

## Two Comments on a Cartel

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The “*Matvim*”<sup>2</sup> project started with an idea, conceived by the teachers of the Clinical Section *Reshet Lacanianit*<sup>3</sup>, to organize a serie of discussions opened for everybody: teachers and participants of the *Reshet*, led by the participants. The idea was to trigger work ties and circular discourse<sup>4</sup> which had been missing, thus inducing difficulties especially for the new-coming participants.

At the beginning of the year I accepted to establish and to lead a new *Matvim* team. With no precedential concept or format to lean upon, the team’s work aimed for an institutional discourse that would not be didactic or cast in a hierarchical mould as it is in the structure of clinical sections. Various questions of transference were discussed, arousing an interest amongst the participants and teachers and generating enthusiastic team’s work. It also increased for some members the desire for further reading.

Inspired by Lilia Mahjoub’s argument and the call for papers for the 2018 NLS Congress, I suggested to transform the call to lead a reading group into a cartel which was registered together with four of the *Matvim* team’s members, none of them being a member of the GIEP<sup>5</sup>- NLS.

1. In regard to “the delicate question of transference” in the cartel<sup>6</sup>, I realized that in order for work-transference to occur and personal work to be produced, transference to a *plus-one* is necessary. Too weak transference might hinder the mobilization of the cartel, whereas strong transference might obstruct the work-transference. Furthermore, extra caution is required since the cartel can be misused as a convenient platform for *wild transference* or *wild interpretation*.

2. During the *Matvim* evening which dealt with different modes of work-transference in various institutions, tension flared when signifiers such as “political” and “power” appeared. One of the tutors argued: “This (*Matvim*) activity pushes to quit the *Reshet*, in favour of the GIEP”. It struck me in surprise. An effect of truth was produced only when I read the definition of the cartel as “a military machine against the '*didacticien*' and its gang” or as “a device designed to uproot psychoanalysis from the *didacticiens*”<sup>7</sup>, No doubt, in order for the Clinical Section and the School to serve properly according the functions they were intended for, it is necessary to differentiate locations, principles and structure of their activities. Indeed the meetings of the cartel didn’t take place at the *Reshet*. Still, the *Matvim* project proves that an invention compatible with the apparatus of the *School* could be a helpful solution for a local problem inside a Clinical Section.

While writing this paper I was invited to join the *Reshet* as a tutor. The invention of *Matvim* and the successful encounter which created vital work in the cartel allowed myself to pass from transference-work to work-transference, as J.-A. Miller pointed it out : “From *a* to \$ there is transference-work, but if prolonged in the cartel it becomes work-transference.”<sup>8</sup> This pass I was able to tie together and convey only with the School.

1. Member of the GIEP- NLS (Israel) and member of the NLS. Malka Shein is the *plus-one* of a cartel Towards the congress on “Transference-work > Work-transference”.

2. *Matvim* in Hebrew means threads.

3. Name of a Clinical Section operating in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem.

4. Cf. Lacan, “The Foundation Act”

5. The Israeli Society of the NLS

6. Miller J.-A.: “ Five Variations on the Theme of Provoked Elaboration“ , published in *4+one* N°5.

7. Miller J.A. : «Le cartel dans le monde”.

8. Miller J.A.: “Five Variations on the Theme of Provoked Elaboration”.