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An Open Letter to the Rabbis of Baltimore and the Five Towns

The "promotional" video you appeared in is a disgrace.

Tue Aug 23, 2022 Rabbi Chananya Weissman  43 comments



As the prohibition of *chanufa* is most severe, I begin this letter without honorary salutation so as not to display feelings of affinity or respect for you that I do not harbor.

The promotional video (<https://rumble.com/vlxs8v-rabbis-robots-and-rodfig.html>) that you appeared in about a year ago in which you urged people to “get vaccinated” with the Covid shots was never befitting Rabbonim. Even leaving aside for the moment the veracity of the message or lack thereof, this is hardly the manner in which Rabbonim should deliver *halachic* opinions. Never in a million years would Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, and the Chafetz Chaim, to



name just a few *gedolim* and *poskim* of modern times, have agreed to perform in such a video (and a performance is what it was).

Indeed, delivering trite, scripted messages via a professionally produced and edited video, and passing this off as a serious rabbinic ruling that the public is meant to unquestioningly follow, is simply unprecedented. It makes a mockery of the *halachic* process – which must be unfailingly honest, thorough, transparent, and subject to the rigorous scrutiny of scholar and layman alike – and reduces it to mere sound bites.

Everything, literally everything, depends on the integrity of the *halachic* process. The Jewish people have been sustained by this process for three thousand years, and you demolished it in three minutes. That was the most significant accomplishment of your commercial advertisement for Covid shots, in which you served as celebrity endorsers. Were your scripted message for people to take the shots the correct *halachic* conclusion, the process by which you arrived at and delivered this message could not have been more inappropriate and damaging to the mantle of Torah that you wear.

Not surprisingly, however, your scripted message was not correct. It isn't now, and it wasn't then. The carnage caused by these accursed shots, produced and forced upon us by accursed people, can no longer be denied or explained away. The meteoric rise in heart attacks, strokes, cancers, fertility problems, sudden “unexplained” deaths, and numerous other severe health



problems that directly correlate to the shots can no longer be brushed aside as mere coincidence, except by the most cynical and corrupt.

Our ancestors stood and watched as the sea split before them, and recognized it as God's miraculous intervention. There were those who witnessed the same event and scoffed at the lack of scientific evidence. Perhaps the winds blew in just the right way, or perhaps the sea naturally split on extremely rare occasions, and the Jewish people happened to be in the right place at the right time. There are always those who refuse to accept the stark reality staring them in the face. Likewise, there are those who still insist that the shots are “safe and effective”, contrary both to mountains of studies and, no less significant, the reality staring us in the face.

You demanded that people take these shots. You leveraged your authority as rabbis and community leaders, the trust every decent Jew yearns to have in our shepherds, to deliver this “halachic ruling” with no actual substance. By participating in this pharmaceutical advertisement, this charade, you called upon Jews who live by the Torah and fear heaven to take the shots based on their respect for you alone.

That is not how the Torah works. That is certainly not how decisions affecting the physical and spiritual health of the entire Jewish people are to be made.



Surely you knew this, which is why none of you followed up your commercial appearance with a proper *halachic teshuva* that could be studied, analyzed, and critiqued as per Torah norms. You had every opportunity to do so – and every obligation to do so – yet not one of you has substantiated his scripted message with a proper ruling as befits your station. This is a disgrace to the Torah, to the rabbinic institution, and to the entire Jewish people. There is no excuse, and there can be no excuse.

Furthermore, it was obvious that the videos were sponsored, at least in part, by the government, which would have been reason enough for you to decline to participate. A rabbi must leave no room for suspicion that his *halachic* rulings are influenced by money, politics, or other outside interference. A rabbi should certainly not collaborate with the government in developing and disseminating his *halachic* rulings.

But it gets worse. To no surprise, recent investigative work (<https://rumble.com/v1f15n5-leaked-video-planning-propaganda-to-push-the-death-shots-on-the-jews-of-bal.html>) has discovered that funding for this propaganda campaign derived from the Open Society Foundations – none other than George Soros. I should not need to elaborate on the significance of this. You might as well work for Amalek.

The Rambam in Hilchos Teshuva 3:6 lists twenty-four types of people who “have no share in the world to come, but are cut lost, and judged for their great wickedness and sins forever a ever.”



One of these is *מחטיאי הרבים*, those who cause the public to sin. As the Rambam writes in 3:10, it makes no difference whether one causes the public to transgress a great sin, such as idolatry, or even a lighter matter, such as canceling a positive commandment. This includes misleading the people until they sin or forcing them to sin.

You have caused the public to violate numerous sins, as I outlined in my article Wholesale Sinners (<https://chananyaweissman.com/article.php?id=275>), and you caused them to cancel countless positive commandments by supporting the closures of shuls, yeshivos, and cancellation of normative Jewish life at the unscientific whims of heretical “health officials”.

Another type the Rambam lists is *mosrim*, those who hand over their fellow Jews to *goyim* to be harmed or killed, or their money to *goyim* or criminals (3:12). You have done precisely that, under the false pretense of protecting their lives.

You might want to review what the Rambam writes about *mosrim* in Chovel Umazik 8:9-11 and Eidus 11:10, the Rivash Siman 79, and the Margaliyos Hayam on Sanhedrin 46A:6-7, to name just a few sources. I am not a *posek*, nor am I advocating violence or for anyone to take the law into their own hands, but these sources should make your hair stand on edge. There is a Judge and there is Justice.



Another type the Rambam lists is מטילי אימה על הציבור שלא לשם שמים, those who inflict fear upon the public not for the sake of heaven (3:13). “Unvaccinated people died. Died!” You did nothing but terrorize people into taking shots and viewing all social interaction as a lethal danger. You did not do this for the sake of heaven. You did it for your own benefit and to suit the agenda of those at war with Hashem.

None of this is a stretch. You represent *three* types of people who lose their share in the world to come, and get punished forever.

The Rambam concludes this frightening chapter with a hopeful message. Even the worst of sinners have the opportunity to do *teshuva*, in which case they reclaim a share in the world to come. Furthermore, the community accepts repentant sinners – even those who committed grave sins – back into the fold.

It is impossible for you to fully rectify the harm that you have caused. Those who lost their lives due to the shots cannot be brought back to life; those who suffered serious harm will not be cured by your repentance; those who suffered economic devastation, estrangement from family, friends, and community might not recover what they lost.

However, it is still incumbent upon you to repent for your actions and rectify the damage to the best of your ability. Yehoshua bin Nun implored Achan to repent before his execution, even though he would still be put to death. Achan's repentance brought



honor to the Jewish people and salvaged his own soul in the next world. This is the same opportunity and responsibility that is before you.

I recommend the following plan of action for your *teshuva* process. This is the minimum that would be acceptable; the more you add to this, the better.

1) Issue a video-recorded confession of your sins and distribute it via the same public channels as your original video.

2) Express sincere remorse and ask the entire *tzibur* for forgiveness.

3) If you know individuals who were harmed by your “ruling”, do *teshuva* to them personally, in accordance with the *halacha*.

4) Publicly disclose everything you know about the propaganda campaign targeting your community, the individuals and entities involved, their tactics – everything. As the people near the top of this chain are extremely sinister, you may well be endangering your life by betraying them. Nevertheless, this is a step you must take to rectify the damage you caused. If you pay with your life because of this, your death will be an atonement.

5) Publicly disclose any compensation you received directly or indirectly through your institutions for collaborating with this campaign. Dedicate this sum toward rectifying the damage you caused, such as by spreading the truth and assisting victims of the shots.



6) Step down from any positions of leadership in the community, and, if you are accepted back into the fold, refrain from retaking such positions in the future.

I sincerely hope that you will follow in the positive example of Achan and mend your ways while you still have the chance. As much damage as you caused, true repentance will bring tremendous healing to the community and deliver a serious blow to our enemies. It will also salvage your share in the world to come and spare you punishment that is beyond anything we can imagine.

Is that not worth the shame and material dangers of coming clean?

We have lost a great deal, but there is still so much that can be saved. Be brave now and do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Chananya Weissman

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Baltimore rabbis who performed in the video:

Zvi Teichman

Shmuel Kaplan

Zvi Weiss



Dovid Heber

Elchonon Lisbon

Jonathan Seidemann

Ori Moshe Millrod

Menachem Goldberger

Nesanel Kostelitz

Mordechai Shuchatowitz

Yaakov Hopper (He appeared in a separate government-affiliated video here (<https://associated.org/stories/covid-19-message-from-baltimore-rabbis/>), in which he conveniently failed to acknowledge the reality that people don't want to take vaccines because of the serious potential dangers involved. All he could surmise was *motzi shem rah* that they are selfish or gamblers who enjoy living on the edge, at the expense of others.)

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Five Towns Rabbis who performed in the video:

Eytan Feiner

Yaakov Feitman

Uri Orlian



Yaakov Bender

Yaakov Trump

Yitzchok Dovid Frankel

Zvi Ralbag

Shalom Axelrod

Ephraim Polakoff

Elie Weinstock

Aaron Glatt (He must also answer for his role in the death of Deborah Bucko, as referenced here (<https://rumble.com/vmgplt-r-and-b-medical-war-crimes-8-scott-mantel.html>) and here (<https://chananyaweissman.com/article.php?id=350>)).

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E **Emma**
2 points · 3 days ago

Please continue writing. For those of us who stood against the advice of those we were supposed to (and wanted to) respect, it was spiritual torture. We deserve a voice, and all who were hurt or killed by these vaccines certainly do.

K **Kendra Smith**
0 points · 3 days ago

I get paid over \$200\$ per hour working from home with 2 kids at home. I never thought I'd be able to do it but my best friend earns over \$10k\$ a month doing this and she convinced me to try. The potential with this is endless. Heres what I've been doing.. :) AND GOOD LUCK.:)

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M **Melinda Thies**
-1 points · 3 days ago

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M **MelanieSmith**
-1 points · 3 days ago

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V **Very Real Name**
1 point · 4 days ago

I cried reading this. Ok your video Rabbis can say sorry, but what about all the rest? The nice ones let me sit in the kitchen and shout amen or be quiet until I just stayed home, and since shedding blew up (go get a d dimer test if you think you are un-[death]vaccinated and went near one) maybe it was hasgacha protis.

Every Rabbi who pushed it pushed his community against those who refused. There are friends and families that will probably never speak again over their "saving lives" how Soros tells them to.

The head of the snake-venom and black eyed baby vaccine pushers is a place to start, but as much as the people who have and will die need an apology, what about those who chose life and were kicked out of theirs? Who says sorry or even collects our lonely stories?

You had people's mothers dying of vaccines blaming the unvaxxed and hating them and I got censored for speaking up on one of those. Who apologizes to the family and all the unvaccinated people they cut off after?

Teshuva is certainly in front of them, but they admit they did it and they're not really Rabbis anymore, not that I can really say they are.

M **Marlow**
-1 points · 2 days ago

You cried reading this paranoid drivel? Honestly, I don't know what to do with people like you. I can only hope Darwinism does its work and humanity can go on smarter and saner than it was before.

G **Gloria**
-2 points · 3 days ago



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M **Mo de Profit**
0 points · 3 days ago

Thank you, people who were vaccinated (that word is inaccurate) are understandably in denial about it. The government in the UK is particularly sensitive about calls for justice.

Someone wrote "No more lockdown" on a road sign locally and it was left to fade away in the sun. Same road sign was defaced with "Justice for Vaccine Victims" and the local government instantly sent a team to paint over it, not once but twice.

Calling for JUSTICE FOR VACCINE VICTIMS, seems to have hit a nerve.

L **leriji8536**
2 points · 3 days ago

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I get paid over \$220 per hour working from home with 2 kids at home. i never thought i'd be able to do it but my best friend earns over 15k a month doing this and she convinced me to try. the potential with this is endless..., <(") :) AND GOOD LUCK.:) HERE >> <https://frontpagemag0.blogspot.com>

M **Marlow**
0 points · 2 days ago

It does. It's a clear signal that insane anti-vax morons are in the vicinity.

S **Samuel Pope**
0 points · 43 hours ago

This article is the most insane thing that I've read on FPM to date. Aside from attending some fun and lighthearted bar mitzvahs in middle school, I don't really know how the organizational structure works at a synagogue or how one becomes a rabbi. But I imagine that you go to rabbinical school, then do some kind of "guest-speaker" appearances at a temple, try to get some bored pre-teens excited about Torah by teaching a few classes at Hebrew school, and that if you are good at it, you become a regular, and that if you continue to be



good at it, you get invited to do it in a more or less permanent position. But from what I can gather online, “rabbi” Weissman has been too batshit insane and opposed to any form of modernity to even get invited to practice any baseline, pre-requisite rabbinical duties, even at the most fiercely Orthodox places. It’s hard for me to take him as an authority for that reason.

I always like Marlow’s comments, because I think that he always speaks with wit, eloquence, and an informed brutality, but I think that he’s missing the point of this article. This self-proclaimed “rabbi” is not really even arguing about the effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccines, or about who we should trust for medical advice. Of course he says that vaccines have killed millions, and of course he doesn’t provide any data to back that up. But that’s not the point—Weissman is arguing that Americans in 2022 should be following the most ancient, fundamentalist form of Jewish law, in which, by his personal interpretation of Torah, modern medicine is inherently heretical, and that people who advocate for it or practice it should be tried and punished, possibly by death, in the courts of some kind of imagined Jewish theocracy. This is not a realistic takeaway on this age in which we live. This is fantasy and religious insanity.

C

Chananya Weissman**0 points** · 37 hours ago

Someone whose knowledge of the Judaism he so ineloquently disparages is limited to a few drunken parties as a kid and how he "imagines" things work has decided, based on his great expertise, that I am not qualified to be a rabbi. Guess that's the end of me.

Of course, only the world's greatest expert, with the most impressive pieces of paper on the wall, with pre-approved conclusions, can comment on certain shots, but any ignorant shmuck can speak authoritatively about rabbis and Judaism.

No wonder these buffoons believe they come from monkeys. They would be worthy of pity if they weren't rotten to the core.

M

Marlow**-1 points** · 35 hours ago

"Of course, only the world's greatest expert, with the most impressive pieces of paper on the wall, with pre-approved conclusions, can comment on certain shots."



It's a free country and anyone can comment. It's just that the world's greatest expert is far more likely to be right than some raving paranoid loon on the web.

I just want to clarify: You don't believe in the Darwinian theory of evolution?

As an aside, no, we don't think we came from monkeys, we think monkeys and humans had a common ancestor at some point in the past, as indeed we had a common ancestor with every living thing on Earth. It's a rather beautiful concept if you can manage to wrap your head around it, which it appears you can't.

By the way, you can't "violate" a "sin." I think you meant "prohibition" or something similar. Least of your problems, of course.

M **Marlow**
-1 points · 38 hours ago

I appreciate the compliment. I wasn't aware of his larger ideology, but what you provided would seem to confirm that this "rabbi" is a menace to public safety.

S **Shiverme Timbers**
-1 points · 3 days ago

Thank you. This applies to all religious leaders, except the few, the very few that stood apart and against the coercive distortion of the government and the sheep-like need to follow and be accepted, regardless of the consequences to the congregations.

M **Marlow**
-1 points · 2 days ago

Anti-vax religious leaders certainly did act regardless of the consequences to their congregations, which were horrendous and entirely avoidable.

A **Ashley Mitchell**
-1 points · 2 days ago

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M Marlow
-4 points · 3 days ago

There isn't really much to say about this delusional, paranoid, defamatory, and frankly despicable screed, as it is beyond the reach of rational argument.

Anyone who believes this stuff has long since gone over the cliff, and it's best not to jump in after them.

I think it is worth pointing out two truths, however:

1. The rabbis who appeared in this video are heroes who likely saved the lives of hundreds if not thousands of people.
2. The supposed rabbi who wrote this letter is likely responsible for hundreds if not thousands of deaths due to his insistence on spreading lies, slanders, and deranged conspiracy theories during a public health crisis.

I think it's pretty clear who needs to do teshuva -- a lot of it.

C Chananya Weissman
3 points · 3 days ago

This comment is not directed to the wicked heretic above, but to readers. I recommend not engaging people like this. There is nothing to be gained by taking their bait. Just as you don't need to respond to every dog in the street that barks at you, you don't need to engage every malicious troll. Let them wither.

M Marlow
-2 points · 3 days ago

This comment is not directed toward the merchant of death above, but to readers: Don't believe people like this. There are other people who have spent their lives studying infectious diseases and for that reason you should take their views seriously. If you choose not to, and instead choose to believe idiots on YouTube and loons like this merchant of death, you are not being skeptical, thinking for yourselves, or doing your own research, you are being gullible on an epic scale. I do not say you should blindly trust anyone, but you should take an honest look at the probability that someone knows what they're talking about and act accordingly.



Emma

E **-1 points** · 3 days ago

spoken like a true propagandist - no facts, just "trust the experts". cute.

C **Chananya Weissman**
0 points · 3 days ago

Yup...think for yourself and don't blindly trust anyone, but blindly "trust the experts". The forked-tongued snakes are really out of steam at this point. Can't imagine why they are having trust issues.

V **Very Real Name**
0 points · 3 days ago

50 cent party trolls from China are pushing the death jab in hopes we won't be frying their little shrimp weeners when they invade. You know how many robots I have waiting for a modded civilian vessel full of tanks to come to Taiwan? Just need one to be set for life anyway.

M **Marlow**
1 point · 3 days ago

That's insane. Literally insane.

M **Marlow**
0 points · 3 days ago

I'm saying make an honest assessment of who is likely to be correct: someone who has been studying the subject for decades or some bloviating idiot online. If you choose the latter, then YOU'RE the one who's blindly trusting someone like a gullible sheep.

E **Emma**
0 points · 3 days ago

Just read the research. It's not that hard. The truth is out there.

M **Marlow**
0 points · 3 days ago

I don't have the requisite years-long education needed to assess the research or its validity--neither do you. If you're an anti-vax



nutbar like the "rabbi" here, then it's easy enough to make a research paper say whatever you want. Surely you can admit that the consensus of people who've been studying this subject for decades has at least SOME evidentiary value.

E **Emma**
0 points · 2 days ago

I actually have several degrees and work in the field, but whatevs.

M **Marlow**
-1 points · 2 days ago

Well, chapter and verse please. Which degrees and in what fields? Infectious diseases?

E **Emma**
0 points · 2 days ago

there you go, move the goal posts. sorry, troll, but i've got to get back to work and this thread is over. toodles!

M **Marlow**
-1 points · 38 hours ago

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