



1. Diary Entry: Date: October 19th, 2000
South Specifically

Like an afikomen, seven milk-chocolate-covered strawberries are set aside:

Prelude: In Manhattan, a fundraiser, a lecture, and a cheese and wine reception are on the itinerary. Spicy by Askenazi tastebuds and bland by Sephardic palettes, an exotic middle east platter of pita, humus, eggplant, baba-ganush, olives, and borakes about the classical brie and cheddar cheese. Supplanting a traditional flowering vase, the center piece boasts desserts galore, a sweet-toothed paradise.

Sweetly, across a crowded room, south specifically, next to the mysterious deviled eggs, they meet and unexpected, inside an off-white envelope, a gift from her, an epic poem lined with the “gantsza megillah,” of Jewish history exchanges hands: **“The Scroll: Many Jews Re-claimed GOD: In 5 Minutes, Learn 5000 Years of Jewish History,”** and those succulent-sweet strawberries laced with milk chocolate are saved—and later savored for after **HIS** lecture.

Interlude: Lecture after lecture, infinitely entangled, the unrelenting drama of Jewish history is the story of unfathomable Jewish survival—victory by the military might of the outstretched arms of the IDF, hand in hand, with the grace of a compassionate **GOD**.

*“gantsza megillah”= Yiddish for “the whole story”