

Britain's Quatuor Coronati Lodge foments extremism in the Mideast

by Scott Thompson

On February 25, 1994, Baruch Goldstein, a follower of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, entered the Cave of the Patriarchs mosque in the West Bank city of Hebron and opened fire. At least 50 Muslim worshippers were killed and 300 others were wounded before Goldstein was killed. To this day, there are wildly conflicting stories about whether Goldstein was the sole shooter, or whether other Jewish fanatics were also involved. Goldstein, at the time of the massacre, was the resident physician at the Kiryat Arba West Bank settlement, which was founded by members of Kahane's Kach Party and another rabidly anti-Arab Jewish terrorist group, Gush Emunim.

The incident nearly blew apart the fragile peace process. While the remnants of Kahane's fanatical movement hailed Goldstein as a martyr, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Israel's parliament, the Knesset, on Feb. 28, 1994 that "the murderer came out of a small, marginal political context. He grew in a swamp whose murderous sources are found here, and across the sea; they are foreign to Judaism. . . . To him and those like him we say: You are a foreign implant. You are an errant weed. Judaism spits you out."

On Nov. 4, 1995, Yigal Amir, another member of the Kahane underground, shot Prime Minister Rabin in the back as he was leaving a Peace Now rally in Tel Aviv. In the wake of the Rabin assassination, at least five other members of a Kahane splinter group, Eyal, have so far been arrested for plotting to kill the prime minister and other senior Israeli officials who have been working round-the-clock to secure a lasting Middle East peace.

Nine months before the Rabin assassination, Palestine Liberation Organization security officials alerted their Israeli counterparts to the fact that members of the Jewish underground were working closely with Islamic fanatics from Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and other organizations to conduct a war of terror to derail the peace process. Prime Minister Rabin, according to sources, established a special investigative unit in his own office to probe the dangerous and bizarre alliance.

Mr. Rabin was right when he described the Jewish fanatics of Kach, Eyal, Gush Emunim, etc. as "foreign implants" and "errant weeds." He may have died before he ever fully realized how profoundly right he was.

London sows the 'errant weeds'

After nearly 15 years of investigation, *EIR* can report unequivocally that *all of the irrationalist gangs* that comprise both the Jewish and Islamic terrorist undergrounds in Israel and Palestine, that are engaged in an irregular war against the consolidation of an Arab-Israeli peace, are the direct products of a 100-year-old scheme, designed and carried out by the British Crown—with fingertip control. The goal: to ensure that the Middle East region remains in a constant state of religious and ethnic turmoil, susceptible to British balance of power manipulation, and, when need be, to periodic outbreaks of religious warfare and genocide.

The headquarters of this effort is located in the Quatuor Coronati (Four Crowns) "research lodge" of the United Grand Lodge of England. The head of the United Grand Lodge is the Duke of Kent, first cousin of the Queen, and a leading figure in the Club of the Isles, chaired by Prince Philip.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge was established in London in 1862, shortly after the Prince of Wales made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and founded the Palestinian Exploration Fund (PEF), whose patron today is the Queen. The first head of the lodge, Sir Charles Warren, who served briefly as commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police (and was widely identified as the man who covered up the royal family ties of "Jack the Ripper"), led a PEF expedition to Jerusalem and the Holy Land over 1867-70. Warren wrote a series of accounts of his expedition, with such titles as *Recovery of Jerusalem, The Temple and the Tomb*, and *Underground Jerusalem*. These studies helped launch the drive to rebuild Solomon's Temple on the site of the original Temple Mount, purportedly located on the Haram al-Sharif, site of one of Islam's most holy shrines, the Dome of the Rock mosque. The implications of Sir Charles's Temple Mount effort run deep, and they have been a prime source of bloodshed, including the tragic assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Sir Charles Warren's efforts received the enthusiastic backing of Lord Alfred Balfour and Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, both leading occultists and prominent sponsors of the British Mandate over Palestine.

In 1967, the Quatuor Coronati Lodge dispatched Asher Selig Kaufman, an Edinburgh-born Jewish extremist and

member of the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati, who had just completed a ten-year intelligence assignment under British H-bomb scientist T.E. Allibone, to Jerusalem to revive Sir Charles Warren's archaeological studies on the precise location of the temple ruins.

After years of work, Kaufman finally published his "findings" in the March-April 1983 issue of *Biblical Archaeological Review*, a publication sponsored by the Lodge to popularize its kooky theories and its fake findings. The article, "Where Was Solomon's Temple? New Evidence on Where It Stood," was edited by Barbara Ledeen, whose husband, Michael Ledeen, was then a consultant for the U.S. National Security Council. The circulation of the Kaufman article, which claimed to contain precise new evidence of the location of the Temple of Solomon, helped mobilize a fanatical Jewish underground movement bent on building the Third Temple on the Biblical site of the first two. The precondition for the reconstruction, was the destruction of the Dome of the Rock mosque.

Even before the publication of Kaufman's article, once word had gotten out of the Quatuor Coronati "discoveries," groups such as the Jerusalem Temple Foundation, an American organization, began raising funds for the rebuilding. In reality, the funds were conduited into Jewish underground groups, including Meir Kahane's Kach Movement, and the Jerusalem yeshiva Ateret Cohanim ("Priestly Crown"), which began conducting animal sacrifices and other rituals in the catacombs beneath the Dome, in preparation for the reconstruction of the Temple.

Bring on the 'rapture'

In 1978, the only American member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Alex Horne, traveled to Israel, accompanying the head of the London lodge, Harry Carr, to commemorate the Grand Lodge of Israel's silver anniversary. His subsequent book, *King Solomon's Temple in the Masonic Tradition*, was to popularize the Temple Mount hoax among American Masons and Christian fundamentalists. Christian fundamentalists were recruited in droves to the Temple Mount project, starting in November 1982, when Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin toured Texas and California under the sponsorship of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), and made a big pitch for Christian support for a "Greater Israel" occupying the Biblical lands of Judea, Samaria, and Galilee.

One Christian fundamentalist who became an early sponsor of the Jerusalem Temple Foundation, was Terry Risenhoover of Malibu Beach, California. Another JTF leader, Douglas Krieger, of Tav Evangelical Ministries of Portland, Oregon, specifically served as a cutout to the Gush Emunim settlers on the West Bank. Tav, an alliance of 150 Christian evangelicals, became enthusiastic backers of the Temple Mount project. Along with other Darbyite evangelicals, they were convinced that building the Third Temple would bring

on the Battle of Armageddon and the "rapture."

The JTF established a base of operations in Jerusalem to bankroll the surreptitious purchase of land in the Old City of Jerusalem and on the West Bank, and once again, it was a British intelligence asset who filled the job. JTF's "Man in Jerusalem" was Stanley Goldfoot, a South African-born Ir-gun fighter and a British intelligence informant, recruited to Her Majesty's service by a leading Arab Bureau figure, Lord Charteris, who himself later became Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth II. Goldfoot became an intimate collaborator (and source of funds) for the Kahane underground and the allied Gush Emunim, which would attempt on several occasions to blow up the Dome of the Rock mosque. Goldfoot otherwise spent his time covertly purchasing Jerusalem and West Bank property, to make a real estate killing after the Temple was rebuilt.

West Bank land-scam

On Nov. 15, 1982, an unusual group of "investors" in the West Bank and Jerusalem real estate scam gathered at the desert ranch of Gen. Ariel Sharon. Among the group were: Henry Kissinger, Lord Harlech (David Ormsby-Gore), Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis, Alexander Haig, Lord Peter Carrington, British MP Julian Amery, Sir Edmund Peck, and former MI-6 Middle East boss Nicholas Elliot. All of these global influentials—deeply tied to the House of Windsor and the Club of the Isles—were fully in on the Temple Mount effort, and were intent on making a bundle from the anticipated real estate boom after the Temple Mount crazies had completed their "work."

On behalf of this grouping—and the British Crown that stands above it—Sharon has been the "godfather" of the Temple Mount project for nearly 20 years.

- It was during his tenure as Agricultural Minister in the Begin government, from 1977-81, that the initial 24,000 Kach, Gush Emunim and related radical settlers were deployed onto the West Bank.

- He is publicly a sponsor of the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, where the self-designated "priesthood" of the Third Temple is being trained.

In November 1993, following the historic signing of the Oslo accords between the PLO and Israel at the White House, Sharon toured the United States with Jewish Defense League official Yechiel Leiter, a leader of the Yeshar Council, the governing body of the West Bank settlements. The purpose of the trip was to raise funds to arm the settlers for a civil war to stop the implementation of the Oslo accords. Sharon was blunt: "Make no mistake," he ranted before one audience during the U.S. tour, "the only barrier we have right now to a Palestinian state is the settlers. It is these 150,000 settlers that Rabin said he cannot defend who are really defending Jerusalem. Our job is to strengthen these communities."

It was from those "communities" that Prime Minister Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, came.