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Consequence of Gentiles looking at Jews and saying "you should be dead" - No nation - no country - shouldn't exist - you are a phantom/ghost. Reaction of Gentiles - terrified by Jews' presence & sought to destroy them.

- Many came to the conclusion that assimilation was impossible

> signs of something dramatic happening among Jewish masses

1881 - convenient way of marking sea change in Jewish history →

D. emergence of mass Jewish Politics

- taking politics into own hands

- before that: Jewish politics - affair of the elite - representative/lobbyist.

between Jews & Gentile - shtadlan

shtadlanus - find big-shot Jew who knows how to deal with

powerful people

- rebellion against shtadlanus & emergence of real political parties & movements among Jews - individual

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III - Skipped

IV. Zionism and Bundism

- two major categories: NATIONALISM & SOCIALISM

Nationalism - belief that national identity is the single most important identity/loyalty one has.

socialism - can only truly be happy & fulfilled if your nation is autonomous & self-governing.

Socialism - affects Jews in Eastern Europe. Marx - major social thinker in history

1880s - 90s - really takes off - many Jews have an intimate involvement in socialist movements -

- seemed to be able to rid of anti-Semitism

- theory - all human problems derive from class conflict & human exploitation

Hess - founder of German social party - Nazi