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WELL, SORT OF IN PEACE. HAD TO PARK MILES AWAY AND THE PASSING DONKEY I ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS DIDN'T SEEM TO BE IN A VERY HELPFUL MOOD TODAY...











THE DOTAN VALLEY IS THE SITE OF ONE OF OUR MOST TRAGIC AND UNFATHOMABLE CONTROVERSITIES AS A NATION. THE ATTEMPTED ASSASINATION, AND EVENTUAL SALE TO SLAVERY OF YOSEF BY HIS OWN KIN ARE A TIMELESS MYSTERY, FROM WHICH GENERATIONS OF SUFFERING HAVE ENSUED.



AND WHILE WE ARE OBLIGED TO ASSUME THAT GREAT AND HOLY MEN SUCH AS YAAKOV AVINU'S SONS HAD SUPERNAL INTENTIONS, AND WERE ABOVE SUCH LOWLY MOTIVES AS ENVY AND GREED, WHICH SEEM, AT A FIRST, SHALLOW READING, AS PLAIN CHILDISH...

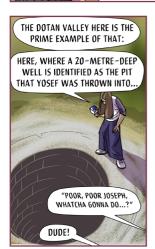






OKAY, WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY WAS THAT
THE ALMIGHTY, THROUGH HISTORY, HAS SHOWN US
AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT ONLY REALLY BAD THINGS
HAPPEN WHEN JEWS START "CHOPPING OFF" OTHER TYPES
OF JEWS FROM THE NATION OF ISRAEL, AS THOUGH "THEY"
DON'T NEED TO BE LOVED OR RESPECTED LIKE THE REST OF US.





...WAS ALSO MARKED DURING WORLD WAR 2 TO BE A CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR ALL THE JEWS OF ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN 1942, THE MUFTI OF YERUSHALAYIM —
THE DESPICABLE AL-HUSSEINI, WHO'D MADE
A PACT WITH HITLER,

EAGERLY AWAITED THE NAZI CONQUEST OF THE LAND TO SET UP HERE - OF ALL PLACES-A HUGE EXTERMINATION CAMP HERE IN THE TO WIPE OUT THE LAST OF IEWISH ISRAEL.



THANK G-D, THE NAZIS FAILED TO CONQUER ISRAEL, SO THE CAMP WAS NEVER BUILT.

THE VALLEY WAS LIBERATED FROM THE JORDANIANS IN THE SIX-DAY-WAR BY THE I.D.F BRIGADE 45

AND TODAY, MEVO DOTAN IS ONE OF SEVERAL JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN THE VALLEY, WITH A VARIED POPULATION, PROVING THAT JEWS CAN AND MUST LIVE TOGETHER AS ONE...

...THAT DESPITE PERSONAL DIFFERENCES
HERE AND THERE, WE ARE ALL – STILL, AND







OH, NO, NO! ALAS, EMPTY WORDS DO

I HEAR! ALL VERY WELL, BUT DO I

