

# **HAREDIM: JERUSALEM GAY** **PARADE MAY LEAD TO** **ANOTHER WAR**

**Thousands of ultra-Orthodox protest at Jerusalem's Sabbath Square against holding of 2006 Gay Pride Parade in city; 'war in Lebanon broke out as soon as the parade was announced,' haredi man says. Head of Eda Haredit rabbinic court: We did not succeed in Lebanon due to promiscuity in Holy Land**

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*Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Two international homosexual parades have been planned for Jerusalem over the last two years. In each case crisis's in Israel (last year the eviction of Jews from Gaza and this year the war in Lebanon) have forced cancellation/postponement. The orthodox rabbis of Israel don't believe this is a coincident.*

*This week they warned their government that another judgment from God will occur if the powers to be allow the rescheduled November 10<sup>th</sup> parade through Jerusalem as planned.*

*It is easy to predict that the Israeli government will not pull the permit for the sodomites to parade. It is not as easy to predict what the Lord God will do about it, since His love and mercy are beyond our ability to comprehend. But I won't be surprised if He does draw the line with this event. And if He does, then one must wonder what will cause it to be cancelled this time.*

*Deut 7: 9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; 10 "and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. 11 "Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them. (NKJ)*

*I have interspersed other comments [in bracketed italics] below to*

*help the American reader understand the Jewish context of statements made.*

Thousands of ultra-Orthodox protested at Jerusalem's Sabbath Square Wednesday against the holding of the 2006 Gay Pride Parade in the city, with most of them linking the parade to the recent war in Lebanon.

The parade is scheduled to take place on November 10.



Sign reads, 'J'lem is not Sodom, Amsterdam or New York.' (Photo: Hain Tzach)

“The war in the north broke out as soon as the parade was announced,” a Mea Shearim resident told Ynet. The parade was canceled due to the war, but gay rights groups acted to set another date for the parade since the fighting has ceased.

“Rabbis are fearful of another war,” the haredi said, adding that a special request has been forwarded to Diaspora Jews “so they too would protest and act for the preservation of Jerusalem’s sanctity.”

Rabbi Moshe Sternbuch, the head of the Eda Haredit rabbinic court, said during the rally, “We did not succeed in Lebanon due to the obscenity and promiscuity in the Holy Land.”

The rabbi quoted Rabbi Wasserman, who said during the Holocaust that “Zionism has destroyed the Land of Israel’s sanctity; this is how the troubles of the Shoah [*the holocaust*] began, and this is why we must act to wend the promiscuity.” “And in the Holy Land it is beyond any doubt, that the land will vomit them from its midst, for it is the “palace of the King” and does not hold evildoers. I do not come to curse, but because this is exactly what is

stated in the Torah, against our will it will come to pass..."

*[This statement may confuse many. I have included more information about Rabbi Wasserman at the end of this handout to help the reader understand the thinking of this ultra-orthodox leader who was killed by the Nazis in the beginning days of the holocaust.]*

*But his point in the above statement is this: If the Jews return to the land of Israel (Zionism) before the Messiah comes to rule, then their return will bring with it all the immorality of the people, resulting in a Jewish created holocaust associated with God's judgments being poured out on their sin. Therefore, he preached that the Jews should not return to the land of Israel until God's Messiah came to establish His reign from Jerusalem and thus ensure the land would not be polluted by evil doers.]*

"There is no greater disturbance than the disgraceful parade," Rabbi Sternbuch said.

Despite the fact that Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski called out against holding the parade in the city, many in the haredi [*Ultra-Orthodox*] community hold him directly responsible. "The municipality did not protest against the holding of the terrible abomination parade," Rabbi Sternbuch said.

The haredim also presented other "divine signs" against the Jerusalem gay parade: The parsha [*weekly torah reading in all synagogues around the world – see this link to read the November 11<sup>th</sup> reading - <http://www.anshe.org/parsha/veyeirah.htm>] for the Sabbath following the parade is Vayera from the book of Genesis, which tells of the total destruction of Sodom by G-d.*

The parade falls on the day after the 16th anniversary of the murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane, and his followers, who are expected visit his grave on the Mount of Olives on the day the parade is scheduled to take place, said they would 'take advantage of the memorial ceremony for Kahane to fight the gay parade.'

The Open House organization said the renewed campaign against the gay parade will not deter community members or prevent the parade from taking place. "The Pride and Tolerance Parade in Jerusalem is a human rights rally aimed at promoting freedom of expression and pluralism," the group's acting chairperson said. "Therefore we respect the right of those who object to the parade to express their views in a legitimate manner; however, we warn of a renewal of the incitement and violence."

*[If the warning shot was the Lebanon War of July and August, I wonder what the real thing will be before the November 10<sup>th</sup> abomination.]*

*The following is the additional information about Rabbi Wasserman. It should be noted that he, like most Jews, vehemently fought the idea that Jesus was and is the Jewish messiah, so some of his statements are inconsistent with the Christian gospel. But his thinking prevails in the hearts of many in Israel and it is good that we understand it.]*

[http://www.jewsagainstzionism.com/rabbi\\_quotes/wasserman.cfm](http://www.jewsagainstzionism.com/rabbi_quotes/wasserman.cfm)



In the summer of 1937 at the third convention of the rabbinical leaders of Agudath Israel held in Mariband, which included hundreds of rabbis, heads of yeshiva religious academies and grand rabbis of Chassidic communities from a number of countries, **Rabbi Elchonon Wasserman stood out from among all of them.**

The following is what he said:

“We must emphasize and declare the position of our holy Torah in order to banish any confusion of ideas. Inasmuch as there are Jews who are Torah-observant who say that a Jewish State would be the “beginning of the Redemption,” we must inform them of the position of our Torah that **this is nothing less than the beginning of a new Exile!** What do I mean? After all, Jews have been living in Exile for some two thousand years, so how can this be a “beginning” of a new Exile? My intention is to expose the so-called Jewish Communists. An Exile such as this has never existed until today. None of us can even describe such an exile, an Exile under Jews! Only Jews from Russia have a slight sense of this situation, even though the regime **there** is not a “Jewish” one. One of the great rabbis of this generation recently told me that the term “beginning of the Redemption” in reference to the Zionist movement makes his hair stand on end!

“A “Jewish State” on either side of the Jordan River, **even if it were established as a religious state because such a regime would be a form of heresy in our faith in the belief in the coming of the Messiah,** and especially since this little “Jewish” state would be built on heresy and desecration of the Name of G-d.”

The late Rabbi Shlomo Rottenberg (a historian and author of *Toldos Am Olam* and other works), who also attended the Convention in 1937 used to

say that he could still remember what was discussed there, **and the harsh opposition of these rabbinical leaders to a “Jewish State” that is a violation of the [Three Oaths](#)** mentioned in the Talmud. (Rabbi A.L. Spitzer)

[1] *Hapardes*, Chicago Year 11, Issue 6 (August 1937)