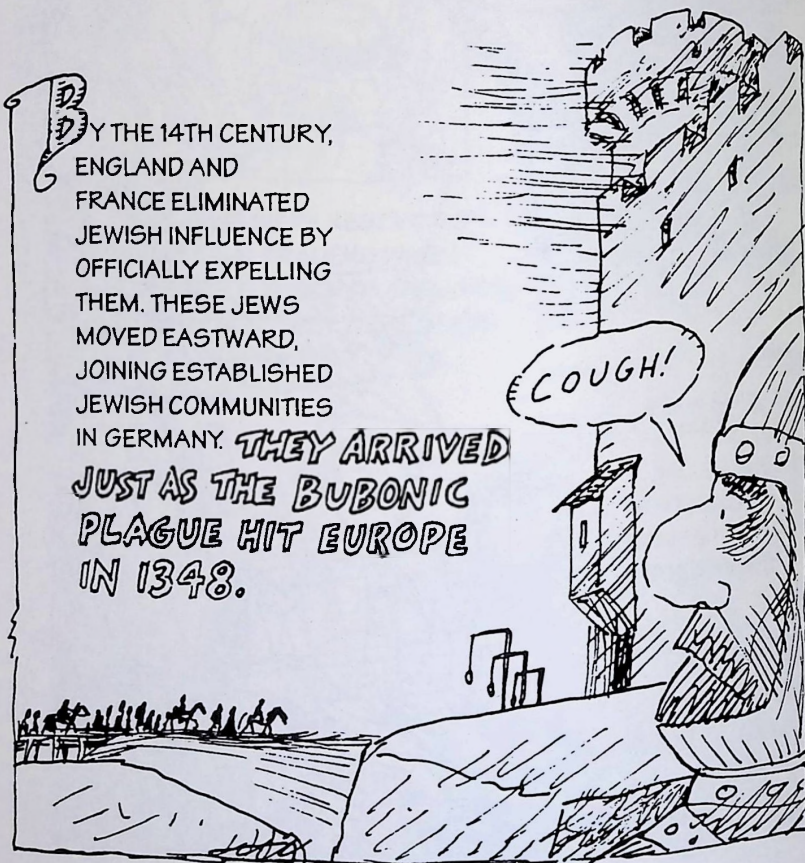
THE TALMUD WAS PUT ON TRIAL FOR BLASPHEMY, FOUND GUILTY, AND BURNED AT THE STAKE.



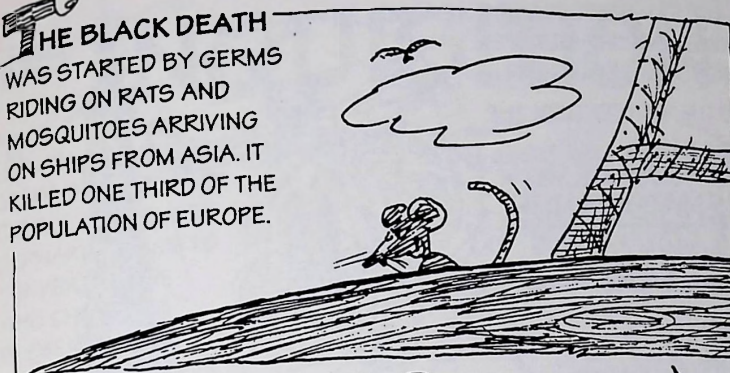
JEWES WERE FORCED TO WEAR DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING, AND THEIR MOVEMENTS WERE RESTRICTED. THEY BEGAN AN EMOTIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY HAD ONCE BEEN SO ACCOMPLISHED.



BY THE 14TH CENTURY, ENGLAND AND FRANCE ELIMINATED JEWISH INFLUENCE BY OFFICIALLY EXPELLING THEM. THESE JEWS MOVED EASTWARD, JOINING ESTABLISHED JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GERMANY. **THEY ARRIVED JUST AS THE BUBONIC PLAGUE HIT EUROPE IN 1348.**

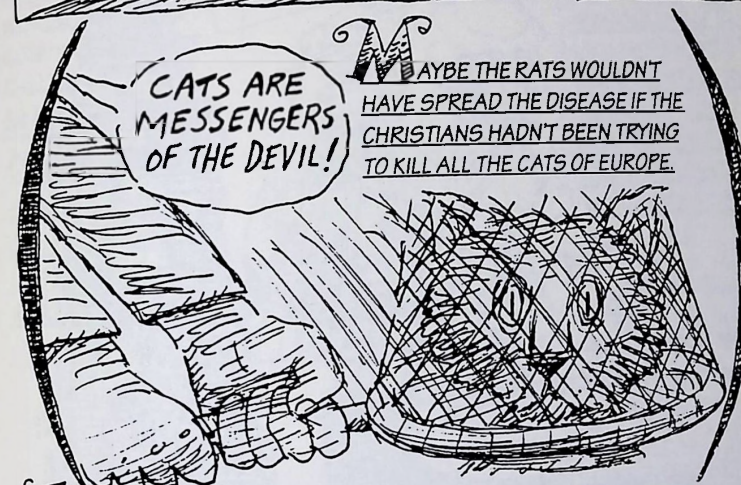


THE BLACK DEATH WAS STARTED BY GERMS RIDING ON RATS AND MOSQUITOES ARRIVING ON SHIPS FROM ASIA. IT KILLED ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION OF EUROPE.



CATS ARE MESSENGERS OF THE DEVIL!

MAYBE THE RATS WOULDN'T HAVE SPREAD THE DISEASE IF THE CHRISTIANS HADN'T BEEN TRYING TO KILL ALL THE CATS OF EUROPE.



EUROPE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF GERMS. THEIR ANTIDOTE TO THE PLAGUE WAS TO STOP BATHING, SHUT THEIR WINDOWS AGAINST EVIL FRESH AIR... AND BLAME THE JEWS.

IT'S CURIOUS THAT JEWS ARE DYING OF THE PLAGUE JUST LIKE CHRISTIANS.



THE NEW SPIRIT OF CURIOSITY AND INVESTIGATION IN EUROPE PRODUCED, FROM THE 14TH TO THE 16TH CENTURY, THE

ITALIAN RENAISSANCE.

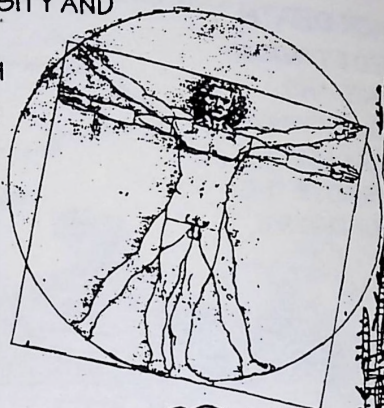
A GLORIOUS PERIOD OF CREATIVE EXPLORATION.

RENAISSANCE ITALY WAS MORE TOLERANT OF JEWS, AND, AS IN GREEK TIMES, YOUNG JEWS WISHED TO FIT INTO ITS EXPERIMENTAL LIFE-STYLE.

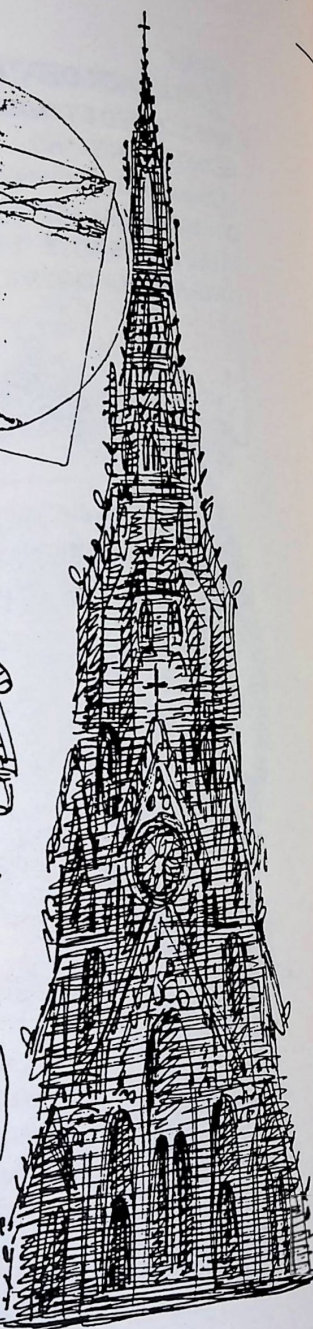
WHEN IN ROME, WE DO WHAT THE ROMANS DO

WITH ALL THE FREETHINKING GOING ON IN EUROPE, CHRISTIANS BEGAN TO CRITICIZE CHURCH PRACTICES. A NERVOUS CHURCH SET UP PAPAL COURTS, ORIGINALLY IN FRANCE, TO PUNISH CHRISTIAN REFORMERS (AND JEWISH MYSTICS). IT WAS CALLED THE

INQUISITION.



I DON'T LIKE THE SIGHT OF BLOOD SO WE'LL BURN HERETICS AT THE STAKE.



THE INQUISITION

IN 13TH CENTURY SPAIN, THE CHRISTIAN CLERGY PRESSURED SEPHARDIC JEWS TO CONVERT. THOSE WHO CHOSE TO PRESERVE THEIR WORLD THROUGH CONVERSION WERE CALLED

MARRANOS OR CONVERSOS.

SOME CONVERTED ONLY OUTWARDLY. IN PRIVATE, THEY REMAINED JEWS.



JESUS WILL RETURN WHEN ALL JEWS ARE BROUGHT INTO THE CHURCH.

CONVERSOS ROSE TO IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING IN THE CHURCH, ITSELF. ANTI-CONVERSO JEALOUSY FUELED CIVIL RIOTING IN AN ALREADY WEAK COUNTRY.



THEY'LL BE RUNNING THE WHOLE COUNTRY IF WE DON'T STOP THEM!

FERDINAND AND ISABELLA'S

MARRIAGE UNIFIED THE SPANISH NATION. THE ROYAL PAIR KICKED OFF THE SPANISH INQUISITION IN 1478. MOST OF THE VICTIMS OF THE INQUISITION WOULD BE OF JEWISH HERITAGE.

ANYONE WHO QUESTIONS CHRISTIAN DOGMA IS TOAST, ESPECIALLY CONVERSOS.



THE HEAD INQUISITOR, TORQUEMADA, AND SOME OF THE OTHER INQUISITORS WERE CONVERTS OR OF JEWISH HERITAGE AND KNEW WELL THE DETAILS OF JEWISH RITUAL.

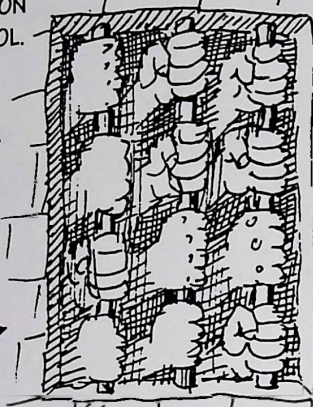
YOU DID NOT HAVE SMOKE COMING OUT OF YOUR CHIMNEY ON FRIDAYS. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN OBSERVING THE SABBATH.



YOU WERE HEARD HAVING A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION, AND YOU NEVER MENTIONED JESUS. YOU HERETIC!



BUT THE INQUISITION WAS OUT OF CONTROL. THE VIOLENCE WAS RELENTLESS. THE JAILS OVERFLOWED. THE COST WAS STAGGERING. FINALLY, FERDINAND ACTED. →



ALL JEWS AND FORMER JEWS ARE EXPELLED FROM SPAIN, LEAVING BEHIND THEIR MONEY, OF COURSE!

AS THE JEWS WERE BEING EXPELLED, FERDINAND AND ISABELLA WERE SENDING CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS TO INDIA TO GRAB AWAY THE RICH ASIAN TRADE FROM THE MUSLIMS. COLUMBUS WAS AIDED BY JEWISH MAP MAKERS AND TRANSLATORS.



SUPPOSE THE OCEAN IS TOO WIDE, AND WE CAN'T GET ACROSS?

DON'T WORRY, CHRIS. THE GLOBE IS SMALLER THAN THE GREEKS SAID.

COLUMBUS DIDN'T MAKE IT TO INDIA. **INSTEAD...** →

... IN 1492, COLUMBUS SHOWED UP IN AMERICA—THE LAND WHICH WOULD BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT OF DIASPORA DESTINATIONS.

CAPTAIN, THEY DON'T KNOW SPANISH OR ITALIAN.

TRY HEBREW.



SO, WHERE'RE WE GOING?

I DON'T KNOW, WHERE SHOULD WE GO?

THE SEPHARDIC SURVIVORS LEFT SPAIN, THE LAND THESE GIFTED PEOPLE HAD LIVED IN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. THEY HEADED FOR ITALY, HOLLAND, NORTH AFRICA, TURKEY, PALESTINE, AND SOUTH AMERICA.



IN THE 13TH CENTURY, AS THE JEWS OF SPAIN WERE SCATTERING, THE ASHKENAZI JEWS WERE **MOVING**

EAST INTO THE LANDS OF AUSTRIA, POLAND, AND LITHUANIA. THEY WOULD BE WELCOMED BY RULING CLASSES ANXIOUS TO USE THEIR SKILLS TO EXPAND TRADE WITH THE WEST.

NOW I'LL SEE WHAT THE RABBI'S SAY.

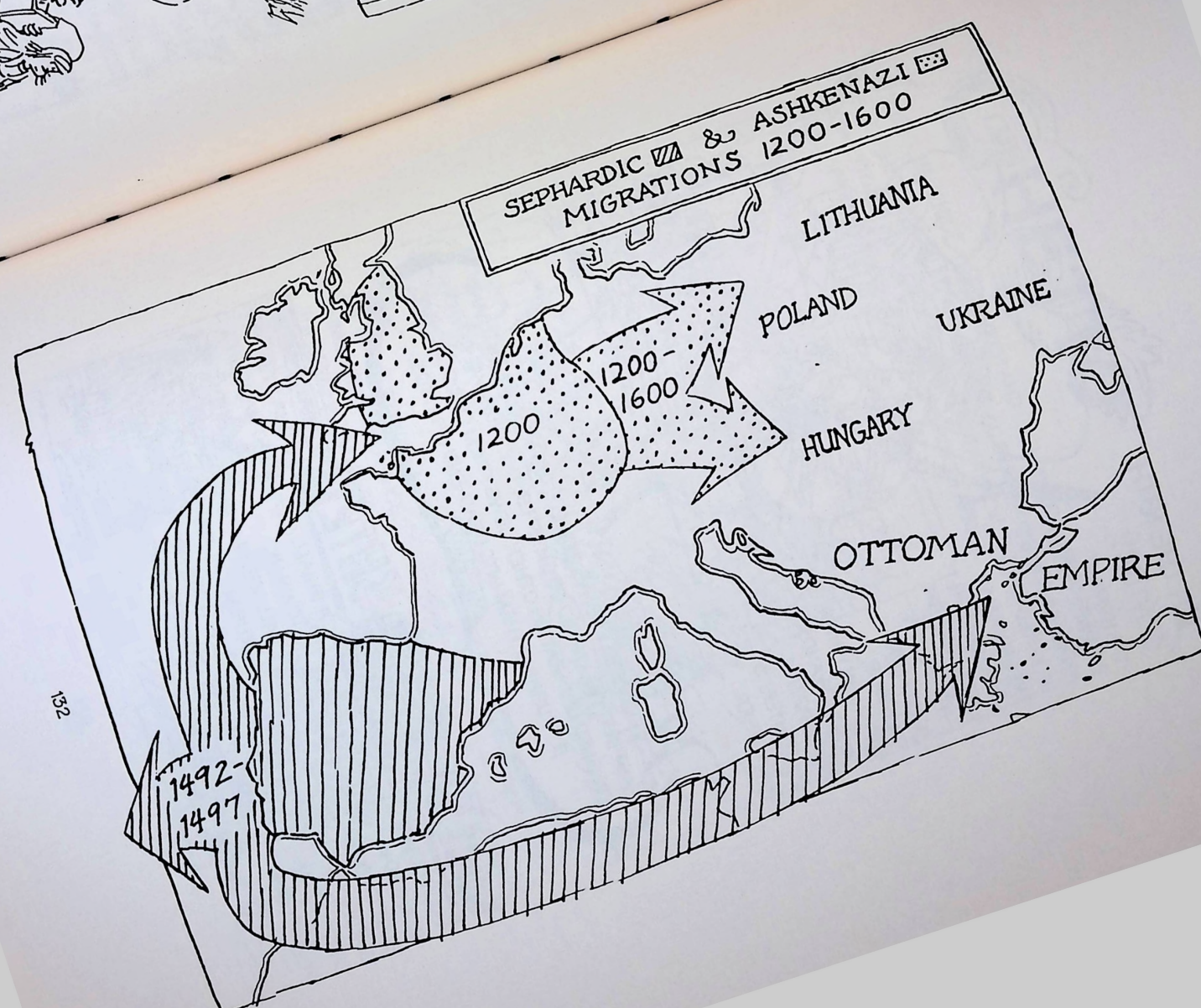


IT'S THIS TIME, A SCHOLAR, **JOSEPH CARO**, SUMMARIZED JENISH LAM AND TRADITION, MAKING IT UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE AVERAGE JEN. CARO'S GUIDE WOULD GO WITH THEM AS THE JEWS MOVED INTO THE DARK DAYS OF THE GHETTO AND SHITEL.

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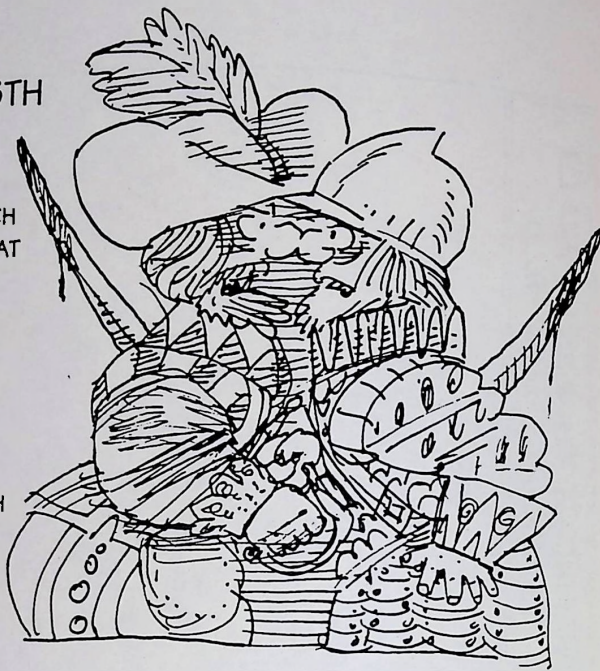


SEPHARDIC & ASHKENAZI MIGRATIONS 1200-1600



IN THE 16TH CENTURY,

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FINALLY GOT WHAT IT FEARED—BUT THE JEWS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. MARTIN LUTHER LED A REVOLT FOR RELIGIOUS REFORM IN WHICH CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS SLAUGHTERED EACH OTHER.



NEVERTHELESS, AS SOME JEWS MOVED NORTH AND EAST INTO THE WORLD OF SHTETLS, THE MEDIEVAL POWERS FINISHED SEPARATING OTHER JEWS FROM CHRISTIAN LIFE BY PUSHING THEM INTO DEAD-END GHETTOS.

GHETTO

A RUN DOWN, ISOLATED SECTION OF A EUROPEAN CITY, OFTEN WALLED. ➔



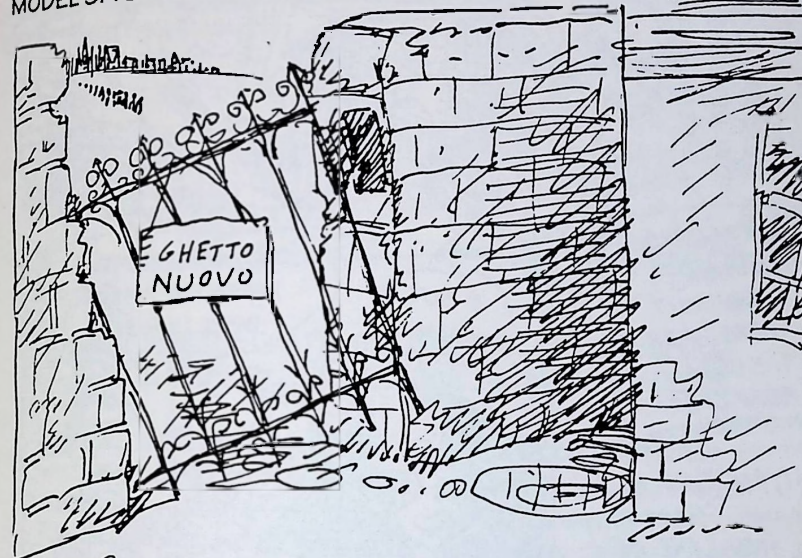
SHTETL

A SMALL TOWN OR VILLAGE IN RURAL EASTERN EUROPE. ➔



GHETTO

IN 1516, IN VENICE, THE CHURCH AND LOCAL BUSINESSES FORCED THE JEWS INTO A WALLED AREA THAT HAD BEEN A FOUNDRY CALLED THE GHETTO. AS A PLACE OF JEWISH CONFINEMENT, THE GHETTO MODEL SPREAD ACROSS EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA.



THE GHETTO WAS A HUMILIATING EXISTENCE. THE JEWS STRUGGLED TO MAINTAIN THEIR SAFETY AND DIGNITY. THEY RAN THEIR LIVES BY THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES OF THE TALMUD. THEY CAME OUT TO DO BUSINESS BY DAY, WERE CLOSED IN AT NIGHT.



DESPITE THE RESTRAINTS, JEWS FILLED THEIR LIFE WITH THE RICHNESS OF COMMUNITY THAT HAS ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED THEIR CULTURE. THEY SUPPORTED THEIR POOR, EDUCATED THEIR CHILDREN, AND CELEBRATED THEIR HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS.



OF COURSE, AS IN ANY COMMUNITY, THERE WERE THE USUAL SOAP OPERAS.

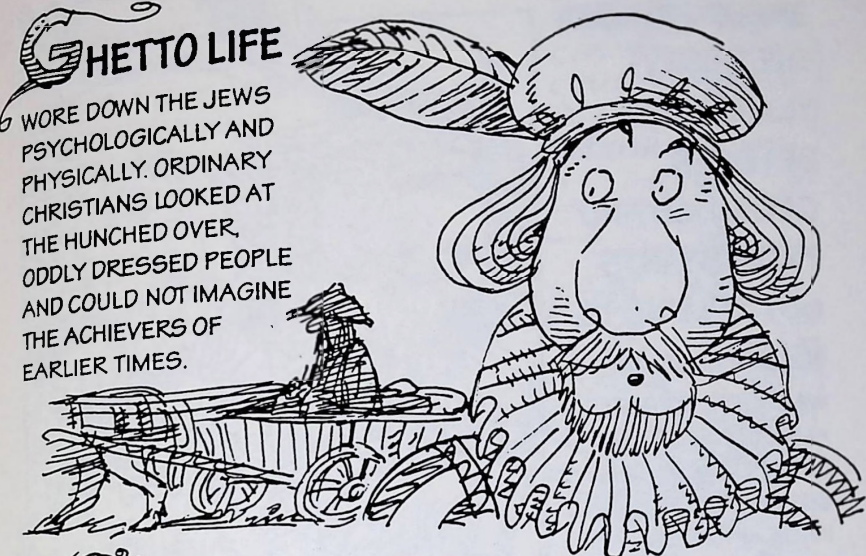
HYPOCRITE! YOU COME FROM A LONG LINE OF EMBEZZLERS!

FOOL! YOU GOT YOUR JOB BECAUSE OF YOUR WIFE'S FATHER!



GHETTO LIFE

WORE DOWN THE JEWS PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND PHYSICALLY. ORDINARY CHRISTIANS LOOKED AT THE HUNCHED OVER, ODDLY DRESSED PEOPLE AND COULD NOT IMAGINE THE ACHIEVERS OF EARLIER TIMES.



OUTSIDE THE GHETTO WORLD, SOME JEWS CONTINUED TO BOTH PROSPER AND STAY TRUE TO JEWISH TRADITION.

JEWS WERE ESPECIALLY VALUED BY SLAVERS BECAUSE THERE WAS ALWAYS A JEWISH COMMUNITY WILLING TO RANSOM A JEWISH HOSTAGE.



DONA GRACIA NASI, A CONVERSO, RAN A BUSINESS EMPIRE FROM ITALY AND SECRET CONVERSO ESCAPE ROUTES OUT OF PORTUGAL.



THE THIRTY-YEARS'-WAR BETWEEN CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS GOT ROLLING IN

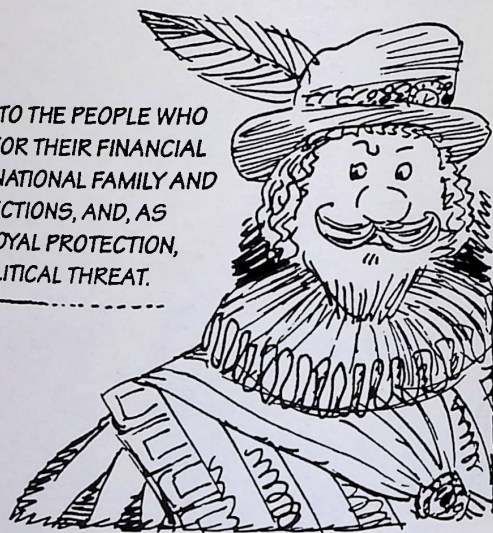
1618. A RELIGIOUS WAR TURNED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AS EUROPE STRUGGLED OUT OF FEUDALISM AND INTO CAPITALISM. WITH NEW ALLIANCES AND NEW ENEMIES SPROUTING EVERYWHERE, EVERY NEW RULER NEEDED MILITARY MIGHT.



BIG ARMIES REQUIRE HARD CASH.

AND HARD CASH REQUIRES SKILLFUL MONEY MANAGING.

RULERS TURNED TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE RENOWNED FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SKILLS, HAD INTERNATIONAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, AND, AS DEPENDENTS ON ROYAL PROTECTION, WERE OF LITTLE POLITICAL THREAT.



WHILE MANY JEWS REMAINED TRAPPED IN GHETTOS, OTHERS WERE EMPLOYED BY ROYALTY FOR THEIR SWIFT AND ASSURED FINANCIAL MOVES. THESE MONEY MANAGERS BECAME

COURT JEWS.

COURT JEWS

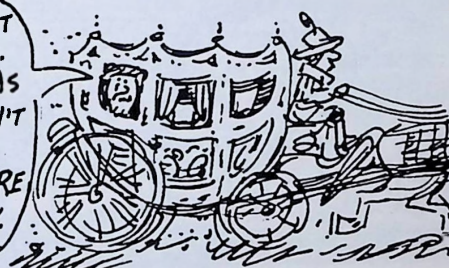
NEGOTIATED THE TRANSITION FROM A FIXED FINANCIAL SYSTEM TO OPEN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

WE'LL ISSUE STOCKS, GRANT BILLS OF EXCHANGE, TRADE FOREIGN CURRENCIES...

THEY WIELDED GREAT POWER, LIVED LAVISHLY, AND USED THEIR INFLUENCE TO DEFLECT ATTACKS AWAY FROM THE GHETTOS.

WE'RE NOT FOOLED. AS SOON AS THEY DON'T NEED US, WE'RE HISTORY.

WE'LL SHIP THE CANNON BY MY COUSIN IN ITALY, BUY GRAIN FROM TURKISH TRADERS I KNOW...



JEW S PROSPERED IN THE INTERNATIONAL LUMBER, FUR, LIVESTOCK, AND LIQUOR BUSINESSES. THEY WERE AGENTS FOR THE NOBILITY MANAGING ESTATES, GOVERNING SERFS, COLLECTING RENTS AND TAXES.



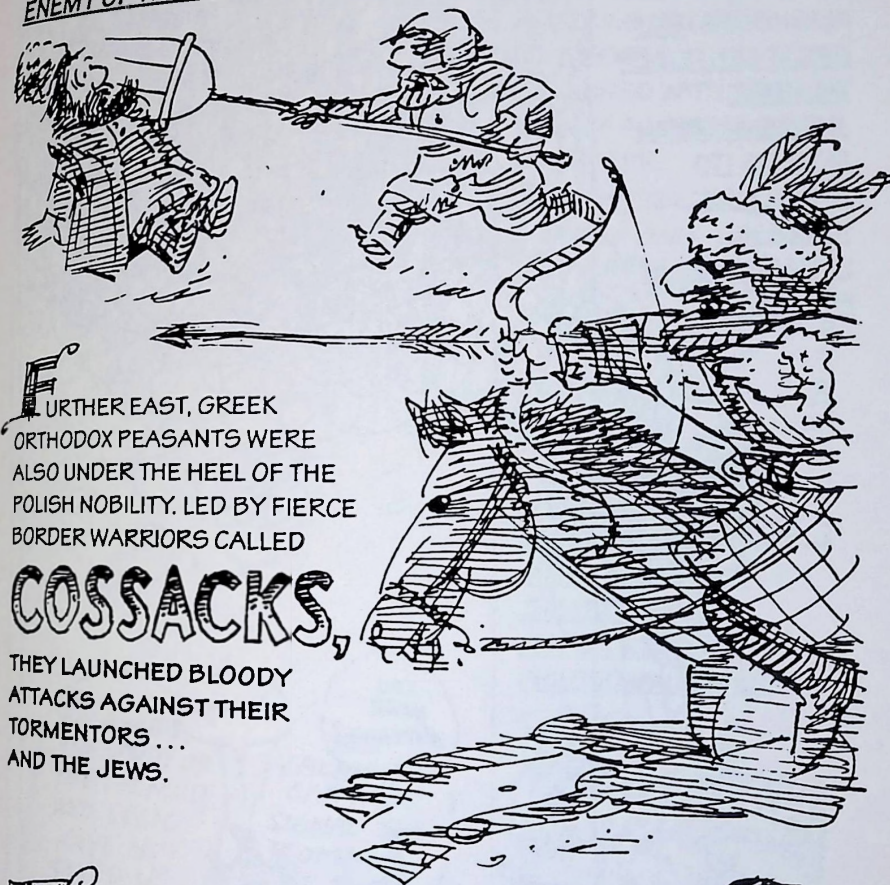
THEY RAN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES AND WERE GOVERNED BY REGIONAL COUNCILS. THEIR YESHIVAS WERE RENOWNED, AND WOMEN ALSO STUDIED.



TALMUDIC SCHOLARS WERE HONORED ABOVE ALL. BUSINESSMEN IMPROVED THEIR STATUS BY MARRYING THEIR DAUGHTERS TO PROMISING RABBINICAL STUDENTS.



THE PEASANTS WERE TAXED MERCILESSLY BY THE NOBILITY. BUT, WHEN THE PEASANTS ROSE IN REBELLION IN THE MID 1600s, THEY AIMED THEIR ANGER AT THE ENEMY THEY COULD SEE. AND THE ENEMY OF THEIR CHURCH, THE JEWISH TAX COLLECTORS.

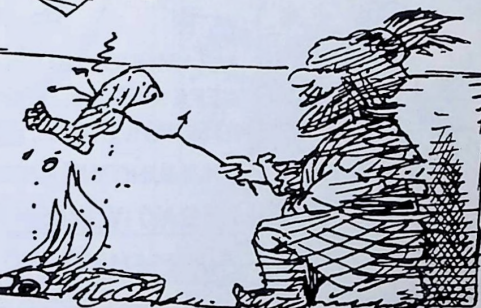


FURTHER EAST, GREEK ORTHODOX PEASANTS WERE ALSO UNDER THE HEEL OF THE POLISH NOBILITY. LED BY FIERCE BORDER WARRIORS CALLED

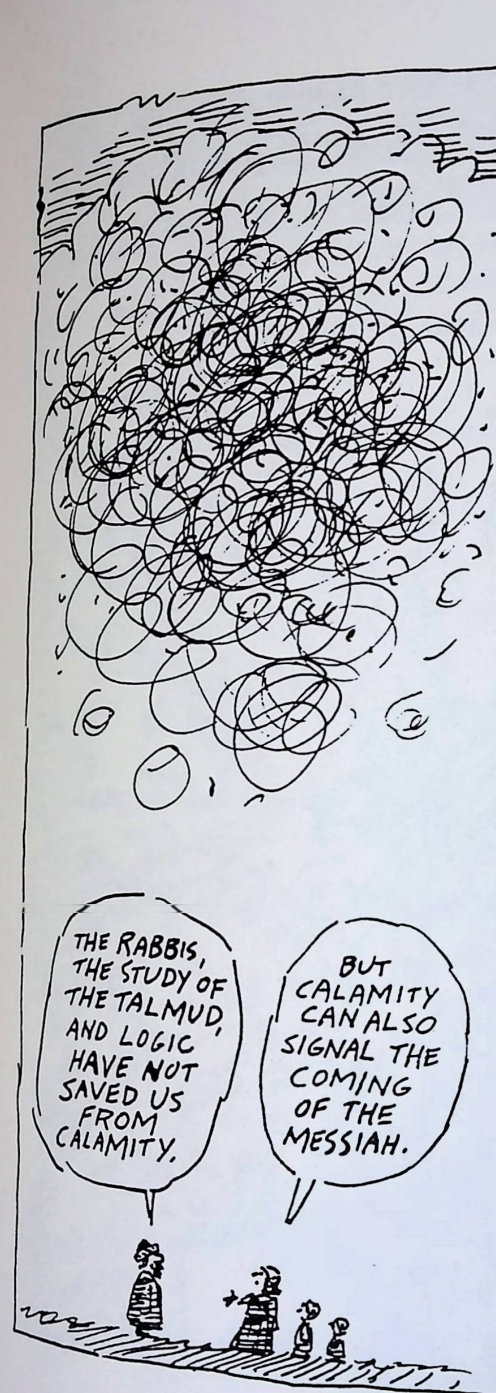
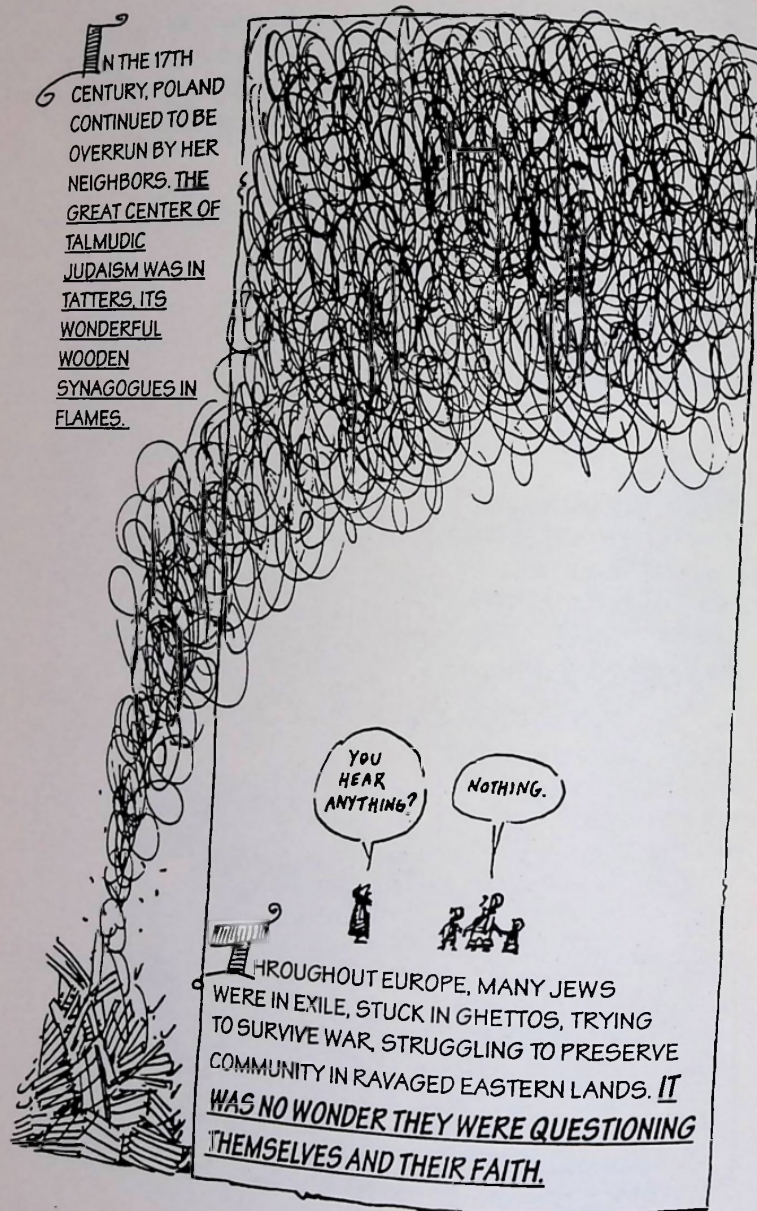
COSSACKS,

THEY LAUNCHED BLOODY ATTACKS AGAINST THEIR TORMENTORS ... AND THE JEWS.

THE POLISH ARMY FELL BEFORE THE COSSACKS. THE JEWS FOUGHT AND DIED WITH THEM. THE COSSACK KILLING STYLE WAS TO CARVE UP PEOPLE AND ROAST THEM.



IN THE 17TH CENTURY, POLAND CONTINUED TO BE OVERRUN BY HER NEIGHBORS. THE GREAT CENTER OF TALMUDIC JUDAISM WAS IN TATTERS, ITS WONDERFUL WOODEN SYNAGOGUES IN FLAMES.



THE JEWS OF THE 17TH CENTURY WERE SUFFERING A SPIRITUAL CRISIS. MANY TURNED TO THE COMFORT OF MYSTICISM COMBINED WITH THE IDEA OF A MESSIANIC DELIVERER.



THEY SEARCHED THE TEXTS OF THE JEWISH MYSTICAL PHILOSOPHY CALLED



THE KABBALAH OFFERED THE JEWS A SOLUTION TO THEIR QUEST.
**HERE IS AN EXTREMELY ABBREVIATED VERSION
OF THE KABBALISTIC THEORY OF THE UNIVERSE:**

THE DIVINE LIGHT OF GOD WAS CONTAINED IN VESSELS WHICH WERE
BROKEN DURING AN APOCALYPTIC BIG BANG. THE LIGHT SCATTERED
AND MIXED WITH ALL THE DEBRIS OF EARTHLY LIFE.



FOR HUMANITY TO ACHIEVE HEAVENLY PERFECTION, ALL THE
DIVINE GLITTER MUST BE SEPARATED
FROM THE DARK PARTS OF HUMAN LIFE AND RESTORED ACCORDING
TO GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN.

**TO START THE
BALL ROLLING,**
EACH JEW MUST
PERSONALLY GET
CLOSE TO GOD
THROUGH PRAYER
AND THE
OBSERVANCE OF
THE
COMMANDMENTS.
**AFTER
WHICH THE
MESSIAH
WILL SHOW
UP.**

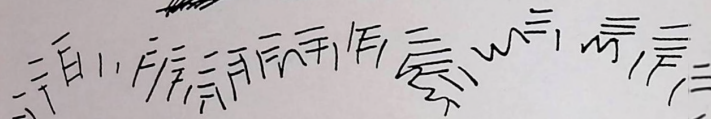
ALL THE BASE STUFF →



TALK OF MESSIAHS MADE THE RABBINICAL AUTHORITIES NERVOUS.

MESSIAHS
ARE RISKY
BUSINESS.

DANGEROUS
EVEN.



BY THE END OF THE 17TH CENTURY, THE KABBALIST PHILOSOPHY SPREAD THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE, FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF SELF-PROCLAIMED MESSIAHS.



THESE MESSIAHS CHARGED AROUND EUROPE, TOOK MEETINGS WITH KINGS AND POPES, PROCLAIMED MIRACLES, AND

FADED AWAY.

WERE
THEY
REAL?

I DUNNO.

WHAT
NEXT?



MUCH OF EUROPEAN JEWRY THOUGHT THEY'D FOUND THEIR MESSIAH IN SHABBATAI ZEVI. BORN IN 1626 IN TURKEY, HE STUDIED THE KABBALAH AND HEARD HEAVENLY VOICES.

SHABBETA ZEVI MARRIED AN ORPHAN OF THE COSSACK MASSACRES, SARAH, AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN PROSTITUTE. HE ALSO FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH A RABBI, NATHAN OF GAZA, WHO BECAME HIS PRESS AGENT.

SHABBETA, THE MESSIAH, COME TO HELP RESTORE THE WORLD TO PERFECTION.



A DORING FOLLOWERS OF ZEVI PACKED THEIR BAGS AND GOT READY TO BE PICKED UP BY ANGELS AND TRANSPORTED TO ZION, THE PROMISED LAND.

I HEAR
YOU,
LORD.



I HEAR
YOU,
LORD.



I HEAR
YOU,
LORD.



ZEVI WAS VERY CONVINCING. EVEN SOME RABBIS HEDGED THEIR BETS.

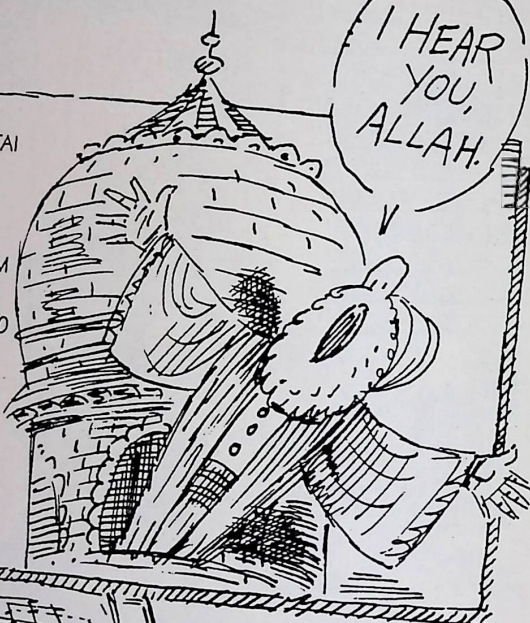
PROBABLY NO.

MAYBE YES



THEN SHABBETAI WAS THROWN IN JAIL BY THE TURKISH SULTAN, WHO OFFERED HIM A CHOICE: DEATH OR CONVERSION TO ISLAM. ZEVI CHOSE CONVERSION.

I HEAR YOU, ALLAH.



NATHAN DEFENDED HIM, BUT THE ANGELS NEVER SHOWED UP. IT LOOKED LIKE THE MESSIAH WOULDN'T BE COMING AT THAT TIME.

WE NEED A JUDAISM WITH REAL SOUL.



AROUND 1730, THE DISCOURAGED JEWS OF EASTERN EUROPE FOUND A NEW VISION OF GOD—IN THE FORESTS OF POLAND.

HASIDISM

IN THOSE DAYS, IN GERMANY AND POLAND, FAITH HEALING THRIVED. JEWISH FOLK DOCTORS TENDED THE ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH HERBS, PRAYERS, AND AMULETS. THEY WERE CALLED **BAAL SHEM**.

I'M NOT FEELING
COUGH-
WELL.



ABRACADABRA, DIBBUK!
(BEGONE, YOU DEVILS!)



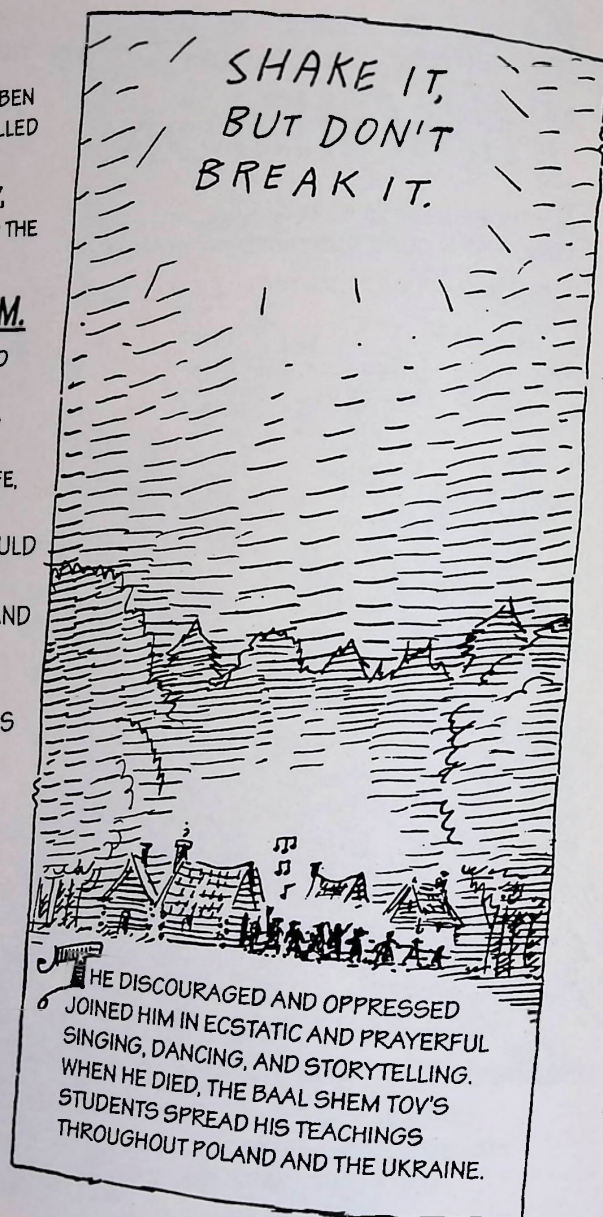
I FEEL BETTER.



ONE SUCH FAITH HEALER WAS **ISRAEL BEN ELIEZER**, BORN IN 1700 IN POLAND, A PERFORMER OF MIRACLES AND A CHARISMATIC TEACHER.

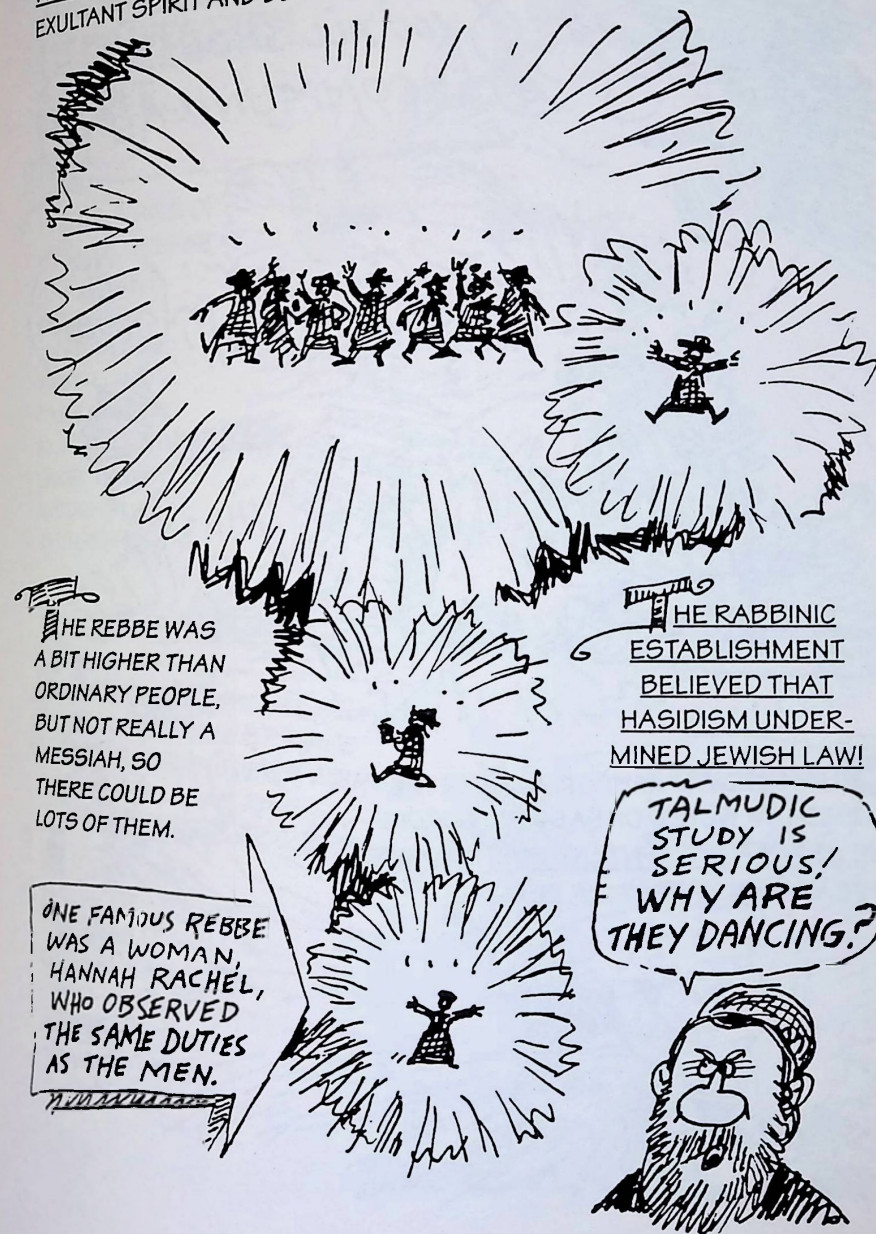
 ISRAEL BEN ELIEZER, CALLED THE BAAL SHEM TOV, INTRODUCED THE GOSPEL OF **HASIDISM.**

HE PREACHED THAT THE SACRED WAS FOUND IN EVERYDAY LIFE, THAT EACH PERSON COULD FEEL GOD'S RADIANCE AND SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIS AND HER JOYOUS DEVOTION.



HE DISCOURAGED AND OPPRESSED JOINED HIM IN ECSTATIC AND PRAYERFUL SINGING, DANCING, AND STORYTELLING. WHEN HE DIED, THE BAAL SHEM TOV'S STUDENTS SPREAD HIS TEACHINGS THROUGHOUT POLAND AND THE UKRAINE.

AT THE CENTER OF EACH NEW HASIDIC COMMUNITY WAS A BELOVED REBBE. THE REBBE WOULD SURROUND HIS FOLLOWERS WITH HIS EXULTANT SPIRIT AND BLOT OUT THE DANGEROUS OUTSIDE WORLD.



THE REBBE WAS A BIT HIGHER THAN ORDINARY PEOPLE, BUT NOT REALLY A MESSIAH, SO THERE COULD BE LOTS OF THEM.

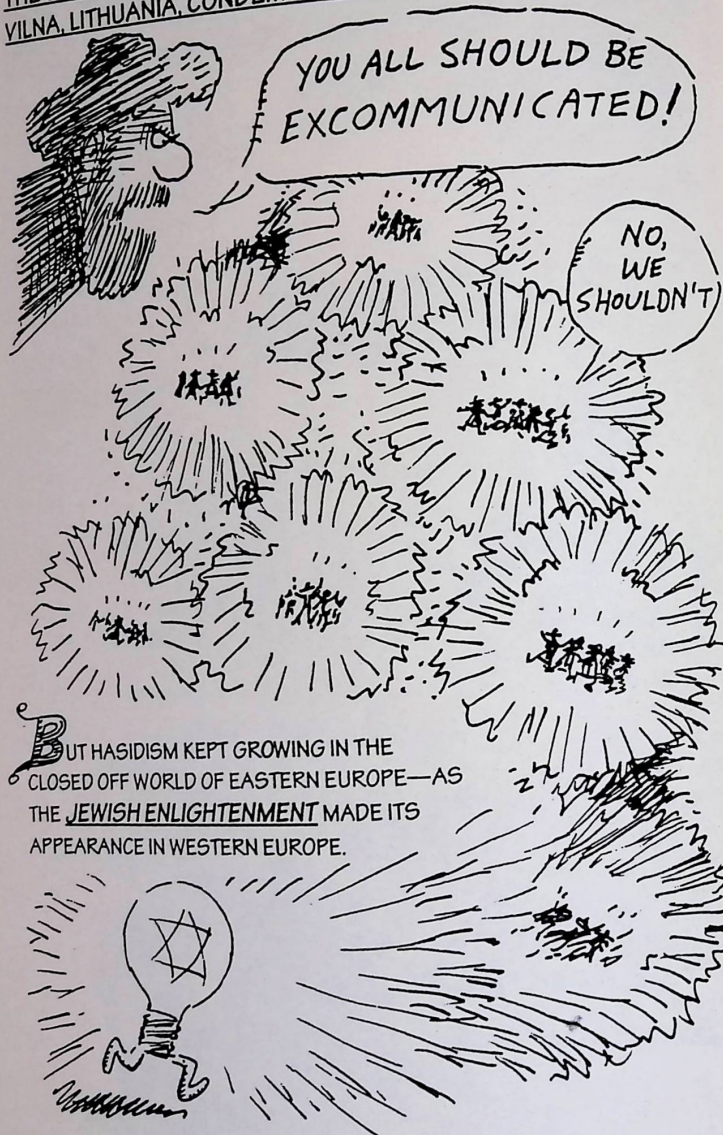
ONE FAMOUS REBBE WAS A WOMAN, HANNAH RACHEL, WHO OBSERVED THE SAME DUTIES AS THE MEN.

THE RABBINIC ESTABLISHMENT BELIEVED THAT HASIDISM UNDERMINED JEWISH LAW!

TALMUDIC STUDY IS SERIOUS! WHY ARE THEY DANCING?



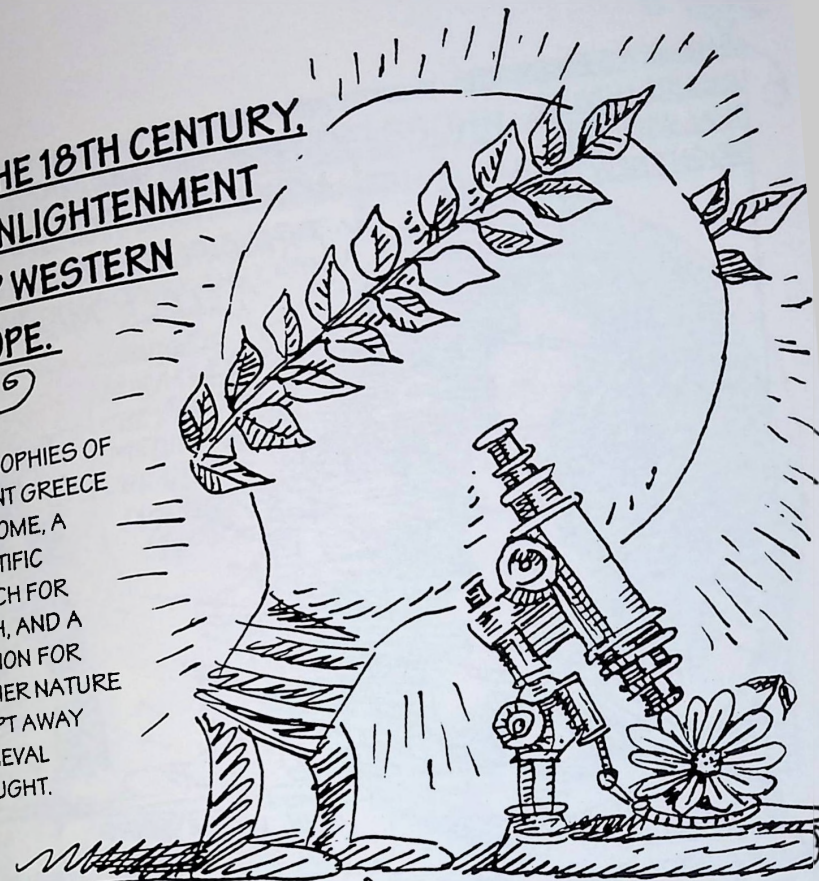
THE GREAT TALMUDIC SCHOLAR, THE GAON OF
VILNA, LITHUANIA, CONDEMNED HASIDISM.



BUT HASIDISM KEPT GROWING IN THE
CLOSED OFF WORLD OF EASTERN EUROPE—AS
THE JEWISH ENLIGHTENMENT MADE ITS
APPEARANCE IN WESTERN EUROPE.

IN THE 18TH CENTURY,
THE ENLIGHTENMENT
LIT UP WESTERN
EUROPE.

THE
PHILOSOPHIES OF
ANCIENT GREECE
AND ROME, A
SCIENTIFIC
SEARCH FOR
TRUTH, AND A
PASSION FOR
MOTHER NATURE
SWEEP AWAY
MIEVEAL
THOUGHT.



IDEAS OF INDIVIDUAL EQUALITY
REPLACED RULE BY DIVINE
RIGHT. FOR THE JEWS, EQUALITY
HAD A FAMILIAR RING.

IN THE 1700'S,
THESE IDEAS STARTED
TO BREAK DOWN THE
GHETTO WALLS. THE
JEWS, PHYSICALLY
AND EMOTIONALLY
TRAPPED INSIDE,



THE JEWS EMERGED
UNSURE HOW TO
DEAL WITH THE
BRIGHT NEW LIGHT

THEY SAY THE UNIVERSE
NOW WORKS BY SCIENTIFIC
PRINCIPLES, THAT GOD IS
A CLOCK MAKER.

IN POSITION TO
HELP SMOOTH THEIR
WAY WERE THE
COURT OR SALON
JEWS OF AUSTRIA
AND GERMANY. AS
MERCHANTS AND
ADVISORS TO
PRINCES, THESE
TALENTED AND
SOPHISTICATED
FAMILIES HAD MADE
THEIR WAY INTO
CHRISTIAN HIGH
SOCIETY.

UH, WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO WORK
ON YOUR IMAGE.

A SALON JEW WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING THE
JEWS ADJUST WAS **MOSES MENDELSSOHN**, AN ODD-
LOOKING LITTLE MAN, BORN IN 1729. MOSES HAD TALKED HIS
WAY INTO BERLIN WHERE HE BECAME AN
IMPORTANT PHILOSOPHER AND CRITIC.

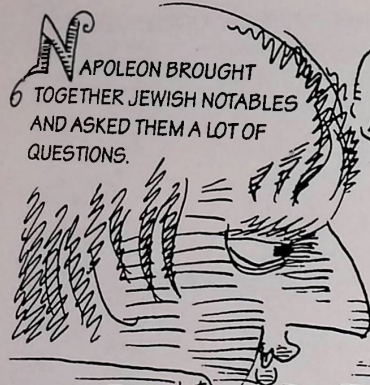
FORGET
MIRACLES-
THEY'RE TOO
MEDIEVAL.
JUDAISM
IS ABOUT
LAWS.

MENDELSSOHN
TRIED TO EXPLAIN
JUDAISM TO THE
GERMANS AND THE
ENLIGHTENMENT TO
THE JEWS.

HE SAID WE
CAN KEEP OUR
JEWISH
TRADITIONS
IF WE'RE NOT
TOO OBVIOUS
ABOUT IT.

BUT FOR MANY
GERMANS, JEWS
WERE STRANGE
AND SCARY.

DEVILISH
PEOPLE.



NAPOLEON BROUGHT TOGETHER JEWISH NOTABLES AND ASKED THEM A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

DO JEWS PERMIT DIVORCE?

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF FRENCH?

WHAT POLICE POWERS DO RABBIS HAVE?

BASED ON THEIR ANSWERS, NAPOLEON ANNOUNCED THAT JEWS WERE CITIZENS LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

SO THE JEWS OFFICIALLY ENTERED THE MODERN WORLD.

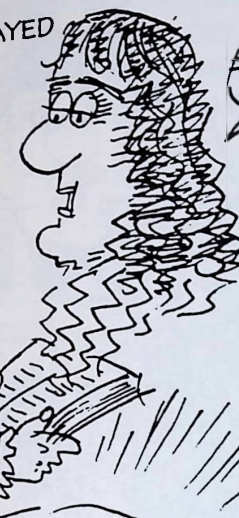


JUDAISM ISN'T SUBVERSIVE. IT'S JUST ANOTHER RELIGION.

THOUGH MENDELSSOHN HAD HELPED, IT WAS A DUTCH JEW, BARUCH SPINOZA, BORN IN 1632, BUT NOT FULLY APPRECIATED UNTIL THE 1800S, WHO SHOWED THE JEWS HOW TO TAKE THEIR JUDAISM WITH THEM.



IF MENDELSSOHN PORTRAYED JEWS AS LIVING IN TWO WORLDS, BARUCH SPINOZA EXPLAINED HOW REASON AND GOD MIGHT LIVE TOGETHER.



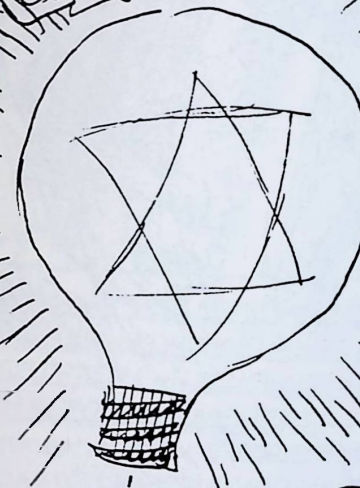
THE BIBLE IS A PRODUCT OF THE IMAGINATION.

GOD IS PROVABLE THROUGH GEOMETRY.

GOD AND NATURE ARE THE SAME.

JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS, SCIENTISTS, AND ARTISTS OF WESTERN EUROPE JOINED THE MODERN WORLD BY EMBRACING THE ENLIGHTENMENT. THEIR AESTHETIC AND LITERARY WORKS CREATED A JEWISH ENLIGHTENMENT STYLE CALLED THE

HASKALAH
(WESTERN STYLE)



NOT THIS TIME!

AN ALLIANCE OF REGRESSIVE EUROPEAN RULERS HALTED NAPOLEON AT WATERLOO IN 1815. THEY TRIED TO DRAG EUROPE INTO THE PAST AND SHOVE THE JEWS BACK INTO GHETTOS.



SOME JEWS AVOIDED THE ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE. THE ROTHSCHILD BANKING FAMILY GREW STRONG FINANCING FIRST NAPOLEON AND THEN THE HOLY ALLIANCE.

SOON WE'LL ALSO FUND JEWISH AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS IN PALESTINE.



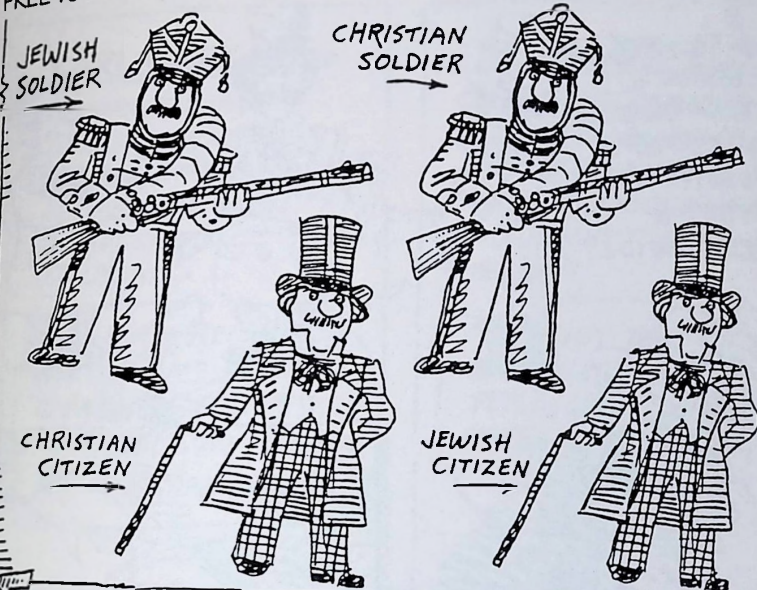
THE COMMON PEOPLE OF EUROPE WEREN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP THE IDEALS OF EQUALITY AND NATIONALISM AND GO BACK TO FEUDAL TIMES. BY 1848, ALL OF EUROPE WAS AFLAME WITH REVOLUTION.

A JEWISH ROLE MODEL OF PROTEST AGAINST POLITICAL OPPRESSION WAS THE ACERBIC POET, HEINRICH HEINE.



I DO NOT TRUST THESE PRUSSIAN... PIETISTIC HEROES OF THE SPIC AND SPAN UNIFORM, WITH THEIR... CORPORAL'S CLUBS DIPPED INTO HOLY WATER.

DURING THE 1800s, IN WESTERN EUROPE, JEWS FOUGHT ALONGSIDE CHRISTIANS TO DEFEAT THE AUTOCRATIC HOLY ALLIANCE. AS THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OPENED THEIR DOORS, JEWS WERE FREE TO BECOME SECULAR CITIZENS OF THE MODERN WORLD.



THE JEWS OF THE HASKALAH WERE ESPECIALLY DRAWN TO THE GERMAN LOVE FOR CULTURE AND SCHOLARLY DISCIPLINE. TO BLEND INTO GERMAN SOCIETY, THEY SANITIZED THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS SERVICES. IT WAS THE RISE OF THE JEWISH REFORM MOVEMENT.



IN THE 1800s, INDUSTRY BOOMED, MATERIALISM INCREASED, INTERNATIONAL BANKING GREW, AND A HUGE WORKING CLASS WAS CREATED. **FOR THE JEWS, IT WAS A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY.**

JEWS WERE INFLUENTIAL IN INTERNATIONALIZING FINANCE. (PEOPLE HAD NEVER BEFORE INVESTED IN FOREIGN CAPITAL.)



JEWS WERE AMONG THE ORGANIZERS HELPING LABORING PEOPLE STAND UP TO FACTORY OWNERS INTERESTED ONLY IN PROFIT.



SOME GERMAN JEWS SAILED FOR THE UNITED STATES AND JOINED THE PIONEER MOVE WEST. THEIR PACKS WOULD GROW INTO WAGONS AND THEIR WAGONS INTO DEPARTMENT STORES.

WASKALAH THINKERS DEVELOPED PHILOSOPHIES BASED ON THE IDEAS OF FREEDOM, RATIONALISM, AND SCIENCE. TWO IMPORTANT THINKERS WERE KARL MARX AND SIGMUND FREUD.

KARL MARX, BORN IN

GERMANY IN 1818 OF A LONG LINE OF RABBIS. HE EVOLVED A THEORY WHICH REPLACED CAPITALISM WITH WORKERS' COLLECTIVISM.

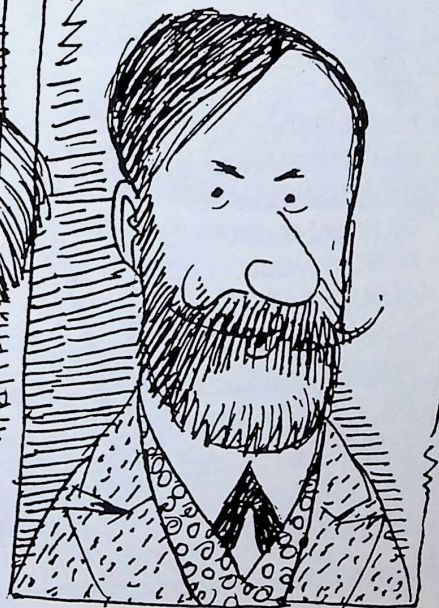
FORGET RELIGION. WHAT DRIVES HISTORY IS **MONEY**. GET RID OF PROFIT AND YOU GET RID OF HUMAN MISERY.



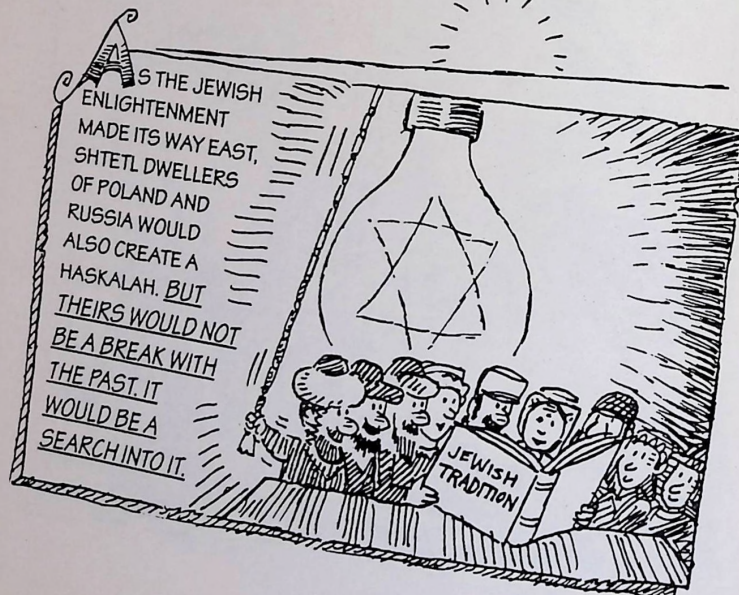
SIGMUND FREUD,

BORN IN AUSTRIA IN 1856, DEVELOPED A SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY THAT FOCUSED ON THE UNCONSCIOUS AS A MOTIVATION FOR HUMAN BEHAVIOR.

FORGET THE SUPERNATURAL AND PHILOSOPHY. WHAT DRIVES HUMANKIND IS **SEX!**



IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND GERMANY, JEWS DID GROUNDBREAKING WORK IN EVERY AREA OF MATHEMATICS, THE SCIENCES, AND ESPECIALLY MEDICINE. THEY PIONEERED THE IDEA OF THE EXISTENCE OF MICROSCOPIC CARRIERS OF DISEASE.



BACK IN THE LATE 1700s, RUSSIA WAS RULED BY CATHERINE THE GREAT. ALONG WITH HER POLISH LAND GRAB, SHE ACQUIRED A HUGE NUMBER OF JEWS. SHE BANISHED THEM TO AN AREA OF POLAND, LITHUANIA, AND THE UKRAINE CALLED **THE PALE OF SETTLEMENT.**



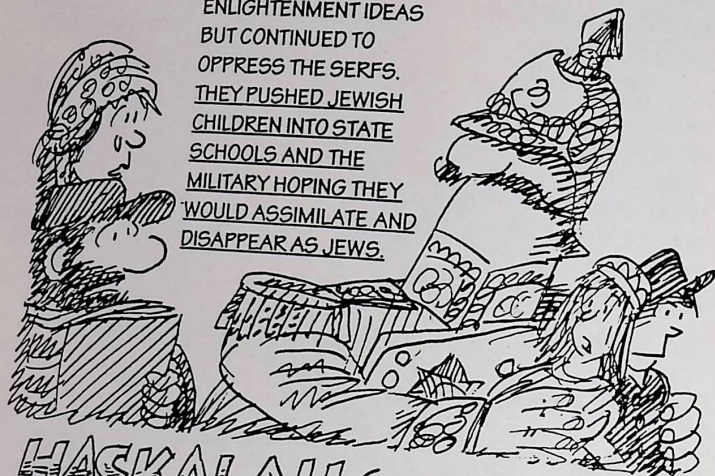
THE JEWS ISOLATED IN THEIR RURAL SHTETLS REMAINED STUCK IN THEIR CULTURAL PAST.



IN 1812, NAPOLEON BONAPARTE INVADIED RUSSIA, INTRODUCED THE IDEA OF REVOLUTION, AND ALMOST FROZE TO DEATH.



THE CZARS PRETENDED TO BE OPEN TO ENLIGHTENMENT IDEAS BUT CONTINUED TO OPPRESS THE SERFS. THEY PUSHED JEWISH CHILDREN INTO STATE SCHOOLS AND THE MILITARY HOPING THEY WOULD ASSIMILATE AND DISAPPEAR AS JEWS.



HASKALAH (EASTERN STYLE)

CZAR ALEXANDER II INTRODUCED A BRIEF PERIOD OF REFORM TO RUSSIA AND, IN 1861, FREED THE SERFS. YOUNG JEWS, INFLUENCED BY WESTERN IDEAS, REBELLED AGAINST THEIR RIGID SHTETL LIFE AND JOINED A RUSSIAN ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL WORLD.



THESE EASTERN JEWISH WRITERS AND POETS BEGAN TO WRITE TALES OF THE JEWISH CONDITION FULL OF HUMOR, PASSION, AND WARMTH. THEY CHANGED THE IMAGE OF JEWS FROM ODD, ROBED MYSTICS TO ENERGETIC MUSCLE-AND-BLOOD PEOPLE.



THEY DEVELOPED TWO LITERATURES. IN HEBREW, THEY WROTE OF JEWISH RENEWAL AND LONGING FOR THE LAND OF ABRAHAM. THEY EXCITED JEWS WITH STORIES OF **SOCIAL REBELLION, PHYSICAL LABOR, AND POLITICAL NATIONALISM.**



THE OTHER LANGUAGE WAS YIDDISH, THE FOLK LANGUAGE PIECED TOGETHER BY EARLIER JEWS AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY ACROSS EUROPE. HASKALAH YIDDISH WRITING ALLOWED JEWS TO LAUGH AT THEMSELVES AND TOLD THEM IT WAS OKAY WITH GOD IF THEY LEFT THE SHTETL.



ONE OF THE WRITERS WAS **SHOLEM ALEICHEM**

WHOSE WORK CELEBRATED THE SADNESS, IRONY, ZANINESS, AND HOPE OF THE SHTETL WORLD. HE INVENTED TEVYE, THE ANTI-HEROIC JEWISH HERO, WHO CRITICIZED AND LOVED GOD.



MEANWHILE, RUSSIA WAS FULL OF OPPRESSED PEASANTS AND FACTORY WORKERS, REBELLIOUS MINORITIES, GREEDY OFFICIALS, AND DEADLY SECRET POLICE. IN 1881, SOMEONE BLEW UP CZAR ALEXANDER II. THE RUSSIAN ENLIGHTENMENT WAS OVER.

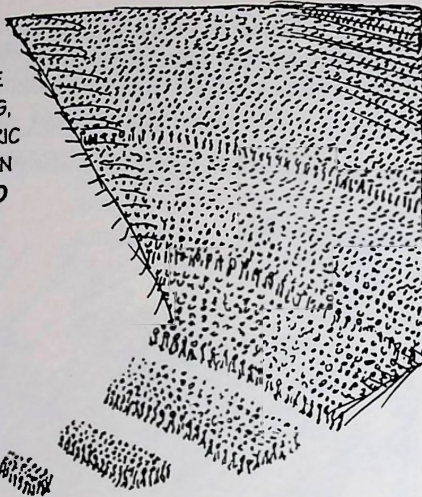


DISCOURAGED YOUNG JEWS JOINED OTHER DESPERATE RUSSIANS THREATENING VIOLENCE AGAINST THE STATE. THE GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTED TO DISTRACT THE PEOPLE BY BLAMING THE JEWS. THEY INSTIGATED BLOODY ATTACKS, CALLED **POGROMS**,

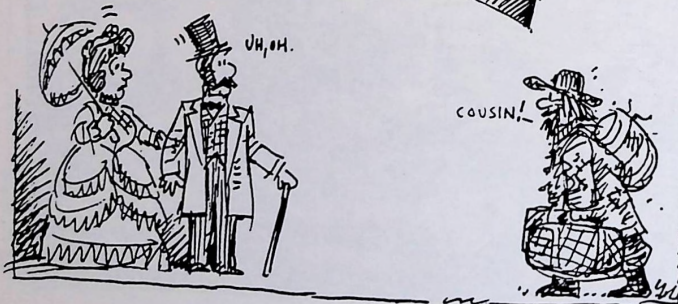


AGAINST THEM.

STARTING IN 1881, WITH RUSSIA MOVING TOWARD REVOLUTION, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THEM INCREASING, JEWS BEGAN THEIR HISTORIC MIGRATION OUT OF EASTERN EUROPE. **MOST CARRIED DREAMS OF THE U.S. AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY WEST ACROSS EUROPE.**



BUT, IT WAS AMONG THE JEWS OF WESTERN EUROPE, ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES IN THE SECULAR WORLD, THAT THE IDEA OF A **JEWISH NATIONALISM** WOULD TAKE HOLD.



11.

TRAVEL PLANS

(ZION)
1800 - 1900

IN THE 1800'S, WESTERN
EUROPEAN JEWS BELIEVED THE
ENLIGHTENMENT WAS THEIR
TICKET TO **EQUALITY IN
THE MODERN AGE.**

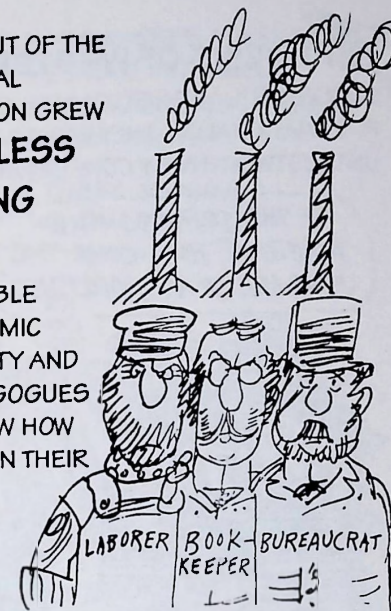


EUROPE HAD
BECOME A LAND OF
NEW BORDERS, NEW
NATIONALITIES, AND
PEOPLE **SUSPICIOUS
OF OUTSIDERS.**

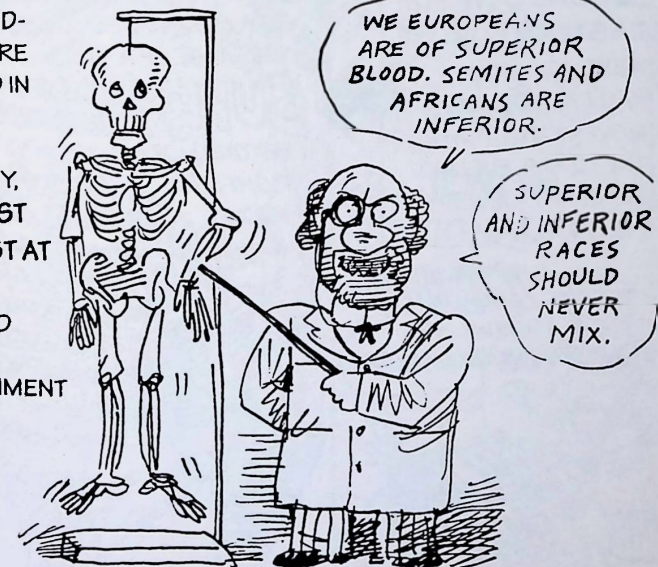


AND OUT OF THE
INDUSTRIAL
REVOLUTION GREW
A **ROOTLESS
WORKING
CLASS,**

VULNERABLE
TO ECONOMIC
INSTABILITY AND
TO DEMAGOGUES
WHO KNEW HOW
TO PLAY ON THEIR
FEARS.



IN THE MID-
1800s, THERE
DEVELOPED IN
EUROPE A
PSEUDO-
PHILOSOPHY,
NATIONALIST
AND RACIST AT
ITS CORE,
PRESENTED
AS GOOD
ENLIGHTENMENT
SCIENCE.



THE JEWS OF WESTERN EUROPE WERE BECOMING SUCCESSFUL AND INFLUENTIAL. OFTEN LIBERAL AND INTERNATIONALIST, THEY WERE TARGETED AS UNTRUSTWORTHY BY CONSERVATIVE LEADERS.

IF THE SEMITES ARE INFERIOR, HOW COME THE JEWS ARE SO ACCOMPLISHED?

BECAUSE THEY CHEAT!

YOUNG JEWS OF EASTERN EUROPE

WERE JOINING RADICAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENTS FIGHTING THE CZARS, FUELING MORE ANTI-JEWISH FEELINGS.

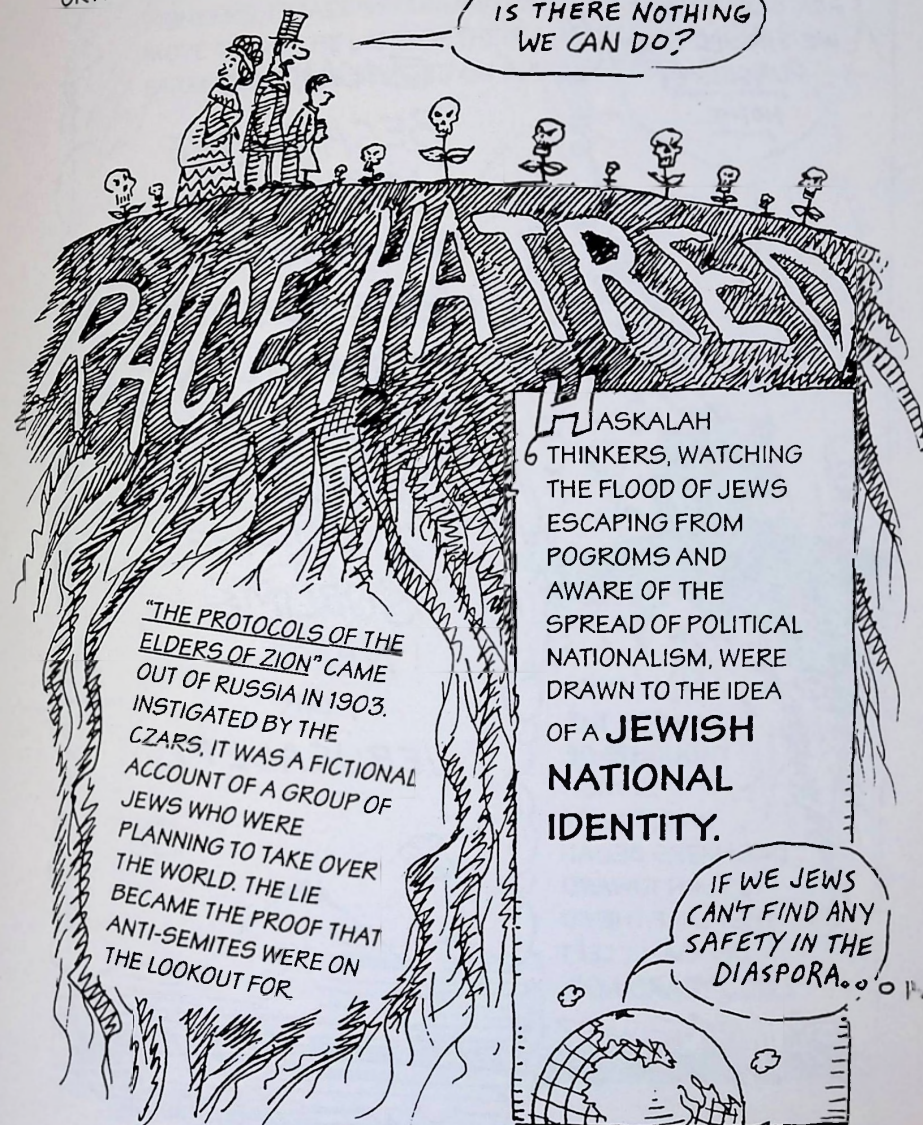
CAPITALIST OR COMMUNIST, JEWS ARE TROUBLEMAKERS.

SOME PEOPLE BEGAN TO BLEND THE IDEA OF RACIAL SUPERIORITY WITH THE IMAGE OF A EUROPEAN

SUPERMAN WHO WAS BEYOND MORAL RIGHT AND WRONG.

HATRED OF ENTIRE GROUPS OF PEOPLE—MINORITIES, FOREIGNERS, OUTSIDERS—WAS TAKING ROOT ACROSS EUROPE. PROMINENT AMONG THEM WERE THE JEWS. CAPITALIST OR COMMUNIST, SECULAR OR RELIGIOUS, EVERY JEW WAS NOW TAINTED AT BIRTH.

IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO?



HASKALAH THINKERS, WATCHING THE FLOOD OF JEWS ESCAPING FROM POGROMS AND AWARE OF THE SPREAD OF POLITICAL NATIONALISM, WERE DRAWN TO THE IDEA OF A **JEWISH NATIONAL IDENTITY**.

"THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION" CAME OUT OF RUSSIA IN 1903. INSTIGATED BY THE CZARS, IT WAS A FICTIONAL ACCOUNT OF A GROUP OF JEWS WHO WERE PLANNING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD. THE LIE BECAME THE PROOF THAT ANTI-SEMITES WERE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR

IF WE JEWS CAN'T FIND ANY SAFETY IN THE DIASPORA...

→ MAYBE WE
SHOULDN'T WAIT
FOR GOD. MAYBE
WE SHOULD TAKE
OURSELVES
HOME.

ALL OVER
EUROPE, THE
THOUGHTS OF
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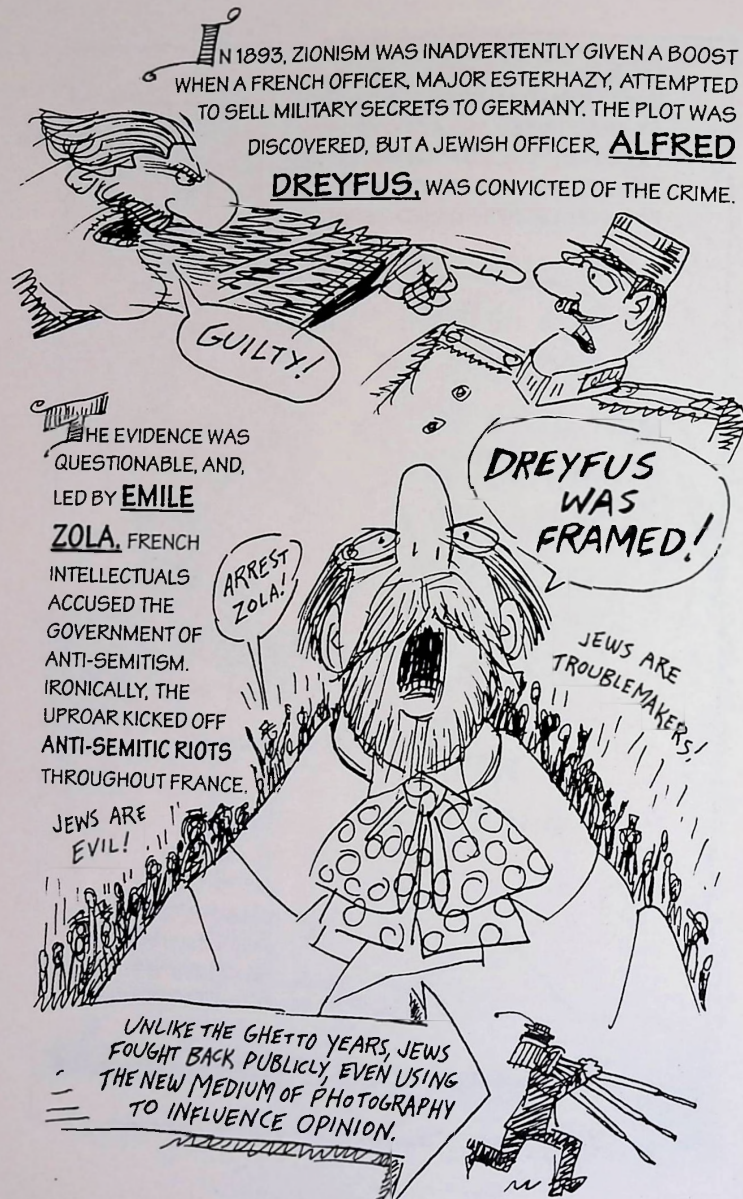
PALESTINE.

ZIONISM
BECAME THE
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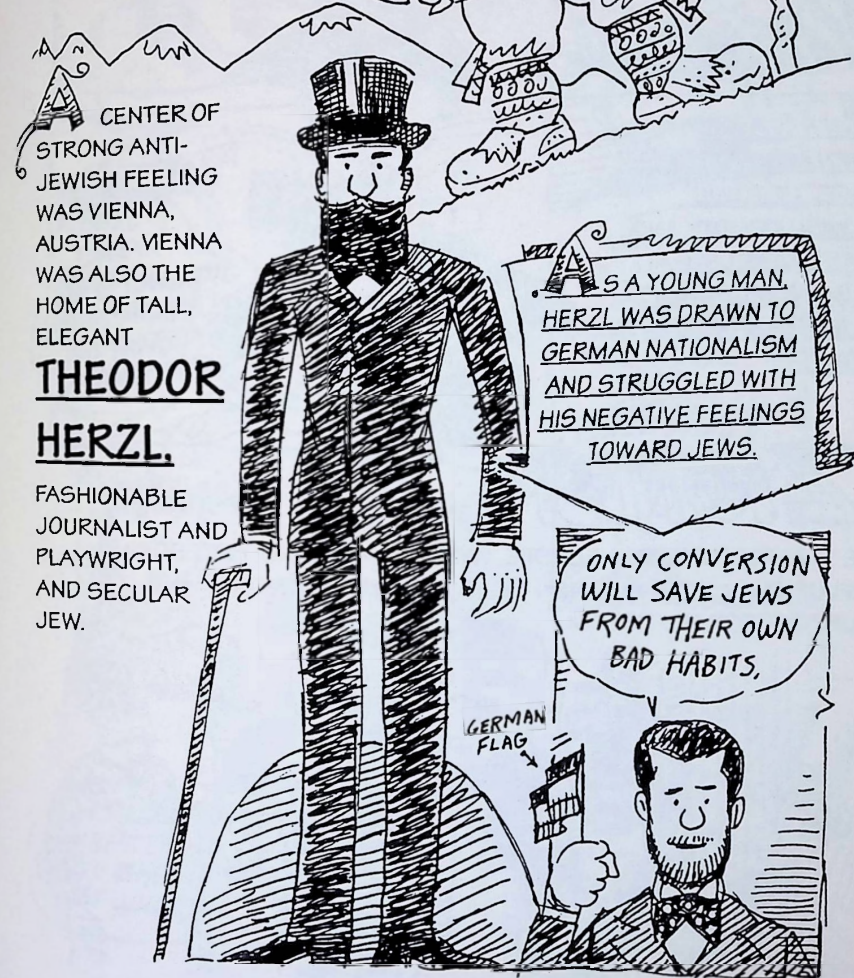
OTTOMAN PALESTINE WAS A POOR LAND INHABITED
BY ARAB TRIBES AND A FEW RELIGIOUS JEWS. SHTETL
PIONEERS, ISRAEL'S FOUNDING FATHERS, BEGAN A
MOVE TO THE THE LAND OF THEIR ANCESTORS TO BUILD
FARM COLLECTIVES BASED ON SOCIALIST IDEALS.

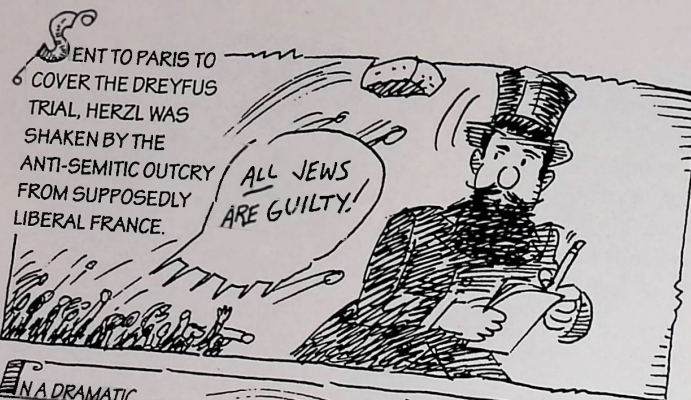


IN 1893, ZIONISM WAS INADVERTENTLY GIVEN A BOOST WHEN A FRENCH OFFICER, MAJOR ESTERHAZY, ATTEMPTED TO SELL MILITARY SECRETS TO GERMANY. THE PLOT WAS DISCOVERED, BUT A JEWISH OFFICER, **ALFRED DREYFUS**, WAS CONVICTED OF THE CRIME.



ANTI-SEMITISM WAS BECOMING ACCEPTABLE IN EUROPEAN SOCIETY. GERMANY, ESPECIALLY, SAW JEWS AS BIG CITY CONSPIRATORS COME TO INFECT THEIR PROUD "FOLK" CULTURE.





ZIONISM

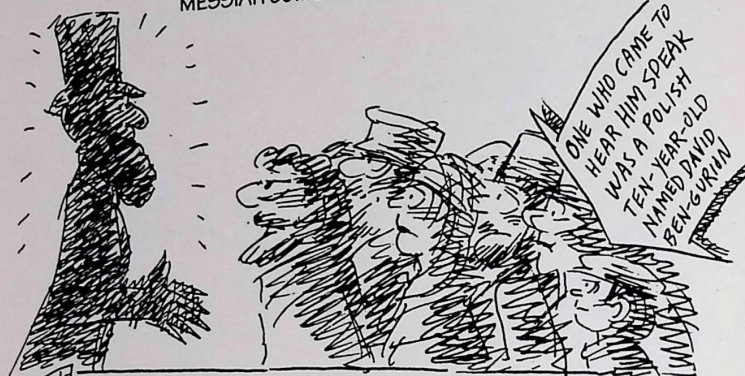
BECAME HERZL'S OBSESSION. HE TRAVELED ACROSS EUROPE, WRITING, SPEAKING, PRESSURING INFLUENTIAL JEWS AND NON-JEWS, LOOKING FOR MONEY AND SUPPORT FOR HIS DREAM.



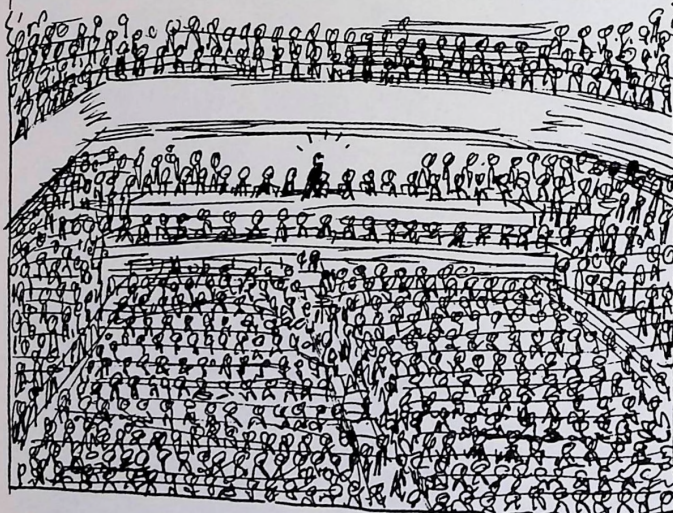
HERZL QUICKLY LEARNED WHAT MOST POWERFUL AND INTELLECTUAL, RELIGIOUS AND NON-RELIGIOUS, WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWS AND NON-JEWS THOUGHT OF HIS IDEA.



HERZL FOUND HIS COMMITMENT AMONG THE POOR SHETEL DWELLERS, STUDENTS, AND SEPHARDIM, WHO SAW HIM AS A KIND OF MESSIAH COME TO LEAD THEM TO A BETTER WORLD.

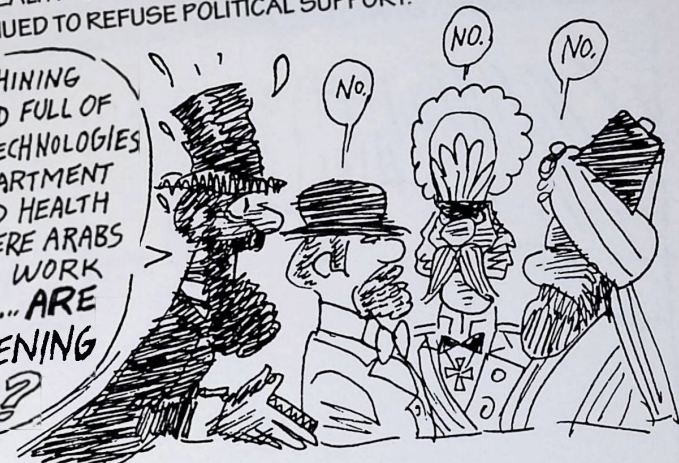


IN 1897, HERZL ORGANIZED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWS. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND STARTED THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION. HERZL WAS NOW AT THE HEAD OF A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT DEVOTED TO THE CREATION OF A JEWISH HOMELAND.



HERZL KEPT FLATTERING, BLUFFING, AND CAJOLING THOSE IN POWER. BUT WEALTHY JEWS, HEADS OF STATE, AND THE TURKISH SULTAN CONTINUED TO REFUSE POLITICAL SUPPORT.

I SEE A SHINING NEW WORLD FULL OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES WITH DEPARTMENT STORES AND HEALTH CLUBS, WHERE ARABS AND JEWS WORK TOGETHER... ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?



HERZL DIED AT 44, IN 1904. HIS HEALTH WAS BROKEN, HIS MOVEMENT STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE.

WHICH LANGUAGE WOULD WE SPEAK IN?



WILL WE BE A POLITICAL STATE OR A CULTURE WITHIN AN ARAB STATE?



I DON'T SEE WHY PALESTINE WAS BETTER THAN CYPRUS OR UGANDA.



IN WESTERN EUROPE, THE WORST OF ANTI-SEMITISM SEEMED OVER. JEWS WERE BUSY, MANY IN AVANT-GARDE THEATER AND MUSIC. ZIONISM DIDN'T SEEM SO IMPORTANT.



BUT, DEDICATED ZIONISTS WERE NOT WAITING AROUND. THEY WERE PRIVATELY BUYING UP LAND FROM ARAB LANDHOLDERS AND TURNING THEMSELVES INTO FARMERS IN THE HILLS OF PALESTINE.

