

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." – Romans 10:1

Our two lead articles by Krauthammer and Pipes take readers past the "political spins" and into the core of Islamic belief and action. Read them. Read Pat Cox's p. 3 article "A Right to Self-Defense." In "Fire in the North," p. 11, Will King and Sandra Levitt offer first hand accountings as our war correspondents. In "Staying Tuned Through Thick and Thin," p. 8, Mark Levitt reminds us of Zola's passions, ministry and more. — Jeffrey Seif

# Who is at Fault?

By Charles Krauthammer, The Washington Post

Next June will mark the 40th anniversary of the Six Day War. For four decades we have been told that the cause of the anger, violence and terror against Israel is its occupation of the territories seized in that war. End the occupation and the "cycle of violence" ceases.

The problem with this claim is that before Israel came into possession of the West Bank and Gaza in the Six Day War, every Arab state had rejected Israel's right to exist and declared Israel's pre-1967 borders—now deemed sacred—to be nothing more than the armistice lines suspending, and

not ending, the

1948-49 war to

exterminate

Israel.

But you don't have to be a historian to understand the intention of Israel's enemies. You only have to read today's newspapers.

Exhibit A: Gaza. Just last September, Israel evacuated Gaza completely. It declared the border between Israel and Gaza an international frontier, renouncing any claim to the territory. Gaza became the first



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### How Muslims Think

By Daniel Pipes,

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How do Muslims worldwide think?

To find out, the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press carried out a large-scale attitudinal survey this spring. Titled The **Great Divide: How Westerners** and Muslims View Each Other, it interviewed Muslims in two batches of countries: six of them with long-standing, majority-Muslim populations (Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey) and four of them in Western Europe with new, minority Muslim populations (France, Germany, Britain, and Spain).

The survey, which also looks at Western views of Muslims, yielded some dismaying but not

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the war. They turned Gaza into a base for launching rocket attacks against Israel and for digging tunnels under the border to conduct attacks like the one that killed two Israeli soldiers on June 25 and yielded a wounded hostage brought back to Gaza. Israeli tanks have now had to return to Gaza to try to rescue the hostage and suppress the rocket fire.

Exhibit B: South Lebanon. Two weeks later, on July 12, the Lebanese terror organization, Hezbollah, which has representation in the Lebanese parliament and in the Cabinet, launched an attack into Israel that killed eight soldiers and wounded two, who were brought back to Lebanon as hostages.

What's the grievance here? Israel withdrew from Lebanon completely in 2000. It was so scrupulous in making sure that not one square inch of Lebanon was left inadvertently occupied that it asked the U.N. to verify the exact frontier defining Lebanon's southern border and retreated behind it. This "blue line" was approved by the Security Council, which declared that Israel had fully complied with resolutions demanding its withdrawal from Lebanon.

Grievance satisfied. Yet what happens? Hezbollah has done to South Lebanon exactly what Hamas has done to Gaza: turn it into a military base and terrorist operations center from which to continue the war against Israel. South Lebanon bristles with Hezbollah's *ten-thousand* Katyusha rockets that put northern Israel under the gun. Fired in the first hours, just 85 of these killed two Israelis and wounded over 100 in Israel's northern towns.

Over the last six years, Hezbollah has launched periodic raids and rocket attacks into Israel. Israeli retaliation has led to the cessation of these provocations — until the next time convenient for Hezbollah. Wednesday was such a time. One terror base located in fully unoccupied Arab territory (South Lebanon) attacks Israel in support of another terror base in another fully unoccupied Arab territory (Gaza).

Why? Because occupation was a mere excuse to persuade gullible and historically ignorant Westerners to support the Arab cause against Israel.

# The issue is, and has always been, <u>Israel's existence</u>. That is what is at stake.

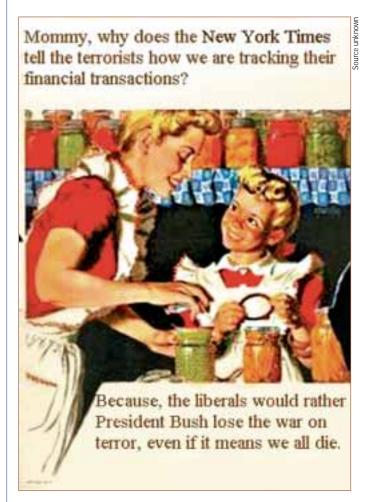
It was Yasser Arafat's PLO that persuaded the world that the issue was occupation. Yet through all those years of pretense, Arafat's own group celebrated its annual Fatah Day on the anniversary of its first attack on Israel, the bombing of Israel's National Water Carrier — on January 1, 1965.

Note: 1965. Two years before the 1967 war. Two years before Gaza and the West Bank fell into Israeli hands. Two years before there were any "occupied territories." But again, who needs history? As the Palestinian excuses for continuing their war disappear one by one, the rhetoric is becoming more bold and honest. Just last Tuesday, Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, writing in *The Washington Post*, referred to Israel as "a supposedly 'legitimate' state."

He made clear what he wants done with this bastard entity. "Contrary to popular depictions of the crisis in the American media," he writes, "the dispute is not only about Gaza and the West Bank." It is about "a wider national conflict" that requires the vindication of "Palestinian national rights."

That, of course, means the right to all of Palestine, with no Jewish state. In the end, the fighting is about "the core 1948 issues, rather than the secondary ones from 1967."

In 1967, Israel acquired the "occupied territories." In 1948, Israel acquired life. The fighting raging now in 2006 — between Israel and the "genocidal Islamism" (to quote the writer Yossi Klein Halevi) of Hamas and Hezbollah and Iran behind them — is about whether that life should and will continue to exist.



# A Right to Self-Defense By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

One of the most disturbing trends in recent decades has been the revitalization of the myth of a "Zionist Conspiracy." The notion that fiendishly crafty Jews are manipulating



history for their own ends is now put forth not just by white supremacists and radical Islamists but also by tenure-protected academics like Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer who "blame" the "pro-Israel lobby" for liberating Iraq from the psychopathic Hussein family.

Of the many refutations of this bizarre dogma, the best may have come from frustrated Israelis who point out simply that the U.S., if it had been doing Israel's bidding, would have ignored Iraq entirely and taken out the Islamic tyrants of Iran. Iran, after all, has been at war with Israel from the moment that Shi'ite Muslim extremists took control of the country from the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in 1979, and have virtually promised to use their forthcoming nuclear status to destroy the Jewish nation. While Saddam Hussein paid off suicide bombers' families and clearly detested Jews, he was constantly at war with Iran to one degree or another, keeping the Mullahs in check and killing approximately 750,000 Iranian troops. One can make the argument that liberating Iraq actually sacrificed Israeli security interests for the sake of Iraqi Muslims.

Though many have described the recent kidnappings and missile attacks by Iranian funded and controlled terrorists in Lebanon and Gaza as a "declaration of war" on Israel, the official declaration was made decades ago by the government of Iran and has never been rescinded.

Since 1982, in fact, when Israel last tried to clear out terrorist forces attacking from the North, Iran's Hezbollah has been in Lebanon, regularly launching attacks against Israel. With the Palestinians' election of another Iranian client, Hamas, Iran's authority spread into the Gaza.

That the war has escalated is undeniable, but the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers as well as the launching of hundreds of missiles into Israel from both Gaza and Lebanon is only the latest manifestation of the longstanding Iranian war on the Jewish homeland. These attacks must be viewed in terms of their strategic purpose.

Begun only days before the UN was scheduled to begin seriously considering moves to force Iran to dismantle its nuclear weapons program, Iran's ruling elite clearly believed the concerted attacks would lead to one of two outcomes.

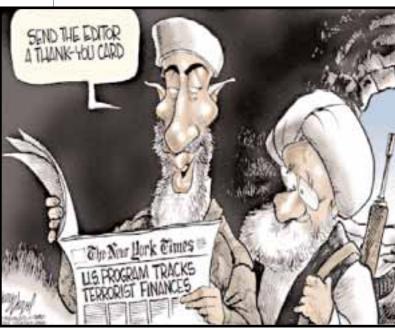
One was that Israelis would fight among themselves and eventually demand that their government free the thousands of captured terrorists held in its prisons in return for the soldiers, increasing Iranian standing. Or, by forcing Israel to go simultaneously into Gaza and Lebanon to rescue its kidnapped soldiers, anti-Israeli passions would be incited to the benefit of the Iranian leadership's long-range goal of achieving nuclear status.

In both regards, however, Iran may have seriously erred.

The reason is that Ariel Sharon's unilateral withdrawal from Gaza destroyed the argument that it was the "occupation" that provoked and justified attacks on Israel. This disengagement, while militarily dubious, has had an equally salutary effect both within and without Israel's borders.

Though the comatose Sharon is on life support in a Tel Aviv medical facility, within reach of Hezbollah missiles, he remains one of the central characters in the ongoing drama. Sharon so changed the politics and moral calculation of the Arab/Israeli conflict that even many Arab countries, including Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, have condemned Hezbollah and their patrons in Iran and Syria. Syria, by the way, is more of an arms dealer or quartermaster to Iran's contingent in Lebanon, enabling but not controlling Hezbollah.

The old one-sided condemnations of Israel and the kneejerk defense of the Palestinian and Lebanese "resistance" have been remarkably absent in the European and international response to the war. The G8 leaders issued a statement calling for peace but squarely called for a return of the kidnapped Israeli soldiers and the end of missile attacks on Israel as a precondition to a cease-fire.





# Letters to ZLM

Dear ZLM:

Thank you for the marvelous way you are carrying on Zola's ministry and mission. Each program and teaching continues to enrich my spiritual well-being.

Dear Sandra and Mark,

Are you certain that Zola didn't select Jeff Seif to take over for him in the ministry teaching duties? I am very sure that God helped you in his selection.

There will never be another Zola, but Jeff is a fantastic substitute! His bounce and enthusiasm is catching. I can't see any deviation in the ministry continuing onward and upward.

Thanks for your efforts despite the pain.

Sincerely, — L.H.

#### **Everything Helps**

**Dear Staff:** 

I am very saddened that Zola is gone. I've only known him for a short time and he imparted so much to me. I am thankful for that.

I want you to know that as long as you continue to send a monthly notice and continue Zola's ministry, I will continue my monthly support.

I know it's not much, but everything helps no matter how small.

Thank you for your service, — J.E.

To Whom it May Concern:

Please cancel my monthly partnership with you due to an article in your last magazine on page 29. This guy (Ben Stein) supports gay marriage and I don't understand how you can endorse him! Zola would never have done this.

N.H.

We do not endorse gay marriage, nor do we consciously endorse those who do. — Jeff Seif

I have been a viewer and supporter of the ministry since it began on the old CBN in the late 1970s. It was a thrill to meet and hear Zola twice when he visited the Huntsville, Alabama area. I loved his music and purchased performance tapes for my vocal solos.

Because of the way Zola closed all his programs, I learned how to say "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" in Hebrew. That phrase opened doors for witnessing to the Lord's beloved Jews. Now, I am continuing to pick up Hebrew words through Dr. Jeff's teachings.

Todah and Shalom,

Ms. C.D.L.

#### **First-Class**

**Dear Staff:** 

I think that everything about your ministry is first-class, honest, and just what is needed for the days we are living in. Your website is exceptionally excellent and easy to use. I love getting only a postcard with a Bible

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An Israeli soldier escorts an elderly couple near the scene of a Katyusha missile attack in Haifa. Photo by Will King (see story on page 11).

#### LETTERS TO ZLM continued

verse (rather than numerous gift offers and mailings). We do get the *Levitt Letter* and eagerly look forward to it each month. Thank you.

R. & P. L.

Dear Mark:

Thanks for continuing the ministry. I'd be lost without it. It's the highlight of my TV watching.

May God continue to bless the ministry and all involved.

E.J.K.

#### Dear ZLM:

I was very sad at the passing of Zola Levitt. I always looked forward to his half-hour message on Sunday nights, and it was always such a blessing to have the truth of the Bible expounded upon, to hear about Israel, the land the Lord chose as His own, and its struggles to stay alive and function in dangerous times, such as today.

Thanks for the encouragement. With God's help, we will continue connecting fast-breaking difficult news with the timeless and prophetic "good news" found in Scripture. Glad you enjoy standing with Israel.

— Jeff

to get the right information about Israel, as the newspapers have an Antichrist attitude toward Israel and America, too.

C.B.

Dear Sandra, family, and staff:

Thank you for the wonderful memorial to Zola on the cover of the June *Levitt Letter*. It helped me understand even better this gifted man that God used to minister to so many people. He was truly blessed.

I also enjoyed Sandra's *Note from Zola*, especially where she said Zola was having bagels with the King. What an image came to mind as I pictured that scene!

The story and photo of Muslims worshiping their demon god in the Upper Room shocked and sickened me, although I don't know why anything they do should surprise me anymore.

Finally, it's obvious God's grace is on all of you and it's inspiration for me to see you doing all things through Christ who strengthens you.

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem and His soon coming.

T.S.

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#### **Dear Staff:**

It has been encouraging to see a man (ministry) that has stuck to the task and not wavered or compromised. The clear teaching of the Bible and inspiring music have been valuable to us in our walk with the Lord and especially in our personal evangelism to the Jewish folks that we know and encounter.

Your brothers and sisters in the Lord,

C. & L. R. & S.

#### Dear ZLM:

Thank you for continuing the TV programs. It is so necessary



**Dear Staff:** 

Yippee! I just received the announcement in the *Levitt Letter*. First things First — Do I call you Jeffrey, Jeff, Jeffrey Seif, Mr. Seif, or Dr. Seif? I have been concerned about who might be selected as the new teacher. I, like many others, looked to Zola for his teachings, spiritual insights, and wonderfully unique personality. The bar was set rather high. I wanted the new teacher to be Christian, Jewish, and a man. And I definitely wanted a great teacher. I am used to being taught by a great teacher. I believe you have been chosen by God! I welcome you as my new teacher!

**GJH** 

Dear GJH.

We have called him Jeff for long enough that we thought everyone knew to do so. Some of his college students, however, can't stop calling him Dr. Seif out of habit. We have yet to hear anyone refer to him as Dr. Jeff.

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**Networks** 

that carry

**ZOLA LEVITT** 

PRESENTS.

TV Air

Mark Levitt

Dear Mischpochah:

We don't watch TV anymore, but regularly watch your programs on the Internet. My husband and I are so happy to see the ministry continue with such excellence. We love Sandra. She may not feel like it, but she seems very comfortable in front of the camera.

Dr. Jeff Seif also looks comfortable in front of the camera, and we love his enthusiasm and knowledge. He's a good choice as a teacher.

Don't worry. Just keep putting one foot in front of the other. You all are doing a wonderful job. We appreciate you, and will continue to support the ministry with prayer and finances.

Love, — R. & B. H.

Dear Staff at Zola Levitt Ministries:

I pray you are holding up well. You all are doing well going on. I've enjoyed the shows with Sandra and Will King. Also, Dr. Seif?? I hope I spelled that right. I wanted to write to encourage you to keep going. There is such need for what you are presenting. It was such a joy to see Zola this evening. I know he is in paradise but it's such a comfort to hear his voice and pretend just for a little while that he is still here teaching, warning, admonish-

ing, preparing!!! I feel such tenderness for your ministry. I will keep praying for you and the peace of Jerusalem. G-d Bless.

D.L.W.

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Various commentators characterized the statement as a "flying pig moment."

While this new recognition of Israel's right to self-defense is an improvement, most of the world insists that Israel not use "disproportionate force." Disproportionate force, by the way, is enough force to do more than achieve stalemate. Virtually any other country in the world, if attacked by a neighboring power, would assume that, according to international law, land captured in a defensive war would be permanently theirs.

Israel is still expected to beat back the enemy without inflicting "lopsided" casualties and then engage in

negotiations to give up even more land to those dedicated to its destruction. This is particularly ironic as Israel's military capabilities could easily overwhelm its enemies, including Iran and Syria, but refrains from doing so because its attackers purposely position themselves so that real military engagement would harm civilians. Thus, Israel's enemies rely on the superior humanity of the Jews for protection and demand that Israel provide emergency food and medical supplies for those harboring terrorists. Astonishingly, Israel has complied, sending thousands of trucks into Gaza to feed the Palestinians who elected Hamas.

The greatest irony in this scenario, however, is that Lebanon may benefit more from Israeli military resolve than Israel, as the Lebanese government has finally asked for international help to control its southern territories now occupied by Iranian forces. Numerous voices are asking the UN to provide a buffer between Hezbollah and Israel, which would seriously lessen Hezbollah's influence and ability to blackmail the rest of the country's population. Finally, the forces of Lebanese democracy might actually prevail.

Israel, however, will not be so fortunate. At most, the risk of local terrorism may be lessened. Behind it all, however, Iran continues to work toward building a nuclear arsenal, and is probably aided in that task by Pakistani scientists aligned with the terrorist elements who so recently killed over 200 people in the Mumbai, India train bombings. If the "Mad Mullahs" succeed in getting "the bomb," everything changes.

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altogether surprising results. Its themes can be grouped under three rubrics.

A proclivity to conspiracy theories: In not one Muslim population polled does a majority believe that Arabs carried out the attacks of September 11, 2001, on America. The proportions range from a mere 15% in Pakistan holding Arabs responsible, to 48% among French Muslims. Confirming recent negative trends in Turkey, the number of Turks who point the finger at Arabs has declined to 16% today from 46% in 2002. In other words, in every one of these 10 Muslim communities, a majority views September 11 as a hoax perpetrated by the American government, Israel, or some other agency.

Likewise, Muslims are widely prejudiced against Jews, ranging from 28% unfavorable ratings among French Muslims to 98% in Jordan (which, despite the monarchy's moderation, has a majority Palestinian Arab population). Further, Muslims in certain countries (especially Egypt and Jordan) see Jews conspiratorially, as being responsible for bad relations between Muslims and Westerners.

Conspiracy theories also pertain to larger topics. Asked, "What is most responsible for Muslim nations' lack of prosperity?" between 14% (in Pakistan) and 43% (in Jordan) blame the policies of America and other Western states, as opposed to indigenous problems, such as a lack of democracy or education, or the presence of corruption or radical Islam.

This conspiracism points to a widespread unwillingness in the *umma* [Muslim community] to deal with realities, preferring the safer bromides of plots, schemes, and intrigues. It also exposes major problems adjusting to modernity.

Support for terrorism: All the Muslim populations polled

display a solid majority of support for Osama bin Laden. Asked whether they have confidence in him, Muslims replied positively, ranging between 8% (in Turkey) and 72% (in Nigeria). Likewise, suicide bombing is popular. Muslims who call it justified range from 13% (in Germany) to 69% (in Nigeria). These appalling numbers suggest that terrorism by Muslims has deep roots and will remain a danger for years to come.

British and Nigerian Muslims are most alienated: Britain stands out as a paradoxical country. Non-Muslims there have strikingly more favorable views of Islam and Muslims than elsewhere in the West; for example, only 32% of the British

sample view Muslims as violent, significantly less than their counterparts in France (41%), Germany (52%), or Spain (60%). In the Muhammad cartoon dispute, Britons showed more sympathy for the Muslim outlook than did other Europeans. More broadly, Britons blame Muslims less for the poor state of Western-Muslim relations.

But British Muslims return the favor with the most malign anti-Western attitudes found in Europe. Many more of them regard Westerners as violent, greedy, immoral, and arrogant than do their counterparts in France, Germany, and Spain. In addition, whether asked about their attitudes toward Jews, responsibility for September 11, or the place of women in Western societies, their views are notably more extreme. The situation in Britain reflects the "Londonistan" phenomenon, whereby Britons preemptively cringe and Muslims respond to this weakness with aggression.

Nigerian Muslims generally have the most belligerent views on such issues as the state of Western-Muslim relations, the supposed immorality and arrogance of Westerners, and support for Mr. bin Laden and suicide terrorism. This extremism results, no doubt, from the violent state of Christian-Muslim relations in Nigeria.

Ironically, most Muslim alienation is found in those countries where Muslims are either the most or the least accommodated, suggesting that a middle path is best — where Muslims do not win special privileges, as in Britain, nor are they in an advanced state of hostility, as in Nigeria.

Overall, the Pew survey sends an undeniable message of crisis from one end to the other of the Muslim world.



# Staying Tuned Through Thick and Thin

By Mark Levitt

Zola smashed his fists against the unpadded, metal dash of our '66 Chevy Biscayne. The date was October 26, 1973. He was 34 years old, and I was 13. We had been listening to news on the radio, and I'd never seen him become so furious. That was the day that Egypt and Syria invaded the Sinai and Golan Heights, which Israel had captured during the Six-Day War in 1967. It also was *Yom Kippur*; the Day of Atonement, Judaism's most solemn holiday.

What a dirty trick! For Zola and other Zionists, that day felt like Pearl Harbor and 9/11 rolled into one. A collaborative sneak attack when most Israeli soldiers were



confessing their sins. I had seen Zola angry before (I had *made* him angry before), but that was the only time I saw him vent by hitting anything. No wonder he took it as a compliment when one of this ministry's readers accused him of being a spy for the Israeli government! Israel is the apple of God's eye, and it was the love of Zola's heart. He wrote about this most misunderstood land in his booklet *Israel, My Promised*, offered on page 31.

Last week one of our board members asked me how I was doing. Only later did I realize that I responded to his question with a rundown on what was happening with the ministry. Despite how much I love the Bible and Israel, my countenance derives more from what is happening at ZLM than the events in my personal life. This ministry work that I do is my play. I live my job, and I think about it when I'm at the gym and when I daydream. So I easily relate to Zola's passion about Israel and his zeal about traveling there nearly 90 times. Though he never had the privilege of being a spy for the Holy Land (at least not that I know of), I can tell you that he certainly was an advocate with somewhat of a blind eye for her frailties.

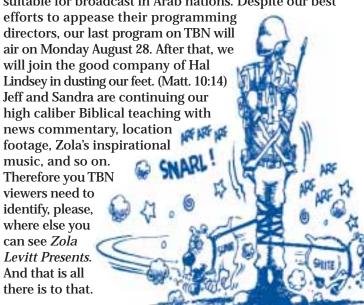
Everyone reading this is well aware that God exhorted us to bless Israel. Now that most politicians, theologians and professional big mouths are painting Israel and the military conflict with their own agendas, that tiny country needs our commitment and support more than ever. To help this ministry build and maintain U.S. camaraderie with Israel, please recommend our TV program and newsletters to friends and family. Join our October or March tour to Israel.

Since our tour department's birth on August 20, 1983, we have never canceled a Holy Land tour. Even when the Iraqi scuds fell in 1991, the vast majority of our passengers were safer there than at home. You can rest assured that our tour groups steer clear of any trouble spots, and we will have the guidance of Will King, Our Man in Jerusalem, as well as our licensed, Jewish, Israeli guides and drivers to make sure. For what it's worth, I anticipate that this whole matter will blow over in a few weeks, and I'll tell you why. Even if it doesn't, it is important to understand that tourists on a bus in Israel are at less risk than they are in a car at home. Motor vehicles do us much more harm than terrorism even though the latter is so dramatic and widely publicized.

A couple of years ago, I showed Zola a news article that credibly established Israel's ability to scramble even more military jets than the U.S. He didn't allow it to run in the Levitt Letter then because he didn't want Israel, despite its remarkable restraint, to be perceived as a warmonger or a bully. Mark my words and the Bible's own prophecy, between Israel's air force and God Almighty (not in that order), certain Arab nations are going to provoke the air show of their lives and the sequence of political events leading right to Armageddon. Israel has the military resources to "shock and awe," and we readers of the Old Testament will recognize the pattern of God's Chosen overcoming odds that seemed insurmountable.

#### Goodbye, TBN-Aug. 28

Our television ministry could be facing its own armaggeddon of sorts. TBN committed to continuing our broadcasts only so long as we could furnish new programs that featured Zola. A high level TBN executive suggested that Jeff's TV series on Isaiah would be satisfactory thereafter in terms of being neither too pro-Israel nor unduly anti-Arab. TBN, you see, is modifying its programming to be suitable for broadcast in Arab nations. Despite our best



Most of you watch our TV program on our national networks, listed on page 18 of this edition. In some places, two or three stations and networks offer our viewers a variety of days and times to choose from. To learn about these hundreds of options, I invite you to click on our six-page TV Schedule at www.levitt.com or let us mail you a free copy. You can also watch our program on the Internet anytime at www.levitt.tv. For decades, Zola and I have invited viewers to record our TV programs for convenience, sharing and review.

Fortunately I am as confident in the caliber of Jeff Seif's teaching as I am in the might of Israel's military. I haven't bragged on him very much because I don't want him, despite his humility, to be perceived as a conceited academician. He's not; just as Israel is no bully. But let me tell you this: Jeff is sitting on a powder keg of Biblical knowledge, and you probably have sensed that he is just burning to share. It inspires me to remember that twenty years ago, before he acquired several impressive degrees, he created our Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies with only minor assistance from Zola. And, by the way, Jeff did such a good job of it that, even as we are transforming it from audiocassettes to CDs today, it still holds its own.

The protocol of international politics won't allow Israel to overstep her bounds without consequences. And the national TV broadcasters will let this ministry say only so much over their airwaves. Fortunately, our television producer of 28 years, Ken Berg, makes both an art and a science of delivering our message intact without alienating those who are responsible for maintaining mass appeal and at least a semblance of political correctness.

Speaking of our message, we are casting pearls. (Matt. 7:6) What you are seeing on television now is our best effort to deliver quality teaching from a Jewish Believer who is strong in his roots, boots and fruits. (For those new to ZLM, that's knowledge, application and teaching.) And Sandra's commentary as the co-host offers the extra spark that will help attract new viewers. Unlike Zola, Jeff has worked as more of a theologian than a communicator. He is rapidly improving at relaxing in front of the TV camera, letting loose and allowing God's anointing

This ministry has faced nothing so perilous as The Yom Kippur War, Pearl Harbor or 9-11. After all, we've had no casualties — unless you count a few scars from spiritual battles. God has smiled on ZLM and blessed our efforts right along as we have bent over backwards to bless Israel. I am confident that He will continue to prosper our best efforts, particularly as we stay true to our calling and enable you to stay tuned.

## "World War III"

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report



Speaking on Meet the Press July 16, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich explained the crisis in the Middle East in stark terms few politicians are willing to contemplate. I believe his analysis is accurate and I have made similar points repeatedly in this daily report. Here are some excerpts from his Meet the Press appearance:



MR. GINGRICH: "...First, this is not the fifth day of the war. This is the 58th year of the effort by those who want to destroy Israel. As Ahmadinejad, the head of Iran, says, he wants to de-

feat the Americans and eliminate Israel from the face of the earth. So we should not see this event in isolation. There is an Iran/Syria/Hezbollah and Hamas alliance trying to destroy Israel.

"I mean, this is absolutely a question of the survival of Israel, but it's also a question of what is really a world war. Look what you've been covering: ... The North Koreans fire seven missiles on our Fourth of July; bombs going off in [Bombay], India; a war in Afghanistan with sanctuaries in Pakistan. As I said a minute ago, the Iran/Syria/ Hamas/Hezbollah alliance. A war in Iraq funded largely from Saudi Arabia and supplied largely from Syria and Iran. The British home secretary saying that there are 20 terrorist groups with 1,200 terrorists in Britain. Seven people in Miami videotaped pledging allegiance to al-Qaeda, and 18 people in Canada being picked up with twice the explosives that were used in Oklahoma City, with an explicit threat to bomb the Canadian parliament, and saying they'd like to behead the Canadian prime minister. And finally, in New York City, reports that in three different countries people were plotting to destroy the tunnels of New York.

"...we are in the early stages of what I would describe as the third world war, and frankly, our bureaucracies aren't responding fast enough, we don't have the right attitude about this, and this is the 58th year of the war to destroy Israel."

MR. RUSSERT: "This is World War III?"

MR. GINGRICH: "I believe if you take all the countries I just listed, that you've been covering, put them on a map, look at all the different connectivity, you'd have to say to yourself this is, in fact, World War III."

Feeling the calling to the ministry as he did, Sam Johnson undertook four years of rigorous theological studies at a prestigious seminary. After his graduation and ordination, however, Reverend Johnson still thought something was missing. Though credentialed, he just didn't feel ready to assume the pulpit. To help him better understand the fears and temptations of his future congregants, he reasoned that he should first try to take a job as a policeman. Thus convinced, he opted to formally subject himself to the process. He passed the physical examination first, and then the psychological tests.

Then came the day of the dreaded oral exam, when the board of law enforcement professionals would assess his ability to think wisely and act quickly in an emergency. The cops made him nervous as they fired one question after another, carefully checking his responses all the while. Among others they asked: "What would you do to disperse

a frenzied crowd?" Taken back somewhat, Johnson spontaneously said, "I would take up a collection."

The above story serves as a humorous way to introduce what I perceive to be an unfortunate disconnect between theology and life. In my days as a seminarian, I sometimes asked myself, "What does this lecture have anything to do with what the Scriptures emphasize and what's going on in the real world beyond the university?" Sometimes studies were very other-worldly.

This *Levitt Letter* is full of "real world"-oriented articles which, in their own ways, are deemed helpful in providing Christian Zionists and other interested persons with succinct assessments of criminal events in Israel. I hope you will find them provocative, worthy and relevant. Let me know.

In addition to experiences as a university-trained theologian, I am also a graduate of the North Texas Regional Police Academy, and have previous experience as a cop. The vocations of theologian and policeman combine within me and press me to shine detective flashlights on the crimes of the times.

Criminal to me is the obnoxious notion that modern Israeli Jews threw Palestinians out of their Palestinian home, as is forcefully and incessantly alleged by so-called Palestinians and liberal Christian friends. I dealt with people being kicked out of their homes as a street cop; and I can tell you that this is not what is happening in Israel. The notion of Palestinians being dispossessed by Jews is a blatant misconstruing of facts, one incessantly foisted upon the court of world opinion. When the First Congress of Muslim-Christian Associations met in Jerusalem in 1919, the following resolution was adopted: "We consider

Palestine as part of Arab Syria." In like manner, the Arab Higher Committee to the United Nations submitted a similar statement to the UN in 1947, saying: "Palestine was part of the province of Syria." The idea that these "terrorists" are somehow heroic "freedom fighters" laboring to regain their former home is sheer fantasy!

When the modern Palestinians drew up their original PLO Charter in 1964, there was no mention of a Palestinian state. The original Charter, for that matter, denied any Palestinian claim to the West Bank, which was then in Jordanian hands, much as the Gaza Strip, being part of Egypt, was not noted as a Palestinian holding either. It wasn't until the end of the 1967 "Six Day War" that "self-determination" or "statehood" was pressed into the conversation. The fabricated notion of Palestinian statehood was repeated over and over again, and forced onto the world so many times since that it's simply taken for granted

today that there once was a Palestinian state.

Two thousand years before Islam was born, Moses was born and raised up to lead the children of Israel to Israel. Genesis 12:1-3 was a charter promise. Therein God says, in effect: "I have given you — the Hebrews — the Promised Land!" Case settled! Moses led them to it.

The cop in me is very concerned with goings on in the radical Islamic state of Iran. Part of my analysis is rendered in my first prophecy-related book with this ministry. Hitler

threatened to kill the Jews, but he wasn't taken seriously at first. Iran now voices the same sentiment. With nuclear capabilities looming, we do well to take the threat to heart.

In a "Meet the Press" interview, Sen. John McCain expressed concerns that we may be moving toward Armageddon with Iran. Joseph Farah's recent WorldNet-Daily.com article "Iran Leader's Messianic End-Times Mission" speaks in plain language and tells of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's personal interest in ushering in the Islamic version of the messianic era. Leaning on Iranian journalist Hossein Bastan, Charles Krauthammer reported in the *Washington Post* (December 16, 2005) Ahmadinejad's belief in the impending Islamic messianic era's dawning within two years, which gives rise to the likelihood that his plan to develop nuclear energy is not for domestic usage alone. Note the enclosed articles that are relevant and expect more detective work on this developing story.

It's a busy world, is it not? With Biblically-informed flashlights, a number of articles appear in the *Levitt Letter* to help you make sense of it. Let us know your thoughts and keep praying.

—Your Messenger,

A Note

from Jeff

Dear Reader,

During the three years that Will King has been "Our Man in Jerusalem," he has provided us with firsthand, unfiltered reports of what is happening on the ground, right where he is standing. When proposing the article below, Will sought authorization from our home office in Dallas. (Some, by the way, would declare that Will is the one writing from home!) I gave him my authorization to go on the condition that he first got permission from Sandra. To my surprise, Sandra, who had returned from our summer Israel tour only weeks before, already missed Israel and wanted to return. Apparently she was homesick! With one day's notice she flew back to Jerusalem, met Will, and off they went! They rode together, looking for trouble, so to speak, and here's what they found.

## Fire in the North

By Will King, www.imagesofisrael.com

Deciding not to take CNN, BBC, and some of the other news networks at face value, Sandra and I traveled to several of Israel's battered northern communities to talk with people and assess the situation for ourselves. What we found was a proud and strong army, citizens resolved to make the best of a difficult situation, and a strange mix of war and everyday life.

Our base of operations was the Nof Ginosar Hotel, which many of our Zola tour veterans know well. Besides us, a group of about twenty people had come there for meditation. We, too, found the setting tranquil and, as always, enjoyed being along the Sea of Galilee where our Lord lived and did so much of His ministry. Contrary to rumors, the hotel and kibbutz at Nof Ginosar have *not* been hit and are still operating normally.

Our first outing took us to the northern Galilee town of Tzfat, which, with Jerusalem, Hebron, and Tiberias, is one of the four holy cites in Judaism. The town has suffered repeated rocket attacks from the Hezbollah, but was largely quiet — many residents had already fled south, those remaining were inside enjoying the early morning Shabbat rest. One resident directed us to where a Katyusha rocket had landed on an apartment building. Thankfully the damage from that attack was minimal, especially compared to what we would see later. I don't believe you will see Tzfat on the network news.

From Tzfat we traveled north through the Hula Valley to Kiryat Shemona. Nearly the entire valley was covered with a gray haze from the many brush fires caused by the Katyusha rockets, most of which missed the towns and fell into open areas. Fire, police, and ambulance services have been beefed up with additional crews from around the country, and we talked with a fire crew from Jerusalem as they battled to contain a raging fire. A resident whose mini-market seemed to be surrounded by Katyusha strikes and fires said that while he was admittedly a little scared, this was his home and he wasn't going to leave.

Metula is on the border with Lebanon. This town was also largely empty and we even saw one family packing a van, preparing to leave. But, as in every place we visited, there were those who, despite the danger, would not leave their homes. One woman, who works as a midwife at the hospital in Tzfat, was watering the plants in her garden and going about her usual routine. Her home was only 150 meters from the border fence with a view of several Lebanese villages and smoke rising beyond from where Israeli planes and artillery had struck Hezbollah targets. She was certainly no daredevil or militant extremist; she simply didn't want to leave her home of so many years.

From Metula we climbed the hill above Kiryat Shemona to kibbutz Mishgav Am. Part of the hill was ablaze, with fire crews and airplanes above working to get the flames under control. There we met a man who only the day before had barbequed on his patio just 50 meters from the border fence. He invited us into his home for coffee.



As Katyusha rockets from Hezbollah and artillery and planes from the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) crisscrossed the air above us, he reminisced about the many troubles his community has seen. In 1982 a group of terrorists from Lebanon infiltrated the kibbutz and took several children hostage. During the ensuing IDF rescue operation one child and the kibbutz secretary were killed. That event was one of the triggers for the "Peace for the Galilee" operation that ended with Israel's pullout from southern Lebanon in May of 2000. It was this withdrawal and the inaction of the United Nations monitors that allowed Hezbollah to advance and occupy the border.

In addition to the kidnapping, the kibbutz has also been attacked several times over the years, mostly by infiltrators or direct rocket and gunfire, so the residents are unfortunately accustomed to the sounds of war.

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#### I love to travel.

It is probably a good thing, because I am still traveling and seeing lots of our supporters. I love looking at signs, including road signs, billboards and city info — all kinds of signs. When Zola and I were traveling, it worked out great, because I love to drive and Zola loved to ride. He would work on his books or the *Levitt Letter* or some other article. He told me that he didn't know many people who loved signs like I do. Ah yes, but by those signs, I knew where I was going.

I have gotten much peace from signs on churches. Last week I passed one in Oklahoma that said, "God is bigger than your problems." I thought, "Oh sure!" I was having a pity party — driving on the interstate and having a pity party. But, then I remembered Psalm 121:2: "My help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and Earth." Since God has made the Heaven and the Earth and He has made me, then God will help me in everything. I can certainly see God's help in my life. I immediately thanked God for my life and stopped the pity party. Whoever puts together those signs on churches has to grab the driver's attention in a hurry. Motorists typically don't have a second chance to read them, and they serve a worthwhile purpose. Another sign I liked said, "Life is full of many choices. Eternity has only two." As we were driving, Zola and I would discuss these signs and, more than once, he quoted them when he spoke.

I tend to have a heavy foot on the accelerator. I was reminded of this, again, as I was pulled over for speeding in Oklahoma. The officer gave me a warning (a first for Oklahoma), and I was grateful. I read the warning ticket, and the road I was driving on was Mt. Moriah. I love it when God laughs. I had to laugh. But I did slow down and pay attention to the speed limit signs. I have always said that I am a visual learner.

Yeshua told his disciples the signs of the end in Matthew 24. The disciples were just as concerned about the end days as we are, and they asked Yeshua in verse 3 "What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world?" They understood that Yeshua was going away but was coming back, and it would be to a different world. Revelation 21:1-2 speaks of a new Heaven, a new earth and a new Jerusalem. They just wanted to know when. Yeshua goes on and tells them to look for the signs of wars, false teachings and nation being against nation—just exactly what we are seeing now in the world.

2nd Timothy chapter 3 says in verses 1 and 2 that the last days shall be perilous and that men will become lovers of themselves — proud, blasphemous, thankless, and unholy. Continuing in verse 3, Paul says that men will become despisers of those who are good — again, the same signs we see day to day.



Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel, said, "We will not commit suicide so that the world will speak well of us." We Believers need to remember that we are in a spiritual war with signs all around us. This includes the battleground of Israel. Please remember to stand strong with her and keep her soldiers in your prayers. As goes Israel, so goes America. Zola always said that the unbeliever hates what God loves and God loves Israel. We cannot forget our Jewish roots, particularly since Yeshua is Jewish.

What are we to do regarding these End Times? I think 2 Timothy states it quite clearly in verse 15: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

The signs are all around us regarding the End Times. I am praying that we understand them for what they are. Thank you again for your prayer and support of this ministry. I really appreciate all of you. Your letters and other kindnesses bring a great comfort to me and my family.

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# Understanding the Temper of the Times

By Cal Thomas, www.townhall.com

In chronicling the number of armed warriors who joined David at Hebron, there is this exquisite line: "All these men understood the temper of the times and knew the best course for



temper of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take." (1 Chronicles 12:32, New Living Translation)

For roughly 4,000 years there has been "unrest" and war in the Middle East. It possibly began when the ancient Israelites drove out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. Modern Israel is attempting to drive out Hezbollah-ites, Hamasites, Islamic Jihad-ites and the rest.

Nothing has changed, except Israel may be in greater peril today than at any time in its modern history. That is because Israel, often under pressure from its "ally" the United States, has bought into the fiction that says giving Israel's declared enemies the land they demand will cause those enemies to suddenly beat their swords into ploughshares and study war no more. The more Israel gives, the more her enemies feel emboldened to take away. It's called appeasement and it never works.

When Israel pulled out of Gaza, I predicted terrorists would move in and begin firing rockets into Israeli towns. It doesn't take someone with the vision of a Biblical prophet to forecast the obvious. The rockets hitting Israel from Lebanon are coming from territory previously occupied by the Israel Defense Forces, which the IDF had entered in response to earlier shelling. Too many, whether in Europe, the worthless U.N., or the U.S. State Department — even many Israelis — do not understand the temper of the times.

Israel's enemies are all of the same piece by whatever name they call themselves. There are no "moderates," at least none who have the power to make peace. The idea of a "two-state solution" with a Palestinian state living alongside Israel was always a pipe dream concocted by secular Westerners. They accept a false doctrine that says the enemies of Israel (and America) can be placated by people they regard as "infidels."

Hezbollah runs a television station in Lebanon. A visit to the Middle East Media Research Institute's Website (Memritv.org) found a number of interesting clips. Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah says, "We prefer death and martyrdom over American guarantees." Nasrallah survived an Israeli air strike on his headquarters in Southern Lebanon. He declared "all-out

war" against Israel. There's a film for children that speaks of Jews turning into apes and pigs. Lebanese students at a Hezbollah TV symposium say, "we should fight the Jews and burn them like Hitler. Israel should be wiped off the map." The head of "Radio Islam" in Sweden said on Hezbollah TV, "The Muslims' war is with the Jews." In Europe, Islamic influence is growing due to the spinelessness of government leaders.

There is another danger and that is the fantasy that elections will produce leaders within Islamic fanaticism who will be committed to real democracy, pluralism and tolerance. Last Friday, *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman wrote: "What we are seeing in Iraq, the Palestinian territories and Lebanon is an effort by Islamist parties to use elections to pursue their long-term aim of Islamizing the Arab-Muslim world. This is not a conflict about Palestinian or Lebanese prisoners in Israel. This is a power struggle within Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq over who will call the shots in their newly-elected 'democratic' governments and whether they will be real democracies."

It's not only about "Islamizing" the Arab-Muslim world, but the entire world.

The turmoil in the Middle East will not stay in the Middle East. This is a world war and the first shots have already been fired in Europe and America. In an online story the *London Daily Telegraph* subsequently removed "for legal reasons," Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo warned that British Muslims could soon form a state within Britain. Dr. Sookhdeo, a former Muslim, said, "in a decade, you will see parts of English cities which are controlled by Muslim clerics and which follow, not the common law, but aspects of Muslim sharia law."

The latest upheaval in the Middle East may subside but the objectives of those whose aim is Israel's destruction will not. The enemies of Israel, Europe and America believe this is all-out war. The question is, do we understand the temper of the times?



On the second day of our journey through northern Israel, Sandra and I drove through Miron to Rosh Hanikra, the northernmost Israeli town on the Mediterranean coast. The border was closed, of course, as was the main tourist site at Rosh Hanikra where the sea has carved several caves into the rock walls, accessible to visitors by cable car. Several tourist sites and businesses closed due to the fighting in the north. All around us we could hear distant booms from outgoing Israeli artillery, but the place itself with its amazing view remained somehow peaceful.

We headed south to the beautiful seaside city of Nahariyya, a repeated target of Katyusha attacks. Most of the damage is concentrated in a few square blocks. Along one street we saw apartment buildings blackened from fire, with shattered windows and holes from both shrapnel and direct rocket hits; they are now empty of residents. Several businesses along the street also closed after being heavily damaged. Along another main street glass still lay in the road and on the sidewalks from an attack the day before. Security guards at the site displayed pieces of rockets and shrapnel, apparently designed to kill Israeli civilians and wreak as much damage and havoc as possible. A crew from the BBC spent less than ten minutes there. The many cars on the roads and people out and about indicated normalcy everywhere despite the situation around them.

Finally, we headed to the port city of Haifa, Israel's third largest city and now the target of daily rocket attacks

from the Hezbollah. We arrived just after an attack that killed two Israeli civilians, and the roads were jammed with rescue vehicles, press, and ordinary people trying to travel through the city. The warning sirens sounded three separate times while we were there, sending people scrambling for cover, but



thankfully no rockets fell. Eventually we made our way to the Bat Galim neighborhood, site of Rambam Hospital. A Katyusha rocket had landed nearby several days earlier and severely damaged a three-story apartment building, injuring eight Israelis. We interviewed a local resident about this attack and others he had witnessed around the city; we even found one of the pellets that had been packed into the rocket.

Not five minutes after we finished our interview, a loud boom resounded across the city; without warning, a Katyusha rocket had impacted less than a kilometer from us. We raced to the nearest apartment building where a Russian family invited us into their shelter. After a few minutes of no other rocket sounds, we emerged from the shelter and raced to the site of the impact. In a neighborhood of mostly older people and immigrants, an apartment building blazed with a large hole in the middle of the ground floor. The smell of burnt gunpowder hung in the air as firefighters worked to extinguish the flames. Slowly, residents emerged from the buildings and rescue services descended to offer care. Windows had been shattered in surrounding buildings, cars punctured with shrapnel, and residents shaken, but the damage could have been much worse.

Many news networks would have you believe that the entire north of Israel is under constant attack and that you need a flack



jacket and helmet if you want to go there. In truth, while rockets do fall in the region, the probability of an individual traveling there getting hit by one of them is extremely low. Just as with crime — and gang-infested parts of every American city — there are places in northern Israel where you can go if you want to put yourself in harm's way, and that's what you see the television reporters doing — showing the newsworthy worst. There's more to the story than that. Constant images of war aren't a full and accurate representation of the situation in Israel.

While there are more military and police vehicles on the roads than usual, there are also very few travel restrictions on ordinary citizens and through it all, God's hand of protection is over His people. As rescue services work steadily to treat the injured, residents in other parts of the city go about their daily routines, determined to carry on.

Israel is fighting a just war against a ruthless terrorist enemy, yet Israel is the one being condemned for allegedly targeting civilians. In truth, their precision weaponry strikes at Hezbollah positions nestled among a civilian population. The Israeli army is strong, the government is resolved in its course of action, and the country is united in its support for the residents in the north. As Israel stands strong against this latest terror threat, come and show your support by standing with them. The November tour is filling up fast, but there are still spots available. Make your stand this year in Jerusalem, and please pray for the peace of all Israel.

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Facing the Israeli army, Hezbollah has an arsenal of small arms (automatic rifles, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, anti-tank missiles) and thousands of Katyusha rockets, which rely on WWII-era technology. Hezbollah has only 2,000 to 3,000 combat personnel, no tanks and no aircraft. Israel has 161,000 combat personnel, 3,700 tanks, 402 combat aircraft and approximately 200 nuclear warheads. Sources: World Almanac; CIA World Factbook; AP. It is arguable that America's gangs and felons, united and relocated to the Mid East, could defeat Hezbollah. Hezbollah's provocation of Israel's military will reap publicity, embarrassment and, with luck, some sympathy.



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### **Hebrew**Lesson

#### "Be still and know..."

By John J. Parsons





Hebraic Insight: As the climax of Psalm 46, this verse is not so much about meditation as it is about the *mediation* of faith. The command to "be still" comes from the Hiphil stem of the verb rapha (meaning to be weak, to let go, to release),

which might better be translated as, "cause yourselves to let go" or "let yourselves become weak" (in poetic contexts, the noun form rephai'im was sometimes used as a synonym for "the place of the dead").

But to what end are we to "be still," "let go," "surrender," and even to "die to ourselves"? In Hebrew grammar, the emphasis of coordinate imperatives ("be still!" and "know!") is on the second imperative. In other words, we surrender in order to know that God is in control as Ribbono shel Olam —the Master of the Universe. We "let go" in order to objectively know the saving power

of God in our lives. We give up trusting in ourselves and our own designs in order to experience the glory of God's all-sufficiency (Exodus 14:14).

When we confess the truth about who we really are—weak, feeble, and ineffectual, especially in light of the cosmic movements of history—we can surrender our desire to control outcomes and entrust the care of the world to God. Indeed, even though the present world be shaken (v 2), with the nations raging and the kingdoms of men tottering (v 6), we will not fear, since we know that God is our present help in time of trouble (v 1).

Be still, and know that I am God: God's kingdom in the heart of I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10) 'c-lo-him 'a-no-khi pn-de-po har-poo God Lam that and know! Be still!



The city of God will one day be established upon the earth (vv 4-5), and the schemes of the "princes of this world" will all become desolate (v 9), but in the coming kingdom the Lord Most High (el elyon) will be exalted among the nations, and Jesus will forever be exalted among His original covenant people Israel. Meanwhile, "set your minds on things that are above, not on things on the earth; for you are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory" (Col 3:2-4). Yes, "be still" — in order to know that the Lord God of Israel reigns!

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In this article, Dennis Prager puts his finger on the one and only reason for Middle East fighting. It's simple enough for any four-year-old to understand. "Occupation" and "cycle of violence" nonsense come daily from an Israel-hating world press, with the depraved goal of fashioning a moral equivalence between Muslims purposely targeting Jewish civilians and Israel defending itself from these same attacks.

Zola and I had many talks over the years about the lunacy, unfairness and lack of understanding of the press. Rather than becoming angry at their foolishness, we finally decided to view them as deluded robotactors, playing their part in an End Times drama, with a predetermined, unchangeable, and vile task. —Lou

# Difficult to Solve, Easy to Understand

By Dennis Prager, www.dennisprager.com

The Middle East conflict is difficult to solve, but it is among the simplest conflicts in history to understand.

The Arab and other Muslim enemies of Israel (for the easily confused, this does not mean every Arab or every Muslim) want Israel destroyed. That is why there is a Middle East conflict. Everything else is commentary.

Those who deny this and attribute the conflict to other reasons, such as "Israeli occupation," "Jewish settlements," a "cycle of violence," "the Zionist lobby" and the like, do so despite the fact that Israel's enemies regularly announce the reason for the conflict. The Iranian regime, Hezbollah, Hamas and the Palestinians — in their public opinion polls, in their anti-Semitic school curricula and media, in their election of Hamas, in their support for terror against Israeli civilians in pre-1967 borders — as well as their Muslim supporters around the world, all want the Jewish state annihilated.

In 1947-48, the Arab states tried to destroy the tiny Jewish state formed by the United Nations partition plan. In 1967, Egypt, Syria and Jordan tried to destroy Israel in what became known as the Six-Day War. All of this took place before Israel occupied one millimeter of Palestinian land and before there was a single Jewish settler in the West Bank.

Two months after the Six-Day War of June 5-10, 1967, the Arab countries convened in Khartoum, Sudan, and announced on Sept. 1, 1967, their famous "Three NOs" to Israel: "No peace, No recognition, No negotiations."

Six years later, in 1973, Egypt invaded the Israeli-held Sinai Peninsula, a war that ended in a boost in Egyptian morale from its initially successful surprise attack.

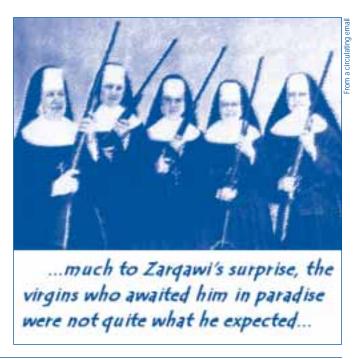
Though nearly all of the Sinai remained in Israel's hands, the boost in Egyptian self-confidence enabled Egypt's visionary president, Anwar Sadat, four years later (November 1977), to do the unimaginable for an Arab leader: He visited Israel and addressed its parliament in Jerusalem. As a result, in 1978, Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in return for which Israel gave all of the oil-rich Sinai Peninsula back to Egypt.

Three years later, in 1981, Sadat was assassinated by Egyptian Muslims, a killing welcomed by most Arabs, including the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization). Why welcomed? Because Sadat had done the unforgivable—recognized Israel and made peace with it.

The lesson that Palestinians should have learned from the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement was that if you make peace with Israel, you will not only get peace in return, you will also get all or nearly all of your land back. That is how much Israelis ache for peace.

Think about Israel for one moment: Israel is one of the most advanced countries on earth in terms of culture (most books published, translated from other languages and read per capita; most orchestras per capita, etc.); major advances in medicine; technological breakthroughs; and decency as a society, as exemplified by its treatment of its women, gays and even its large Arabminority (particularly remarkable in light of the widespread Arab and Muslim anti-Semitism and desire to annihilate Israel). This is hardly a picture of some bloodthirsty, land-grabbing society. And Jews, whatever their flaws, have never been known to be a violent people. If anything, the stereotypical Jew has been depicted as particularly docile.

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As a lifelong liberal critic of Israeli policies, the *New York Times* foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman wrote just two weeks ago: "The Palestinians could have a state on the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem tomorrow, if they and the Arab League clearly recognized Israel, normalized relations and renounced violence. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't know Israel today."

Give Israel peace, and Israel will give you land.

Which is exactly what Israel agreed to do in the last year of the Clinton administration. It offered PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat about 97 percent of the West Bank and three percent of Israel's land in exchange for peace.

Instead, Israel got its men, women and children routinely blown up and maimed by Palestinian terrorists after the Palestinians rejected the Israeli offer at Camp David. Even President Clinton, desirous of being the honest broker and yearning to be history's Middle East peacemaker, blamed the ensuing violence entirely on the Palestinians.

Israel's Camp David offer of a Palestinian state for Palestinian peace was rejected because most Palestinians and their Arab

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and Muslim supporters don't want a second state. They want Israel destroyed. They admit it. Only those who wish Israel's demise and the willfully naive do not.

If you don't believe this, ask almost anyone living in the Middle East why there is a Middle East War, preferably in Arabic. If you ask in English, they will assume you are either an academic, a Western news reporter, a diplomat or a "peace activist." And then, they will assume you are gullible and will tell you that it's because of "Israeli occupation" or "the Zionist lobby."

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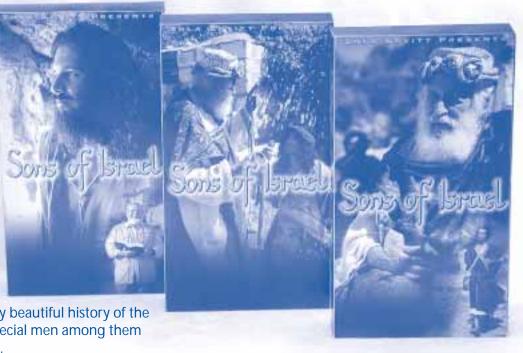
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#### **Blaming Israel**

www.jpost.com

#### You can always count on the WCC for anti-Semitism

At its annual Executive Committee meeting in mid-May, the World Council of Churches stated Israel was responsible for the crisis in the Middle East, claiming its actions toward Palestinians "cannot be justified morally, legally, or even politically." The Geneva-based organization—an ecumenical umbrella of 350 churches - insisted that Israel has failed to comply with international law, and has "pushed the situation on the ground to the point of no return."

Filled with contradictions and errors, the WCC resolution condemned "both sides" for killing civilians.

#### "Adopting Satan" Israel Today

An article by Hamed Al-Tamimi, a Muslim cleric on



the Palestinian Authority's Supreme Judicial Council, blasts Zionist Christians. The article by Tamimi, who was appointed before Hamas came to power, appeared on the council's website and was reported by Palestinian Media Watch. Here are some excerpts:

"Very few people know the truth about this [Zionist Christian | movement, which unconditionally supports the Zionist enemy, and unconditionally opposes Islam and the Muslims ... These Crusader motivations stand behind the British and American policy in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Arab and Muslim countries.

"They [Zionist Christians] are a group which adopted Satan as God, and he drives their crazy nature. They have praised depravity and cursed virtue, they have turned the moral scale upside down and have reached [a point] in which forgery, deception and lying have turned into description of world policy."

#### Seven Million Israelis

Israel Today

At 58 years old, the population of the State of Israel has swelled to 7,026,000 citizens. That is almost nine times what it was when the Jewish state was established in 1948, when the population stood at 806,000.

Today, 76 percent of the population are Jews (5,333,000), 20 percent are Arabs (1,387,000), and 4 percent are

non-Jews (306,000) including Armenians.



In 2005, the Israeli population grew by 138,000 people —118,000 births and 20,000 immigrants.

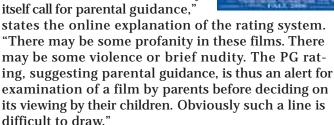
Since the state was founded, more than 22,000 Israelis have been killed in wars and terrorist attacks. Therefore, Memorial Day for the fallen is solemnly observed on the day before Independence Day to emphasize that the State of Israel exists because of their sacrifice.

#### **Dangerous Christian Themes**

By Terry Mattingly, Scripps Howard News Service

The Motion Picture Association of America is crystal clear when it describes why its "PG" rating exists it's a warning flag.





Disagreements are a given. The Christian moviemakers behind a low-budget film called "Facing the Giants" were stunned when the MPAA pinned a PG rating on their gentle movie about a burned-out, depressed football coach whose life on and off the field takes a miraculous turn for the better.

"What the MPAA said is that the movie contained strong 'thematic elements' that might disturb some parents," said Kris Fuhr, vice president for marketing at Provident Films, which is owned by Sony Pictures. Provident plans to open the film next fall in 380 theaters nationwide with the help of Samuel Goldwyn Films, which has worked with movies like "The Squid and the Whale."

Which "thematic elements" earned this squeaky-clean movie its PG?

"Facing the Giants" is too evangelistic.

The MPAA, noted Fuhr, tends to offer cryptic explanations for its ratings. In this case, she was told that it



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"decided that the movie was heavily laden with messages from one religion

and that this might offend people from other religions." It's important that they used the word 'proselytizing' when they talked about giving this movie a PG.

"It is kind of interesting that faith has joined that list of deadly sins that the MPAA board wants to warn parents to worry about."

#### **Grand Slam!**

Israel Today

Israeli Andy Ram partnered with Russian Vera Zvonareva and together grand slammed their



way to victory at Wimbledon's finals against Americans Bob Bryan and Venus Williams in the mixed doubles. With smashing sets of 6-3 and 6-2 the two defeated their opponents in just 55 minutes. It was in their previous tournament together in the French Open last month that the two advanced to the semifinals. Ram is the first Israeli to win a Grand Slam title at the professional level.

When will Arab men past age 35 take their turn at suicide bombing? — Ed.

#### Working Women from Gaza

By Hana Levi Julian, The Jerusalem Post

The Fatah terrorist organization Al-Aksa Martyrs' Brigades has established a secret unit composed of female suicide bombers from Judea, Samaria, Gaza and Jerusalem, according to a spokeswoman.

Um-al-Abed, a woman who claimed to be speaking for the terrorist group, told reporters on Monday at a news conference in Gaza that "We have so far recruited 100 women for the new unit."

Several masked women who said they were Fatah members were also present at the gathering. "We are expecting more female suicide bombers," said Um-al-Abed, according to a report in *The Jerusalem Post*.

She said the women were planning to carry out attacks in response to the IDF military operations in Gaza. "The new unit is now preparing to launch attacks against Israel in retaliation for the Israeli aggression and crimes against our people in the Gaza Strip," she said.

Apparently Israelis are not the only targets, however. Um-al-Abed delivered a veiled threat to Hamas terrorists who have attacked Fatah militants, focusing her remarks on the death of Al-Aksa Martyrs' Brigades member Haitham Rai who was assassinated by Hamas members. Rai was kidnapped by 30 masked terrorists and shot by a firing squad in the local cemetery as part of the ongoing tensions between the two groups.

"We know the identity of the murderers," she warned, "and we urge the Palestinian government to take immediate action against them. If the government fails, the Al-Aksa Martyrs' Brigades will punish the Hamas culprits in our own way."

Seven women have carried out suicide bombing attacks in Israel since September 2000; four were members of Fatah, one was a member of Hamas and two were members of Islamic Jihad. A total of 37 Israelis have been murdered and more than 250 injured by the seven female terrorists.

### "All People Must Be Muslims"

Israel Today

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi recently spoke about the supremacy of Islam in an interview on the pan-Arab satellite TV station Al-Jazeera. Here are some excerpts:



Some people believe that Mohammed is the prophet of the Arabs or Muslims alone. This is a mistake. Mohammed is the prophet of all people. He superseded all previous religions. If Jesus were alive when Mohammed was sent, he would have followed him. All people must be Muslims.

The so-called Old Testament and New Testament... were superseded and they are forged. We must search for the true Bible, because the Bible that exists today is a forgery. Today's Bible does not mention Mohammed, whereas our bible (the Koran) mentions Mohammed repeatedly.

We have 50 million Muslims in Europe. There are signs that Allah will grant Islam victory in Europe — without swords, without guns, without conquests. The 50 million Muslims of Europe will turn it into a Muslim continent within a few decades.

# The Big Lie (II) What about those Arab "refugees"?

www.factsandlogic.org

In a previous installment of this series of hasbarah (educating and clarifying) messages, we discussed The Big Lie (I), namely that Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") are occupied territories. This has been repeated so long and so often that most of the world has come to believe it. The Big Lie (II) is that of the Arab refugees. They deserve a closer look.

What are the facts?

#### The legitimacy of Israel.

The state of Israel was legally created out of the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire at the end of World War I. The area was desolate — desert and swamp — with some small towns and a few inhabitants, many of them nomads. The inhabitants, if they thought about it at all, considered themselves Syrians. The legitimacy of Israel arises from the Balfour Declaration issued by the British, who were given the mandate over the area by the League of Nations. Jews have lived in the country since Biblical times.

The Arabs from the surrounding areas were lured to "Palestine" by the industry and prosperity that the Jews brought to the region. Envy, hatred, and religious fanaticism turned the Arabs against the Jews. In bloody outrages, horrible massacres, killings and rapes, the

Arabs tried to dislodge the Jews, but were unable to

In 1947, the British, having tired of the trouble and the bloodshed, resigned their mandate. That same year, the United Nations mandated partitioning of the territory. The Jews, though disappointed, accepted the partition. The Arabs rejected it out of hand and launched war against Israel. The armies of five Arab countries invaded the nascent state. Following the exhortations of the invaders, the Arab residents got out of the way hoping to return after victory was attained. They could then reclaim their property and that of the Jews, all of whom would have been killed or would have fled. That and that alone is the source of the Arab "refugee problem."

Had the Arabs accepted the UN partition plan, there would now have been a state of "Palestine" for the last 58 years. They might have attained a similar level of prosperity, advancement, and development as Israel, which, small though it is, is today in almost every regard one of the world's most advanced countries.

#### Not the only refugees.

There is dispute about the number of those refugees. Best estimates are that about 650,000 people fled. But those Arabs are not the only refugees of the 1948 war of Israel's independence. About 800,000 Jews from Arab countries — from Morocco and Algeria to Iraq and Yemen — fled or were driven out of their home countries, where they had lived for centuries. Most of them left with just the clothes on their backs, leaving land, property, businesses, and wealth created over generations.

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Sandra and Harvey Zion will conduct our Holy Land Experience tour in Orlando, December 22-24. Harvey is a Messianic Jew who has been helping with our Orlando tours, and has been to the real Israel. Among the many fascinating replicas at *The* Holy Land Experience, our group will carefully study a model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus. This makes a great visual as you learn about the 4000year history of the City of God—the only eternal city! Ask Tony for details at (214) 696-9760 during the workweek or anytime at 1-800-WONDERS (800-966-3377).



Most fled to the newly-born Jewish state. They were received with open arms, immediately and fully integrated into Israeli society. They now form about 50 per cent of the population of Israel.

Not so with the Arab refugees.

Their Arab brethren refused to integrate them into their countries and into their societies, but confined them in so-called "refugee camps," essentially extended slums, where they, or rather their descendants — now the fourth generation — have been living ever since. The reason for the refusal to integrate them into their Arab host countries has been the design to keep them as a festering sore and to make solution of the Arab/Israeli conflict impossible. These "refugees" are seething with hatred toward Israel and provide the cadres of suicide bombers.

The Palestinian refugees occupy a unique place in the annals of warfare and migration of people. Such migrations are common and unavoidable in the long history of human conflict. Following WW II, millions of Germans were expelled from Czechoslovakia and the eastern regions of Germany that were turned over to Poland. In the upheavals that followed the withdrawal of the British from the Indian subcontinent, millions fled or were driven from their homes. Following France's loss of its Algerian possessions, hundreds of thousands fled that North African country. These millions of refugees and others were absorbed into their new countries and were no longer the concern of the world.

It is only the Palestinians who, for almost sixty years, have been considered "refugees." In fact, a special branch of the United Nations (UNWRA) exists only for the maintenance of these "refugees," at a cost of billions of dollars.

The problem of the "Palestinian refugees" is a red herring, fostered for almost sixty years in order to maintain the fiction that these "refugees" have the right to return to their "homeland." The original 650,000 have now miraculously swelled to 4 or 5 million. It is clear that, were they allowed to "return" to Israel, the country would cease to exist as a Jewish state. Since the "return of the refugees" is one of several non-negotiable Arab demands, and since Israel is obviously unwilling to accept them, the Arab/Israeli conflict would seem to be beyond resolution.

Israel is not likely to succumb to Big Lie (II) and will not commit demographic suicide by letting the Arab "refugees" into their country.

# Fundamentally Freund: Does the Washington Post back Hezbollah?

By Michael Freund, http://freund.typepad.com/

Just in case you thought the international community had finally begun to see the light and recognize the justness of Israel's cause, think again. In a piece appearing in yesterday's Washington Post, veteran op-ed columnist Richard Cohen published a screed so offensive, and so outrageous, that it should prompt every clear-headed individual to shun the American capital's paper of record and cancel their subscriptions forthwith.

Believe it or not, Cohen's article begins by embracing the central tenet of Hezbollah and Hamas ideology: namely, that the State of Israel has no right to exist.

Here is how Cohen himself put it: "The greatest mistake Israel could make at the moment is to forget that Israel itself is a mistake. It is an honest mistake, a well-intentioned mistake, a mistake for which no one is culpable, but the idea of creating a nation of European Jews in an area of Arab Muslims (and some Christians) has produced a century of warfare and terrorism of the sort we are seeing now."

Yes, you read that correctly. Cohen believes that "Israel itself is a mistake," and heaps the blame for everything that has happened since 1948 squarely on the shoulders of the Jews.

Sound familiar? It should, because that is exactly the same message being promulgated by Hamas fanatics, Hezbollah thugs, and their paymasters in Tehran. The only difference is that Cohen's diatribe appears in English (perhaps it was translated from the Arabic...).

In case you had any doubt about what Cohen thinks of Hezbollah rocket attacks or Hamas suicide bombings against innocent Israeli civilians, here is the vaunted journalist's take on the subject: "There is no point in condemning Hezbollah. Zealots are not amenable to reason. And there's not much point, either, in condemning Hamas. It is a fetid, anti-Semitic outfit whose organizing principle is hatred of Israel. There is, though, a point in cautioning Israel to exercise restraint — not for the sake of its enemies but for itself.'

Thanks for the advice, Dick. I'm sure your forbears are schepping nachas [taking pride] to see you defending the murderers, rather than their victims.

In this eye-opening article, Israeli journalist Stuart Arden truthfully traces the real origin for the make-believe land of Palestine. He correctly points out that such a place never historically existed. The land of Palestine is no more real and substantial than Peter Pan's Never, Never Land and is a figment of the Arab imagination.

The name Palestine (Latin for "Philistine") was a term originally used for the Aegean Sea people from Greece (not Arabs) who settled on the coastal plains of Israel around 1200 B.C. The name Palestine was later used as a Roman invention for anti-Semitism in 135 A.D., and also a provisional name temporarily used by the British Empire for the Middle East during the early twentieth century. To call Israel "Palestine" in the time of Christ is anachronistic and unBiblical, and to call it by that name now is to blatantly ignore history, the Word of God, and to accept hook, line, and sinker the lies of Islamic propaganda from the Arab world. Stu says that what guides him is a statement of Albert Einstein: "Everyone has a right to his opinion, but no one has a right to be wrong with facts."

— Todd Baker, ZLM theologian

# **False-tinians**

By Stuart Arden, www.SearchTheScripturesOnline.org

To call someone a "Palestinian" is to presuppose that there is a country called Palestine, which of course there is not. The Patriarch Abraham visited the "land of the Philistines," but that is not an independent country called Palestine.

The word "Palestine" was only used three times in history, with geographical, not nationalistic connotations, and with chronological breaks between them.

In 1948, when the armies of the neighboring Arab states attacked the nascent State of Israel, the most successful of these armies intending to destroy Israel was "The Arab Legion" (the Jordanian army), which was equipped, trained, and commanded by those deceitful British who were supposed to be establishing, not destroying, a Jewish state; furthermore, absolutely no United Nations' documents or dispatches refer to any refugees, displaced people, or Arabs of this area as "Palestinians."

In actuality, the residents of "western Palestine" were sometimes referred to as Palestinian Arabs or Palestinian Jews, indicating that this terminology did not denote Arabs of this area as a distinct "people" or as a specific "nationality."

The actual Arab view of the term "Palestinian" is as follows: At the 1937 British Peel Commission hearings, a respected Arab dignitary named Auni Bey Abdul Hadi denounced the term "Palestine" as a "Zionist invention"

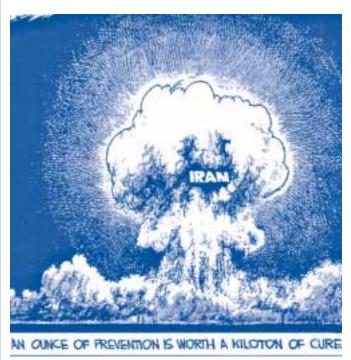
— it's true, the Jews of the British Mandate of Palestine used this term in referring to themselves, and all Jews born in this land prior to 1948 have birth certificates marked "Palestinian."

At the 1946 Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, Philip K. Hitti, himself an Arab and a professor at Princeton University, as well as being the author of the authoritative *The Arabs*, testified, "There is no such thing as Palestine in history, absolutely not." In 1956, Ahmed Shukeiry, who later founded the Palestine Liberation Organization (subsequently taken over by Yasser Arafat), said, "It is common knowledge that Palestine is nothing but southern Syria."

Yet today, the world has swallowed the greatest propaganda ploy of all time, i.e., that there really is an Arab people called "Palestinians." Regarding this fictitious "people:" Records show that many of these people migrated to the Land of Israel because Zionism brought work in farming, afforestation, draining of swamps, construction, etc., and these are really Iraqis, Syrians, Saudi Arabians, et al.

The ideological origin of fabricating an Arab "Palestinian people" seemingly comes from Nazi propagandist (Minister of Information) Joseph Goebbels, who said, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." However, as far back as the eleventh century, the Muslim theologian Al-Ghazzali had said, "We must lie when truth leads to unpleasant results," and in his 1960 book, *Character and Temperament of the Arabs*, Sania Hamady wrote: "The Arab has no scruples about lying if by it he obtains his objective."

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### **Jews Warned Against Harassment**

http://www.aftenposten.no/english/local/article1393945.ece

The Mosaic Religious Community has advised its Jewish members against speaking Hebrew loudly on the streets of Oslo or wearing Jewish emblems. The suggestion has infuriated some in the membership. It comes after a Jewish man wearing a *kippah*, or *yarmulke*, was assaulted on an Oslo street Saturday. The Mosaic Religious Community wants its members to be careful.

"We have encouraged our members to avoid speaking Hebrew loudly on the street," Anne Sender of the Jewish organization told newspaper *Vart Land.* She also told Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) that men may want to reconsider wearing the *yarmulke*.

That's provoked journalist Mona Levin, daughter of the late pianist Robert Levin. "We can't conceal that we're Jews," Levin said, adding that she intended to start wearing her Star of David. "That's letting ourselves down." Sender said she wanted to stress that "the situation for Jews in Norway is better than it has been for a long time," despite current tensions caused by the fighting between Hezbollah and Israel that broke out last week.

Norway's government has supported Israel for years and actively worked to bring peace to the Middle East. At the same time, there's also strong sympathy and support for the Palestinians.

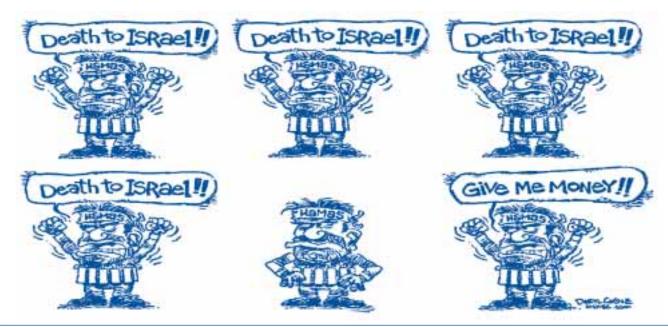
The Mosaic Religious Community, which represents Jewish interests in Norway, has around 850 members in Oslo alone. The community reports "a steady flow" of new people joining from other countries or through conversion to Judaism.

The community also has actively sought to include the Israeli citizens living in Norway. Community leaders claim on their website: http://www.dmt.oslo.no/english/that the Jewish community in Oslo is "very much a part of the Norwegian society at large, while, at the same time, maintaining its uniqueness."

In their latest act of propagandistic revisionism, the socalled "Palestinians" say that they have been in "Palestine" for a million years; if they really had been there for a million years, surely you should be able to tell me the name of at least one "Palestinian" king or queen; well, can you?! Also, a million years ago would probably be the time of Pithecanthropus erectus—sorry, no "Palestinians" there!

Arab history books clearly state that they conquered "Palestine" from the Byzantines in the 7th century C.E., and that's the fact and the countering argument to this is fabrication. Practically every Arab village of today bears a "corrupted" version of the Hebrew (or Aramaic) village-name of the previous (Jewish!) inhabitants that had been forced out by the Arab invaders: Anata is Anatot (the village of the prophet Jeremiah), Batir is Baytar (the village of Shimon Bar Kochba), even Ramallah, today's defacto "capital," of this fictitious "people" is Ramah (the village of the prophet Samuel) etc., positive proof of what was really going on in the Holy Land.

Finally, there is no letter "P" in the Arabic alphabet; ask an Arab studying computers what his subject is, and he'll say "combuters." How about a little Shakespeare? Hamlet was a brince and he lived in a balace and blayed with other children. Does it make sense that "a people" would name "their" country with a letter that doesn't even exist in their own alphabet?! The reason is obvious. They don't call themselves Falas-tinians because they know they're a fallacy!



# "Thank you Israel"

By Brigitte Gabriel, www.standwithus.com

For the millions of Christian Lebanese driven out of our homeland, "Thank you Israel," is the sentiment echoing from around the world. The Lebanese Foundation for Peace, an international group of Lebanese Christians, made the following statement in a press release to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert concerning the latest Israeli attacks against Hezbollah:

"We urge you to hit them hard and destroy their terror infrastructure. It is not [only] Israel who is fed up with this situation, but the majority of the silent Lebanese in Lebanon who are fed up with Hezbollah and are powerless to do anything out of fear of terror retaliation."

Their statement continues.

"On behalf of thousands of Lebanese, we ask you to open the doors of Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport to thousands of volunteers in the Diaspora willing to bear arms and liberate their homeland from [Islamic] fundamentalism. We ask you for support, facilitation and logistics in order to win this struggle and achieve together the same objectives: Peace and Security for Lebanon and Israel and our future generations to come."

The once-dominant Lebanese Christians responsible for giving the world "the Paris of the Middle East," as Lebanon used to be known, have been killed, massacred, driven out of their homes and scattered around the

world as radical Islam declared its holy war in the 1970s and took hold of the country. They voice an opinion that they and Israel have learned from personal experience, which is now belatedly being discovered by the rest of the world.

While the world protected the PLO withdrawing from Lebanon in 1983 with Israel hot on their heels, another more volatile and religiously idealistic organization was being born: Hezbollah, "the Party of God," founded by Ayatollah Khomeini and financed by Iran. It was Hezbollah who blew up the U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon in October, 1983 killing 241 Americans and 67 French paratroopers that same day.

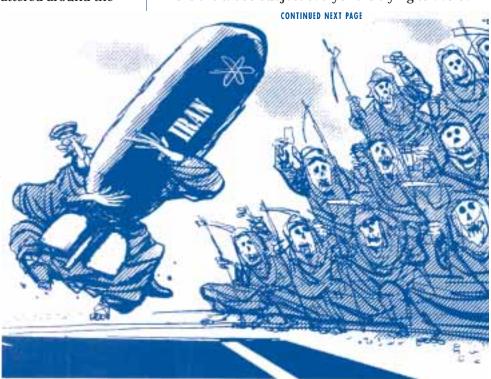
President Reagan ordered U.S. Multilateral Force units to withdraw, and closed the books on the marine massacre and US involvement in Lebanon February, 1984.

The civilized world, which erroneously vilified the Christians and Israel back then and continues to vilify Israel now, was not paying attention. While America and the rest of the world were concerned about the Israeli/PLO problem, terrorist regimes in Syria and Iran fanned Islamic radicalism in Lebanon and around the world. Hezbollah's Shiite extremists began multiplying like proverbial rabbits out-producing moderate Sunnis and Christians. Twenty-five years later they have produced enough people to vote themselves into 24 seats in the Lebanese parliament. Since the Israeli pullout in 2000, Lebanon has become a terrorist base completely run and controlled by Syria with its puppet Lebanese President LaHood and the Hezbollah "state within a state."

The Lebanese army has less than 10,000 military troops.

Hezbollah has over 4,000 trained militia forces and there are approximately 700 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Southern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley. So why can't the army do the job? Because the majority of Lebanese Muslims making up the army will split and unite along religious lines with the Islamic forces just like what happened in 1976 at the start of the Lebanese civil war.

It all boils down to a war of Islamic Jihad ideology vs. Judeo Christian Westernism. Muslims, who are now the majority of Lebanon's population, support Hezbollah because they are part of the Islamic *Umma*—the nation. This is the taboo subject everyone is trying to avoid.



The latest attacks on Israel have been orchestrated by Iran and Syria, driven by two different interests. Syria considers Lebanon a part of "greater" Syria. Young Syrian President Assad and his Ba'athist military intelligence henchmen in Damascus are using this latest eruption of violence to prove to the Lebanese that they need the Syrian presence to protect them from the Israeli aggression and to stabilize the country.

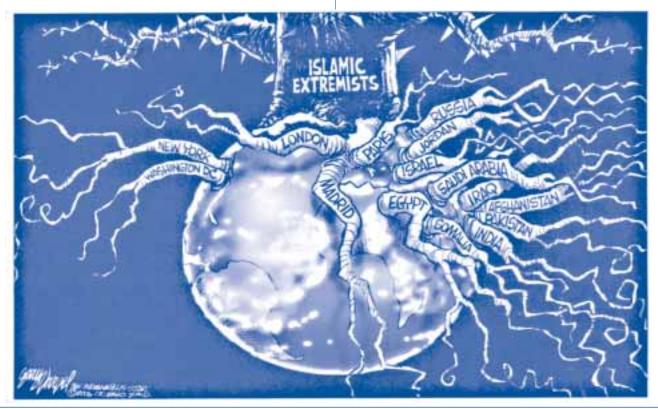
Iran is conveniently using its Lebanese puppet army, Hezbollah, to distract the attention of world leaders meeting at the G-8 summit in St. Petersburg, from its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Apocalyptic Iranian President Ahmadinejad and the ruling Mullah clerics in Tehran want to assert hegemony in the Islamic world under the banner of Shia Mahdist madness. Ahmadinejad wants to seal his place as top Jihadist for Allah by making good his promise to "wipe Israel off the map."

No matter how much the West avoids facing the reality of Islamic extremism of the Middle East, the West cannot hide from the fact that the same Hamas and Hezbollah that Israel is fighting over there are of the same radical Islamic ideology that has fomented carnage and death through terrorism that America and the world are fighting. This is the same Hezbollah that Iran is threatening to unleash in America with suicide bomb attacks if America tries to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons. They have cells in over 10 cities in the United States. Hamas has the largest terrorist infrastructure on American soil. This is what happens when you turn a blind eye to evil for decades, hoping it will go away.

Sheik Nasrallah, the head of Hezbollah, is an Iranian agent. He is not a free actor in this play. He has been involved in terrorism for over 25 years. Iran, with its Islamic vision for a Shia Middle East, now has its agents, troops and money in Gaza in the Palestinian territories, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. Behind this is this vision that drives the Iranian President Ahmadinejad, who believes he is Allah's "tool and facilitator," bringing the end of the world as we know it and the ushering in of the era of the Mahdi. He has a blind messianic belief in the Shiite tradition of the 12th or "hidden" Islamic savior, who will emerge from a well in the holy city of Qum in Iran after global chaos, catastrophes, and mass deaths, and establish the era of Islamic Justice and everlasting peace.

President Ahmadinejad has refused so far to respond to proposals from the U.S., EU, Russia and China on the UN Security Council to cease Iran's relentless quest for nuclear enrichment and weapons development program until August 22nd. Why August 22nd? Because August 22nd coincides with the Islamic date of Rajab 28, the day the great Salah El-Din conquered Jerusalem. Ahmadinejad's extremist ideology in triggering Armageddon gives great concerns to the intelligence community.

At this point the civilized world must unite in fighting the same enemies plaguing Israel and the world with terrorism. We need to stop analyzing the enemies' differences as Sunni-Hamas or Shiite-Hezbollah, and start understanding that their common bond in their fight against us is radical Islam.



# The Enemy is Iran

By Jeff Jacoby, www.boston.com

Opening a security conference in Tehran on July 8, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad exhorted the Islamic world to mobilize against Israel and "remove the Zionist regime." The nations of the region are growing

furious, he said. "It will not be long before this intense fury will lead to a huge explosion."



Four days later, Hezbollah terrorists staged a raid across

Israel's northern border, kidnapping two Israeli soldiers and killing eight more. Over the next day, more than 120 rockets rained down across northern Israel. Among the communities struck was Haifa, Israel's third-largest city and home to its busiest port and a large oil refinery. It was the first time rockets fired from Lebanon had penetrated so far into Israel; Haifa had been thought to be out of Hezbollah's range.

Israel replied to Hezbollah's artillery barrages and hostage-taking with a military invasion, much as it did in Gaza last month in response to incessant rocket fire and the Hamas kidnapping of Gilad Shalit. In short order, Israel's warplanes struck Beirut's international airport, Hezbollah's offices, and two Lebanese army bases; the Israeli navy put Lebanon under a blockade.

And so by week's end Israel was at war again, this time on two fronts against two of the most lethal terrorist forces in the world. Except that the real enemy confronting it is not Hamas and Hezbollah. Terrorist organizations cannot function without state sponsorship, and no state anywhere sponsors more Islamist terrorism than Iran.

Was it just a coincidence that Ahmadinejad's prediction of "a huge explosion" came only days before Hezbollah's assault across the border and its unprecedented attack on Haifa? Or did the rabid president of the evil regime that bankrolls Hezbollah with an estimated \$200 million a year know what was coming? It was Iran that supplied Hezbollah with its immense arsenal of artillery rockets. When Hezbollah launches them at Israel, it is doing the bidding of its patron.

The same is true of Hamas, which is likewise financed by Iran. The top Hamas mastermind held a press conference in a Damascus ballroom last week, where he extolled the Syrian regime that shelters him. Syria is in turn protected by Iran, with which it signed a military cooperation pact in June. So it came as no surprise when Ahmadinejad warned Israel not to extend its military offensive to Syria, and threatened "a crushing response" if it did.

Israel has to repair its deterrent threat, which was weakened by the unilateral retreats from Gaza and southern Lebanon and by too many listless responses to terrorist provocations. A sustained assault into southern Lebanon, one that leaves Hezbollah in shards and Israel's northern border at peace, would be welcome evidence that the old Israel is back. And it would represent a significant victory in the worldwide war against Islamist terrorism.

Gaza, Hezbollah, Iraq, Al Qaeda: It is all the same fight. "No one should have any lingering doubts about what's going on in the Middle East," writes Michael Ledeen, an expert on terrorism and Iran. "It's war, and it now runs from Gaza into Israel, through Lebanon and thence to Iraq via Syria. There are different instruments, ranging from Hamas in Gaza to Hezbollah in Syria and Lebanon and on to the multifaceted 'insurgency' in Iraq. But there is a common prime mover, and that is the Iranian mullocracy, the revolutionary Islamic fascist state that declared war on us 27 years ago and has yet to be held accountable."

Twenty-seven years ago was 1979, the year that Islamist radicals loyal to the Ayatollah Khomeini invaded the US embassy in Tehran and held dozens of American diplomats hostage for the next 444 days. Washington's response was weak and feckless, as it would be time and again in the years that followed. Only after 9/11 did the United States finally acknowledge that it was in a war with militant Islam and begin fighting back in earnest. But not against Iran, which continues, unscathed and unrepentant, to stoke the terrorist fires. Its goals, unchanged since Khomeini's day, are to become the dominant power in the Middle East, to create Islamist regimes worldwide, to annihilate Israel, and to kill Americans.

We will never win this war, Ledeen and others argue, until the Iranian theocracy is brought down. That does not have to mean military action. Our aim instead should be to empower Iran's restive population, which is largely pro-Western and moderate. Give them as much support as possible, much as the Reagan administration did for Lech Walesa and Solidarity in Poland — and let them find the means to reclaim their government for themselves.

Israel may be able to inflict a punishing defeat on Hezbollah, but regime change in Tehran will require American resolve. Will we muster that resolve before — or only after — the mullahs get the bomb?

#### **Notable and Quotable**

Joan Peters, From Time Immemorial

"In truth, 'Arab' terrorism in the Holy Land originated centuries before the recent 'tool' of the 'Palestinian' cause was invented. In towns where Jews lived for hundreds of years, those Jews were periodically robbed, raped, in some places massacred, and, in many instances, the survivors were obliged to abandon their possessions and

run. At the beginning of this century [20th] Jews were recorded in nearly every town that is today considered to have been 'purely Arab.'"



These war-painted young "terrorists in training" pick up the Islamic battle cry.

#### These are the Facts

Israel My Glory Magazine

Israel became a nation around 1450 B.C., some 2,000 years before the rise of Islam.

Jewish people have lived in the land *continuously* since the days of Joshua — some 3,000 years.

The Jewish people were the main population in the land from 1,000 B.C. to A.D. 637 — a period of 1,637 years.

Even if Arabs had become the main population in the land from 637 to present — which they did not — they would have to remain the main population for 268 more years merely to equal the time the Jewish people were the main population *prior* to A.D. 637. They would have to live there even longer to account for the years of Jewish residency *after* 637.

The Muslims controlled the land from 637 to 1099-462 years. Jewish people still lived there.

The Crusaders took the land from 1099 to 1291. Jewish people there joined the Muslims against the Crusaders, who tortured and killed Jews in their quest for ascendancy.

The Muslims retook the land from 1291 to 1917—a total of 626 years. However, by 1880 the Jews again were the main population in Jerusalem, as they had been in Safed and Tiberius.

The British captured the Holy Land from the Muslim Ottoman Turks in 1917.

### Select BRIEFS

#### "Driving" Israelis Crazy

Israel Today

In what can be chalked up to a simple translation *faux pas*, Israeli drivers are falling victim to the letter of the law in New York. The English translation on Israeli licenses has cost some high fines for Israelis stopped by traffic cops in New York: "Driver's License (*Rishayon Nehigah* in Hebrew) is translated into English as "driving Permit."

In New York, a driver with a (learner's) "Permit" can only take the wheel with a licensed driver accompanying him. So far, several Israelis who have been stopped by New York police have had their cars towed and paid high fines.

"We are well acquainted with this issue," said Israel's Consul General in New York Arye Mekel. "Israelis in need have turned to us. We have tried to explain to the American authorities — until now with no success — that we are talking about a valid Israeli license."

Until something is sorted out diplomatically, New York police have some advice for Israel's Ministry of Transportation: To spare your citizens the hassle, change "Permit" to "License."



This highly-decorated Menorah, (sacred symbol of God's light and love never to be extinguished in Israel) shown with one of our Holy Land tourists, is located across from the Knesset. It was designed by the Jewish English sculptor, Benno Elkan, and donated to Israel by the British Parliament in April 1956.

# Select BRIEFS!

### Amid Barrage, a Holocaust Heroine Shakes Off Fear

By Matthew Kalman, The Boston Globe

NAHARIYA, Israel – Orna Shorani, 76, was named a "Righteous Among the Nations" for her bravery in rescuing Jews from the Nazi Holocaust. This week her character was on display once again when she brushed off a direct hit by a Hezbollah rocket on her house in this town in northern Israel.

Orna was fast asleep last Thursday morning when a Katyusha rocket fired by militants from Lebanon struck her home, crashing through the roof of her grandson's apartment upstairs and sending her bedroom door flying across the room, where it hit her on the head.

But she refused to go to the hospital, and yesterday she was back at home while workers patched up the damage. All the windows in the front of her house were smashed, the doors were blown off their hinges, and the roof had a gaping hole.

"There was a huge boom, and I got a crack on the head," said Orna, who sees and hears with difficulty and walks with a cane.

"My grandson came running down to see I was OK, but I told him to go away and let me go back to sleep," she said.

Orna lives in Nahariya, a few miles from the border with Lebanon, and the target of attacks by Hezbollah in the past few days. Half the town's residents have left, but Orna said she had no intention of leaving.

"I lived through the Second World War and all of Israel's wars," she said. "I think I'll survive this one, too."

Orna did more than survive World War II. With her mother and sisters, she hid 25 Jews from a Nazi labor camp next to their home in Hungary and smuggled them to safety. One of them, Ladislav Shorani, jumped over the fence into her garden, kissed her, and declared:

"You will be my wife!"

"He went off to fight with the Russian Army," Orna recalled. "Three years later, he came back and married me. After the war, we moved to Israel."

Orna had a simple explanation for why she saved Jews from the Nazis back then.

"God said 'Thou shalt not kill.' We couldn't stand by and let the Nazis kill these innocent Jews," she said. And, said Orna, she still believes the same today.

"We need peace in all the world," she said. "Every person, wherever they live, is entitled to live in peace and good health. This is what I wish for our side, for the other side, and for all the countries of this region."



#### Hamas Is Bankrupt:

Palestinian civil servants have not been paid for four months. Israel Today (excerpt)

Three months after Hamas took control of the Palestinian Authority, the territories are in disarray. Hamas, which shuns international peace agreements between the Palestinians and Israel, suddenly woke up to the reality that its government cannot survive without the goodwill of the international community.

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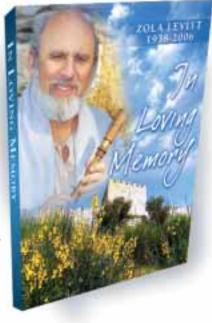
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