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



Letter



The prophetic implications are daunting. When touring Israel, we often stop at the Temple Institute and view the priestly items firsthand. —Jeff

## Preparing For The Third Temple

By Tom Mountain, [www.IsraelINN.com](http://www.IsraelINN.com)

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin appeared too elated for the seemingly simple act of being fitted by a tailor.

Yet, it wasn't just any tailor. It was Rabbi Yisrael Ariel of the Temple Institute in Jerusalem and his colleagues, carefully measuring Rabbi Riskin and several other rabbis to eventually outfit them with the priestly garments according to the exact specifications in the Torah.

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### Getting The World To Hate Israel

By Dr. Richard L. Cravatis  
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As part of evaluating the competitive landscape of the popularity of nations, in a process referred to in marketing circles as "place branding," Israel, to no one's great surprise, comes up short in brand likability, ranking last out of 35 nations included in an August 2006 survey conducted by nation-branding expert Simon Anholt; even less attractive to respondents than Indonesia, Estonia, and Turkey.

How could this have happened to the Middle East's only thriving democracy, whose remarkably robust economy has spawned some 1,000 startup high-tech companies? How, in short, would you go about making the world hate Israel?

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Yehuda Glick, the Temple Institute's Director, beamed, "Today, in this room, *kohanim* [Jewish priests] are being measured for the first time in 2,000 years for the type of garments they will be wearing in a rebuilt Temple."

This was the latest endeavor that the rabbis and *yeshiva* [Orthodox Jewish school] students of the Temple Institute have been working toward for years. Not if, but *when* the Third Temple is finally dedicated and construction has begun, they'll be ready to supervise the holy project down to every possible specification spelled out in the Torah.

It's easy to dismiss such rabbis as merely tilting at windmills: the physical reality of the Third Temple seems distant. But it appears a lot closer than it was a hundred years ago.

A century ago, the State of

Israel was only a dream. The Jewish presence in the land was minimal, the country was desolate, the inhabitants hostile. And yet a small group of idealists decided to begin working toward the goal of a Jewish return and Jewish statehood.

"If you will it, it is no dream."

Theodor Herzl internalized that ethos, and then devoted his life to seeing it through. Everything he did toward the goal of creating a Jewish state—however small, insignificant, or even ridiculous it appeared at the time—mattered in the end. Herzl and his followers created what others for centuries had deemed impossible: a Jewish state in the ancient Jewish

homeland. They weren't satisfied with simply waiting and praying and hoping; they worked and prepared for the Jewish state that they knew they could create.

"The Maccabees will rise again," declared Herzl in the last paragraph of his book *The Jewish State*. He didn't speculate or theorize. He used the phrase "will rise again" as a point of fact.

And so it was.

And now we have rabbis and *yeshiva*



*Display at the Temple Institute*

devotees working diligently to prepare for the rebuilding of the Third Temple. They see time as a sequence of events on their side—the Jews return to the Promised Land, the Jewish State is reborn, surrounding hostile nations try to destroy Israel, the Jewish people reclaim Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

But alas, those big mosques are still situated on the Temple Mount. For now.

In the meantime, they pray and wait—and prepare for that day when the Third Temple will be rebuilt. They know. They've learned from history.

If you will it, it is no dream. ★

Briefly, [read the full text of this article at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news)] this is how you would accomplish that objective if you were an enemy of Israel:

Even after 60 years of its existence, you question the fundamental right of Israel to even exist.

Of all the 100 million refugees who were dispersed around the globe and re-assimilated since World War II, you choose only the Palestinians to languish in barbaric refugee camps where their lives are used as political fodder to denounce the existence of an Israel that supposedly has deprived them of a home.

You have the United Nations set up an agency, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), whose sole function is to make sure that this one group of refugees in the whole world is coddled.

You use the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council of the United Nations to repeatedly demonize Israel, and you pass 100% of your condemnatory resolutions against Israel.

You inculcate Palestinian children with seething, unrelenting hatred of Jews and the "Zionist regime."

When Israel launches a military strike against terrorists or in response to rocket

barrages, you term their response "disproportionate."

If you are the media, you repeatedly report on supposed Israeli human rights violations.

You talk about the Israeli security barrier as an "apartheid wall."

You fund Middle Eastern Studies centers on university campuses and use them as anti-Israel, anti-American "think tanks."

In the Arab world, you play fast and loose with history to create a historical narrative conforming to your own political agenda, erasing any link between Palestine and the Jews. Though Jerusalem is mentioned not once in the Koran, you claim that Jews now "occupy" Muslim lands.

You question the truthfulness of the Holocaust.

You wonder out loud if Jewish influence and wealth threatens America's national security on behalf of Israel.

You do all of these things as part of a concerted effort, and you do it for the 60 years of Israel's existence, and then you are shocked — shocked! — when Israel ranks unfavorably in popularity among nations. But you are pleased, because you know that if Israel cannot be annihilated with armaments and rockets, perhaps you can make it cease to exist simply by making the entire world loathe it for being what it is.



# Ask The Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

**Q.** Based on 1 Timothy 2:12, where Paul says, “I do not permit a woman to have authority over a man,” I am clueless why so many Christians are excited about female candidates, claiming that they could be God’s answer for America. God contradicting His Word to solve problems in our world strikes me as impossible. What do you think?



**A.** Let me speak to your question of women in office as a theological issue rather than a political one. Regardless of the pending presidential election’s outcome, our nation has opened the door for candidates of different colors and genders. This seems a progressive development much as any attempt to close that door on the basis of misguided theology would be regressive.

Judeo-Christian virtue does not force women into subservience to men, nor does it give any credence to prohibiting women from having meaningful, gainful, and powerful employment outside of the home. The Taliban seems to keep women “under wraps” (literally and tightly), and so does Islam as a rule. Biblical literature commends the contributions of female queens (as in Esther) and women judges (as in Deborah).

Therefore, denying a woman’s candidacy because it might offend biblical virtue seems overly simplistic at best, problematic at worst.

Jews do not force women into political subservience. Israel elected Golda Meir prime minister back in 1969. She was described as the “Iron Lady” of Israeli politics long before UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher became similarly known. David Ben-Gurion used to call her “the best man in the government.” She was known as the “strong-willed, straight-talking, gray-bunned grandmother of the Jewish people.” Perhaps Israel’s new prime minister, Tzipi Livni, will not only live up to that reputation, but exceed it.

To combat the needless marginalization of women, I produced the 2007 television series *She Shall Be Called Woman*, and the accompanying book, *Woman By Divine Design* (series and book available on page 18). Our ministry translated those programs into Arabic to give multitudes of foreign Muslim men and women a biblical picture of woman. I get mail from Muslims—and Jews, Christians, and atheists—so I know that many are hearing this teaching.

As for your particular question, Paul doesn’t discourage female Believers from holding powerful vocations outside the home. Instead, he extols the virtues of husbands and wives working together in the church and home to secure good order in both. ★

*Tzipi Livni works for peace and unity*



# When God Changed His Mind

Shalom, Zola (as in goodbye);

I have enjoyed your broadcasts, books and music for years, Zola, but after you said that God has changed, I won't be watching you any more. The Baptists have apparently gotten to you. I used to be a Baptist, but about 15 years ago, I found something which I wanted to explore further — the Jewish roots of my faith. I am not a Jew, but I am getting closer to Judaism. You, Zola, are going the other way.

You said, in answer to one of the first few questions on a recent program, that only nine of the Ten Commandments are still in effect, and that the fourth was not mentioned in the New Testament. Maybe not explicitly, but if Rav Sha'ul would postpone setting sail in order to observe *Shabbat*, it is certainly implicit. God instituted that fourth Commandment. Where, WHERE is it stated that He CHANGED HIS MIND? Does the term "traditions of men," mean anything to you???  
*L'Chaim Olam b'Shem Yeshua HaMashiach* [To life eternal in the name of Jesus the Messiah] — J.W.

Dear J.W.—

I hate to say goodbye without answering your question. God "changed his mind" in Col. 2:16-17, which explains that the Sabbath in the Old Testament was a "shadow (picture) of the Christ to come." We now have Christ with us, and so can dispense with His picture.

For the same reasons, the Church doesn't keep the seven feasts of Israel, the kosher laws, etc.

Rav Sha'ul (Paul) must have postponed setting sail since, on *Shabbat*, the harbor would have been closed just as Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv is closed on every Sabbath. Besides, in Paul's case, he kept the laws in order to "be as a Jew to the Jews" and not because he didn't understand Scripture.

If keeping an abrogated Old Testament law is more important to you than following a ministry that you have participated in for years, then shalom (as in goodbye) to you, Brother; but I feel bad about this.

— Zola



Psalm 103: 10-12

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

# Shalom From Sandra



Everyday adventures remind me of how God works in our lives. The condo building I live in recently went “green,” and we can now participate in a recycling program. Recyclables include glass, paper, cans, and newspapers—the usual things. I did not know so many materials could be recycled. We do not even have to sort them. The recycling company makes it easy for us. Before we began recycling, the collective trash for the condos was picked up four to five times a week. Now, it is picked up only two or three times per week and taken away, never to be seen again, gone, done away with. It is a win-win situation for everyone.

The cost of trash disposal has gone down, therefore saving everyone some expense: the trash pick-up service saves gas in the number of trips it has to make to our condo building, and the recycling firm is making a profit while making good use of reusables. We are all being good stewards of what God has given us. I like it!

Re-read the Scripture above and note the spiritual parallel. God takes the trash out of our lives and it is gone, never to be seen again—He takes it as far away as the East is from the West.

Then He uses the “green” (the recyclables) in our lives to make us better people in order to glorify Him. Think about a facet that God has worked on in your life lately. You will see that the “trash” is gone and in its place is a new creation or, if you will, something that can be used again and again for the better. I am grateful for what God has given me and for what He is recycling in my life.

As you read this *Levitt Letter*, our TV production team is in Greece/Israel/Petra with this ministry’s Fall Tour group. I encourage you to join Jeff and me on an upcoming tour: March 15-25 or, with Petra, March 15-29. Talk about renewing and reusing what God has given you! Israel will change your life for the better.

Blessings, *Sandra*

*Shown actual size.*



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## Even After November, Give Thanks!

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Americans seem to have forgotten the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Most of us learned this: The Pilgrims had a rough time when they landed on Plymouth Rock. Finally, the friendly native Americans taught the European plunderers how to fish and plant corn. The harvest feast held by William Bradford and the gang was a way for the Pilgrims to thank the Indians for saving their lives. Thus, Thanksgiving.

This may be a slight oversimplification of what is taught—but not by much.

The roots of Thanksgiving go back to ancient Israel. In a real sense, the Jews invented Thanksgiving. For the ancient children of Israel, thanksgiving was a time of feasting and fasting, of praising God, of singing songs. It was a rich celebration—and still is for observant Jews today.



Bradford himself studied the Hebrew Scriptures. The Pilgrims took them very seriously. The idea of giving thanks to God with a feast was inspired by that knowledge of the Bible. The Pilgrims saw themselves, too, as chosen people of God being led to a Promised Land.

In addition to proclaiming a day of thanksgiving like the ancient Hebrews before them, Bradford and his flock also praised God's loving kindness, the famous refrain of Psalms 106 and 107 and Jewish liturgy ("Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His kindness endures forever").

The "thanksgiving" idea took different forms in colonial America. It wasn't until George Washington proclaimed Nov. 26, 1789 a day for thanking God for bringing America through its trials, that an official holiday was marked.

Washington, too, was a student of the Hebrew Scriptures. He believed with all his heart that America would be blessed only if it acknowledged the source of all blessings.

Later, in 1863, with the nation torn apart by war, Lincoln re-instituted the tradition for two years. Again, in 1941, with a global war threatening, Congress established the fourth Thursday of November as the day for Americans to thank God.

In times of crisis, it's easy to think about God and eternity. But when the living is easy, man is much more likely to think pridefully upon his own achievements.

Today, the whole notion of Thanksgiving has been dumbed-down: It's no longer a day to thank God—it's a day to thank indigenous peoples for their contributions to humanity. Ironically, Thanksgiving is truly a multicultural tradition in the best sense of the term—having been inspired by the ancient Hebrew pilgrims of the Old World and born anew by Christian people seeking a promised land of religious liberty of their own.

America is besieged by terrorists who seek to destroy us: a non-Judeo-Christian worldview is at war with Americans, Christians, Jews, and all of Western civilization. In times past, those who came before us got down on their knees to pray for divine intervention. Moses did it. Joshua did it. David—Jesus—Washington—Lee—Patton did it.

Yes, Thanksgiving is a time of celebration—a time to thank God for the bounty He has provided so generously to us. But it's *always* a good time to pray. Invite God to your table today. Ask Him to continue blessing America—to purge it of evil and to shower it with His love, even after November. ★

With the nation's political spotlight on so many women this year (as candidates and as spouses of candidates), I feel the time is right to remind you about the book and TV series we recently produced highlighting women's stories in the Bible and exploring how God used them for His purpose.

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



At the risk of sounding as if I am saying "I told you so," I am pleased to commend again our book *Woman By Divine Design* and its associated television series *She Shall Be Called Woman*, at our website at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com). You paid for that television series with your contributions after I confided to you that I felt the Lord was leading me to explore what Scripture really says about women. You responded and helped me tell that empowering story globally, through nationally syndicated television, and through the book I'd written with Sandra.

That an Evangelical woman has risen to the top of a major political party and energized the presidential campaign seems to have caught us all by surprise, adding a new component to the mixture. Obama's African-American pedigree similarly adds an exciting component to the mix that energizes his followers. All parties present candidates with incredible personal biographies. As always, let's take this to prayer and trust God with our country as with our lives.

If leadership is on your mind, let me encourage you to watch for our new series—*The Warrior King*—to air in 2009. When this magazine hits your mailbox, I'll be in Israel with our television production crew filming it. Because we believe that individuals, families, churches, and governments need David-like leadership for Goliath-like times, we want to tell King David's story. Shooting on location in Israel offers us the opportunity to set up around thirty dramas to help us explore a variety of David's biblical narratives. I expect the series to be not only informative, but also transformative as I introduce many viewers to the "Son of David"—Israel's Messiah, and mine personally.

I cannot say often enough how much I appreciate your support. I have been primarily a classroom teacher, but your support has transformed me through television into an evangelizing missionary, making Him known in the world and able to proclaim the Gospel Story with a decidedly Jewish twist—a specialty of this ministry, begun by my predecessor Zola. Anywhere from dozens to thousands of people visit individual churches each week; through television, we transport millions to Bible lands with our program.

Your support also lets us present our television programs and news magazines at no cost, making them available to many who don't recognize their value at first. We were all in that position once: receiving the Good News for free until we reached the point where we became the backers, paying to spread the Good News to others. I appeal to those of you who value what we do, to help us absorb the astronomical costs associated with television production, airtime purchases, printing and mailing expenses, and more. If you think ours is a noble venture with a good product to distribute, please consider helping us get the product to market.

And speaking of getting to market, our trips to Israel have been filling up quickly. I encourage you to get a jump on reservations if you'd like to travel with this ministry's group on March 15th. Call (214) 696-9760 during office hours or 1-800-WONDERS anytime if you're interested, or click on "Tours" at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) for details. You can see my travel schedule at the website, as well; perhaps we can get together as I speak in churches around the country. I could even speak at yours! If you'd like me to come to your church—large or small—please call and ask how to make that happen. Yours,



# Jews 'Defiling' Jerusalem

By Nissan Ratzlav-Katz, [www.IsraelNN.com](http://www.IsraelNN.com)

In recent weeks, Muslim leaders have been heavily focusing their efforts on inciting their followers over alleged Jewish “threats” to the al-Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The incitement has come from the Palestinian Authority—Fatah and Hamas—as well as from the Arab League, from within Israel’s Arab minority, from Muslim organizations abroad, and from the al-Qaeda terrorist group.

**The head of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, Raed Salah, held an annual fundraising rally in August under the heading “al-Aksa is in Danger.” Attended by tens of thousands, the gathering was a platform for incitement to the effect that Jews were “defiling” the Muslim house of worship and planning to build a new Temple on the Temple Mount.**

Salah repeatedly called on Muslims to confront Israel and the “occupation” of Jerusalem. He claimed that Jews drank alcohol and engaged in sexual acts on the Temple Mount. In September, Raed Salah took his message to the Islamic Internet on the English-language IslamOnline.net website.

Salah repeated the claims that “the Zionist scheme” is “building their Temple on the rubble of al-Aksa Mosque.” He added, “We will go on persistently in exposing the Israeli plots worldwide and we believe that we have to do our best to stop Judaizing al-Quds [Jerusalem]....”

According to Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook of Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), “The PA under Fatah, which has been promoting such anti-Israeli propaganda for years, has recently increased the frequency and intensity of its messages. ...This campaign aims to incite religious and national fury against Israel by presenting Israel as a threat to Islam’s holy site,



with plans to topple the al-Aksa Mosque. To accomplish this, the PA does not hesitate to use vicious terminology and libels, and recruit religious leaders to deliver inflammatory sermons.”

The Hamas half of the PA has also been pouring fuel on the fire. Recently, Hamas issued calls for the Muslim masses to go on “angry massive marches and organize popular events to express their solidarity with al-Aksa Mosque and occupied Jerusalem.” They also called on their jihad fighters to prepare for an assault on Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem in order “to cleanse it of Israeli desecration.”

Such widespread calls to “defend al-Aksa” from Jewish “desecration” have figured prominently in several past instances of mass Arab violence against Jews.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat launched a terrorist campaign in 2000,—the al-Aksa Intifada—against Israel. He chose the name carefully, exploiting a coordinated visit by then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon to the Temple Mount for propaganda purposes in support of PA attacks, which had begun several days earlier.

The exploitation of Jerusalem and al-Aksa as a tool to incite Muslims to join or support attacks on Jews has been a staple of Arab propaganda even from before there was a State of Israel.

According to the Egyptian *Al-Ahram* newspaper of October 30, 1928, “The Jews are continuing their assault on the wall of al-Aksa Mosque... in their attempts to obtain rights that would give them a foothold in this purely Islamic holy place before taking possession of it and wresting it from the hands of the Muslim people. In so doing, they will have seized a part of al-Aksa Mosque, God forbid.”

In 1929, the Arabs of the Palestine Mandate responded to the incitement of the Arab press and carried out a series of massacres of Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa, and elsewhere. A total of 133 Jews were murdered and more than 300 were injured in the riots, which a current columnist for *Al-Ahram* called “the first al-Aksa intifada.” ★

# Dead Sea Alive With Tourists Seeking Healing

By Will King  
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Will King

Israel's Ministry of Tourism says that the recent boost of tourists from Europe is just what the doctor ordered. Related to the new trend of medical tourism, the boost comes from two countries in particular: Russia and Germany.

While the healing powers of the Dead Sea have long been known, now tour packages are being specifically designed for people whose doctors have prescribed salt baths and other skin treatments. The Moscow Municipality has already purchased ten acres on the Dead Sea at the resort town of Ein Bokek and plans to construct and open in 2011 a \$100 million hotel and spa specifically designed for Russian tastes.

Moscow reportedly already has a policy and budget to provide necessary skin treatments for its citizens, most of whom go to the Black Sea. In its bid to entice Russians to the Dead Sea, Israel just a few months ago added Russia to the visa waiver program, easing restrictions for Russian tourists.

Not to be outdone by the Russians, the Germans are also coming in large numbers. According to the Ministry of Tourism, 80,000 German tourists entered Israel in the first half of 2008, an increase of 44% over the previous year.

A German delegation headed by the German Ministry of Health recently met for a medical seminar on the rehabilitative and therapeutic qualities of the Dead Sea. The seminar's lectures, medical panel with doctors and medical personnel from the area, and visit to a solarium resulted from "the many efforts invested over the last two years

to return medical tourism from Germany to its previous levels," according to the chairman of the Dead Sea Hotels Association, Udi Zicherman.

So what is it exactly about the Dead Sea that draws people from around the world seeking skin treatments? The AHAVA company is the leader in producing soaps, lotions, gels, and other products made from the minerals of the Dead Sea. According to the AHAVA website, "The Dead Sea region is recognized worldwide for its efficacy in the treatment of a wide range of dermatological diseases, rheumatic ailments, and respiratory disorders. Moreover, individuals suffering from hypertension and muscular or vascular inflammation will find the stress-free treatments available in the numerous spas along the Dead Sea's magical shores to be of distinct therapeutic value."

Israel truly is a land of miracles and healing, which sometimes take their form in salt, minerals, and mud at the lowest place on Earth. ★

## Dry Bones IRAN'S MISSILES



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# Leaving Islam

By Jamie Glazov  
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FrontPage interviewed Mohammad Asghar, an ex-Muslim who left Islam after discovering its true teachings. Together with studying the Koran for over twenty-five years, he has also been writing his commentary on its verses—an endeavor, he hopes, that will help non-Muslim leaders, as well as ordinary citizens, understand the true message it conveys to Muslims.

**FP:** Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the West being able to confront the Islamic agenda?

**Asghar:** I am saddened by the fact that the West has not learned anything from the Koran, the history of Islam, and from its adherents.

Instead of taking lessons from the past history of Muslims, most leaders and the people of the West believe that Islam is a religion of peace and its followers are as good as they appear to them. Many of them took no lesson even after seeing the destructions and deaths some Muslims inflicted on New York and Washington, D.C; they laud Islam's good teachings

even after knowing that a film director lost his life to a Muslim fanatic for the crime of making a supposedly anti-Islam film. They also praise the so-called tolerance that Islam teaches its adherents, even after being informed that an American publisher refused to publish a book that contains an account of Prophet Mohammed's wife, after receiving threats of dire consequences from Muslims, if it published the book.

Many leaders of the West and its citizenry brushed off the president of Iran after he called for the complete annihilation of Israel, saying that he was a mad man. In reality, it was not his madness that had made him call for Israel's destruction; rather, it was his hatred of the Jews that made him say what he believes Allah wants him to say and do to destroy them and their state.

How do Muslims intend to destroy Israel, and how they are going to take over the earth from the followers of other religions when they do not have the necessary wherewithal to achieve their objectives?

Learn the answer to these questions, what prompted Asghar to leave Islam, and the advice he offers Westerners. Read the full interview posted at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).



# The Myth of a Muslim Reformation



By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

More and more, one question is crystallizing in the West. It is, “Can Islam Reform?” Can Islam accept a non-superior role in a multicultural society? Or will it demand the authoritarian monopoly representative of so many Muslim-dominated lands?

The urgency of this issue is clear. In much of Europe, a strong and growing Islamist movement demands the institution of Islamic *sharia* law in Christian and secular lands. These demands are not rejected on principle. Britain’s Anglican Bishop characterized the integration of *sharia* into British law as inevitable. In some Muslim areas of England, Christian missionaries are prevented by local authorities from promoting “apostasy” (the conversion of Muslims to Christianity). In Belgium and the Netherlands, the ceding of political authority over Muslims to Muslim religious organizations is openly discussed by liberal coalitions as a means of avoiding conflict. Similar and well-funded attempts at giving Muslims special rights appear cyclically in Canada, the U.S., Australia, and other Western nations.

That pressure, unfortunately, has too often taken the form of violence and intimidation. Well-funded with petrodollars, Muslim organizations reject Western traditions. Rather, they seek special status for Islam. They promote *sharia*-like laws that impose Muslim views about blasphemy, marriage, and other issues on the public-at-large.

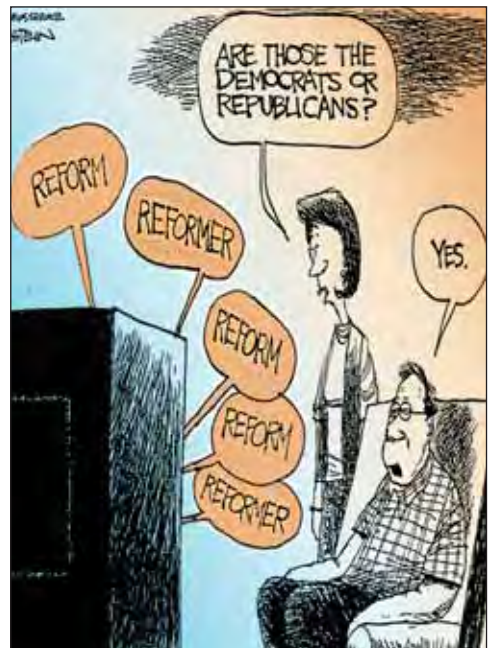
In America, most of us believe assimilation is a positive and perhaps even inevitable process. Even the Jewish side of my family, which fears assimilation will erase Jewish identity entirely, is nevertheless assimilated in every important political and cultural way.

Most Americans, including American Jews, see integration into a pluralist America as an enormously positive thing.

Clearly, however, the sort of Islam practiced in much of Africa and the Middle East rejects not just assimilation but coexistence. It cannot be reformed, at least in the near term. We have seen the rise in secular Turkey of an increasingly violent Islamist political and social movement. In Iran, which was once a relatively Westernized nation, religious authorities have consolidated political power and control.

This is not, however, because most Muslims want to live in Islamist societies. Where Muslims are free to choose otherwise safely, many do. In Israel, for example, many Muslims have come to the reasonable conclusion that life under majority Jewish rule is vastly preferable to life under the Palestinian boot.

The *Levitt Letter* just published a story (Oct 2008, p. 1) about Masab Hassan Yousef, the well-educated son of one of the most influential leaders of Hamas, the militant organization that rules Gaza. Yousef himself was a leader of a youth organization that committed terrorist acts against Israel and, like his father, he ended up in an Israeli prison.



There, he faced the fact that Hamas treated Palestinians far worse than they were treated by Israelis. He saw Muslim leaders torture and murder Muslims to maintain their control. Eventually, he converted to Christianity. Though begged by his family to keep it secret, he did not. Predictably, an international al-Qaeda affiliate issued a *fatwa* ordering his death.

This, however, was exactly what Yousef expected and chose. He makes the point, in fact, that the problems of the Muslim world are not due to the nature of Muslims themselves. Rather, he says, it is the core ideology at the heart of Islam that has created the ongoing effort to destroy the nation of Israel and dominate other religions.

In a long interview with Fox News, one thing that Yousef said stood out: "I believe that all those walls that Islam built for the last 1,400 years are not existing anymore. They don't recognize this. They built those walls and made people ignorant because they're afraid. They didn't want people to discuss anything about the reality of Islam, about the big questions of Islam, and they asked their followers, the Muslims, 'Don't ask those certain questions.'"

Now, however, Yousef says electronic media have brought down those walls. Muslims all over the world are reading and seeing what they never read and saw before. In fact, we know that Islamic leaders are panicked at the rate

of conversion to Christianity inside their own countries. As the technological revolution continues, this will only accelerate. The next generation of cell phones will spread wider touch-screens and access to an increasingly affordable Internet deep into the Third World. Already, Muslim converts to Christianity are reaching out with this new tool to their brothers and sisters on the other side of the iron veil.

This, in fact, is the reason for the modern resurgence of radical Islam. From the radicals' perspective, they are under attack. Rightfully, they understand the threat posed by the Judeo-Christian ideas of the Enlightenment. These ideas, if left unchallenged, will destroy Islam as we know it. Because Islam cannot engage the West in the realm of ideas, those who are desperate to maintain their hold have turned to extortion, bribery, intimidation, and terrorism. They would force the West to treat Islam as a special, protected religion.

Our own radical, secular forces, in fact, want us to do just that. We hear from people in the West that Christians are just as bad as the Islamofascists who kill those who leave their religion. Just as they wanted the West to accept the brutality of Soviet Communism as an acceptable alternative to free societies, they want us to cooperate with Muslims who believe it is acceptable to persecute Christians and Jews, and behead apostates. ★



# Islamic Mob Forces Christians Off Campus

By Sara Schonhardt, Associated Press

Did you know that only 17% of Muslims are Arabs? Here's a story of what's happening in Indonesia.

— Jeff

Hundreds of Christian theology students have been living in tents in Jakarta, Indonesia since a mob of angry Muslim neighbors stormed their campus wielding bamboo spears and hurling Molotov cocktails.

Attacks have forced Arastamar Evangelical School of Theology to reluctantly shut its 20-year-old campus in east Jakarta. "Why should we be forced from our house while our attackers can walk freely?" asked the Rev. Matheus Mangentang, chairman of the 1,400-student school. The July 25 attack, which injured 18 students, culminated years of simmering tensions between the school and residents of the Muslim Kampung Pulo neighborhood.

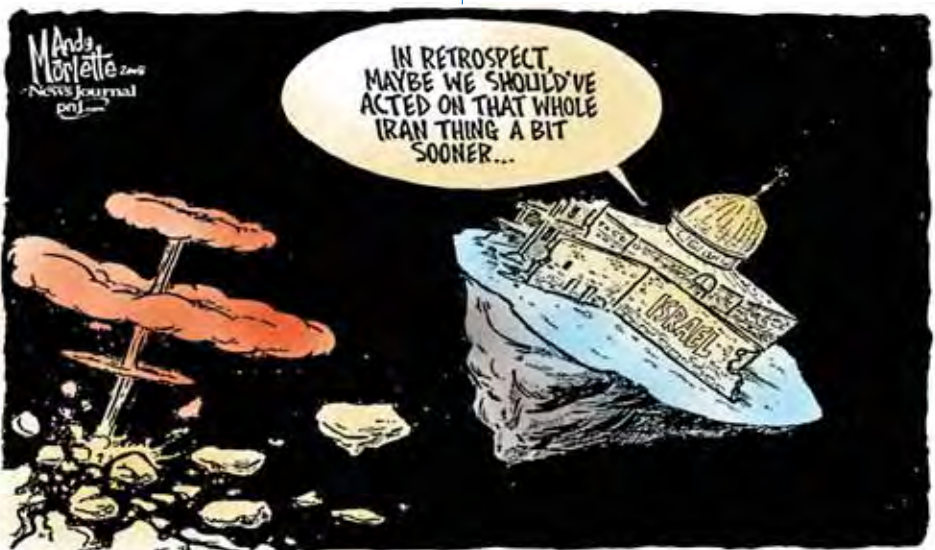
Neighbors complained about prayers and the singing of hymns, which they considered disturbing evangelical activity. Several neighbors refused to

comment, saying they feared that could further strain relations.

The assault began around midnight, when students woke to the crash of stones falling on their dormitory roof as a voice over a loudspeaker at a nearby mosque cried "Allah Akbar" ("God is great" in Arabic). The unidentified speaker urged residents to rise up against their "unwanted neighbors," said the head of campus security. A mob stormed a church on a recent Sunday in another east Jakarta neighborhood, forcing dozens of Christian worshippers to flee, said the Jakarta police chief. No arrests have been made.

Since being driven from campus, nearly 600 female students have been sleeping under suspended tarps at a nearby scout camp, where they had to dig trenches to keep water out during downpours. Classes are held with megaphones in the sweltering summer heat, under trees or tarps. A similar number of male students live in a guesthouse. Others have returned to their families.

Food, water, and school supplies are donated by church groups and community charities. "We feel like refugees in our own country," said Dessy Nope, 19, a second-year student majoring in education. "How can you study here? I only followed 20 percent of my last lesson. It's difficult to concentrate."



# Muslims Exclude EVERYONE ELSE From Temple Mount

By Ryan Jones, [www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)  
Based on an interview in *Israel Today*

If Jerusalem's Temple Mount stands at the heart of the Middle East conflict, and if Muslim treatment of other faiths at the site is any indication, talk of regional peace is somewhat premature.

Azzam Khatib, director of the Islamic Trust (or *Waqf*) that guards the mosques atop the Temple Mount, said that Jews and Christians who try to pray at the ancient holy site are declaring war.

Any non-Muslim "who seeks such an approach is really seeking a religious war," said Khatib, who insisted that the Temple Mount is an exclusively Muslim site and that Jews and Christians should not even want to pray there.

Khatib even took issue with the use of the term "Temple Mount," angrily demanding the site be called *al-Haram al-Sharif*, or Noble Sanctuary.

Khatib refused to consider the possibility that the site was once home to the First and Second Jewish Temples, calling such claims unsubstantiated myths. When presented with a citation from a 1929 tourist guide published by the Supreme Muslim Council that acknowledged the Temple Mount as

the site of Solomon's Temple, Khatib rejected the idea that such a book was ever published by a Muslim authority.

According to Khatib, when the Muslims first arrived in Jerusalem 1,400 years ago, the Temple Mount area was barren, and no hard evidence of previous structures remained, making any non-Muslim claims to the hilltop mere speculation.

"When the Muslims came here they never found any standing building or any culture still alive, so they never threatened any standing building," said the *Waqf* director. "We are not going to entertain theories about buildings that may or may not have been here before."

Always a fount of contradiction, the Muslim officials later negated their own claims that the Temple Mount was empty in A.D. 600 with their stories of Mohammed's midnight visit to the al-Aksa Mosque that today towers over the southern end of the raised compound.

Pointing to a massive retaining wall, which if the Muslim officials are to be believed should also not have existed 1,400 years ago, a *Waqf* guide identified the spot where Mohammed tied his horse, Buraq, after legend says he traveled thousands of miles in the span of just a few hours. ★

Khatib shot from the hip when asked about other historical facts concerning the Temple Mount. See him grasping for answers at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news)



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Moishe Rosen, founder of Jews for Jesus, for years has had prostate cancer, which is advancing to its final stage. Nonetheless, the work of Jews for Jesus continues unabated, with David Brickner now at its helm. When Zola was diagnosed with lung cancer in early 2006, Moishe wrote the touching letter to Zola that appears in the April 2006 *Levitt Letter*, posted at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com). Moishe and Zola met in 1972 and remained friends until, as Moishe says, Zola won their "race to be with the Lord." You can write to Moishe at 60 Haight Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. If you wish to enclose a check, you might write, "Tribute to Moishe's life's work" in the memo line. Or write to our P.O. Box, and we will forward 100% of gifts designated to Jews for Jesus.



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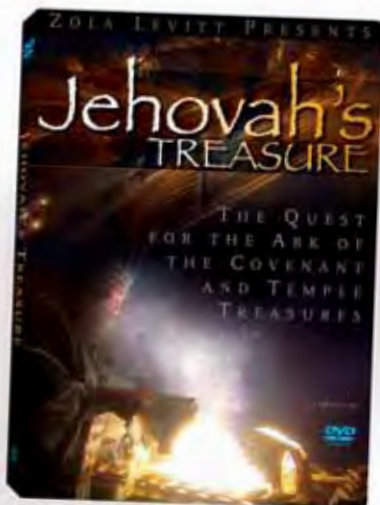
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## ***Jehovah's Treasure— The Quest for the Ark of the Covenant and Temple Treasures***

Written, Produced and Directed  
by **Ken Berg**



Our latest television production, *Jehovah's Treasure*, has been nearly five years in the making. And what a journey it has been! For 30 years, Berg Productions has produced each weekly episode of *Zola Levitt Presents*. In addition we've created a number of one-hour television specials, covering everything from end-times prophecy to biblical archaeology. Our national networks have aired them during prime time.



The *Jehovah's Treasure* project began in 2003 when I suggested to Zola that we chronicle the fascinating account of the Ark of the Covenant. In June of that year, we shot pertinent interviews in Israel with archaeologists who shared their historical and biblical insights about the Ark.

It took six more trips to Israel to complete *Jehovah's Treasure*. Zola planned to add his commentary after we had completed the interviews and dramatic re-enactments, but sadly, his health waned beforehand.

Zola agreed that **David Dolan**, a long-time friend of ZLM, would be a suitable stand-in. David had appeared on *Zola Levitt Presents* many times and was once the Jerusalem reporter for CBS. His residency in Jerusalem made him a natural choice. It was a blessing to have someone as knowledgeable as David join us in the project, and he fully understood the responsibility of filling some mighty big shoes.



*Jehovah's Treasure* uniquely documents the unearthing of two extraordinary tunnels in the Judean Desert. These tunnels were discovered after a study of some Dead Sea Scrolls indicated that Temple treasures may be buried near a certain valley not far from Qumran. The "Copper Scrolls" speak of an immense treasure, buried under-



David Dolan

ground in the very vicinity where we took our cameras. Archaeologist Oren Gutfeld kindly permitted us to document his three-year dig in tunnels that descended at a perfect 35 degrees for 425 feet—tunnels that dated back to the First Temple Period. Nowhere else in all of Israel has anyone found tunnels like these.

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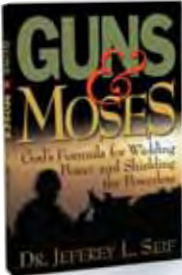
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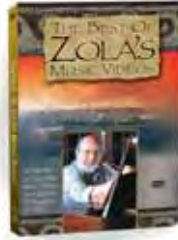


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*Man shall not live by bread alone... (Deut. 8:3)*

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## *The Bread of Life*

When we eat food, we incorporate other life as a means of nourishment for our own. Physical bread temporarily sustains our physical life. After it's digested, however, we find ourselves in need of it once again. God has designed the human body so that its life requires sacrifice.

Often when we meet someone new, we ask, "What do you do for a living?" By so asking, we want to know the means of this person's livelihood. We are seeking to know more about how this person "gets his bread" in the world.

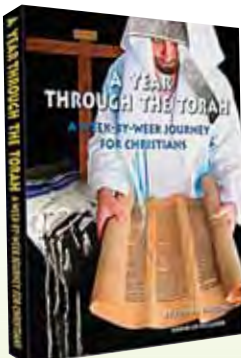
For some, the merry-go-round of "making a living" is as far as it goes. Sustaining their physical life is understood as reason enough for what they do. They live for the sake of eating, so they can live to eat for another day, and so on and on. As Kierkegaard once remarked, such people go through life asleep until one day they wake up and realize they died.

As Jesus taught, the physical is often a metaphor of the spiritual. Instead of asking *what* someone does we could ask *why* they do it. What reason did you choose this way to "get your bread"? But lurking beneath this question lies one deeper still: Why do you seek your daily bread at *all*? For what end? What's the point of your life? Where's it taking you? What does your soul or "inner man" feed upon to gain the will to live?

Both the written Torah and Jesus (who is the embodiment and expression of Torah) make it clear that we receive sustenance from the Word of God, the source and nutrient of spiritual life. Just as we eat physical bread to sustain physical life, we eat spiritual bread to sustain our spiritual life. "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD."

The Word of God is the life-giving message of the love of God that's always sustaining us—whether we are conscious of this or not. All things were created "by him, and for him" and in him all things consist (Col. 1:16-17). The love of God is *lechem ha-chaim*, the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35), embodied in the life and sacrificial death of Jesus the Messiah. Like the human body, God has designed the human *soul* so that its life requires a Sacrifice.

Spiritual life—its source and its end—depends upon receiving (i.e., "eating") the Word of the Living God Who is the Goal of Eternity. God speaks words of hope and love to those who hunger for everlasting life. May you hear Him speaking to you now.



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# Danger Lurks in America's Backyard

By Brad MacDonald, [www.TheTrumpet.com](http://www.TheTrumpet.com)

How many Americans comprehend the significance of a radical Islamic terrorist group setting up camp in Venezuela?

Hezbollah is an appendage of Iran, which is bent on annihilating the United States. For years it's been easy for Americans to downplay the Iranian threat. *Surely Iran can't be a big problem, we reason—it's thousands of miles away.* But that's no longer true. Now even the mainstream media and the American government are talking more about Iran's presence in America's neighborhood.

Americans ought to be alarmed!

Iran and Hezbollah's foothold in Venezuela is a result of the thriving friendship—bound by fervent anti-Americanism—between Hugo Chavez and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The two strongmen have visited with each other on multiple occasions in recent years and have struck several agreements and embarked on joint ventures, including projects in cement, and automobile and tractor manufacturing. Additionally, Iran and Venezuela have created a \$2 billion program to fund social projects in Latin America, including oil subsidies for Cuba and Nicaragua, which are designed to counter American efforts to secure support from allies in Latin America.

Hugo Chavez has welcomed Iran and its interests into the South American neighborhood with open arms, which has turned Venezuela into one of the Southern Hemisphere's largest terrorist havens. Chavez, says Latin American current affairs analyst Vladimir Torres, has helped both Iran and radical Islam cut themselves a foothold in Venezuela and across the region. "Since March 2007, Iran's national airline, Iran Air, is flying on a weekly basis to Venezuela.

The commercial Tehran-Caracas flight, with a stop in Damascus, Syria, allows for easy movement of passengers, given Venezuela's lax immigration controls."

Despite intense efforts and hundreds of millions of dollars spent by Western nations on national security measures to curb the flow of Islamic terrorists, such individuals are traveling between Iran and Venezuela with ease.

The diplomatic relationship between Hezbollah and the Venezuelan government was exposed further this past summer when the U.S. Treasury Department froze the assets of two influential Venezuelan citizens after it accused them of being avid supporters of Hezbollah.



## Hezbollah is training Venezuelans to attack American targets!

As proof of Hezbollah's success in converting native Venezuelans to Islam, a Venezuelan convert recently claimed, "If the United States were to attack Iran, the only country ruled by God, we would counterattack in Latin America and even inside the United States itself. We have the means and we know how to go about it. We will sabotage the transportation of oil from Latin America to the U.S. You have been warned."

Venezuela has clearly emerged as a strategic hub in Iran's war against Israel and the United States. This ought to be alarming to the American people: One of our greatest enemies and its radical and dangerous proxies have moved into America's backyard! ★



# Letters to ZLM

## Boxes of Love Reach the Troops

Hey Jeremy,

Our office sent 2 large packages to you. They're filled with all kinds of goodies from our mailing list of readers, viewers, and supporters. Feel free to share as much as you'd like. There are many Stateside praying for you, so feel encouraged and know we love you.

Always in His Grip,

Jane <>> (ZLM Office Manager)

Aunt Jane—

I just wanted to say thanks for thinking of me and the guys over here. Your package was fully stocked! It was like Christmas going through it. :)

The weather here is starting to cool—we've even had a couple of days under 100°! That'll make our last few months a lot better, I'm sure. Until then, we'll just keep truckin' along—one day at a time.

Take care! Jeremy

## Ten More Years?

Dear Sandra and Jeff,

I think with almost all of the Old and New Testament prophecies coming true, we are pretty close to Jesus coming. I personally believe we will see Jesus return within the next ten years. I also think you ought to start hammering more about the Gospel of Jesus and less about women in the Bible and whose land it is, because time is extremely short. Do not focus on these trivial matters.

Yours in Christ, the Coming King Jesus!

R. S.

Dear R. S.—

Though I appreciate enthusiasm, the practice of setting timeframes makes me a bit nervous. As for our trivial matters, every church of even a hundred has spiritually discerning "experts" who know what the minister should be preaching and teaching, whom the pastor should be visiting, and what direction the church should be taking. With an audience of millions, I can assure you that I get more than my share of advice from well-intended friends, no matter what I do. Remember us in your prayers, please, and thanks for writing.

Yours, — Jeff



Wall Street Journal

*Bahrain Olympic runner struggles to compete in traditional hijab.*

## God Has His People Everywhere

Dear Jeff,

Fear is running rampant in my life. I am serving a double life sentence in prison plus twenty years for a crime I did not commit! I have been here for ten years and have given up on my life. I've lost the will to fight and the will to live. I attempted suicide in the past and feel sorry that I was not successful. I need advice and definitely need your prayers... I just feel so lost, Jeff, and don't have what it takes. I just don't know what to do. Hanging on...! Yours, P. S.

Greetings brother!

Did you know that I am a fully certified state police officer, a former short-term criminal justice professor, and that I keep an active police commission as a reserve detective? This past September 11, I worked a twelve-hour shift at the police department. During that time, I spoke to one battle-hardened officer who seemed cynical and somewhat coldly disposed toward prison inmates. His perspective did not abide with me, based on my conviction that God has His people in all sorts of circumstances and in all sorts of places. Permit me to direct your gaze to another inmate who, similarly, was mercilessly punished for a crime He didn't commit, and who asked God "Why have you forsaken me?" That guy—and I am referring to Jesus—knows your plight, P. S. Hang in there, guy. I can't speak with certainty and say (like the person in the previous letter) that Jesus is coming in ten years. I can say, though, that He has gone to prepare a mansion for those who seek Him, even inmates.

—Yours, Jeff



## Cars, Cars, Cars

Dear Mark,

Kudos for your article about cars! (*Levitt Letter*, August 2008, p. 7) Some things that we have discovered:

Many older cars (ours are 20)...

- cost about \$600, if the seller is honest;
- require about another \$600 to bring them up to snuff;
- require about \$600 a year to maintain;
- require much less on yearly registrations or tags (about \$40);
- require minimal premiums for (full) insurance;
- get better than today's gas mileage (sometimes) (we get 24 mpg);
- require no down payment, no interest or finance charges;
- don't depreciate.

We bought our cars about two years ago and roughly every three years we buy another. We're only afraid that if people catch on, the price of our cars will go up. We run them until they stop, so there's no profiteering for us (ha-ha).

A.C.



## Dry Bones NEWS WATCH



**WOW! I Didn't Know That!**

Dear Staff,

I have been receiving your newsletter for a couple of months now, and it is wonderful!

Thank you so much for setting me straight about the I.F.C.J. (*Levitt Letter*, September 2008, p. 28). I was not aware of his behind-the-scenes activities. I had been an ardent supporter of Rabbi Eckstein, but am no longer. I look forward to your newsletter each month. Your articles hit the nail on the head, and I really love the cartoons.

I have a somewhat different affection for Israel and Israelis. In 1976, Israel bought the F-15 aircraft from the U.S. When they sent mechanics and pilots to Luke A.F.B. in Phoenix to learn the aircraft, I taught the young Israeli men how to maintain the airplane. What an experience!

Anyway, I love your publication, and what you are doing. May the Lord richly bless all of you, and protect Israel. I salute you.  
E.A.D.

**Seeing Israel Through ZOLA LEVITT PRESENTS**

Dear Jeff and Sandra,

I think Zola would be proud of you and your wonderful series, all of them. I thank you both and all the staff for the messages and the fantastic visuals. I am thankful that I get to see the lovely hills and valleys, and the beautiful scenes depicted in the stories told from that blessed Land.

I would be a lonely person without the archives at [www.levitt.tv](http://www.levitt.tv). I have seen them all, and though I miss Zola, his legacy lives in a magnificent way.

I wish I could take a trip to Israel, but your teaching ministry and the videos from Israel will have to do until the Lord takes me there one day. Then I will see everything in person and also hear the teaching from the Lord.

Love to all,  
A.V.D.

**Some Churches in Denial**

I am happy to have discovered *Zola Levitt Presents* on TV! I feel my prayers have been answered. Ever since I began to read the Bible, I have felt that the churches are conveniently skipping over the undeniable fact that Christianity could not exist without Judaism.  
E.J.F

**WON BY ONE!**

Will you please help us build our army of Jewish-loving, Christian Zionists? If everyone on our mailing list would speak to one or more like-minded friends, and encourage them to call us at 1-800-WONDERS to request our *Levitt Letter*, we could double our outreach overnight. Please help. Notify a friend today. Have them contact us today and help us build "an army of one."

Thanks. — Jeffrey Seif



## We Will Bury You!

*Allahu Akbar!*

I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah and that Mohammed is his messenger. The United States government will soon be overthrown and... disbelievers like you will soon be condemned to the hellfire.

In his service,

Abdul

P\*\* Correctional Facility

Dear Abdul—

Perhaps you mean well by writing to predict our country's overthrow and inform me of my approaching demise in hell. Perhaps you don't. Though unsure of your motives, I'm reasonably certain of both my Judeo-Christian country's strength and my own eternal destiny. I'm not afraid of you, Abdul. I pity and pray for you.

—Jeffrey Seif

## Bless Israel Creatively

Dear Sandra,

We were blessed to make our "trip of a lifetime" to Israel a year ago October. Now we're intrigued with your "Bless Israel" tour. Will you be doing it again next year? How do we find out about it?

P.S. We sat up and cheered during the episode of *Ezekiel and the MidEast 'Piece' Process* when you pictured the Temple over the Dome. Wonderful creativity!  
R.&K.B.

Dear R.&K.B.—

Volunteering and giving back to Israel has been on my heart for several years. I am planning to take another "Bless Israel" tour October 25-November 4, 2009 (tentative dates). It is a real blessing to do something "hands on" for the people of Israel. For more information contact Abel at (214) 696-9760 or email him [travel@levitt.com](mailto:travel@levitt.com). —Sandra ★



# Saudis Ban Birthdays

By Donna Abu-Nasr, Associated Press



fasting month of Ramadan, and Eid al-Adha, which concludes the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, are permitted.

When Hala al-Masaad invited her girlfriends over to celebrate her 18th birthday with cake and juice, the high school student was stepping into an unusual public debate. Is celebrating birthdays un-Islamic?

Saudi Arabia's most senior Muslim cleric recently denounced birthday parties as an unwanted foreign influence, but another prominent cleric declared they were OK.

That has left al-Masaad with mixed feelings about her low-key celebration. She loves birthday parties because they make her feel she has "moved from one stage of life to another."

The Saudi ban on birthdays is in line with the strict interpretation of Islam followed by the conservative Wahhabi sect dominant in the kingdom. All Christian celebrations—and even most Muslim feasts celebrated elsewhere in the Islamic world—are prohibited as alien customs.

Only the Muslim feasts of Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy

The latest controversy started when a prominent cleric, Salman al-Audah, said on a popular satellite TV program that it is OK to mark birthdays and wedding anniversaries with parties as long as the Arabic word *eid* (feast) is not used to describe them.

That comment prompted a quick denunciation by Saudi Arabia's top religious authority, Sheik Abdul-Aziz Al Sheik, who said such celebrations have no place in Islam and gave a list of foreign customs he finds unacceptable.

The previous grand mufti, Sheik Abdul-Aziz bin Baz, said Muslims should not emulate the West by celebrating birthdays—even that of the Prophet Mohammed, which is marked in most other Middle Eastern countries as a holiday.

Yet, despite the continuous edicts against such parties, it's not hard to find stores that cater to Saudis who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or even Western holidays like Valentine's Day.



## Saudis vs. Cats and Dogs

[www.MEMRI.org](http://www.MEMRI.org)

The Saudi religious police recently demanded that the Jeddah municipality ban pet shops from selling dogs and cats, on the grounds that Islam forbids it because of the concern that displaying the animals in shop windows could be exploited by young people for courtship purposes. The ban dumbfounded Arab columnists, provoking several articles on the subject. In a column in the Kuwaiti daily *Awan*, Saudi columnist Samar Al-Muqrin wrote that there should be a distinction between stray cats and house cats, and called on the religious police to reverse the ban.

see excerpts of Al-Muqrin's article at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news)

## Brainwashing American Children

[www.ActForAmerica.org](http://www.ActForAmerica.org)

Located in Karachi, Pakistan, the Jamia Binoria Madrassa was founded by Mufti Muhammed Naeem and espouses Deobandism—the religion of the Taliban.

The institution houses over 3,000 students including children from the United States and Canada. Selig Harrison, the Director of the Asian Program for the Center for International Policy, recently gave a speech reinforcing the link between the Jamia Binoria and the Taliban: “In Karachi, the Jamia Binoria, with some 10,000 students enrolled in eight madrasas, displays a banner at its main gate urging Muslims to join the Taliban.”



A large number of graduates from the Binoria have become leaders in the Taliban. Right before 9/11, Osama bin Laden addressed the students emphasizing the importance of jihad. The mufti claims to have graduated over 100 Americans from his institution. Asked what they teach the children, the mufti replied, “Islam, not math or anything else, only Islam.”

*The Karachi Kids* is a documentary about American children in the Jamia Binoria madrasa in Karachi Pakistan. A trailer of the film is available at [www.KarachiKids.com](http://www.KarachiKids.com).

## Burying Women Alive By Robin McDowell, [www.DallasNews.com](http://www.DallasNews.com)

A Pakistani lawmaker recently defended a decision by tribesmen this past summer to bury five women alive because they wanted to choose their husbands.

“These are centuries-old traditions, and I will continue to defend them,” said Israr Ullah Zehri. “Only those who indulge in immoral acts should be afraid.”

The women, three of whom were teenagers, were beaten, shot, and thrown into a ditch. They were still breathing as their bodies were covered with rocks and mud, according to media reports and human rights activists.



Zehri told Parliament in Islamabad that tribal traditions helped to stop obscenity. He asked colleagues not to make a fuss about the killings.

Many stood up in protest, saying the executions were “barbaric” and demanding discussions. But a handful said it was an internal matter for Zehri’s conservative Baluchistan province, which borders Afghanistan and Iran.

The incident occurred in Baba Kot, a remote village, after the women decided to defy tribal elders and arrange marriages in a civil court, according to the Asian Human Rights Commission. ★

## Islam's Enemies: U.S.—Jews—Women

By Amir Taheri, [www.NYPost.com](http://www.NYPost.com)

In one of his last sermons before his death, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini warned of “three threats” to his vision of Islam: the U.S., the Jews, and women. Two decades later, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad thinks he has the United States and the Jews in hand—and is moving on the third “enemy.”

Women were the first to demonstrate against Khomeini's regime with a mass rally in Tehran on March 8, 1979—less than a month after the *mullahs* had seized power. Over the next decade, the authorities imprisoned hundreds of thousands of women for varying lengths of time, and executed thousands.

But women continued to fight a regime that deemed them subhuman. Thus, women succeeded in keeping their right to vote and win public office. They also retained a veto, granted by the shah, on their husbands' Islamic right to take up to four permanent wives and countless temporary concubines.

Recently, Ahmadinejad presented a draft bill designed to “re-Islamicize” the status of women. He claimed that the shah had used laws inspired by “Zionist-Crusaders” to deal with women's issues.

To prevent the law's passage, women have been holding meetings nationwide, and launched a campaign to collect a million signatures in support of gender equality.

Their campaign seems to have produced some results: The speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, Iran's ersatz parliament, opted to delay formal debate on the measure until “we have a calmer atmosphere.”

To get that “calm,” the regime launched

a crackdown against women's-rights groups, sentencing four leading campaigners to six months in prison in what their lawyers call “kangaroo courts.” A fifth campaigner got a four-year sentence. And at least five women's-rights advocates have gone missing.

The Khomeinist propaganda machine seeks to portray the women's movement as part of a plot by “Zionists and Crusaders” to undermine Islam. Government media recently have published claims linking Shirin Ebadi, the Nobel Peace Prize winner who has spoken in support of the women's movement, to the Baha'i faith, a religion banned by the regime. This is a death threat: To abandon Islam for another faith carries a death sentence.



*Ebadi: Nobelist faces threats for backing women's rights.*

“Free people everywhere should speak out in support of Iranian women,” says Tehran feminist Haydeh Karimi. “The proposed law is the thin end of a wedge. Ahmadinejad wants women out of universities and public life. He thinks he can curb mass unemployment by forcing women out of work, giving their jobs to men.” ★



# Guided Missile Cancer Therapy

By Karin Kloosterman, [web.israel21c.net](http://web.israel21c.net)

America was shocked when movie star Patrick Swayze was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. His “coming out” brought attention to the silent killer, which afflicts about 30,000 Americans each year. Most, unfortunately, don’t live past a year of diagnosis. But hope might be around the corner, thanks to a new Israeli therapy.

Normally scientists are cautious about touting breakthroughs, waiting for clinical results to be signed, sealed, and delivered. Not Professor Avraham Hochberg, the co-founder and chief scientific officer of BioCancell. The biochemist and molecular biologist from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has spent 21 years studying genes expressed in cancer, and has developed a drug and diagnostic approach which, in his words, is a “guided missile that explodes in the cancer cell,” leaving healthy cells intact.

Pancreatic cancer is often called the “silent disease” because its symptoms are non-specific in nature, and include nausea, fatigue, weight loss, and back pain. Less than a third of people suffering from the disease are diagnosed within two months of the start of symptoms. As a result, by the time a diagnosis is finally made, the cancer has reached an advanced stage—only about five percent of all patients live beyond five years of diagnosis.

Currently there is no effective means for diagnosing pancreatic cancer, and no effective drug on the market for suppressing it. BioCancell may be able to answer both problems.

The H19 gene is expressed significantly in many types of cancer. BioCancell’s diagnostic technology can detect single malignant cells that express H19, making it a promising early-warning

diagnostic tool for many types of cancer.

Therapeutically, Hochberg anticipates that doctors will be able to inject BioCancell’s gene-based therapy right into a tumor in the pancreas, where it will target and kill only cancer cells. This will prolong the life of the patient, making it possible for doctors to give better odds of survival when drastic measures such as surgery are deemed feasible.

If BioCancell gets fast-track FDA approval, it could take about three to four years until both the diagnostic tool and the drugs are available.

Another potentially life-saving drug developed by BioCancell for ovarian cancer is currently in Phase I trials. A third BioCancell drug now in Phase II clinical trials targets bladder cancer. All three fall into an area called “translational medicine.” ★

*Avoid this — vote carefully.*



From a circulating email



## The Jesus Trail

By Gail Gutman, [www.YNetNews.com](http://www.YNetNews.com)

Three million tourists are expected to visit Israel in 2009. With economists predicting the numbers will continue to rise, newfound opportunities keep sprouting.

One such project is “The Jesus Trail”—a route that winds along the various locations Christ visited in the Galilee. The path starts in Nazareth and includes places like Sepphoris and Cana, ending in Capernaum. The path then back goes through the Jordan River and Mount Tabor.

Pilgrims walked to Santiago de Compostela in Spain as early as the 9th century, following the way of St. James. But during the 1980s, the number of pilgrims dropped to just a few hundred. Following an initiative by the Spanish government to rehabilitate the site, today the Way of St. James has 100,000 visitors.

And Israel has the genuine article. The Israeli landscape is littered with remnants of the life of the founder of Christianity.

**The hymn “I Want To Walk Where Jesus Walked” comes to mind. What an interesting idea, to start where Jesus grew up in Nazareth and actually walk the same roads and see the same things he saw and not be in a car or bus. Wow! — Sandra**

## New Use For Recycled Paper And Plastic

By Ehud Zion Waldoks, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

What does one normally do with recycled paper and plastic? Usually make more paper and plastic—until now. After 10 years of experimentation, the American Israeli Paper Mills Group in Hadera, Israel showed off for President Shimon Peres their newest invention: pipes made of paper fibers and plastic. They are so strong, CEO Avi Brener told Peres, they are almost as tough as steel.

The company’s R&D department discovered what they claim is a unique bonding agent which gives the material the resilience of paper fibers and the flexibility of plastic.

The paper company, Israel’s largest supplier and recycler of paper goods, makes the new pipes—called Cycletech—out of 60-70% recycled paper and plastic. The company uses the pipes themselves as the core for its paper rolls, each of which weighs 20 tons.



Earlier this year, Life and Environment, the umbrella organization of environmental organizations in Israel, commended the company’s efforts: becoming the first company to switch its power station to natural gas in October 2007, which reduced pollution tremendously. It also recycles 93% of the 35 million cubic meters of water per year it uses to produce the paper products. Brener told Peres the company hoped to raise that number to 97% soon as a result of a new process just introduced. It uses just 8 million cubic meters of water per ton of paper as opposed to as much as 55 million cubic meters per ton in the U.S.

## Israeli Researchers And Human Memory

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

Israeli scientists working in California have recorded, for the first time, individual brain cells in the act of calling up a memory; targeting where in the brain a specific memory is stored and how to recreate it.

Professor Itzhak Fried, head of the functional neurosurgery unit at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, a neurosurgery expert at Tel Aviv University and a neurosurgeon at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), led the experiment, which was conducted with 13 epilepsy patients about to be operated on at UCLA Medical Center. Electrodes usually introduced into their brains to locate the origin of their seizures before surgery were used to record the firing of neurons.

The work, described by experts as “foundational” in explaining how recent memory works, was recently

published in the journal *Science*.

The recordings showed that recent memories “live” in some of the same neurons that fired most actively when the recalled event had been experienced, thus providing strong evidence, for the first time, in favor of a long-existing theory of neuroscientists. The finding is expected to lead to new directions in the study of dementias like Alzheimer’s disease and help explain how some memories seem to come out of nowhere.

“If we understand memory better,” Fried said, “we are in better condition to help dementia patients.”



## Temple Mount Is Jewish Said Muslims

By Hillel Fendel, [www.IsraelNN.com](http://www.IsraelNN.com)

The widely-disseminated Arab Muslim position that the Temple Mount is not Jewish has been debunked—by the Supreme Muslim Council (*Waqf*) of Jerusalem, in a Temple Mount guide published in 1925.

In 1997, the chief Muslim cleric of the Palestinian Authority, Mufti Ikrama Sabri, stated, “The claim of the Jews to the right over [Jerusalem] is false, and we recognize nothing but an entirely Islamic Jerusalem under Islamic supervision...”

Thus began an Islamic campaign to convince the world that the millennia-old natural association between Jerusalem and Jews was untrue. As Islamic Movement chief Raed Salah stated in 2006, “We remind, for the 1,000th time, that the entire al-Aksa mosque [on the Temple Mount], including all of its area and alleys above the ground and under it, is exclusive and absolute Muslim prop-

erty, and no one else has any rights to even one grain of earth in it.”

However, it is now known that this “absolute” Muslim claim is actually not as absolute as claimed. In fact, back in 1925, the Supreme Muslim Council—also known as the *Waqf*, which has overseen Temple Mount activities on behalf of the Muslim religion for hundreds of years—boasted proudly that the site was none other than that of Solomon’s Temple.

The Jerusalem-based Temple Institute ([www.templeinstitute.org](http://www.templeinstitute.org)) reports that it has acquired a copy of the official 1925 Supreme Muslim Council Guide Book to Al-Haram Al-Sharif (the Muslim name for the Temple Mount). On page 4, the *Waqf* states, “Its identity with the site of Solomon’s Temple is beyond dispute. This, too, is the spot, according to universal belief, on which ‘David built there an altar unto the L-rd...’, citing the source in 2 Samuel 24:25.”

See this article with its excerpts from the 1925 Guide Book at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news)

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## Rebuild Joseph's Tomb

By Gil Ronen, [www.IsraelNN.com](http://www.IsraelNN.com)

Samaria Regional Council head Gershon Mesika is spearheading a political and financial effort to rebuild the tomb of the biblical figure Joseph, located in Shechem, 30 miles north of Jerusalem. The tomb was desecrated and pillaged by Arabs in October 2000, and remains in an area under control of the Palestinian Authority (PA).

Mesika was among nine busloads of Jews who recently entered Joseph's Tomb just after midnight to say *selichot*, the penitential prayers that are customarily recited during the weeks preceding Rosh Hashanah. The Jewish worshippers, who brought generators with them for electricity, reported that the occasion was a moving one, despite the rundown and ravaged state of the tomb, which is currently being used by Arabs as a garbage dump.

Ephraim Bluth, a leading figure in the region, wrote after his night visit to the destroyed tomb of Joseph: "On the

one hand, I felt a sense of privilege to be present at the burial site of one of our foremost religious and historical figures. "On the other hand, I felt a sense of sadness and betrayal that my own government has been, and continues to be, unable and unwilling to prevent the defiling of a site that is so precious and so holy to Jews.



*Palestinians  
destroying  
Joseph's  
Tomb*

"I drew a lesson from this experience: these visits to Joseph's tomb must continue. "More than anything else, they demonstrate to our enemies that our connection to the Land of Israel, both past and present, will never be severed. Though our own national government has failed to establish and maintain the deterrence needed to insure that Jews can travel freely anywhere in Israel, we must continue to show through determined action, that we remain true to our past leadership and the legacy they left in our hands." ★

## Friends: Russia, China, Iran [www.WashingtonTimes.com](http://www.WashingtonTimes.com)

While the United States emphasizes the need to halt investment in Iran's energy sector, Russia and China continue to forge ahead with billions of dollars in new investments that will enable Iran to finance its military buildup and fund terrorist groups. During the past year, Washington has had some success in persuading European allies not to go forward with projects that would provide capital for Iranian weapons-of-mass-destruction programs and terror. The opposite appears to be the case with Russia, which is determined to expand its oil and gas investments in Iran.

Since the beginning of the year, Moscow has taken steps to expand its energy connection with Tehran. Just days after France's Total announced that it would not participate in a project to help Iran develop its South Pars natural-gas field in the Persian Gulf, Russian state-controlled Gazprom signed a multibillion-dollar agreement with the Iranian National Oil Co. to help Iran develop its oil and gas fields. Iran has the second-largest natural-gas reserves in the world after Russia. But thus far, its antiquated technology and inability to attract financing for its energy sector have hampered Tehran's efforts to play a major role as a gas exporter.

In a meeting this past summer with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller expressed interest in participating in the development of Iran's biggest onshore oil field at Azadegan. That field, with an estimated 42 billion barrels of crude oil, started production, but progress has been hampered by the fact that Iran had to go forward with the project using only Iranian firms after a Japanese partner pulled out.



Two weeks after the Iran-Gazprom announcement, the Iranian government announced that it had reached a \$100 billion agreement with the Chinese oil giant Sinopec, in which the firm agreed to purchase Iranian natural gas and help develop one of Iran's largest oil fields. In exchange, Tehran agreed to export 150,000 barrels of oil per day to China at "market prices." The bottom line is that, even as Washington and its allies work to tighten sanctions against Tehran, Russia and China—permanent members of the U.N. Security Council are doing everything they can to negate any beneficial effect that sanctions could have. ★



## Last Wish

Three hunters are out on safari — an American, a Brit, and an Israeli. They're captured by cannibals who start getting the cooking pots ready. The cannibal chief tells the hunters they each can have ONE LAST WISH.

**"What's your last request?"** he asks the American.

"I'd like a steak," he replies.

So the cannibals kill a zebra and serve the American his steak.

**"What do you want?"** the cannibal chief asks the Brit.

"I'd like to have a smoke on my pipe," which they let him do.

Then the chief asks the Israeli, **"What's your last wish?"**

"I want you to kick my rear end." **"Be serious,"** says the top cannibal.

"C'mon, you promised," says the Israeli.

**"Oh, all right,"** says the chief, who delivers the requested kick. Whereupon, the Israeli pulls out a gun, shoots the chief and a few other cannibals while the rest run away.

The American and Brit are furious. "Why didn't you do that in the first place, so we wouldn't have had to go through all this?" they demand. Replies the Israeli: "What? Are you mad? The UN would have condemned me as the aggressor." ★



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# How Would Isaiah 'Text'?

By Isabel Kershner, [www.NYTimes.com](http://www.NYTimes.com)

One aspect of the Dead Sea Scrolls display is a thrill born of ordinary people being able to read, and at least partly understand, an ancient Hebrew text. Its revival is often hailed as one of the greatest feats of the Zionist enterprise; today Hebrew is the first language of millions of Israelis, a loquacious and literary nation.

Two centuries after it was written, Jewish history became one of dispersal and exile, and Hebrew ceased to be widely spoken for the next 1,700 years. Hebrew slowly developed over the centuries as the language of Jewish letters and prayer. Educated Jews would read the weekly Torah portion in Hebrew, while sages from Prague to Baghdad would correspond on religious questions in their only common tongue.

But the linguistic reincarnation came with the birth of modern Zionism and was largely driven by one man, Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, who was born in a Lithuanian village 150 years ago and immigrated to Palestine in 1881.

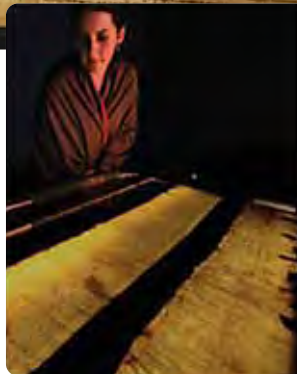
The classical Scriptures provided words for concepts like justice, mercy, love, and hate, but not for more mundane things like "office" or "socks." So Ben-Yehuda started inventing new words, mostly drawn from ancient biblical patterns and roots.

The Hebrew-speaking project took off rapidly in pre-state Palestine, and was adopted zealously by the Zionist pioneers. By 1914, a decision was made to teach only in Hebrew in Jewish schools, and by the time the State of Israel was founded in 1948



*The Isaiah Scroll was one of seven ancient Hebrew texts discovered in 1947, and is the best preserved and most complete (top).*

*The Great Isaiah Scroll, part of the Dead Sea Scrolls, on display in Jerusalem, contains the "swords into plowshares" prophecy. (right)*



there was already a generation of Israelis for whom Hebrew was their native tongue.

Now the Academy of the Hebrew Language, the state's supreme guardian of the national tongue, continues the quest for new words, trying, with partial success, to introduce authentic Hebrew equivalents for foreign terms before they stick. In the country that invented instant messaging, that can often mean a race against time. So a text message is now officially called a "mison," from "meser," the word for message. The proper Hebrew for talk-back, commonly pronounced "tokbek," is "tguvit," a diminutive of "tguva," response.

"When there was no word for tickle, nobody wrote about tickling," said Gabriel Birnbaum, a language expert at the academy. "Today, we have everything."

Mr. Birnbaum is now helping preserve the link with the past as part of a team writing entries for a historical Hebrew dictionary. The academy has been compiling material for it since 1959. Asked about a particular example of Hebrew shorthand often used in laconic online chat, Mr. Birnbaum was able with a click of his mouse to locate the earliest use of it—in a Dead Sea Scroll. ★

# Jerusalem, My Right Hand

By Danny Verbov, [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)

How can we forget Jerusalem, a concept inextricably attached to who we are as Jews?

I was an X-ray away from having my right hand in a cast. Thankfully, it was just pulled tendons and I had to rest it for a few days. No driving. No typing or any of the other daily activities I take for granted.

Do we realize how much we need something while we have it... or when we don't?

My injury occurred during the period when we mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and all it represents. And I recalled the famous verse, "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget [its skill]." (Psalm 137:5)

I'd never really thought about it before, but what does "let my right hand forget [its skill]" mean? I saw a number of interesting explanations.

No one can imagine functioning without a right hand, and it is inconceivable we could forget it. It is equally impossible for us to forget Jerusalem, a

concept inextricably attached to who we are as Jews.

Indeed, for the Jew to forget Jerusalem is tantamount to forgetting God, for God is always at our right hand—"I have always set God before me; I shall not falter because He is at my right hand." (Psalm 16:8)

Another explanation is that God is saying this to the Jewish people—He vows never to permanently forsake Jerusalem. For Him to do so would be equivalent to a human being giving up his right hand.

The Jewish people are God's right-hand man. Jerusalem is the Jew's right hand. There is a natural, innate connection.

Yes, people do make do with one hand or the loss of other limbs, but it is not the ideal. And yes, Jews are living in physical and spiritual abundance today without the Holy Temple in a rebuilt Jerusalem. But it is not the ideal. It is not natural.

My right hand shakes a client's hand... Moves the words on this page... Raises my cup to drink...

When we realize Jerusalem can also shake us, move us, and raise us even higher than we are now, chances are we could merit a return to the Holy Temple speedily in our days. ★



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