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## Purchase *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews*

### About "Civil Rights"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"A special and unique relationship to Jews"

When we were working in Chicago, we had numerous rent strikes on the West Side, and it was unfortunately true that, in most instances, the persons we had to conduct these strikes against were Jewish landlords. There was a time when the West Side of Chicago was a Jewish ghetto, and when the Jewish community started moving out into other areas, they still owned the property there, and all of the problems of the landlord came into being.

We were living in a slum apartment owned by a Jew and a number of others, and we had to have a rent strike. We were paying \$94 for four run-down, shabby rooms, and we would go out on our open housing marches on Gage Park and other places and we discovered that whites with five sanitary, nice, new rooms, apartments with five rooms, were paying only \$78 a month. We were paying 20 percent tax.

The Negro ends up paying a color tax, and this has happened in instances where Negroes actually confronted Jews as the landlord or the storekeeper. The irrational statements that have been made are the result of these confrontations.

Clayborne Carson, ed., *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (New York: Warner Books, 1998), p. 309.



## Black Slavery

Rabbi Marc Lee Raphael

"Jews also took an active part in the Dutch colonial slave trade; indeed, the bylaws of the Recife and Mauricia congregations (1648) included an imposta (Jewish tax) of five soldos for each Negro slave a Brazilian Jew purchased from the West Indies Company. Slave auctions were postponed if they fell on a Jewish holiday. In Curacao in the seventeenth century, as well as in the British colonies of Barbados and Jamaica in the eighteenth century, Jewish merchants played a major role in the slave trade. In fact, in all the American colonies, whether French



<p>founder of Reform Judaism</p> <p>Bertram W. Korn</p> <p>Morris J. Raphall</p> <p>Jesus Christ</p> <p>Notables</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <p>Andrew Goodman</p> <p>Julius Kahn</p> <p>William Lloyd Garrison</p> <p>Major Manuel Mordecai Noah</p> <p>Adolf Hitler</p> <p>Malcolm X</p> <p>Selwyn Cudjoe</p> <p>Home Page B&amp;J.com</p> <p>Blacks and Jews FAQ</p> <p>Audio</p> <p>Photo History</p> <p>Black-Jewish Quotes &amp; Facts</p> <p>Min. Farrakhan &amp; the Jews</p> <p>Jews &amp; the Black Holocaust</p> <p>Jews in the Sugar Trade</p> <p>List of Jews in Black Slavery</p> <p>Prof. Tony Martin's Jewish Onslaught</p> <p>Contact</p>	<p>(Martinique), British, or Dutch, Jewish merchants frequently dominated.</p> <p><i>"This was no less true on the North American mainland, where during the eighteenth century Jews participated in the 'triangular trade' that brought slaves from Africa to the West Indies and there exchanged them for molasses, which in turn was taken to New England and converted into rum for sale in Africa. Isaac Da Costa of Charleston in the 1750's, David Franks of Philadelphia in the 1760's, and Aaron Lopez of Newport in the late 1760's and early 1770's dominated Jewish slave trading on the American continent."</i></p> <p>Rabbi Dr. Marc Lee Raphael is the editor (since 1988) of <i>American Jewish History</i>, the journal of the American Jewish Historical Society at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. He has been Rabbi of Bet Aviv in Columbia, MD since 1998. He is also the Nathan and Sophia Gumenick Professor of Judaic Studies, Professor of Religious Studies and Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at The College of William and Mary.</p> <p><b>Dr. Ira Rosenwaike</b></p> <p>"In Charleston, Richmond and Savannah the large majority (over three-fourths) of the Jewish households contained one or more slaves; in Baltimore, only one out of three households were slaveholding; in New York, one out of eighteen....Among the slaveholding households the median number of slaves owned ranged from five in Savannah to one in New York." "The Jewish Population in 1820," in Abraham J. Karp, ed., <i>The Jewish Experience in America: Selected Studies from the Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society</i> (Waltham, Massachusetts, 1969, 3 volumes), volume 2, pp. 2, 17, 19.</p> <p><b>Dr. Cecil Roth</b></p> <p>"The Jews of the Joden Savanne [Surinam] were also foremost in the suppression of the successive negro revolts, from 1690 to 1722: these as a matter of fact were largely directed against them, as being the greatest slave-holders of the region."</p> <p><i>History of the Marranos</i> (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1932), p. 292.</p> <p><b>Dr. Abraham J. Peck, American Jewish Archives</b></p> <p>"The first two centuries of the Black-Jewish encounter in America were highlighted by a fairly extensive record of Jewish slave-holding. Indeed, during the colonial period, in the small Jewish community of the time, almost every Jewish household of any form, North or South, possessed at least one slave."</p> <p>From the exhibit "Blacks and Jews: The American Experience: 1654-1992," presented by Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, the American Jewish Archives, and the America Jewish Committee.</p> <p><b>Jacob Rader Marcus</b></p> <p>"All through the eighteenth century, into the early nineteenth, Jews in the North were to own black servants; in the South, the few plantations owned by Jews were tilled with slave labor. In 1820, over 75 percent of all Jewish families in Charleston, Richmond, and Savannah</p>
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owned slaves, employed as domestic servants; almost 40 percent of all Jewish householders in the United States owned one slave or more. There were no protests against slavery as such by Jews in the South, where they were always outnumbered at least 100 to 1....But very few Jews anywhere in the United States protested against chattel slavery on moral grounds." United States Jewry, 1776-1985 (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1989), p. 586.

Marcus describes the mockery of the Indian by Hyam Myer's "Wild West Show" in his book, *The Colonial*

American Jew:

*"[Myer sought] formal permission to exhibit some Mohawks in Europe. Myers sailed with the Indians before the proper certificate was forthcoming from the Indian Commissioner, and had already begun to parade them in Holland and in the taverns of London when the Lords of Trade urged Lieutenant-Governor Cadwallader Colden in New York to have Johnson put an end to the undertaking. From all indications Myers made no money on his grand European tour, for he ended up owing the Indians money - or refusing to pay them. Then, as now, there was "no business like show business!"*

**Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise**

the leader of the American Reform Jews, wrote of the California Indians:

*"...though not total savages, [they] are very primitive and ignorant....[They do] nothing besides loafing and begging....They catch trout in the river, and then sell them to buy ammunition, shoot rabbits, birds, eat various roots and wild plants, also snakes, frogs, dogs, cats, and rats, and say, 'We work no.' In conversation with several of them I found that they have no particular home and are heathens."*



**Rep. Julius Kahn**

In turn-of-the-century San Francisco the 12-term Congressman Julius Kahn was a Jew who was affiliated with Temple Emanu El. "The oath to the Japanese," he said, "would be but a hollow mockery, an empty formality signifying nothing. We do not want that kind of citizenship, and we do not intend to have it, if we can prevent it." He spoke vehemently against Japanese immigration and naturalization even as Jews pushed mightily for Eastern European immigration. The early 1900 saw passage of the Chinese Exclusion Acts which were enthusiastically supported by Kahn and his constituents. He was such an advocate that the Acts were called the Kahn Exclusion Acts.

***The American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society Report of 1853***

*"The Jews of the United States have never taken any steps whatever with regard to the slavery question. As citizens, they deem it their policy to have every one choose which ever side he may deem best to promote his own interests and the welfare of his country. They have no organization of an ecclesiastical body to represent their general views; no General Assembly, or its equivalent. The American Jews have two newspapers, but they do not interfere in any discussion which is not material to their religion. It cannot be said that the Jews have formed any denominational opinion on the subject of American slavery....The objects of so much mean prejudice and unrighteous oppression as the Jews have been for ages,*

surely they, it would seem, more than any other denomination, ought to be the enemies of caste, and friends of universal freedom."

## Rabbi Bertram W. Korn

"It would seem to be realistic to conclude that any Jew who could afford to own slaves and had need for their services would do so....Jews participated in every aspect and process of the exploitation of the defenseless blacks."

From "Jews and Negro Slavery in the Old South, 1789-1865," Dr. Korn is a rabbi, historian with degrees from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati.

## Dr. Louis Epstein, author of *Sex Laws and Customs in Judaism*:



*"The female slave was a sex tool beneath the level of moral considerations. She was an economic good, useful, in addition to her menial labor, for breeding more slaves. To attain that purpose, the master mated her promiscuously according to his breeding plans. The master himself and his sons and other members of his household took turns with her for the increase of the family wealth, as well as for satisfaction of their extra-marital sex desires. Guests and neighbors too were invited to that luxury."*

## Dr. Seymour B. Lieberman

*"They came with ships carrying African blacks to be sold as slaves. The traffic in slaves was a royal monopoly, and the Jews were often appointed as agents for the Crown in their sale....[They] were the largest ship chandlers in the entire Caribbean region, where the shipping business was mainly a Jewish enterprise....The ships were not only owned by Jews, but were manned by Jewish crews and sailed under the command of Jewish captains."*

*New World Jewry 1493-1825: Requiem for the Forgotten* (KTAV, New York, 1982), pp. 170, 183. [Lieberman is an attorney; LL.B., St. Lawrence University, 1929; M.A. (Latin American history), Mexico City College, 1963; Florida chapter American Jewish Historical Society, 1956-58; Friends of Hebrew University, 1958-59; American Historical Society Contributor to scholarly journals on Jewish history.

## Dr. Herbert I. Bloom

*"The Christian inhabitants [of Brazil] were envious because the Jews owned some of the best plantations in the river valley of Pernambuco and were among the leading slave-holders and slave traders in the colony."*  
*"Slave trade [sic] was one of the most important Jewish activities here [in Surinam] as elsewhere in the colonies."*2

1. , "A Study of Brazilian Jewish History 1623-1654, Based Chiefly Upon the Findings of the Late Samuel Oppenheim," Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society, vol. 33 (1934), p. 63.

2. The Economic Activities of the Jews of Amsterdam in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (Port Washington, New York/London: Kennikat Press, 1937), p. 159.

[Bloom is a rabbi with degrees from Columbia University, Jewish Institute of Religion]

## Dr. Arnold Wiznitzer

*"The West India Company, which monopolized imports of slaves from Africa, sold slaves at public auctions against cash payment. It happened that cash was mostly in the hands of Jews. The buyers who appeared at the auctions were almost always Jews, and because of this lack of competitors they could buy slaves at low prices. On the other hand, there also was no*

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competition in the selling of the slaves to the plantation owners and other buyers, and most of them purchased on credit payable at the next harvest in sugar. Profits up to 300 percent of the purchase value were often realized with high interest rates....If it happened that the date of such an auction fell on a Jewish holiday the auction had to be postponed. This occurred on Friday, October 21, 1644."

*Jews in Colonial Brazil* (1960), pp. 72-3; [Note: Wiznitzer, Arnold Aharon, educator; Born in Austria, December 20, 1899; Ph.D., University of Vienna, 1920; Doctor of Hebrew Literature, Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Emeritus research professor, University of Judaism, Los Angeles; Contributor to historical journals in the United States and Brazil including the *Journal of Jewish Social Studies* and the *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society*. Former president, Brazilian-Jewish Institute of Historical Research.]

## Rabbi Morris Raphall

*"[I]t remains a fact which cannot be gainsaid that in his own native home, and generally throughout the world, the unfortunate negro is indeed the meanest of slaves. Much had been said respecting the inferiority of his intellectual powers, and that no man of his race has ever inscribed his name on the Parthenon of human excellence, either mental or moral."*



## Jews in the South

### Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, future NAACP leader



*"The Jew is the heir of the slave-baron in Dougherty [Georgia]; and as we ride westward, by wide stretching cornfields and stubby orchards of peach and pear, we see on all sides within the circle of dark forest a Land of Canaan. Here and there are tales of projects for moneygetting, born in the swift days of Reconstruction 'improvement' companies, wine companies, mills and factories; nearly all failed, and the Jew fell heir."*

*The Souls of Black Folk* (1903) note: When DuBois tried to republish the book in 1953, he succumbed to pressure to replace the word "Jew" with "foreigner."

## Jewish Racism

### Rabbi Moses Maimonides

The *Encyclopedia of the Jewish Religion* refers to Moses Maimonides as "the symbol of the pure and orthodox faith." His *Guide to the Perplexed* is considered the greatest work of Jewish religious philosophy, but his view of Blacks was Hitlerian:

*"[T]he Negroes found in the remote South, and those who resemble them from among them that are with us in these climes. The status of those is like that of irrational animals. To my mind they do not have the rank of men, but have among the beings a rank lower than the rank of man but higher than the rank of apes. For they have the external shape and lineaments of a man and a faculty of discernment that is superior to that of the apes."*



*"We know not how to speak in the same breath of the Negro and the Israelite. The very names have startlingly opposite sounds one representing all that is debased and inferior in the hopeless barbarity and heathenism of six thousand years the other, the days when Jehovah conferred on our fathers the glorious equality which led the Eternal to converse with them, and allow them to enjoy the communion of angels. Thus the abandoned fanatics insult the choice of God himself, in endeavoring to reverse the inferiority which he stamped on the African, to make him the compeer, even in bondage, of His chosen people."*

*"There is no parallel between such races. Humanity from pole to pole would scout such a comparison. The Hebrew was originally free and the charter of his liberty was inspired by his Creator. The Negro was never free and his bondage in Africa was simply duplicated in a milder form when he was imported here....The judicious in all the earth agree that to proclaim the African equal to the surrounding races, would be a farce which would lead the civilized conservatism of the world to denounce the outrage."*

**A Rabbi, 1956**

*"What our friends in the North do not fully appreciate is the fact that there is no difference between most of the Jews and their Christian neighbors in their attitudes toward the Negro. This is not a by-product of antisemitism, but an honest conviction. For these Jews desegregation presents not merely a school problem, but also a problem of the mixing of races."*

**Major Mordecai Manuel Noah (1785-1851)**

He was considered the most distinguished Jewish layman in his time. He was such a prolific proponent of slavery, that the first Black American periodical, *The Freedom's Journal*, was launched in response to Noah's racist propaganda. He actually defended slavery by calling it liberty:



*"There is liberty under the name of slavery. A field negro has his cottage, his wife, and children, his easy task, his little patch of corn and potatoes, his garden and fruit, which are his revenue and property. The house servant has handsome clothing, his luxurious meals, his admitted privacy, a kind master, and an indulgent and frequently fond mistress."*

He argued that "the bonds of society must be kept as they now are" and that "To emancipate the slaves would be to jeopardize the safety of the whole country." The *Freedom's Journal* called Noah the Black man's "bitterest enemy" and William Lloyd Garrison, the leading White abolitionist, called him the "lineal descendant of the monsters who nailed Jesus to the cross."

**Jews and Hollywood**

**Anti-Defamation League Charter**

*"For a number of years a tendency has manifested itself in American life toward the caricaturing and defaming of Jews on the stage, in moving pictures. The effect of this on the unthinking public has been to create an untrue and injurious impression of an entire people and to expose the Jew*

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Neal Gabler

Author of *An Empire of Their Own: How the  
Jews invented Hollywood:*

*"What is amazing is the extent to which they  
succeeded in promulgating this fiction  
throughout the world. By making a "shadow"*

*America, one which idealized every old glorifying bromide about the  
country, the Hollywood Jews created a powerful cluster of images and  
ideas-so powerful that, in a sense, they colonized the American  
imagination....Ultimately, American values came to be defined largely by  
the movies the Jews made."*

Dr. Lester D. Friedman

Author of *Hollywood's Image of the Jew:*

*"Today, most people associate the blackface tradition with minstrel shows,  
and more particularly with Al Jolson. In actuality, many Jewish performers  
gained early and continued success using it. Sophie Tucker was billed as the  
'World Renowned Coon Shouter' or more euphemistically as the  
'Manipulator of Coon Melodies.' Eddie Cantor played Salome in drag and  
blackface, while George Burns often toured with an even more comically  
stylized blackface than Jolson's. Later George Jessel often joined Eddie  
Cantor on stage in various blackface routines...Indeed, it is too easy to  
ignore the derogatory aspects of such activities, the unconscious racism  
accepted and nourished by such cruel parodies, by citing historical  
contexts. The undisguised elements of ridicule in such blackface portrayals  
by Jews mimicking the outlandish stereotypes of blacks now looks  
suspiciously like one group's desperate need to assert its own superiority by  
mimicking another. Such a motivation while perhaps unconscious is  
nonetheless hard to ignore."*

Rob Reiner

Film Director, on Hollywood in 1992:

*"It's all run by Jews, even Disney. That's funny,  
because Walt Disney was a terrible reactionary. If he  
found out that Jeffrey Katzenberg were running his  
company, he'd be spinning in his grave. That's a  
wonderful bit of poetic justice."*



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The REAL Anti-Defamation League

*B'nai B'rith Magazine, May, 1925, vol. 39 :*

*Darktown*

*Rastus: Whuffo' yo' 'jeculate yoself to me in dat  
onery manner?*

*Cicero: Whoffo'? Nigguh, who do yo' calkerate yo'  
is?*

*Rastus: Yo' nigguh! mah family am quality folks  
an' ahm a pusson of rank."*

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*Cicero: Huh! ah'll have yo' triflin', Rastus, to know that ah'm ranker than you is.*

"Jokes" like these appeared regularly in the B'nai B'rith Magazine even as the ADL fought this kind of defamation of Jews. In photo is ADL current "leader" Abraham "Bull" Foxman.

Andrew Goodman

*"...it is true that the white man (and by this I mean Christian civilization in general) has proved himself to be the most depraved devil imaginable in his attitudes towards the Negro race....The source and cause of this need for reaction can be attributed to white contempt and neglect. The historical contempt that the white race held for the Negroes has created a group of rootless degraded people. The current neglect of the problem can only irritate this deplorable state of affairs. The Black Muslims should constitute a warning to our society, a warning that must be heeded if we are to preserve the society. The road to freedom must be uphill, even if it is arduous and frustrating. A people must have dignity and identity. If they can't do it peacefully, they will do it defensively."*



Sherman Labovitz

*"Most Blacks seem more concerned with separatism as a means toward goals of group identity, group pride, and local control, and as an intervening stage leading to the self-respect, autonomy, and power believed to be prerequisite before meaningful integration within a truly pluralistic society can occur."*

*"In theory, these concepts are part of a philosophical commitment with which few Jews could quarrel. In fact, a persuasive argument might be presented to demonstrate how even a similar tactical approach to Jewish survival has been successfully applied and has resulted in the current positive position and status of the American Jewish community. However, Black attempts to operationalize these concepts have raised sharply the question of the degree to which Jews here and now remain committed to that philosophical stance."*

Charles Silberman

*"Negro slavery in the United States was completely unlike slavery in any other part of the globe and in any other period of history, for slavery completely severed the Negro from his past and from his culture. And make no mistake about it, Negroes did come from societies with cultures of a very high order.) This never happened to the Jews; neither slavery nor persecution destroyed our history, or religion, or our culture."*

Jews in the Black Ghetto

Long before Minister Farrakhan made any reference to this phenomenon Jack Nusan Porter, a Jewish sociologist was very clear about it in his article entitled "Mr. Goldberg and John Henry: The Relationship Between Afro-Americans and American Jews":

*"The common stereotype of Jews owning the businesses in Black ghettos is based on solid evidence, not fantasy. Jews in the East and Midwest own a disproportionate number of businesses in Black areas. [Two Jewish researchers have shown] that some 40 percent of the stores are owned by*



Jews. [Another] study of 458 merchants in 15 cities (14 of the largest plus Gary, Indiana but not including Los Angeles, Miami, Houston, or any other Southern city) had the following religious breakdown of retail merchants: 37.9% were Jewish; 36.0% were Protestant; and 22.9% were Catholic... The breakdown by religion, when race is considered, increases the number: 51.3% of the white merchants are Jewish; 18.7% are Protestant; and 27.0% are Catholic."

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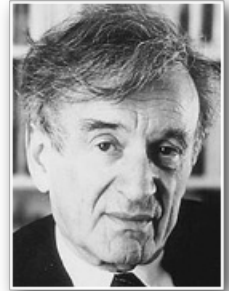
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Elie Weisel, Hate Teacher

"There is a time to love and a time to hate; whoever does not hate when he should does not deserve to love when he should, does not deserve to love when he is able. Perhaps, had we learned to hate more during the years of ordeal, fate itself would have taken fright. The Germans did their best to teach us, but we were poor pupils in the discipline of hate....Every Jew, somewhere in his being, should set apart a zone of hate - healthy, virile hate - for what the German personifies and for what persists in the German. To do otherwise would be a betrayal of the dead."



*Legends of Our Time* (1968), pp.177-78:

*Compare and contrast with...*

Adolf Hitler



Hitler HATED Black people. His comments are included for the reader to compare to the many Jewish notables discussed here. Here is a sampling of Adolf Hitler's beliefs about the Black African:

"It does not dawn upon this depraved bourgeois world that here one has actually to do with a sin against all reason; that it is a criminal absurdity to train a born half-ape until one believes a lawyer has been made of him, while millions of members of the highest culture race have to remain in entirely unworthy positions; that it is a sin against the will

of the eternal Creator to let hundreds and hundreds of thousands of His most talented beings degenerate in the proletarian swamp of today, while Hottentots and Zulu Kafirs are trained for intellectual vocations. For it is training, exactly as that of the poodle, and not a scientific 'education'."

"In the most critical hour of our people, in the moment when we, practically abandoned by all the world, made defenseless by our own fault, have to watch France setting out to occupy new territories, while African negroes rape our women and children,..."

"The black disgrace works havoc on the Rhine. Women, girls and children pay for the bestial negroes' lust with their death. An uninterrupted stream of poison and disease flows into the blood of our people. Moroccan syphilis drives thousands of victims towards a cruel death..."

"All great cultures of the past perished only because the originally creative race died off through blood poisoning."

"...and one seeks compensation by success with Hottentots and Zulu Kafirs, with the blessing of the Church. While our European peoples, the Lord be praised and thanked, fall into a state of physical and moral leprosy, the

pious missionary wanders to Central Africa and establishes negro missions, till there our 'higher culture' will have turned healthy, though primitive and inferior, human children into a foul breed of bastards."

"What we see before us of human culture today, the results of art, science, and techniques, is almost exclusively the creative produce of the Aryan....Without this possibility of utilizing inferior men, the Aryan would never have been able to take the first steps towards his later culture; exactly as, without the help of various suitable animals which he knew how to tame, he would never have arrived at a technology which now allows him to do without these very animals. The words 'Der Mohr hat seine Schuldigkeit getan, er kann gehen' (The Moor has done his duty, he may go) has [sic] unfortunately too deep a meaning."

#### Dr. Robert A. Rockaway

Senior lecturer in the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University.

"After the first World War, Jewish Gangsters became major figures in the American underworld and played prominent roles in the creation and extension of organized crime in the United States. During Prohibition fifty percent of the leading bootleggers were Jews, and Jewish criminals financed and directed much of the nations narcotics traffic. Jews also dominated illicit activities in a number of America's largest cities, including Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, New York, and Philadelphia."



#### Malcolm X

"Let me say just a word about the Jew and the black man. The Jew is always anxious to advise the black man. But he never advises him how to solve the problem the way the Jews solved their problem. The Jew never went sitting in and crawling in and sliding in and freedom riding, like he teaches and helps Negroes to do. The Jews stood up, and stood together, and they used their ultimate power, the economic weapon. That's exactly what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is trying to teach black men to do. The Jews pooled their money and bought hotels that barred them. They bought Atlantic City and Miami Beach and anything else they wanted. Who owns Hollywood? Who runs the garment industry, the largest industry in New York City? But the Jew that's advising the Negro joins the NAACP, CORE, the Urban League, and others. With money donations, the Jew gains control, then he sends the black man doing all this wading in, boring in, even burying in-everything but buying in. Never shows him how to set up factories and hotels. Never advises him how to own what he wants. No, when there's something worth owning, the Jew's got it."

#### Prof. Selwyn Cudjoe:



"The position then is very clear, Zionism is racist, it is colonial and perforce expansionist...it constitutes an intolerable and repulsive ideological position that is detrimental to peace in the world. It must be equated with South African apartheid."

- Wellesley College Prof. Selwyn Cudjoe in the *Trinidad Guardian*, 1975, as quoted in the *Trinidad Guardian*, May 22, 2000, p.13. Cudjoe was the "responsible" negro-on-duty representing the Jews at

Wellesley College in their attack on Prof. Tony Martin. His shameless angling for Jewish rewards is now exposed.

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*Joh:8:31: Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

*Joh:8:32: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

*Joh:8:33: They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?*

*Joh:8:34: Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*

*Joh:8:35: And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.*

*Joh:8:36: If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

*Joh:8:37: I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.*

*Joh:8:38: I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.*

*Joh:8:39: They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.*

*Joh:8:40: But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.*

*Joh:8:41: Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.*

*Joh:8:42: Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.*

*Joh:8:43: Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.*

*Joh:8:44: Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

*Joh:8:45: And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*

*Joh:8:46: Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?*

*Joh:8:47: He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.*

*Joh:8:48: Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?*

*Joh:8:49: Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.*

*Joh:8:50: And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.*

*Joh:8:51: Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.*

*Joh:8:52: Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.*

*Joh:8:53: Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?*

*Joh:8:54: Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:*

*Joh:8:55: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.*

*Joh:8:56: Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.*

*Joh:8:57: Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?*

*Joh:8:58: Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

*Joh:8:59: Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

**Dr. Ralph A. Austen** of the University of Chicago candidly described one instance in 1994 of how Blacks and Jews in a scholarly setting collaborated in obfuscating the true nature of the historical relationship. Prof. Austen describes a faculty luncheon at the University of Chicago Hillel House, where he and Black historian John Hope Franklin, gave a talk on the American Jewish community in the nineteenth-century South. His words are revealing and instructive:

*After the formal presentation, a member of the audience asked a question about Southern Jewish participation in the debate on slavery. As I remember it, Franklin replied that he did not know too much about the subject. I recall very clearly one of the Hillel regulars remarking that since many of the early Southern Jews were Sephardim who had fled Spanish and Portuguese persecution, they must have been sympathetic to the plight of Black slaves.*

*I remember this statement because it was allowed to pass without comment, although John Hope Franklin and I (we discussed it afterwards) were both aware that Sephardi Jews in the New World had been heavily involved in the African slave trade. Why did two professional historians in a university setting hesitate to provide our colleagues with such an important piece of information? I cannot answer for Franklin but I, as a Jew sitting in a Jewish institution that was entertaining an African-American guest, felt that pointing out the role of Jews in the history of Black slavery would, in this context, have constituted something of a betrayal. I did not want to undermine the sense of solidarity between the two communities which had been reinforced by Franklin's very presence, as well as through his references to our common confrontation with white Gentile Southern bigots.*

*Franklin and I, in effect, were condoning a benign historical myth: that the shared liberal agenda of twentieth-century Blacks and Jews has a pedigree going back through the entire remembered past. Avodim hayinu! We, the Jews, had also experienced history on the side of the enslaved and always cried out in anguish against the oppression of the enslavers.*

*For better or worse, it is no longer possible to maintain that this myth has any but the most abstract bearing on the facts of our pre-emancipation relationship with Africans and their New World descendants. Jewish students of Jewish history have known it was untrue and, over several decades, have produced a significant body of scholarship detailing the involvement of our ancestors in the Atlantic slave trade and Pan-American slavery. Until recently, this work remained buried in scholarly journals, read only by other specialists. It had never been synthesized in a publication for a non-scholarly audience. A book of this sort has now appeared, however, written not by Jews but by an anonymous group of African Americans associated with the Reverend Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.*

## **Black/Jewish Relations - 1730**

Jewish Captain Moses Naar, in his seventeenth attack against the freedom seeking Africans, "burned down a whole negro village [and] made a number of captives." Naar and Gabriel de La Fatte were presented with silver cups

"in recognition of their active zeal in suppressing a revolt of the negroes in their colony." But silver cups did not suffice and instead they severed the hands of the Blacks which were then used by Jews as trophies.

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### Simon Wolf

*"The Jews first made use of letters of credit. We all know that the first bankers of the world--Rothschilds--are Jews; we know they control not only the money market, but also the political destiny of the European world; and one thing can be truthfully said--they never mix their religion with other people's money. Even our loans were taken principally by Jews; but mercantile enterprises owe a vast debt to the Jew. You need but look at the streets of the principal cities of the world on Jewish holidays, and you will at once see that trade is in mourning; the busy hum is hushed; everything is languid; the active brain, the quick, nervous decision, the daring, yet cautious, speculator is absent. Look at Spain and Ireland, and then at England, France, Germany and the United States; and yet this very activity is made a weapon of attack." --*