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Just recently a Navy Chaplain Lieutenant stationed in Camp Lejeune gave what could be considered an antisemitic sermon on Easter. This chaplain was educated at West Point. He was an Army line officer for six plus years before getting a Master of Divinity. He then served in a church for four years and then returned to the Air Force as a chaplain for six plus years. He then transferred to the Navy chaplaincy where he is serving in Camp Lejeune.

With this type of history and education one would think that this chaplain would “know better” than to be “inciteful” with this type of sermon. I understand this may be his personal theology, however when presented in such a way, antisemitism in the guise of “Jesus killers” rears its ugly head. A flag of antisemitism ignites hatred, and “organized hatred” legitimizes the illegitimate.

Flags and standards are symbols that represent those people flying them. The flags of Bnei Yisrael in BaMidbar have spiritual significance. They represented celestial armies and G-d’s presence. When any flag ignites hatred, it has no place in the world.

May only flags of G-d’s armies fly so then peace will reign.

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Nathan W. Langer

