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1 Hitler's Jewish loves

Anyone with a superficial knowledge of Nazism thinks that Eva Braun was Hitler's great love. She was willing to commit suicide with him, it is true. It was her proof of loyalty to him, and in gratitude for that he married her! One day before their death! It could have been a scene from an opera by Wagner, Hitler's favorite composer. But before that, he had never wanted to agree to marry Eva and kept her in the background as much as possible. He was embarrassed that she understood nothing of politics and warfare and at the same time loved to smoke, drink, and dance to popular American music. Things he himself detested. But her love for him was more intense than the other way around, and every time he threatened to leave her, she threatened to kill herself. Earlier, the life of his niece Geli Raubal had ended prematurely, officially by suicide. The tabloid press wrote that she had an incestuous relationship with her famous uncle Adolf. And that he had her killed when he found out that a Jew had made her pregnant!¹ In any case she died by a bullet from Hitler's own pistol. It is therefore understandable that Hitler gave in to Eva Braun's threat. If she also died by his hands it could endanger his political career. Eva Braun loved the many parties she could organize as

'wife of the Führer'. But she was never allowed to be in the spotlight as the Third Reich's First Lady. That role was reserved for Magda Goebbels, the wife of Hitler's Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels. She was present in the bunker in Berlin when the Russian army surrounded the city and Hitler took the decision to commit suicide. Not Eva Braun but she was Hitler's great love after his lamented niece Geli. Despite her marriage to Goebbels which had a very bad course. Joseph was adulterous and deceived Magda with many mistresses. Magda sought comfort with Hitler whom she truly loved. In fact, she worshipped him as a deity. Her adoration for Hitler was so great that she gave all the children in her family (six in all) names which began with the letter "H" of Hitler: Helga, Hildegard, Holdine, Hedwig, Heidrun, and Helmut. In 1946 the wife of Otto Meissner, Hitler's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, declared that Hitler (and not Joseph Goebbels) was the real father of Helmut!² Hitler visited the Goebbels house quite often, also unannounced. When Hitler's Propaganda Minister came home late in the evening, he often discovered to his surprise that Hitler already sat at the table with Magda...³ On a certain moment, Joseph wanted to give up his marriage for a Czech actress, Lida Baarova. When Magda complained about this to Hitler, Hitler forbade his minister to divorce her. ⁴ The historian

Peter Longerich, who wrote a monumental biography of Goebbels, concluded that Magda and Hitler had a secret love affair. By maintaining Magda's marriage with Joseph, Hitler could keep his own relationship with Magda hidden from the people. After all, Hitler wanted to be seen as a leader who was 'married to the German people' and sacrificed his whole private life for his voters.⁵ If it came to light that Hitler was having an affair it could cost him many votes from his voters. As long as he visited his minister it aroused no suspicion. And nobody could suspect that the real reason for his visit was Magda. The marriage of Goebbels, which had Hitler's blessing, was nevertheless controversial. Before the ceremony, the press reported that Magda was "Jewish by birth". In his diary, Goebbels said that this accusation hit him hard.⁶ These rumors were probably based on the fact that as a child Magda had grown up with... a Jewish stepfather! When Magda was born, her mother was married to a German engineer. Three years later, however, this marriage came to an end and her mother remarried the Belgian-Jewish leather manufacturer Richard Friedlander. The Jewish businessman was very fond of little Magda, so that from the age of nine she bore the Jewish family name Friedlander!⁷ The happy family settled in Vilvoorde, near Brussels, where Magda attended a Jewish school. Around her seventeenth year

she fell in love for the first time. The chosen one was Victor Arlosoroff, a Jewish Zionist who dreamed of founding a Jewish state in British-ruled Palestine. According to his sister Lisa - Magda's bosom friend- Magda would have liked to follow him to this Promised Land. During her passionate relationship with him he gave her a jewel in the form of the Star of David. The later wife of Hitler's propaganda minister wore this Jewish symbol with pride.⁸ Magda left him when she caught him in the arms of another girl. After their breakup, Victor left for Palestine where he emerged as one of the founders of the state that was later christened Israel. Only in 2016 did historian Oliver Hilmes discover a document in the Berlin archives that revealed that Magda Goebbels' real biological father was... the Jew Richard Friedlander! Hilmes published his sensational discovery in the German newspaper *Bild*.⁹ In other words: Hitler was having a secret love affair with a Jewess! That Goebbels himself had found out that he was married to a Jewess can possibly be deduced from his dramatic diary entries of June 22, 1934: "*Late at night I find out something very bad about Magda. Even though it is midnight, I am still driving home. I am shocked. Left behind broken ...*"¹⁰ Strangely enough, Joseph also had his own Jewish 'past history'. At his school, the two teachers he was most fond of as a student were both Jewish. His favorite

was named Friedrich Gundolf.¹¹ And from his schoolmates Goebbels was nicknamed 'the rabbi' for no apparent reason.¹² Probably because he was so fond of his Jewish teachers. When he left school, Goebbels had only one dream: to become famous as a writer. He applied as a journalist to two Jewish newspapers - *Berliner Tageblatt* and *Vossische Zeitung* - but was not hired. He presented a draft novel to the Jewish publisher *Ullstein*, but was not successful there either.¹³ From that moment on his predilection for Jews seems to turn into real anti-Semitism. When teacher Else Janke, with whom he had a love affair since 1922, confessed to him that she was half-Jewish, he lost interest in her.¹⁴ When Goebbels becomes known as Hitler's henchman, he is plagued by a rumor which has been circulating for some time: that he himself is of Jewish origin! In 1932 he publishes a pamphlet in which he reveals the family tree of his mother. In order to prove that he had no Jewish ancestors along that line.¹⁵ Earlier, on 24 April 1927, his political rival Otto Strasser (a Nazi himself) had stirred up the rumour mill with a slanderous article in the weekly *Berliner-Arbeiter-Zeitung*. The article was entitled '*The Consequences of Racial Mixing*'. In his contribution, Strasser made it clear that racial mixing could lead not only to mental defects but also to physical deformities. Like a limp ... Every reader understood that this

meant Joseph Goebbels, who had a malformed foot ... The author herewith hinted that the cause of Goebbels' handicap was foreign (Jewish?) blood ...¹⁶ Goebbels of all people would play an important role in the development of the Holocaust. On 9 November 1938 he delivered a hate speech against the Jews that would lead to the infamous *Kristallnacht*, a violent attack against Jewish citizens and their possessions. Synagogues went up in flames and thousands of windows of Jewish shopkeepers were smashed. And in his diary entry of August 20, 1941, Goebbels admitted that it was he who had urged Hitler to introduce the Jewish star.¹⁷ However, his original plan to "rid himself of the Jews" was not the Holocaust. In 1933, SS officer Leopold von Mildenstein and Jewish Zionist Kurt Tüchler travelled together to Palestine. The intention was to determine whether the area was suitable for sending all the European Jews there, so that Europe would be 'Jew-free'. Von Mildenstein was of the opinion that Palestine was indeed entirely suitable for sending all Jews there. He recorded his findings in a series of articles that he was allowed to publish in the Nazi newspaper *Der Angriff*, which was run by Goebbels. The text appeared under the title '*Ein Nazi fährt nach Palestina*' ('A Nazi sails to Palestine')¹⁸ In honour of this series of articles, Goebbels' newspaper would even issue a commemorative

coin. With a swastika on the front and the Star of David on the back! As if these two symbols were inextricably bound up with each other! ¹⁹ In August of the same year 1933 Hitler's government concluded the *Haavara Agreement* with the German Union of Zionists, which encouraged German Jews to emigrate to Palestine. As a result, some fifty thousand to sixty thousand privileged Jews left for Palestine in time for the Holocaust to begin. As part of the agreement, approximately 140,000 million *Reichmarks* were channelled into the area. With that money, the first building blocks of the later state of Israel were laid! A year earlier, on December 8, 1932, Goebbels had tried to hook up his boss Hitler with the Jewish actress Margherete 'Gretl' Slezak, by inviting them both to a private party at his home. Hitler and Gretl had known each other for some time and it was clear that they were attracted to each other. During the party, both of them secluded themselves on a sofa in a dark corner to chat. Hitler's good friend Ernst Hanfstaengl witnessed this. He was invited to the party because he could play the piano well and Goebbels had a grand piano at home. While Hitler was chatting with the Jewish actress (her mother Elsa Wertheim was half-Jewish) Hanfstaengl demonstrated his musical talent by playing romantic tunes. Later Hanfstaengl recounted this event in his memoirs. He wrote that he felt "like