

On Dignity, Humiliation, Non-Violent Struggle and Israeli Jewish Identity

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The paper explores the potential and difficulty for today's post Holocaust Israeli Jew in embracing traditional Jewish commitment to non violence . It explains why a balanced psychologically-minded approach to this commitment could allow greater responsiveness to the Other's experience of humiliation and his demand for human dignity.

It is shown how pride in one's unafraid and yet non-violent response to humiliation may bring about the deepening of self-acceptance and how deepening of self-acceptance may in turn be tied to compassionate responsiveness to the non violent struggle of the Other.