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Two Or Three Things I'm Learning About Antisemitism.  
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Part Two

How can we advocate 'Never Again' if we don't know what happened the first time?

As we think about the origins of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in the era of American, European and Russian Robber Barons, Oligarchs; one more point than those I mentioned last week in Part I. One more point that proves my argument: It is impossible to even imagine, create a book *The Protocols* about Jews doing these things, if in fact, the Oligarchs, the robber barons were not the ones doing this themselves. And seeking to divert attention to others.

The Rockefellers and their kind, their own actions were, before them, unimagined. There was no precedent before for such behavior: controlling most critical economic sectors, and the government, and the governments of the world, courts in the US, and the military, until the Duponts, Rockefellers, Lodges, Dulles, Bushes, and their counterparts abroad did this.

Sure, let's say that's what the Jews did it. Thus, the *Protocols*. Don't ever wonder about that again.

When the racist monster Henry Ford became the first Oligarch to come out of the closet with his political antisemitism, and widely distributed in English, apparently it didn't need to be translated into English

I'm going to be primarily focusing this evening on the Russian Civil War 1918-1921 and its relationship to antisemitism.

Except for a very few of us, we have only heard of the Russian Civil War, and almost no one here knows what happened and why. Nor that or why its consequence for Jews had been unprecedentedly catastrophic.

It is of course possible that we have a vague sense that we understand the Russian Civil War. Some of our families' personal histories may have been affected by it. But for the most part, we do not comprehend it.

For that reason, I'm going to begin by listing my four secondary sources, all discovered by me in the last few years.

The Jewish Bund In Russia From it's Origins to 1905. By Henry Tobias. A Spector Haunting Europe. The Myth of Judeo-Bolshevism by Paul Hanebrink. America's Secret War Against Bolshevism. US Intervention In the Russian Civil War by David Foglesong. And Russia Revolution And Civil War, 1917-1920 by Anthony Beevor

For each of the four I'll try to highlight a few points that might help us in seeing on the topic of antisemitism, the big picture.

The first book I consulted is The Jewish Bund In Russia From it's Origins to 1905. Its author was Henry Tobias, a Professor of History at the University of Oklahoma.

This one had to be, once discovered, located. Published in 1972, I was able to find one copy in of all places, a seller in SW

Portland. I to drove over and bought it from this basement, about five years ago.

A side bar: Looking at the copy I discovered why it was available in Portland. It contained a review right from the Oregonian of the book by then Portland State Professor Ladis K.D. Kristof. Landis is none other than the father of New York Times columnist and almost Governor of Oregon Nicolas Kristof.

Although only a byway on this extended onramp to this week's thoughts, I do recommend that everyone look at the extraordinary life of Ladis Kristof.

Back in the aborning USSR. my thoughts here are the story of the Jewish Bund, or Federation – not at all related to today's Jewish Federations. It is a complicated story, because the era of the Bund was the era of the total collapse of the Russian Empire, The end of the Romanov dynasty, is complicated and when written about, it is often in generalities, in tomes. Big books.

The Jewish Bund was a Marxist class-focused-organization that arose in different stages in the late 1880s and 1890s in the Pale of Settlement. That is Today's Ukraine, Baltic States, western and southwest Russia.

In the late 1880s Russia was torn, take the word seriously, between oligarch-based industrialism and anti-modernists, reactionaries, including of course the Russian Orthodox Church. All of that on the one hand. Later fascism would put these together into one force.

In Russia the sheer violence, which Jews well knew, lockups of any threatening personalities, and every repressive measure imaginable, Marxism took firm root.

The Bund emerged as having a Marxist solution to separate but related violent struggles: one, against the Czarist Empire and all similar economies based on oligarchs, and the second was to provide a path forward for the Jews of the Russian Empire to live with security. On this second point the Jewish Bund sought to specifically engage in revolutionary, that means armed activities to save Jews from the pogroms and the relentlessly pervasive Czarist inspired antisemitism.

As we learned about the origins and purpose of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, whose success was to deflect responsibility for the 19<sup>th</sup> Century control of governments, armies, and economies, from John David Rockefeller onto the Jews, we now can see what a massive and complex and ongoing violent crisis the Oligarch's Protocols created for Jews.

I am only scratching the surface of the story and significance of the Bund, of its early conflict with Lenin and the Bolsheviks, and then with the Zionists. And similarly of who did what, were they the Bund good guys or bad guys.

Scratching the surface of the struggle to the mat between the Bund and Zionism, first in Russia in the first decade of the twentieth century, and then in Poland throughout the 1930s,

The Bund offered a different way forward in once critical area, so critical that had they been successful, whatever else success might have meant, it would have meant a different turn at every key point in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Jewish history.

We'd want to learn what was that way forward, that view that characterized the Bund?

That distinctive Bundist way forward seemed to take final form in the period after the Kishinev Pogrom, when the Bund at a major conference challenged, begged the other Communists, then led by Lenin, to carve about a special department for Jewish concerns.

Rejected! Rejected! And the Bund was thrown out, or walked out of the Communists party, leaving the Bolsheviks entirely in control.

In Poland, then only 10 15 years old, the Bund fought and argued for Jews creating a viable Polish State, fought and argued for staying, opposed to Jabotinsky and the Polish Zionists.

At the conclusion of Professor Tobias' history of the Bund from its founding up to 1905 when the schism with Lenin took place, are seven pages of Biographical notes that do provide a short version of the entire history gives us a brief essay, perhaps 10 sentences of the lives of times of each of the key players in the Bund.

As we have seen regarding the Protocols, we now see entering the stage of history the brand new, equally vicious and tragic something I call the myth of Jewish Bolshevism. The made-up fascist appellation Judeo Bolshevism was the next critical step toward the Holocaust.

That it dominated the Russian Civil War, and the Holocaust, is equally hard for we Jews to comprehend. Thus, a second book that I used as resource to comprehend the Russian Civil War and its impact on the entire Jewish

future is called A Specter Haunting Europe, The Myth of Judeo Bolshevism by Rutger's historian of European Nationalism and Antisemitism Paul Hanebrink.

In his startling book we find the pictured the nightmare that I have been pointing toward since the beginning of this series.

We all know that in October of 1917 the Bolsheviks led by Lenin and Leo Trotsky, Stalin, overthrew the more western Kerensky provisional government.

Woodrow Wilson, a man of two faces, was President when the Bolshevik coup, I must use these word, blew the minds of the robber barons.

Remember most of the Jews of the entire world lived in the Russian Empire, now renamed with a new ideology as the USSR. You don't know how lucky you are, boy Back in the U.S.S.R.

For several reasons, that have been well studied, there were many Jews among the Bolsheviks, and at key points such as the notorious Peace Conference between German and Russian after the Bolsheviks pulled Russian out of the western alliance, the Conference at Brest-Litovsk, I believe that all of the Bolsheviks were of Jewish origin.

These, however, were still a very small number of the Jews of imperial Russia's Jews.

By this point the Protocols had become a fixture of antisemitism, the **Jews** were the oligarchs, the robber barons; and we can see how that conspiracy theory had worked very well, so why yes, why not, let's now attribute Bolshevism, or

anti-robber baron-ness, steal private property, kill enemies; the main attributes of Bolshevism, to Jews as well.

And behind this new antisemitic myth lay the same people. Robert Lansing, from Brown Brothers Harriman and the Union Bank of New York, the uncle of Allen Dulles who became head of the CIA under JFK. Dulles a notorious vicious antisemite like his brother of John Foster Dulles, Eisenhower's Secretary of State.

Robert Lansing brought these two nephews to the Versailles Peace Conference, the first step from which they and their wall street firm supported the rise of Hitler. They, these American's funded Hitler. And both of whom seemed to have not a single emotion for the Jews of Europe after WWII.

To take it from Professor Hanebrinks A Specter Haunting Europe, the Myth of Judeo Bolshevism, "...the dour Robert Lansing, the American Secretary of state, who believed that New York's Lower East Side Jews intended to bring the evils of revolution across the Atlantic to the United States. In Great Britain, Winston Churchill notes that Jewish revolutionaries had gripped the Russian People by the hair on their heads.

"Between 1917 and 1923 that belief was used to justify the mass slaughter of Jews in the Ukraine by the anti-Bolshevik revolutionaries known as the Whites, ...and other armed groups."

And the Bolsheviks themselves, the Reds, were equally violent as the Whites, they also destroyed by the tens of thousands of Jews, their homes synagogues, businesses, entire towns.

End of part Two.