

Anatomy of a Cult: The Eliezer Berland Dossier

A structural analysis of ideological extremism, systemic abuse,
and the religious consensus against the "Shuvu Banim" community.

Synthesized from the investigative report
"Ubi'arta HaRa MiKirbecha" (Purge the Evil from Your Midst).



The Dual Reality of "Shuvu Banim"

The Public Facade



Piety: Prays publicly for 6 hours; displays extreme humility.



Charity: Empties pockets to give away all money to the poor.



Asceticism: Claims to barely eat or sleep, living only for Torah.

The Private Reality



Heresy: Skips mandatory prayers; privately violates the Sabbath.

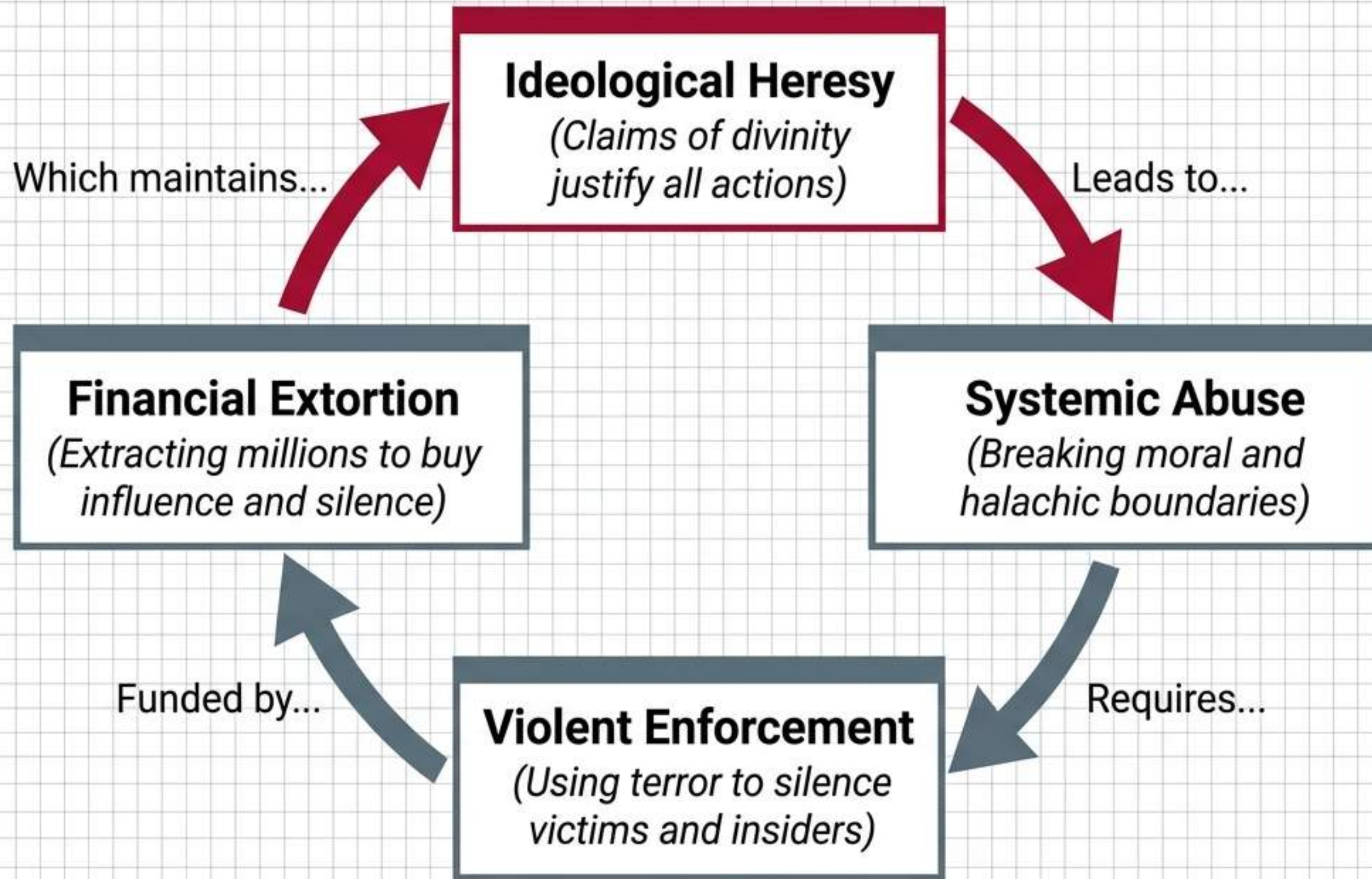


Extortion: Amasses millions in Swiss bank accounts via false promises



Indulgence: Demands absolute submission; violently enforces control.

The Engine of Exploitation



The Core Heresy: Claiming Divinity

Berland systematically elevated himself above human accountability, reviving "Sabbatean" theology where the leader replaces God.

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*The Tzaddik is God
Himself descending in
the form of a man...
He can turn all the
sins in the world into
merits in one second.*

Source: Audio Recording, Line 212

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*The hand of the
Tzaddik is stronger
than the hand of
God.*

Source: Repeated in multiple lectures

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*I remember 3,000
years ago, I yelled at
Moses and argued
with him...*

Source: Audio Recording, Line 212

The "Tikkun" Loophole: Justifying the Unjustifiable

To explain away his blatant violations, Berland's son-in-law (Yehuda Asher Goldblum) published a 600-page book, *Emunat Chachamim K'Hilchata*, codifying a dangerous theological trap.

The Rule

The Tzaddik operates on a higher spiritual plane than normal humans.



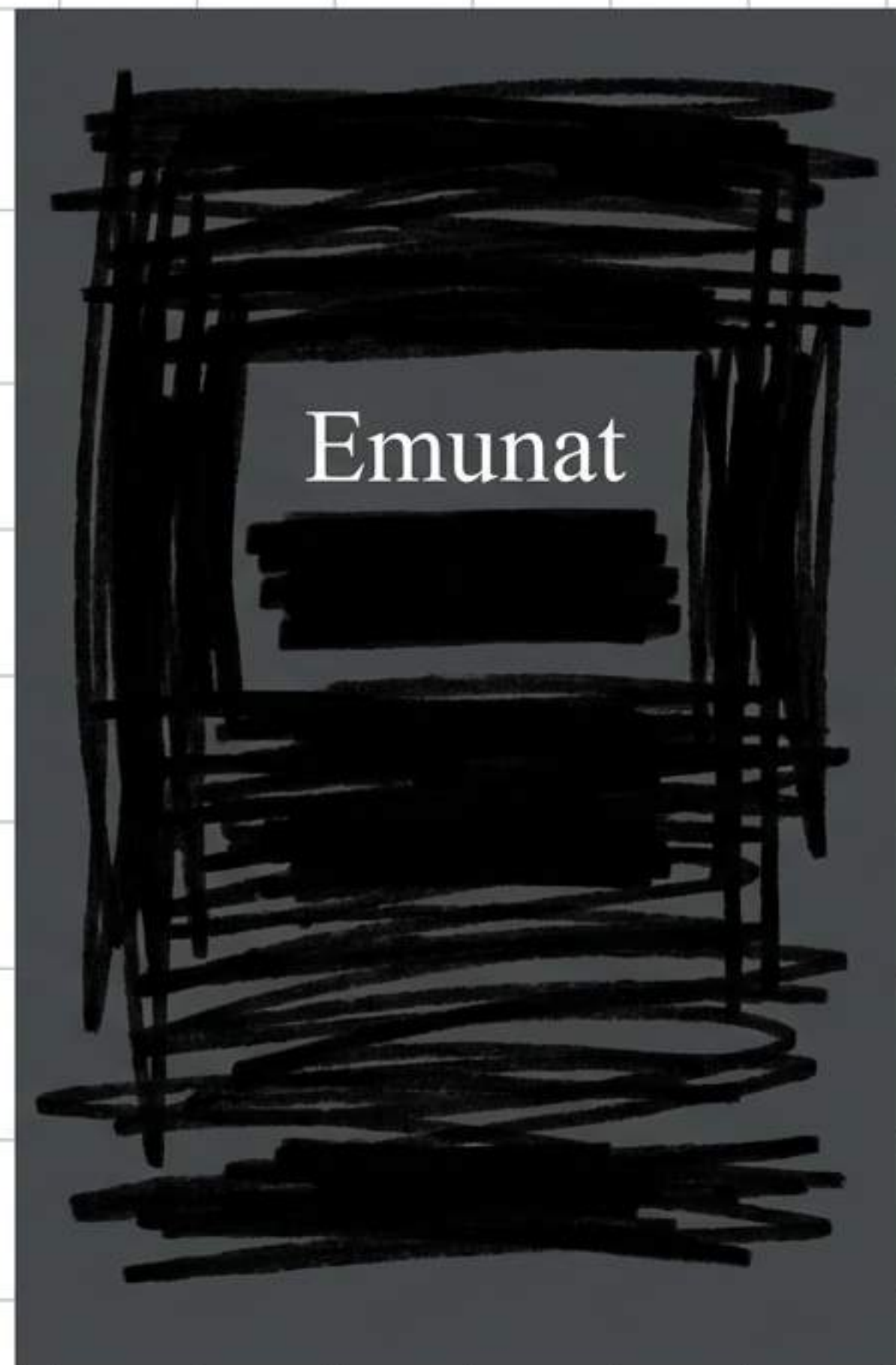
The Inversion

Therefore, what looks like a "sin" to us is actually a "**Mitzvah**" (commandment) done with pure intentions.



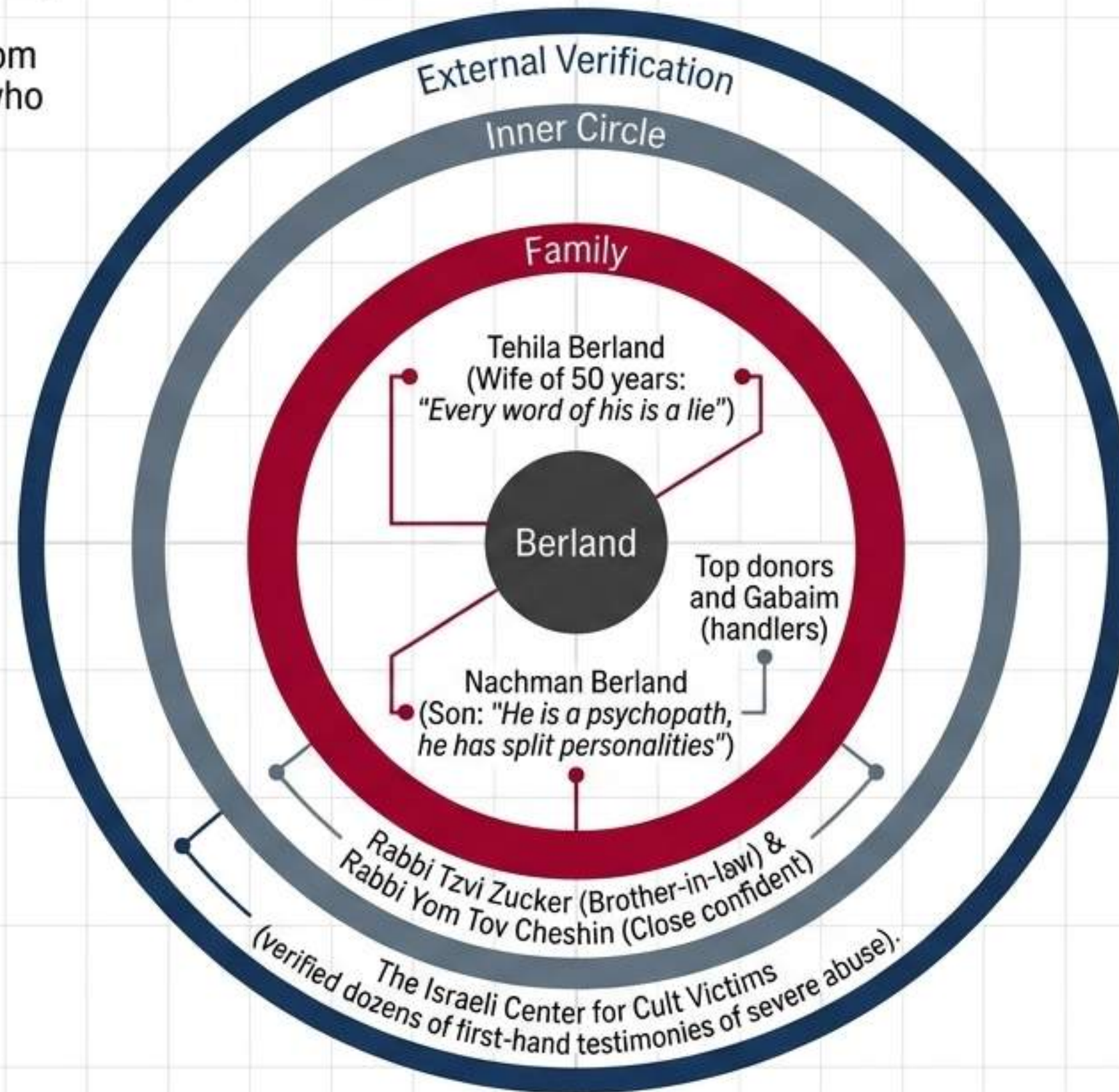
The Result

Sins are rebranded as **Tikkunim** (Spiritual Fixes). Followers must abandon their own logic and conscience to accept the abuse.



The Witnesses: An Implosion from Within

The allegations did not originate from external enemies, but from those who spent decades at his side.



Moral Exploitation: Predation Disguised as Salvation

The Cult's Narrative

Berland claimed he was "lowering judgments" and preventing a global nuclear holocaust. He told followers:

“I am ready to accept this shame and fall to the depths of hell to sweeten the decree of Iranian atom bomb.”

The Reality

Systemic sexual abuse of vulnerable followers.

- Dozens of first-hand testimonies documented by former insiders.
- Four official police complaints filed by victims despite severe threats.
- Victims were told the abuse was a "spiritual fix" and were terrified to disobey the "Tzaddik."

The Enforcement Arm: Violence and Terror

To protect the facade, "Shuvu Banim" operated an enforcement wing, dealing brutally with questioners, defectors, or anyone in Berland's way.

Escalation Ladder

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Murder

The 1986 murder and disappearance of Nissim Shitrit by followers, justified by Berland misquoting Jewish law to permit extrajudicial killing.



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Audio Proof

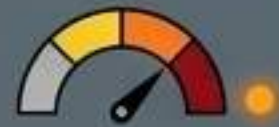
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Severe Beatings

Ordering followers to put critics in comas. (e.g., Beating of Nachman Shalom; stabbing of R' Hershel Zilberman).



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Systemic Intimidation

Dozens of armed followers waiting outside homes of defectors (e.g., Yisrael Elchadad).





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Exhibit B: Physical Assaults

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0:55:29 "Put an explosive brick under his bed..."
0:03:50 "Back..."
0:55:29 "The sound of the brick under the bed is even louder under the bed..."
0:05:53 "Put so how you see..."

Exhibit C: Recorded Commands

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Exhibit D: The Shitrit Case

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Financial Extortion: The “Pidyon” Machine

The Extraction



False Promises: Demanding vast sums (\$10,000 to \$30,000) for guaranteed cures or preventing disasters (e.g., the Gaza disengagement).



Forced Debt: Instructing followers to take massive, unpayable loans, directly contradicting halacha.



Mandatory Collection: Yeshiva students forced to fundraise half the day or lose their stipends.



The Allocation



Swiss Bank Accounts: Amassing millions in offshore accounts.



Buying Influence: Distributing massive cash envelopes to institutional leaders to buy silence and the reputation of a “master of charity.”



Funding the Dynasty: Buying apartments in Jerusalem and Uman for dozens of family members.

Psychological Domination & Bizarre Directives

Berland actively destroyed followers' independent thought through erratic, harmful commands.



Dietary Control

Forcing a follower to eat exclusively watermelon, causing severe malnutrition. Claiming eating after age 20 is merely "psychological."



Marital Destruction

Ordering couples to divorce for no reason, or marrying normal followers to the severely mentally ill to "fix" their souls.



Messianic Delusions

Constantly predicting false deadlines for the Messiah and claiming a "Temple of Fire" was actively descending from heaven.



Isolation

Ordering followers to sever all ties with their parents, warning that contact would ruin their marriages.

The Halachic Subversion

Despite claiming the mantle of a Rabbi, Berland systematically and publicly violated basic Jewish Law (Halacha).

The Sabbath

Instructed followers to drive on Shabbat in Holland with a non-Jewish driver, with zero life-saving (Pikuach Nefesh) justification.

Yom Kippur

Caught on tape during a Yom Kippur lecture instructing a follower to "prepare cigarettes for us for Yom Kippur."

Sacred Objects

Entering the bathroom while wearing Tefillin on his head; routinely placing his bare hand directly on the parchment of the Torah scroll.

The Breslov Consensus: Excommunication

A total rejection by the highest authorities within his own Hasidic sect.

“He errs and misleads in the fundamentals of religion and halacha... he constitutes a terrible and severe danger. We have no part or inheritance with this man or his followers.”

The Signatories (Elders of Breslov)

- Rabbi Yaakov Meir Shechter
- Rabbi Shmuel Moshe Kremer
- Rabbi Natan Libermensh

בס"ד
קול קורא מזקני וגדולי חסידי ברסלב

על מודות הספר השבטאי שבתצו תלמידו והתוו על האיש התכתה "תרב" אליטוד ברלון
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דודעווען לראות בבלע את הקודש בדברי הכל ורעות רוח שונתבו
1808 "אחוות חכמים במלכתא" ונסד "חכתב מבין האילנות"
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חזינוו פנים תו דתשי' למילת אשתם בדב' חז'ל ובדב' קבלה וכל רב'יתם בסיסם בפקדות וכל תהיח דתה אק שנבם בולס סל "דעה לזר" ויחשבה"א לאן סינוד, ובדב' שפירחה ובספ חרמם וחרן "ככשוסר" ובדב' שחין ערלה בקוה אחר עם אסורח לזס בחכו שווא "שלא בכשוסר" וחזונה ונעמחו למע ליסס אח' גפסיסו תפס.

ובתנכ"ס דברי אלקים חיים, תלו רשעם אף באילולא דדב"ר. יפייט קחיק דבייטק וחלטידין, ותי פתי יאקן לדברי אשת חשע לתחיל חס בקרשים למלות דברי דובי בדקיקים קדוש עליך, וילא חסד מוסדות שידחה וביורק וייע הוא שלא לזו חפשי קון כסדין. פון חזי בזה מרעיס דבייטק חותרי מוסריה על דבר ות שבייקים אחריו תען אפילו. ויסקר בחסד תקוראם על גבייך לרועה הית תחזיק של כל חסד חסדד לזמור שרע בכל יום חסד חסד, ואיתא בגיוראם שלם לרועה ימין ושמאל מדברי השרים אבילו אף ידחל לאדם שכן רודר וביורק בבגדו, ואיך יעלא על הרשת למדות רשות בחסד של איתו ובבית בקחיק אפי"כ.

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והמספר של רכב תחנת איסוף הנחת ישראל, בודק נפחם בו אם זה מל מיות ופיקודתם אשר עד מבקר תגל, חי ידע בו ים דגמה לפנה א פד ויא פדש פחה ראה ח'נס לסות רכדי אלקיז מ'ס ח'נסות כל סקו ל'יסני חת' באפנה פד, חת' באי חת'.

31 שנים וזרוע שמיסוד חמוד נעדר ל'הסחבל' בפרטים חז'ו ונח'ו ב'תקדאי

ויש לאבדם מן העולם

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The Global Haredi Verdict

Rabbi Shmuel Vosner

“If we were in the time of the Sanhedrin, he would be stoned in front of all of Israel. It is a cult of madmen.”

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef & Rabbi Yaakov Yosef

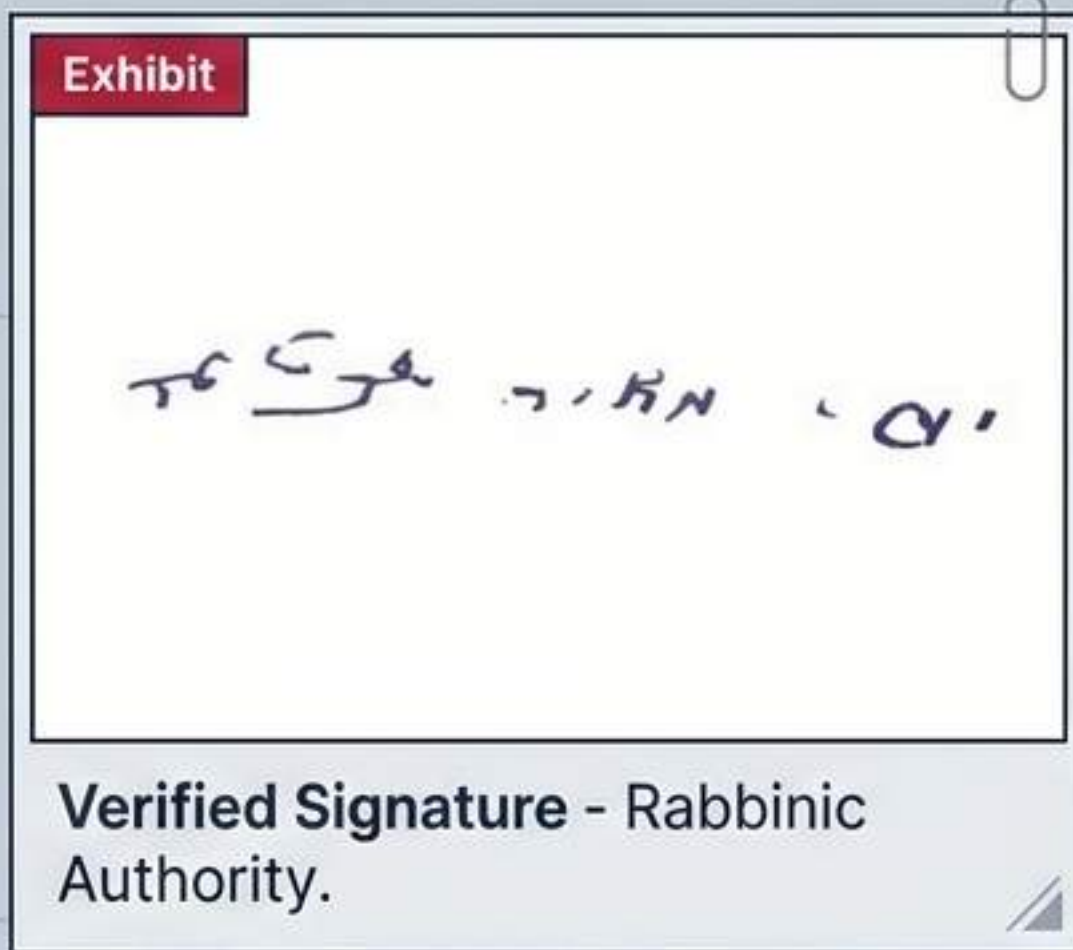
“It is a Mitzvah to hand him over to the police... It is a Mitzvah to publicize the hypocrites to prevent the desecration of God’s name.”

Rabbi Moshe Shapira

“For decades I have argued he is among the greatest generals of the Sitra Achra (Dark Side)... worse than Sabbatai Zevi.”

Exhibit A: The Signatures of Condemnation

The physical evidence of the unified Rabbinic front against **Eliezer Berland**.



The Anatomy of Spiritual Abuse

The Eliezer Berland dossier reveals how the absolute suspension of critical thought in favor of charismatic authority inevitably leads to the destruction of morality, law, and human life.



Theology Weaponized

Heresy was used not as an abstract belief, but as a practical tool to dismantle followers' moral boundaries.



Systemic Complicity

The abuse was sustained by an inner circle that used violence and extortion to protect the financial empire.



The Duty to Expose

The unprecedented consensus of Rabbinic leadership demonstrates that exposing corruption is the ultimate defense of faith.