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Religious ANTI-Zionists

Satmar Rebbe

Q: How should one relate to the Satmar Rebbe and Ha-Rav Elchanan Wasserman, who scorned Maran Ha-Rav Kook?

A: They erred severely in this area, but we are still obligated to honor them (Shut Radvaz 4:187. Ma'amrei Ha-Re'eiyah, p. 56. See Shut Bnei Banim 2:34).

Satmar Book

Q: I have a Satmar book with quotes against the State of Israel. Should I throw it in the garbage?

A: No. It also contains sacred words. Place it in the Geniza.

Chasidei Satmar and Neturei Karta

Q: How should we relate to the Chasidei Satmar and Neturei Karta who participated in the Holocaust Denial Conference in Iran? Is there an obligation to hate them?

A: G-d forbid. One must love every Jew. But it is permissible to wage war against their opinions. They are confused and do not represent Satmar Chasidim (One of the current Satmar Rebbes, Ha-Rav Yekutiel Yehudah Teitelbaum, said about these members of Neturei Karta who visited Iran: "These people take the pure name of Satmar in vain! Our Holy Rabbi, the 'Vayoel Moshe' [the first Satmar Rebbe, and

his uncle], exaggeratedly said that they cause more damage than the Zionists themselves. We are working to cast off all these extreme sects. When these went to Iran, the Satmar Beit Din issued a harsh letter against them." Mishpachah Magazine. 29 Kislev 5773, p. 24).

#### Counting Neturei Karta in Minyan

Q: Is it permissible to count someone from Neturei Karta in a Minyan?

A: Of course! There is no question here.

#### Satmar Shul

Q: If there is no other Minyan, is it permissible to daven in a Satmar Shul, even though they are against the State of Israel?

A: Yes. Do not excommunicate people.

#### Praying for the Health of a Neturei Karta

Q: One of the leaders of Neturei Karta is very ill and is in the hospital. Should we pray that he dies? After all, he has blood on his hands for actively supporting our enemies?

A: We should certainly pray for his recovery. He is in the category of a confused person.

#### Learning the Satmar Rebbe's Books

Q: Does one receive the reward for learning Torah when learning the Satmar Rebbe's books?

A: Certainly.

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