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Breaking News from Behind the Israeli Iron Curtain

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Breaking News:

1. Lital bas Miriam, now languishing in Israeli Military Prison Four for about 17 days (since her arrest on Jan.13), had the hearing set for yesterday (Wed., Jan. 29) delayed yet again, until next Tuesday, Feb. 4. This is essentially a way of keeping an innocent religious young lady in jail without Due Process.

2. Moreover, the government is reportedly seeking to hit her with an 81 day prison sentence.

3. One would think the government wants to dispatch with this courageous Refusenik quickly. However, that will apparently only occur if concerned people continue to pressure the Israeli government, by exposing their ongoing abuse of this and other Refusenik girls (like Tal-Yah bas Russ and Yehudis Noah, see below).

4. To remind the readers, Lital's abuse by the Army was triggered by her agreement to submit to a Religiosity Interview (apparently in the absence of any warning about the prohibition and dangers involved) - NINE years ago.

5. In the wake of that meeting, the Army refused to honor her legal entitlement to an automatic religious exemption, on the pretext that she didn't answer a particular question pertaining to "Kriyas HaTorah," the ritual reading of the Torah (in the synagogue, with a quorum of ten adult males).

6. "Krias HaTorah" is an obligation incumbent on men, from which women are exempt, under Jewish Law (perhaps Maitav is more stringent than our Sages on this matter).

7. Thus, a girl seeking to secure her religious exemption should not be asked questions on that topic, period. Moreover, failure to answer such questions means precisely nothing, especially when it comes to questioning her religiosity.

8. The rank absurdity of this charade is somewhat ironic - in light of the fact that the primary exception to the exemption of women from the ritual reading of the Torah is the obligation to hear "Parshas Zachor" (D'varim 25:17-19, at the end of Kee-Saitzai). That brief section exhorts us about the obligation incumbent on all Jews to safeguard our timeless enmity towards Amalek, the embodiment of Evil for the sake of Evil, the ageless paradigm of Rebellion against G-d Himself. To be fair, the Draft Office (Maitav) should mandate asking questions about one of the most foundational texts on the subject of Amalek, being Rav Elchonon Wasserman, in his "Kovetz He'Oros" on Yevamos, Aggadah section, ch. 10, #1-6. A perusal of that essay will clarify precisely why Maitav would opt to recuse themselves from that "uncomfortable" topic.

9. Recently, information on other incarcerated girls has trickled out, out of what has assumed the contours of the Iron Curtain, i.e. the Israeli military prison system.

Yehudis Noah, a religious immigrant from France, has just recently been discovered to have been languishing in Prison Six, in the North, for over TWO MONTHS! There, prisoners often suffer exposure to the cold over the winter months. Our current information is that, for some reason, her religious exemption was denied, and she was compelled to enlist. Within days, she was struck with the realization that it's impossible to remain faithful to Judaism in the Army, and therefore fled. Subsequently, she was apparently imprisoned for abandoning the very environment that compelled her to flee for her [spiritual] life.

10. Additionally, Tal-Yah bas Rus continues to be held in Prison Four, apparently for fleeing the Army. Reportedly, she's been held for over a month and a half already, and about 15 days ago she was sentenced to 35 days in military prison.

11. Outrages like this may G-d forbid continue unless even more concerned Jews increase the pressure against the government. Specifically, demonstrations by women against the Israeli persecution of female Refuseniks must be held at Israeli offices and events internationally.

Please stay tuned for updates.

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Righteous Outrage Goes International:

Jewish Outrage Over the Israeli Drafting of Girls Overflows Onto the International Stage

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This morning we reported on today's international Israeli summit against antisemitism held in Jerusalem (see "Never Again??" at: <http://firstamendmentactivist.blogspot.com/2020/01/never-again.html>).

We've since received reports of the demonstration held there by concerned Orthodox Jews against the Israeli government, over their drafting of girls into the notoriously exploitative and

immoral Army, and over the often brutal religious-persecution of religious objectors, particularly the girls currently languishing in Military Prisons Four and Six.

Well over a dozen protesters demonstrated at a location about a five-minute walk away from where world leaders were being hosted in Jerusalem, to address increasing antisemitism, on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Demonstrators prepared multiple "provocative" signs, e.g. protesting antireligious Army racism against Jews of color, and imploring President Putin to seek the freedom of an incarcerated victim of IDF antireligious persecution (Lital bas Miriam).

Nevertheless, B"H, the protest remained peaceful, because, in full view of international media, the police employed noteworthy restraint this time, allowing free expression of dissent without stealing signs, or targeting demonstrators for "disciplinary" beatings and incarceration.

Protesters held signs protesting the decades-old Israeli policy of forcing girls into the promiscuous military environment from about 4pm to 7:30 or 8pm, and reported a vibrant media presence (including YNet). One poster identified the co-ed Army as "The Largest Open Human Trafficking Network in the Mideast."

It was a wonderful Kiddush HaShem to see that Jews truly care. It's tragic that the Israeli government requires concerned Jews to appeal to the broader international community in order to save our sisters from religious persecution - by other Jews.

Here is a link to pictures of the demonstration:

[Pictures from the demonstration Jerusalem IDF atrocities](#)

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"Never Again??"

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Those Who Refuse to Learn from History Tend to Distort Its Lessons

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World leaders rally in Jerusalem against Jew-hatred - simultaneous with a spectacular domestic demonstration thereof.



The Israeli Government employed its legendary balancing skills in holding an international event "against Anti-semitism" during its' own escalation of the Anti-religious (NOT Chiloni ["non-religious"]) crusade against girls - of all levels of religious observance - seeking to avoid the military draft.

As reported by the AP, dozens of world leaders made their ascent to Jerusalem for what was described to be the largest-ever event focused on commemorating the Holocaust and combating rising modern-day Jew-hatred, held today, Thursday.

"Russian President Vladimir Putin, French President Emmanuel Macron, Britain's Prince Charles, Vice President Mike Pence and the presidents of Germany, Italy and Austria were

among the more than 40 dignitaries attending the World Holocaust Forum, which coincides with the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp," the AP reported.

"The three-hour-long ceremony at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial — called "Remembering the Holocaust: Fighting Antisemitism" — looks to project a united front in commemorating the genocide of European Jewry amid a global spike in anti-Jewish violence."

In light of the fact that it was a politically charged event - perhaps even overshadowed by rival national interpretations of the specifically-Jewish genocide - on the eve of the gathering, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin implored visiting dignitaries to "leave history for the historians.... The role of political leaders, of all of us, is to shape the future," as he was quoted as saying. (After all, the local organizers wanted it to be a peaceful Photo-Op.)

As believing, Torah observant Jews, we know that Jew-Hatred is, like everything else, in the hands of G-d. Of course, we commend those who seek to protect Jews. However, FIRST and foremost should be our concerns for the SPIRITUAL war being waged against millions of Jews worldwide. Included in this anti-Jewish crusade is the war against Jewish Values, chief among them, moral values.

Nowhere in the world is the sanctity and the moral fibre of Jewish women being attacked as it is in Israel. Nowhere in the world are so many Jewish girls, religious or otherwise, being forced, duped, pressured, or terrorized into enlisting in an exploitative, immoral military environment as they are in Israel today. Nowhere are so many Jewish girls being mistreated and abused as they are - today - in the Israeli Army, where they serve a role described - within the Army - as "Mizron Tzahali." [We intentionally leave that term untranslated here.]

For some perspective, here are just a few selected reports on conscription of girls/ women into the Israeli military:

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2020/01/protesting-antireligious-persecution-by.html>

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/12/modern-day-yedudis-heroism.html>

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[https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/12/facilitating-suicide\\_51.html](https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/12/facilitating-suicide_51.html)

<http://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/12/crime-wave-strikes-israeli-girls.html>

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<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/11/breaking-heartbreaking-news-army.html>

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<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/11/breaking-very-laws-they-make.html>

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<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/10/racial-profiling-or-pure-antireligious.html>

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<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/11/female-idf-refuseniks-cheshvan.html>

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/11/to-even-close-yeshivos.html>

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<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/10/outrage-upon-outrage.html>

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/10/making-racism-great-again.html>

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"Violating the Vineyard:"

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/08/alh-report-2-28-augviolating-vineyard.html>

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/09/violating-vineyard-update.html>

(cf. Jewish Press, Sept.13, '19).

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Our Sages exhort us that even worse than those who seek to kill us are those who seek to cause us to stray from G-d, "Gadol ha'machtiyo yosair min ha'Horgoh."

If one of the many lessons of the almost unfathomable horrors of the Holocaust of European Jewry in WWII is that we must resolve never again to remain passive when we are able to actually save innocent Jews, then that lesson is supremely lost on the Israeli organizers of this latest Holocaust event. Israeli government officials: before lecturing non-Jewish leaders and nations worldwide, take a look over your own left - and right - shoulder. What's happening to Jewish girls, including many religious girls, is - in important ways - worse than what is happening in the rest of the world to Jewish girls. And worse, it's being perpetrated by Jews, and under the veneer of a "Jewish" (and "rightwing") government.

Worse, collectively, it's our fault. It would not continue like this were it not for the self-inflicted silence of far too many of us. See Talmud tractate Shabbos 54a, bottom. Our responsibility for Evil is proportional to our ability to impede it.

As one of many examples, just yesterday, a 26 y/o Orthodox Refusenik, Lital bas Miriam, suffering incarceration - and even the torment of military-grade solitary confinement - in Military Prison Four, had another Kangaroo Hearing. She collapsed. They've been trying to break her (e.g. see <http://firstamendmentactivist.blogspot.com/2020/01/when-criminal-justice-is-truly-criminal.html>). She's awaiting another hearing. They're apparently intent on getting rid of her by dispatching her as psychologically incompatible with the Army (aren't almost all girls?). But don't expect a religious exemption, to which she is entitled. This, despite the Israeli Army declaring its' intent to go after suspicious beneficiaries of psychological military exemptions.

Be assured, there is a method to their madness. By tormenting Lital - and many others like her, many of whom we may be unaware of - in this awful manner, the Draft Office (Maitav) "benefits" in multiple ways:

a) They punish Lital for standing up for her religious [i.e. Jewish], moral values, against the will of Maitav.

b) They hope to thereby intimidate many other girls into submission to the military draft, "peacefully."

c) They facilitate providing Lital a psychological military exemption, so that Maitav can be freed from dealing with yet another religious Refusenik - but all without the need to provide her the Religious Exemption - to which she should be entitled.

d) Thereby, Maitav maintains their ongoing efforts to decimate the legal recourse of traditional and religious girls to obtain Religious Exemptions. Thereby, they seek to undo the status-quo of previous decades, in which everyone understood that even slightly religious girls should be automatically exempt from military service. This approach is apparently intended to establish a new status-quo. In that New Israeli Order, Religious Exemptions are to be downgraded, de facto, to remain but a quaint relic of historical nostalgia - but not a practical legal recourse for the masses of religious girls - outside the politically-protected classes. [The latter beneficiaries of government Protexia will continue to get easy exemptions for as long as Maitav and the anti religious Establishment feel the need for their Orthodox lackeys].

The hypocrisy of the Israeli government hosting an international event "against antisemitism" simultaneously with the aforementioned Jew-baiting religious persecution - as if they are moral authorities on combating Jew-Hatred - is almost indescribable.

However, ultimately, the heroic Refuseniks are truly on the winning side. May we only merit to see just how true that is, speedily in our days, with the arrival of the Final Redemption.

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When Criminal 'Justice' is Truly Criminal:

Additional Samples of Systemic Corruption in the Israeli Military Draft and Justice System - Both Moral and Procedural

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2020/01/when-criminal-justice-is-truly-crimina.html>

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ZIVA BAS MAZAL:

For background, see our earlier reports (e.g. <https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/10/racial-profiling-or-pure-antireligious.html>).

After Ziva bas Mazal M., a religious Jewish girl of Ashkelon, hailing from a religious Ethiopian family, submitted her religiosity certification "Tarzhir Dat," it was noted on the document that it was - ostensibly - received late (May 17, '18). (That's not a surprise given the tribulations that the family has been enduring.) A handwritten note on the bottom of document indicated that someone in the Draft Office recommended that Ziva was to be drafted without investigating altogether. It reads:

"Suggested to the Segan to decide TO DRAFT WITHOUT INVESTIGATING" (emphasis in original note).

Why not at least investigate, probing what the reason may be? And remember, we're not talking about minor punitive measures. We are talking about destroying the life of a girl (a religious one, in this case), by forcing her into the notoriously exploitative and immoral Army, for two of the most important years of her life, at this juncture, crucial in determining her future husband, family and life.

More to the point, her religiosity is not subject to doubt, as made clear by the absence of any reference to a Rayon Dat there, and by virtue of the blatant absence of any substantial discussion of her religiosity in her later meeting with Segan-Maitav Avner Lotati. Thus, the issue at stake is strictly procedural. And, in the backdrop of circumstances specific to this case, any delay in paperwork would not be a major issue if the goal was not to draft her by any means possible. She clearly does not belong in the Army even according to their own legal standards. So why the zeal to draft her? And, why the rush to do so without even providing a chance to explain?

One must also question, among other things:

- a) How much of an anomaly was this brutal reaction?
- b) What role, antireligious, anti-Ethiopian and/or racist animus is playing a role here, in denial of her religious rights, in what ultimately has proven to be bona fide religious persecution of an Orthodox Jewish girl by Maitav (the Military Draft Offices) and the "Justice" System.
- c) Why don't we hear about these injustices in the media, or from ostensibly religious and/or "rightwing" Knesset Members? The very silence of media and others enables their unrelenting repetition. Is THAT perhaps the reason we don't hear from them? Is it because they're also part of the system of corruption, and don't feel comfortable rocking the boat, inasmuch as that itself would jeopardize their own standing in the System?

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LITAL BAS MIRIAM: (Update)

Solitary -- for WHAT??"

Last week we reported on the Monday incarceration of a 26 y/o bas Cohen, Lital Cohen. Since then, she's been held in Military Prison Four. She's complained about repeatedly being denied basic bodily needs (including the ability to relieve herself), and was reportedly punished - twice - as of Monday this week - with solitary confinement (which is excruciatingly difficult, especially for girls, and especially for anyone unfamiliar with military experience), for her complaints over that abusive, even subhuman mistreatment.

Based on unrelenting reports of inmates, military prison staff in both prison Four and Six are adept and intent at really breaking these girls psychologically, and thereby sometimes threatening to push family members over the edge as well.

We previously mentioned a credible report of an actual suicide attempt over a month ago in that same prison four, by Shir N. ( [https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/12/facilitating-suicide\\_51.html](https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/12/facilitating-suicide_51.html) ). Do we insinuate that the prison authorities want suicides? No. They simply are tormenting these innocent girls till the point that they, in some cases, may feel compelled to make the attempt. Now just think about how much pain a girl needs to endure to get to that point. And it's all for refusal to sacrifice their religious and moral principles. And simultaneously, Israeli government co-perpetrators of this systemic injustice are busy grandstanding about antisemitism abroad, and attending Holocaust memorial photo-ops with world leaders -leaders of nations which would never perpetrate such overt anti-Jewish religious persecution against Jewish girls.

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Hate Happens Here Too:

Religious Persecution of Righteous Women Standing Up Against the Immoral Israeli Military Draft

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\*\*\* IDF-Draft Refusenik-Watch \*\*\*

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1. We've noticed a pattern of recently incarcerated religious female Refuseniks being denied timely hearings by military court. Those courts, in spite of their undying (or, perhaps, unborn) commitment to Human Rights, find ways to postpone hearings for girls languishing in prison, keeping them incarcerated in the interim - in the absence of unusually intense public protest.
  2. Such cruel extension of the prison stays of these righteous women /girls would be objectionable enough on the basis of their sheer disregard for a semblance of Due Process alone.
  3. But, perhaps to evoke North Korean sentimentalities, the Israeli military prison personnel don't stop there. The military prison hosts provide a truly unforgettable incarceration experience, replete with a robust measure of ongoing torment for female religious objectors. This tends to include attempts by the prison personnel to break both the girl and her family members, emotionally and psychologically. (Perhaps these persecutory prison policies are meant as altruistic reminders to these young women of the value of Constitutional Liberties, appreciated best by prison staff indulging in their absence).
  4. This brutal mistreatment is clearly aimed at breaking the girls, and punishment for their brave resistance to the draft. The government wouldn't dare perpetrate this if they'd know we would not tolerate it. Thus, their ongoing antireligious persecution of these girls is a kitrug against those who bear responsibility for it, by virtue of their incessant passivity in the face of unrelenting government persecution of innocent girls. Again, we are talking about girls faithfully following the Halacha that brands enlistment in the military as "yai'horaig ve'al ya'avov," something which we are obligated to sacrifice our very lives to avoid.
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5. There are three prominent "Trojan Horse" hazards that frequently endanger many of the who girls seek an exemption from the IDF female Draft:

a) Entering the Draft Office;

b) agreeing to a Religiosity Interview, a "Rayon Dat" (RD); and

c) seeking a psychological exemption, a "Petur Nafshi" (PN)[partially due to the recently reported revelation that the IDF will likely soon challenge many PN exemptions already provided, perhaps nullifying them retroactively].

6. If more girls would be properly alerted to the danger (or even just the Torah prohibition) of submitting to a Rayon Dat, or even merely entering the Draft Offices, they would likely avoid falling into the trap set for them, and for thousands of other religious girls, by military draft officials hellbent on forcing religious girls into the Army by all means available.

7. The military service exemption for religious girls is normally to be automatic, by Israeli law.

8. If the Army manages to find a substantive basis to question her religiosity, they may be able to investigate her further before allowing her a military exemption.

9. The RD provides the Army a veneer of legal coverage for their illegal denial of a religious girl's religious rights, if they trip up the girl in any way. In general, RD interviews/ interrogations are specially designed to probe religiously weaker, and even stronger girls for knowledge gaps and psychological vulnerabilities - that can be manipulated to entrap them in the military.

10. Very often, the particular question a girl may fail to answer is a question whose failure to answer had no bearing whatsoever on her religiosity. But, of course, that inconvenience didn't get in the way of the government arresting such Refusenik girls, and throwing her into military prison, as if they were criminals.

11. One lesson to be learned here is that if a girl - even a girl of weak religious upbringing - remains resolute in refusing to submit to a RD, she thereby avoids providing the Army a pretext to feign genuine suspicion of her claim of religiosity. Thus, she denies the Army the coveted opportunity to rob her of her legal entitlement to an automatic religious exemption.

12. It may be difficult to say "no" (to a military order to appear for a RD). But, in many cases, it ultimately proves far, far more difficult not to. Being resolute from the outset can avoid untold torment in military prison later on.

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Hate Crimes Vs. A Religious Bas-Cohen

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We reported on a religious young woman, Lital bas Miriam Cohen of Tel Aviv, 26, incarcerated on Monday for her steadfast refusal to sacrifice her religious principles and her personal purity by enlisting in the Israeli Army

(<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2020/01/bascohen-resists-hegmonist-draft.html>).

She is now being persecuted in jail for her fidelity to Torah Law, denied even a sheet to sleep on, contact with an attorney entering the jail to speak to her and bring her items from home, and in other ways. They are clearly trying to break her. They're also apparently seeking to extend her incarceration without appropriate due process.

Please stay tuned, we hope to post more updates throughout the week.

Please daven and learn for Lital bas Miriam, intelligently circulate this information, and protest any "frum" media venues who opt to intentionally silence this story.

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UPDATE on Ziva bas Mazal

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A Follow up on this most recent post:

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<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2019/10/making-racism-great-again.html>).

The Army chooses their victims judiciously, and apparently treats them with similarly thoughtful consideration.

- ° Ziva is currently suffering as a female, who is being persecuted with the overt intent to compel her to violate her personal modesty by enlisting in the notoriously exploitative and immoral Army.

- ° She is enduring what is nothing less than religious persecution, for her fidelity to the Torah prohibition against enlistment in the Army.

- ° She's enduring blatant mistreatment that appears more frequently in the cases involving those within the naturally less-advantaged Ethiopian community. (Some elitist, antireligious Ashkenazi bigots consider it their duty to integrate black Jewish girls into the military melting pot.)

- ° Additionally, the elitists in Maitav evidently feel it imperative that the entire family participate in this social-engineering draft process. Ziva's elderly parents, particularly her acutely infirm father, are being subjected to all of the pain of witnessing this ongoing, illegal charade against their daughter.

More soon BE"H.

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Parshas Vayigash

27-year-old Female Refusenik Languishing in Israeli Military Jail

An Update on the Crisis of Female Military Conscription in Israel

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1. URGENT ALERT: Ora bas Aliza, a national-religious woman of Ashdod - now 27 years old - is presently languishing in Israeli Military Jail Four, according to late word we received this morning, right before Shabbos in Israel.
2. Reportedly, after civil police recently stopped her, Ora was transferred to and incarcerated by Military Police - over a slight delay in submitting her Religiosity- certification ("Tatzhir Dat") -- an astounding TEN YEARS ago!
3. The "Tatzhir Dat" is the standard "religiosity"-certification document required by the Army to exempt a girl from military service on religious grounds. It used to be unheard of for any religious girl to be arrested for simply being late in sending in her documentation. But recently, numerous innocent religious girls have been languishing in military prison, often under brutal conditions, with the reason/ pretext that the Army didn't receive their religiosity certification on time. In actuality, there are probably many more such girls than we know of. Some of those may have ultimately succumbed to pressure, and enlisted in the Army. Escalating the conscription of religious girls is the apparent goal of this harsh treatment of non-violent, religious girls.
4. Historically, any girl who was even slightly Torah-observant generally obtained an exemption from the military draft. However, in recent years, that's changed dramatically. For example, in the Summer of 2013, the Israeli government issued an official policy change, seeking to increase enlistment specifically of religious girls. Since then, things have been getting increasingly worse for religious girls, especially over the past two years. In some cases, the brutality towards innocent religious girls - simply seeking to remain faithful to their religion - employed by the military police, prison personnel - and the legal system itself - has been downright shocking. This was well illustrated in some famous cases, such as Yuval bas Tamar, Orah and Moriah R. (bnos Beruriah), Rinas bas Chedva, and Lidar Shira L. (bas Yaffa).
5. In our Jewish Press Dispatch columns since February, and in our online posts, we've been documenting specific, confirmed cases of girls (mostly religious) either incarcerated or under

threat thereof, for their steadfast refusal to serve in the military. This is a systemic problem, and, as such, will only be alleviated by proper public exposure.

6. We've also been identifying multiple cases of human rights abuses of incarcerated girls, including denial of medical care (e.g. Yuval bas Tamar (2018); Miriam N. (about a month ago in Military Prison Six)), denial of religious rights, such as kosher food and modest clothing; and denial of communication. This is all in addition to the pattern of denial of their religious rights via systematically denying their religious exemptions, in a panoply of underhanded, even illegal ways. In this particular case, it isn't clear yet to us that Ora's rights to a religious exemption are being (tentatively) denied, because of an apparent news "brownout" on the part of some of those dealing with her case. But what is clear is that she is being subjected to totally unwarranted harassment, of a persecutory nature.

7. The experience of young women in Israeli military prisons generally ranges from extremely difficult to the horrific. One girl we reported on recently, Shir, even attempted to take her own life in Military Prison Four last month. (Suicide within the Army is a blight unto itself.)

8. Moreover, in addition to all of the other suffering they endure in jail, every hour a girl is in prison poses a substantial risk that she could be pressured or terrorized into submitting to enlisting in the Army. On that basis alone, we are obligated to employ all legitimate means to obtain their immediate freedom. This is truly a cause of pidyon shevuyim, and should be treated accordingly.

9. What generally makes the most impact in gaining the release of these girls is intelligently disseminating quality information. That type of "pirsum" escalates pressure on the Israeli government to free those girls. The Israeli government is more concerned about their public image in America than about what their own citizens say. So it's important for readers to thoughtfully consider how to intelligently disseminate this information as widely and expeditiously as practical, particularly via social media.

10. Another way to have a real and lasting impact is to help organize a women's demonstration against the Israeli military abuse of women and girls. What goes on in the Israeli Army is the most widespread governmental assault against the purity, morality, rights, and well being of Jewish women and girls in recent history, perhaps dating back to wartime Europe. The unrelenting mistreatment of girls seeking to avoid conscription into the promiscuous military environment is just part of that broader systemic abuse. Even a relatively modest demonstration of ladies in front of an Israeli office or forum would raise awareness immensely, and thereby help deter such abuses, going forward. The signage is crucial. It should call attention to the fact that no one has a right to treat Jewish or non-Jewish girls as they're treated in and by the Israeli Army - which has actually developed a term reflective of their true view of the role of girls and women in the Army: "Miz'ron Tzahali."

11. On this issue, women have more of an ability to help break through the wall of silence than men do. Thus, their obligation reflects that tactical advantage. All readers would be well-advised to see the very strong letter written by HaGaon Rav Meshulum Dovid Soloveichick Shlit"a addressing the need to raise international awareness about these burning issues.

12. Realistic Goals: If we cannot reasonably expect to end conscription of women, we certainly can contain it. And the recent escalation of Israeli military recruitment assaults against girls seeking to secure their exemptions should compel us to become far more vigilant in seeking creative ways to get our message out.

13. For some timely insights, please also review our article on the upcoming fast-day of Asara B'Teves:

"Tenth of Teves: A Day of Reckoning"

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2020/01/tenth-of-teves-day-of-reckoning.html>

<http://firstamendmentactivist.blogspot.com/2020/01/a-day-of-reckoning.html>

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14. For an update of this week's coverage of the ongoing crisis of Israeli military conscription of women and girls, see the weekly email newsletter of the Coalition for Jewish Values (Parshas Vayigash), issued yesterday (Thu., Jan 2), in the Israel section, in which they linked to three related posts:

° IDF Drops Rosh Yeshiva For Opposing Female Combat Roles

° Protesting Anti-Religious Persecution in Israel today:

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2020/01/protesting-antireligious-persecution-by.html>

° We Need to Ensure that No Girl Be Drafted into the Israeli Military:

<https://daattorah.blogspot.com/2020/01/drafting-non-religious-girls-vs-kiruv.html>

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