expand the area of focus to include marginalized, suppressed traditions (which we may, admittedly, half-invent, or which may, as in the case of the Nazarite, be vestiges of just the shamanic, boundary-crossing roles I was describing) as well as those few that found favor in the eyes of the Bible’s codifiers.

This is not to say that anything a Jew does, now or then, is meaningfully “Jewish,” or deserving of approbation. There is no substitute for reasoned moral conscience. But conscience is in play whether one reads within the Bible’s boundaries or beyond them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
I AM ASTONISHED TO learn and delighted to know that Tikkan is now celebrating its twentieth year. Of course the issues that occupy Tikkan are very old, intransigent, and intractable, but what a difference Tikkan makes in the midst of such issues: It reminds us regularly, boldly, and credibly that there is another way to imagine the world and another way to organize the world, wherein power can be mobilized not by acquisitiveness and anxiety, but in hope and human possibility.

Tikkan is a foremost vehicle whereby our deepest theological passions are kept connected in compelling ways to the world of power, territory, and ethnic imaginings of the most dangerous kinds. Of course the plight of the state of Israel and the destiny of Palestinians are foremost in your agenda, and I have no doubt that when we have peace in Jerusalem, we will have

IT’S NOT ABOUT OIL
WARM IS ABOUT SOCIALLY induced paranoia that reciprocates back and forth via imaginary threats to humiliated beings who cannot make authentic contact with each other.

Each person on each “side” is withdrawn into him/herself fearing the anxious ping of rejection and humiliation, then hyperidentifies with an imaginary “we” under threat from an endlessly projected imaginary “them.” There is no grounded and no grounded Thou, just repetition of skidding off into collective flight out of fear of humiliation, on both “sides”.

This can lead to a reapolitik “need” to get your hands on the other guy’s oil. That can be a subordinate part of the rotating paranoia, where “they” have the oil and “we” need it to keep our self-owned machines going.

But if it were really just about oil, we would adopt a different course—namely, we would seek to calm things down and make peace with the big oil countries, and extend generosity and assistance and human recognition toward them, appreciating the human beings there in their true humanity, in which case they would share the oil

EDITORIAL BOARD

ADVERTISING & PERMISSIONS
Anu Athanakar at 510-644-1200 or anu@tikkun.org

SUBSCRIPTIONS
1-800-395-7753 or subscribe@tikkun.org

TC ON RNSP MEMBERSHIP
Mark Werlin at 510-644-1200 or members@tikkun.org

Tikkun (Vol. 21, No. 6, ISSN 0887-9982) is published bimonthly by the Institute for Labor and Mental Health, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. © 2006 Tikkun magazine. All Rights Reserved. Tikkun® is a registered trademark of the Institute for Labor and Mental Health. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Tikkun, P.O. Box 460926, Escondido, CA 92046. Periodical rate postage paid at Oakland, CA and additional mailing offices by the Institute for Labor and Mental Health, 3137 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA 94609. Publications mail agreement number: #15491111. Canada mail distributor information: Express Messenger International; P.O. Box 250558; London BRC. ON N6C 6A8. Subscription price for 6 issues: U.S. residents $29.00; Canadian residents $39.00; all others $43.00. Payment in U.S. dollars required. Printed in USA. © Printed on recycled paper.

Tikkun

EDITOR
Michael Lerner

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Peter Gabel

SENIOR EDITOR
Jo Ellen Green Kaiser

MANAGING EDITOR
Joel Schalit

ASSISTANT EDITOR
Anu Athanakar

ART DIRECTOR
Jonathan Wieder

POETRY EDITOR
Joshua Weiner

ASSISTANT POETRY EDITOR
Liz Countryman

JEWISH BOOK EDITOR
Jonathan Schorsch

LITERARY EDITOR
Julian Levinson

ACADEMIC EDITOR
Akiba Lerner

MUSIC EDITOR
Charlie Bertsch

TELEVISION/FILM EDITOR
Shai Ginsburg

WEB DESIGN
Aleksandr Vladimirscky

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS
Gil Anidjar, Michael Bader, David Biale, Paul Bohle, Charles Derber, Arnold Eisen, Mark LeVine, Shaul Magid, Ruth Messinger, Ben Naparstek, Or Rose

EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS
Eric Isaacs, Ryan Parker, Naomi Payan, Amelia Vincent

PUBLISHERS
George & Trish Vradenburg

CONTROLLER
Valerie Bach

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR
Mark Werlin

Articles in Tikkun do not necessarily reflect Tikkun’s position on any issue. Tikkun’s positions are presented in our editorials. To submit a manuscript or send a letter, please get information at www.tikkun.org/magazine.