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The settler movement

I have the grace of God to be one of the first, one of the Mayflower, of the settlement movement. All of us students of Rabbi Kook, that is his picture here. We are those with the blue blood, all of us, we are students of a Yeshiva, by the name, Mercaz haRav. I didn't come here because here there is diamond or gas or gold. I came here in order to combine myself to our heritage to our legacy. I came here for religious reasons.

Peace is the goal of life

In the center of religion stands god. And the name of god in Hebrew, as well as in Arabic, one of the names of god is *shalom*. Or in Arabic *salam*. So if religion is your devotion to god, you are devoted to peace. Peace is the end of any human activity. Peace is the goal of our life, and therefore if we came here for religious reasons, you can also say that we came here in order to bring peace, to work for peace.

A revolution

In order to come to what I define as the natural task of the settlements, to be the bridge between Israelis and Palestinians, not only physically but also spiritually, we have to make a revolution. Many settlers hate the Palestinians and many Palestinians hate the settlers. Peace by definition is a revolution.

The bridge

I hope that the holy land, the land of god, the land of peace, will be the place where peace between Muslims and western civilizations will be solved. I pray that we the settlers, who choose to live among the Muslims, will be the bridge between the two parts of the world.