

CSJO: Repression

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Throughout time, groups have always fought and enslaved one another, physically and intellectually. Our history is one of constant struggle against repression. Throughout the centuries, Jews have been denied freedom.

In every generation I must find my freedom again

In every generation they rise up to destroy me

In every generation there are those who would be
masters of slaves.

In every generation I was a slave

I was a slave for Pharaoh in Egypt

for Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon

and died fighting the Romans at Massada

and fled from the Crusaders

and from the Spanish Inquisitors

and was slain by the Cossacks in Russia,

and by the Nazis

and still there are those who oppress us as the

Russian Government oppressed our people and those

who would destroy us as the Arabs fought to

annihilate Israel.

How can I be free while there is one slave left?

How can I be free when people use guns instead of
understanding?

How can I be free when my own mind enslaves me in
bigotry, jealousy and hatred?

This year we are slaves, but next year....shall we be free?

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