

Levitt Letter

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

By Myron Kaplan, CAMERA.org

Media Bias Against Israel

Committee for Accuracy in Middle-East Reporting in America (CAMERA)

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CLASSIC ZOLA: 1982—30 YEARS AGO

“Stop Trying to Kill Me!”



Among the programs in our new Promised Land series, the one causing the most effect is our story of the Holocaust, filmed at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Yad Vashem is a museum of artifacts from the concentration camps and it provides a soul-shattering experience to those who undertake to fully understand this unparalleled human massacre. To go through Yad Vashem, looking at the actual paraphernalia of the times and reading the

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Media Bias Against Israel

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By Myron Kaplan, www.CAMERA.org

Courteous, concise e-mails should urge Comcast and Time Warner Cable to make clear to C-SPAN executives that *Washington Journal* must not continue providing a platform to haters of Jews and the Jewish state. C-SPAN's chief executives are Susan Swain (SSwain@c-span.org) and Rob Kennedy (RKennedy@c-span.org).

The themes of many such callers are the stereotypical charges of Jewish manipulation of U.S. foreign policy and the U.S. economy, and Israeli oppression of Arabs. The callers frequently promote anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic websites by name, encouraging listeners to visit. Among these are American sites as well as Iran's PressTV site.

Occasionally, guest speakers—journalists, authors, academics, government officials—offer information that counters these distortions and falsehoods. But C-SPAN hosts themselves almost invariably sit mute or even, at times, reinforce the bigoted rants. It's left to the occasional pro-Israel caller, sometimes self-identified Christians, to provide moments of rationality. No other ethnic or religious group has been subjected to such continuous and virulent defamation on the network.

Moreover, to date, **C-SPAN has stonewalled all efforts to discuss this problem, while the hate-filled calls continue.**



CAMERA's website lists a chronology of anti-Semitic utterances by C-SPAN callers. Here's one from July. The host was Steve Scully. His guest was a senior fellow from the Center for a New American Security. Their topic dealt with renewed violence in Iraq and the fighting in Syria.

One of their callers made the statement: "The U.S. or Western nations are trying to change centuries and centuries-old cultures and political systems especially in the Middle East. And of course, everything the U.S. does is by the pressure from Israel—and of course, Israel benefits first—everything is for Israel—it might not help the U.S."

NOTE: The caller charged, "everything the U.S. does in the Middle East is by pressure from Israel and benefits Israel first—everything is for Israel." Neither the host nor the guest questioned or refuted this obvious falsehood. Guests, of course, may focus on what they will, but when one allows such an audience response to pass without comment, responsibility falls to the host. Yet on *Washington Journal*, when Israel is gratuitously targeted, that's a responsibility C-SPAN hosts chronically avoid. *Washington Journal*, the network's premier daily public affairs and call-in show, has been given a pass for many years on the failure of its hosts to challenge allegations by anti-Semitic callers. C-SPAN's major patrons include Comcast, the largest cable television provider in the country. Neil Smit (Neil.Smit@cable.comcast.com) is president of Comcast Cable and the most prominent member of C-SPAN's five-member Board of Directors executive committee. Another prominent member is Glenn Britt, Chairman and CEO of Time Warner Cable (Glenn.Britt@timewarnercable.com). ★

"You shall know the truth..." and we will continue to publish it! Our antidote for anti-Semitic "journalism." —Myles



Too Much Daylight



“Daylight” has become a symbolic measurement of intimacy: More daylight indicates less intimacy. A father likes to see daylight between his daughter and her boyfriend. Daylight is also a symbol for the relationship between Israel and America.

Historically and traditionally, these two nations have shared similarities in democratic citizen participation, liberal diversity, and a sense of God-given, Bible-supported freedoms. Regarding threats to those freedoms, Israel is often the “canary in the coal mine.” Keeping a close eye on Israel affords America the heads-up we need to see what might be coming against us. The kinship strengthens both countries. Israel shines brightly as the only true democracy in the Middle East. America’s exceptionalism distinguishes it from socialism in Europe and Marxism in Latin America. **In many ways, the brightness of these two nations makes it easy to discern good from evil.**

The daylight between us has fluctuated since the days of Harry Truman. Truman was the modern era’s Cyrus, blessing Israel and bringing blessing on America by doing so. We don’t want to squander that blessing! These are momentous times.

Several years ago, I watched 4,000 Christians gather in Washington D.C. to support Israel. They proclaimed an intimate friendship with the tiny Jewish State. They lobbied Congress. They packed tightly into government offices to convince their legislators to stand with our ally. At one point, I stood at the top of a giant stairwell as hundreds streamed by to hear the next inspiring conference speaker. I wept as I realized that these gentile Believers, these Christians, were coming full circle. After two thousand years of daylight between the Church and Jews, the gap was closing. Christians were standing up in record numbers to proclaim their love for the Jewish people.

I thought of my grandmother who lost many friends and relatives in the Holocaust. She would no doubt feel wonder were she alive. “Christians supporting Jews?” Almost impossible to believe. Yet there, before my tear-clouded eyes, I saw Christians’ genuine love for God’s natural family, and trust in the Messiah. He would bring Jews to the Jewish Messiah in His own way, in His own day. Believers have become content for Jews to follow Yeshua in their own style, as Jews. The Church finally recognizes that it is not a sin to be a Jew; Jews are not “converting into gentiles.” Acts 15 has come full circle, and Jews who come into relationship with the Jewish Messiah may have very Jewish ways of following and worshipping Him.

What about the daylight? While many American Christians vocally support the Jewish people and Israel, our government fluctuates. And now, we’re faced with the Muslim Brotherhood, whose motto reads, “Allah is our goal, the Prophet our model, the Koran our constitution, Jihad our path, and death for the cause of Allah our most sublime belief.” With the Muslim Brotherhood gaining power in the Middle East, let us pray that God closes the daylight gap between the U.S. and Israel. ★

Dry Bones



The 7th of the Seven Feasts



Sukkot

According to Leviticus 23:42, 43, "You are to live in *sukkot* (booths/tabernacles) for seven days; every citizen of Israel is to live in a *sukkah* so that generation after generation of you will know that I made the people of Israel live in *sukkot* when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am Adonai, your God."

My idea of camping is no room service. Consequently, reading about the Feast of *Sukkot*/Booths in Leviticus wildly stimulates my imagination. The Israelites fled from Egypt with some gold and silver, clothing, flocks and herds, little food or water, and no housing (Exodus 12:29–39)—like the *worst* camping trip ever. No running water. No hair dryers. What am I eating? Are we really sleeping out in the open, in the wild unknown, for forty years?

We Believers are hard on the Israelites for complaining about their circumstances: Don't they know that Adonai will take care of them? It must have something to do with the adage about hindsight being 20/20. Would I have left Egypt under those circumstances, not knowing where or how I was getting wherever it was I was supposed to be going?

And where exactly *is* this Promised Land? You want me in a *what?* ... a temporary shelter (*sukkah*/booth) with flimsy branches for protection? Really? What about the bugs and the wild animals?

I understand the fear. Don't we all, however, have a fear of the unknown when we first believe in Adonai? We come from the desert of wandering, we find Adonai, and we start on our journey to the Promised Land. Along the way, Adonai feeds us, clothes us, and shelters us until we get where He's leading us. In the end, He is the ultimate trail boss.

I had the pleasure of "living" in a booth in Israel for an evening during the Feast of *Sukkot*/Booths. Believe me, it was a learning experience: I thought that the lean-to with branches would fall on me at any moment. Flowers, fruits, paper chains, and other decorations hung from the booth. Fortunately, I trusted the builder. So we ate, we sang, and we watched the stars. Did an Israelite from long ago notice those same stars? I like to think so. I will never forget how that experience fed my heart.

As always, I encourage you to go to Israel ... "so that generation after generation of you will know."

Blessings,
Sandra



Jews Have Had A Continuous Presence In Israel For Over 3,000 Years.



Ancient Israel was renamed "Palestine" by the conquering Romans in 135 AD.

By any name it has always been the Jewish Homeland.

To read about the history/uses of the term Palestine, see www.levitt.com/essays/palestine



Israel: The Center of Divine History Part 3

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

Dr. Thomas McCall, the Senior Theologian of our ministry, served as Zola's co-author, mentor, pastor, and friend for nearly 30 years. Part 3 continues detailing the historical events of the last two centuries that led up to the establishment of the modern nation of Israel. This article originally appeared as installments in the *Levitt Letter* from May 1994 to February 1996.

How Did Israel Become a Nation Again?

How did Israel get back into the Land? It didn't just happen overnight. It has been a process, a lengthy one, stretching back over 100 years. Great movements and ideologies have converged to bring all this about, and equally great movements have come along to attempt to frustrate the return of Israel to the Land.

From this point on we must begin to view all modern history from the biblical perspective. We have to realize that all things are happening in the divine plan to bring about the restoration of Israel and the Second Coming of Christ. Everything else must be considered secondary.

Zionism—The Primary Vehicle of Restoration Out of The Dispersion

The primary tool God has used to bring about the restoration of Israel is the movement of Zionism. Zionism is the religious, sociological, and political movement that promotes the return of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. There is something in the breast of most, if not all, Jewish people that is not complete outside the Promised Land:

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy (Psalm 137:4–6).

This attraction has been intact since the Dispersion began with the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in A.D. 70, shortly after Christ's first coming. The attraction, however, has been suppressed all these centuries by the reality of Jerusalem's subjugation. As our Lord predicted, Jerusalem has been "trodden under the feet of the gentiles" (Luke 21:24) all during this time.

The Treading of Jerusalem by the Gentiles

First it was the Romans who trod down Jerusalem, then the Byzantines, then the Muslims under the auspices of Arabs, Mamelukes, or Turks. There were also the European Crusaders, who controlled Jerusalem for 100 years and some other parts of the biblical lands for another 100 years. For most of the time since the seventh century, though, the Land was under some type of Muslim control. Furthermore, the Muslims firmly planted the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount overlooking Jerusalem. ★

Read the whole essay at www.levitt.com/essays/dh or read future segments in this newsletter's coming issues.



Young Israelis Need Jesus

By Eitan Shishkoff

As school let out and Israeli high school students began celebrating their summer freedom, tragedy struck. An attractive 16-year-old girl—Lara—and her muscular 19-year-old friend Yevgeny went for a swim in the Mediterranean Sea off the southern coast of Israel, near Ashdod. The July 1, 2012 *Yediot Aharonot* headlined the sad, sad story as “Alcohol Killed Them.” A close friend tried to save Yevgeny, but rough seas and vodka conspired to prevent the rescue.

Eitan and Connie Shishkoff



During the same summer in which kids were dying of drink and committing random violence, another group was delving into the grace of God in Yeshua. They gathered on the shore of the Kinneret [Sea of Galilee] for the *Katzir* (harvest) summer camp: 10 days with 90 teens and 25 counselors. The theme was “Who Do You Belong To?” On the next to the last day, our teams took drama, dance, and music to the beach and nearby park in Tel Aviv to introduce the fact that Yeshua is Israel’s King and Savior. Here are some of their encouraging comments at the end of camp:



Katzir teens pray for each other

“I used to laugh at Believers and enjoy my drugs and alcohol. But I came in order to change my life. God fell on me. Many brothers blessed me.” (boy, grade 12)

“When everyone came to pray for me, it was very special. Only God can be trusted. Faith

strengthens us; there’s nothing else.” (boy, grade 10)

“I was truly afraid. God reassured me, ‘Don’t be afraid.’ People here are very real and they were good to me.” (girl, grade 11)

What a stark (and welcome) contrast to the news headlines! These extremes happen among the youth in this Land. Please pray for the young people of this nation, that their eyes are opened to the Hope of Israel. ★

Eitan is a key leader in the pioneering movement of Messianic disciples in the Land today. ZLM is grateful to be yoked with his fellowship and to support their efforts to bring the Gospel AND acts of social mercy to the Jewish people.
—Myles

In other alcohol-related incidents, the police were attacked in Beit She’an and Neshet. A stabbing occurred in Jerusalem. And an Arab young man was attacked by drunken Israeli youth in Beit Shemesh. A few days earlier, the same paper reported the death of an 18-year-old. He had been challenged to drink an entire bottle of whiskey at one time. It killed him.

Every nation that looks to the future values its youth. I observed a profound contrast this past summer. On one hand, many secular Israeli teens experienced frustration and a lack of boundaries. On the other hand, Israeli teens who follow Yeshua exhibit a visible tenderness of heart as they embrace the Spirit’s work.



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French Holocaust Records Exhibited for First Time

By Thomas Adamson, Associated Press

They are among France's darkest days: Police dragged over 13,000 Jews from their homes, confined them in a Paris cycling stadium with little food or water, and then deported them to their deaths in the concentration camp at Auschwitz. But even in France, one of the most brazen collaborations between authorities and the Nazis during World War II is unknown to many in the younger generation.

Police are hoping to change that, opening their archives on France's biggest single deportation of French Jews for the first time to the public.

Tallies list the daily count of men, women, and children detained, alongside stark black and white photographs of deportees. A registry of those forced to wear the yellow star and a Jewish census show how police knew who to take. Meticulous handwritten lists detail personal possessions handed over to police. Others list the value of property, such as jewelry, confiscated—often forcibly—during the deportation.

France struggled for years to come to terms with the extent of its wartime collaboration with the Nazis, but over the decades officials have been showing

greater willingness to acknowledge the shameful period in its history.

See more details at

<http://wp.me/pieUD-1nE>.



Lists of French Jews

In the above photo taken 16 July 2012, documents coming from the Archives of Paris Police Prefecture and showing lists of Jewish people registered during WWII are presented for an exhibition of French archives on the Shoah (Holocaust) in Paris. The chilling archives of the biggest World War II deportation of French Jews are being opened up to public view for the first time. It coincides with the 70th anniversary of the "Vel d'Hiv" (*Veldrome d'Hiver* or Winter Stadium) roundup by Paris police of some 13,000 Jews over two days—16 and 17 July 1942—who were then sent to the Auschwitz death camp. Photos, signatures, and records of personal possessions from many of the victims are on display at a Paris district town hall. ★

(AP Photo/Remy de la Mauviniere)

Holocaust victims wore yellow Stars of David to designate them as Jews.



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documents, is to almost live through this tragedy over again. Many Jewish people living in Israel have never visited this museum for sound emotional reasons.

Nevertheless, we felt that it belonged in our Bible teaching format. The Holocaust represents a dreadful fulfillment of prophecy (Deut. 28:64–66, etc.) and at least a word to the wise about just how much evil the enemy can generate among the ungodly and the anti-Semitic. The best way to avoid another Holocaust, in plain words, is to clearly remember the last one.

We fully realized that the program would be depressing. Some folks wrote in to say that they were made very uncomfortable and some even felt they had to write to express their innocence in this matter. We were not accusing anyone of anything; Believers understand that we are all sinners, each perpetrating lesser holocausts of our own.

Among our responses were a number of requests for “The Yad Vashem Speech,” my talk at the end of the show in the Hall of Names. There in that ghastly place I took three or four minutes on camera, full face, to simply tell the world to stop trying to kill my people. I put myself in the first person and began with the statement, “Stop trying to kill me.” And then I reviewed the history of the persecution of God’s Chosen People. It’s a long and tragic tale, and I could have spent the day on it. Beginning with Pharaoh in the time of the bondage in Egypt and continuing to Arafat and the carnage in Beirut, my people have seen unremitting bloodshed for 4,000 years. More recently, we have begun to defend ourselves with effect. But in the past, we simply absorbed the casualties and went on with the grim business of survival.

“The Yad Vashem Speech” was not written out beforehand or read from a teleprompter machine. As a matter of fact, it was completely extemporaneous and from the heart. I had just been through the horror of Yad Vashem and I was feeling every

word as I spoke. But in a greater way the text of that speech shows just how effective the Holy Spirit can be. The Gospel says that when we stand up to testify, the Spirit will give us the words to say, and indeed, if I had worked six months I don’t suppose I could have written out a more compelling appeal for mercy. We run our shows one time since we haven’t got the money to cut and edit and perfect the programs as the bigger ministries do. And yet I can offer the thoughts below as a kind of message from the Lord, because I obviously had little to do with the content. For those of you who requested it then, and for all the rest of you, here is “The Yad Vashem Speech” just as I gave it at Yad Vashem:

Watch the 1982 clip: www.levitt.tv/media/watch/090. (Speech occurs at 19:35 min.) See the transcript here next month.

I want to plead with our readers to view Zola’s Yad Vashem speech. It is one of his finest moments. Although somber, it is appropriately so, and you will be compelled to *Sha’alu Shalom Yerushalayim*—pray for the peace of Jerusalem. —Myles

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has a three-story-high display of photos from one decimated village’s victims.



Ask The Chaplain

By Dr. Todd D. Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian



Q. Question from V.A.:
At my Messianic Fellowship, we sing “we enter the Holy of Holies, we enter by the blood of the Lamb.” I thought that only the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies, and only once a year.

Our rabbi said that we enter on a spiritual way, not physical. He quoted Hebrews 10:19 and said that we can definitely enter the Holy of Holies.

I don’t want to just listen; I want to understand so I won’t be misled. My understanding is that Moses did not enter the Holy of Holies. But I guess he couldn’t since Messiah had not shed His blood for him yet.

This is serious to me; I don’t take the Lord lightly and I don’t want to offend Him.

A. Answer from Todd:
Technically, where God’s visible and manifest presence exists, there is the Holy of Holies. The Hebrew phrase *Kodesh HaKodeshim* is a superlative that means: The most holy of all places. Moses did indeed

go into the Holy of Holies when the Tabernacle first stood and all during Israel’s wanderings in the desert before entering the Promised Land. The first mention is in Exodus 33:7–11. Moses also personally placed the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies as well (see Exodus 40:20–21). So God gave him access to this most sacred place right along with Aaron the High Priest.

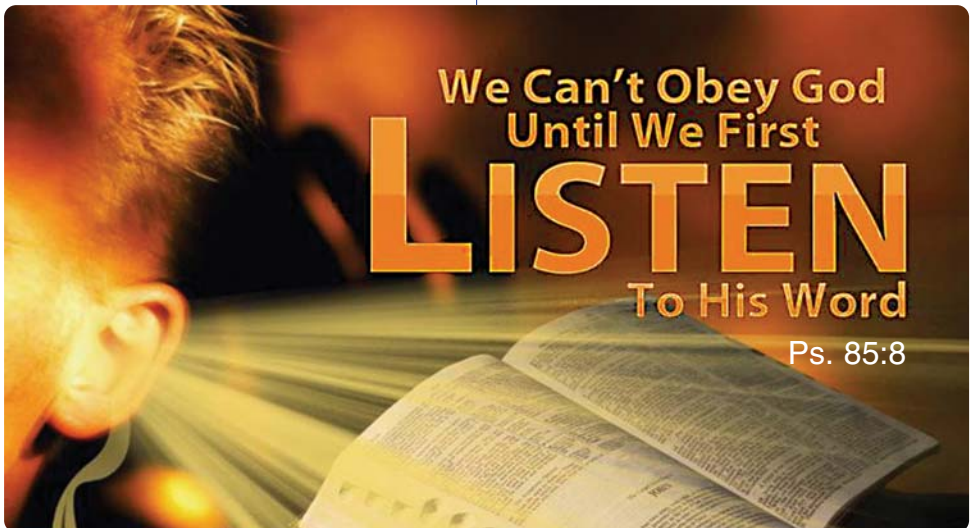
You, on the other hand, have the greater blessings of the New Covenant and the blood of the Lamb. Enter “with a true heart in full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:19–22).

Q. Question from P.K.:
I recently heard that God did not create wild animals because there is no word in Hebrew for “wild.” In many English translations, Genesis 1:24 states, “And God made the wild beasts according to their kind.” Is there a Hebrew word that means “wild” as in “wild animal”?

A. Answer from Todd:
The Hebrew word for “wild” is *pey*. The word first occurs in reference to man—as with Ishmael and his descendants (Genesis 16:12). The word is later used to refer to animals as well, particularly the donkey—Job 6:5; 11:12—and Psalm 50:11 where God says the *wild* beasts are His. ★



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Hearing the Voice of God Through the Gospel

By Dr. Todd D. Baker

Yuval was yet another incredibly open Israeli I met in Haifa on ZLM's To The Jew First summer outreach to Israel. He was selling coffee cakes for the Sabbath, and we quickly got into a stimulating discussion about the major theme of the Jewish Scriptures: the redemption of man through God's Messiah. This dominant theme runs through the entire Bible.

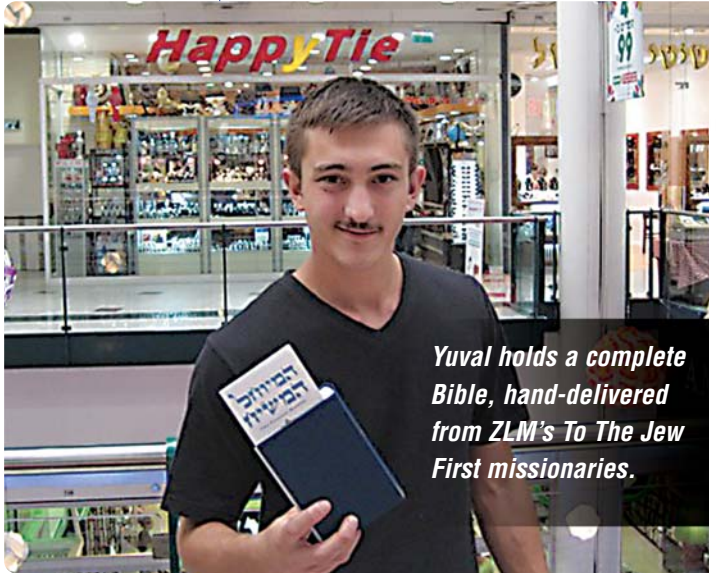
Yuval's Jewish belief gave us common ground: God raised up the Jewish people from Abraham and promised the Messiah through this line. The *Tanach* (Old Testament) gives us very specific prophecies about the Messiah, so whoever fulfills them would unmistakably be the Messiah! Yuval observed that the Bible teaches that we are fallen creatures. Adam and Eve fell into sin, and passed this sinful inclination to their descendants. Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). In the *Torah* (the five Books of Moses), God requires and receives a blood atonement so His people can be reconciled to Him—hence the need for Yom Kippur and the High Priest (Leviticus 17:11; 23:26–32).

At this point, I advanced Yuval's line of thought by explaining that this is where the Gospel of Yeshua comes in. Yeshua the Messiah came to fulfill these OT sacrificial types. When He offered Himself on the cross as the final sacrifice for *our* sins, He gave us

forgiveness with God. When He rose from the dead after three days, He gave us eternal life and a glorious home in Heaven with God in the future.

God began revealing the Gospel of Messiah through Moses and the prophets of the *Tanach*; the followers of Yeshua documented the historical fulfillment in the *B'rit Hadashah* (the New Testament).

"Every Jew, like you," I said to Yuval, "must read the *Tanach* and the *B'rit Hadashah* together in order to see the full story of the Messiah as prophesied and as come in Yeshua." I challenged him to verify for himself the truth of my statements. Yuval accepted a complete Bible (*Tanach and B'rit Hadashah*) in Hebrew and some Messianic Gospel materials. "I will read this," he said.



Yuval holds a complete Bible, hand-delivered from ZLM's To The Jew First missionaries.

Yuval confided that he had encountered two instances while growing up when he heard God in his soul. Now the voice of the Lord was speaking to him again through the Gospel of Yeshua. By studying the Scriptures that I gave him, Yuval can place faith in the Gospel of Messiah for salvation and the forgiveness of his sins. ★

"Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position."



Helping Tablets Replace Laptops



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich
www.JPost.com

Smartphones and tablet computers are considered the hardware of the post personal-computer future, but they have a number of limitations, including limited RAM (random access memory), which reduces the number of applications that can be used simultaneously. It even causes battery-operated devices to empty out too fast. RAM devices are large and thus use a lot of power, so they don't operate well as mobile devices.

Standard desktop computers that plug into the wall, and laptop computers that use large, rechargeable batteries currently have the advantage over smartphones and tablet computers. But smartphones and tablets will inevitably replace desktops and laptops because they are rapidly closing the technological gap in computing ability and storage capacity.

of the difficulty in miniaturizing the capacitors used to store the data.

Mentovich used carbon molecules called 60C (meaning 60 carbon atoms) to build a tiny, sophisticated memory transistor that is able to transfer and store energy and completely eliminate the need for a capacitor. It can store both an electric charge and information at the same time. A capacitor (originally known as a condenser) is a passive two-terminal electrical component used to store energy in an electric field.

As long as 15 years ago, experts already understood that hardware constraints would limit the miniaturization of electronic devices. The idea of a smart transistor that could eliminate the need for capacitors was suggested.

The molecular memory transistor, which can be produced at a size of five nanometers, stores data and sends it at high speed. The innovative development, which is manufactured under standard procedures, could be manufactured at existing hi-tech factories. One of the advantages

of molecular memory is that it can be made almost anywhere, using standard equipment, and using innovative assembly techniques that Mentovich himself developed.

"When the new molecular transistors are integrated into the devices of the future, one will be able to run many applications simultaneously," Mentovich said. There will be much-reduced electricity use, much more memory, and longer battery life. ★



A Tel Aviv University researcher recently found a clever solution to these problems.

Doctoral student Elad Mentovich, under the supervision of Dr. Shachar Richter of the chemistry department and the Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, explained that the continuing miniaturization of silicon technology has made it difficult to incorporate large computer memory, especially because



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the takeover continues



Hezbollah Maneuvers to Remain on Social Media

By Steven Stalinsky, Middle East Media Research Institute, www.MEMRI.org

Hezbollah created two new Facebook pages for its Al-Manar TV following Facebook's removal of previous Hezbollah pages. This maneuver is a new phase in Hezbollah's efforts to maintain its social media presence. Similarly, Hezbollah created new unofficial Apple and Droid apps after the official ones were removed from the Apple Store and Google Play.

Efforts to remove Hezbollah from social media began in July when MEMRI pub-

lished a report detailing how Hezbollah uses American social media for its outreach efforts.

A Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation (LBC) report concluded: "The war [MEMRI vs. Hezbollah] has begun.

"How will Hezbollah respond to this electronic onslaught that aims to ban it from the world of social media?"

Hezbollah has vowed that its apps will return to Apple's iTunes, iPad, and iPhone, as well as to Google Play and Droid. It also vowed to return to Facebook.

MEMRI is continuing to monitor Hezbollah as it creates new Facebook pages and new, unofficial apps for Google Play and Apple, and to notify the companies involved.

Meanwhile, both Twitter and YouTube continue to allow Hezbollah to maintain a presence—and by doing so break U.S. law that bans organizations that promote terrorism and hatred—despite repeated notification by MEMRI.

Despite Alarm by U.S., Europe Lets Hezbollah Operate Openly as a Political Social Movement



Arab Spring: Past & Future

By Ido Aharoni

www.NYDailyNews.com

In the vacuum created by the Arab Spring uprisings, new and dangerous alliances are being formed based on the Sunni-Shiite schism. Iran, the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and the preeminent Shiite power in the region, is dangerously extending its influence, using proxies such as Hezbollah and alliances with Syria and Iraq. In an already volatile and unstable region, the rise of political Islam is a risky development that must not be ignored or obfuscated.

While no one can predict the future, Israel strongly believes that there is an opportunity in this current state of uncertainty and ambiguity. We hope for regional peace and prosperity and for the promise of democracy to be fulfilled for all of our neighbors. However, as Israel knows from its experience in the Gaza elections, which brought Hamas to power, "democracy" is just as much an end goal as it is a tool—a tool that is often used and abused by Islamist parties to seize power. Democracy is about much more than elections.

In 1979, while educated, pro-democracy youth in Iran helped take down the shah with their own version of Tahrir Square, they were unable to translate

spontaneous outbursts into political power, which was ultimately seized by the Islamists. The Islamic Republic of Iran, focused not on democracy, but on exporting Islamic revolution and terror throughout the world, stands as a memory of this failure.

The problems facing our region are systemic, and the Arab Spring uprisings did not eliminate them, but rather exposed them for the world to see. Civil society in the Arab world is as fractured and complex as ever. The democratic process is just beginning for the region, and immense challenges face both the electorate and its leaders.

One thing is certain: Their destiny is entirely in their own hands. While no one expects parliamentary elections to settle millennia-old religious conflicts or to lift the economy overnight, prioritizing democracy and quality of life over sectarian politics is a winning formula that Israel proudly supports and believes to be the best hope for long-term regional stability.

It is our hope that this course will eventually lead the region to a path of unity, true democracy, and prosperity for Muslims, Jews, and Christians alike.

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*Iranian supporters of
Hezbollah terrorism*

Why Not Confront Muslim Extremism?

By Brian Lilley, TorontoSun.com



I know this has happened to you. You're watching a newscast and there is a story about a terrorist plot being busted. You hear all about the plot, you know how many people were arrested, what they were generally attempting to do, but there is something the police seem to be avoiding.

The M word or the I word. You know what I mean.

Police bust an Islamic terror cell, people that plan to blow up a building or shoot others in the name of Islam, and yet police will not say the words Muslim, Islam, or any variant thereof. Even when the people arrested have clearly stated their goal is to carry out an attack in the name of Islam, police will not use the M word or the I word.

A document issued by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police may help you understand why this happens. It's called *Words Make Worlds* and it details how the Mounties are supposed to talk about Islam. This booklet has a chapter on jihad, but it's not the jihad you and I have come to know—the kind where people claim they will wage a holy war. No, this booklet is all about how jihad is an internal struggle “striving in the path of God.”

I'm disturbed any time government tries to define religion, but that is what is happening here.

The document also makes a defense of the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group that now controls much of Egypt. During his campaign for the Egyptian presidency, Mohammed Morsi, a man closely tied to the Brotherhood, told a crowd, “The Koran is our constitution. The Prophet Mohammed is our leader. Jihad is our path, and death for the sake of Allah is our most lofty aspiration.”

That doesn't sound like a peaceful striving in the path of God to me. And it doesn't show the Brotherhood as the benign group the Mounties want you to think they are. The document goes on to tell the Mounties never to link Islam and terrorism. “Terms like ‘Islamic terrorism’ ... cast all Muslims as terrorists or potential terrorists.”

Rubbish!

Since 9/11 when Islamic terrorists crashed planes into the Twin Towers and Pentagon, people in the West have been bending over backwards to say, “Well, of course not all Muslims are terrorists.”

Back in the summer of 2010, four men were arrested and charged with terror-related activities, including activities they planned to carry out in the name of their religion. In statements and press releases, police never used the M word or the I word once. Our national police force was too afraid to name the evil for what it was. If police cannot name the evil they are facing, how can they confront it? ★

See Canadian political journalist Brian Lilley of the Sun News Network and Tarek Fatah of the Muslim Canadian Congress discuss the reluctance of the government to name the enemy: <http://wp.me/pieUD-1mk>

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Hebrew Lesson



Search me, O God...

By John J. Parsons

חִקְרֵנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי בְּחַנֵּי וְדַע שְׂרָעַי

“Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Examine me and know my anxieties” – Psalm 139:23

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Search me	God	and know	my heart	examine me	and know	my anxieties

The sages say, “Repent one day before you die.” But who knows the day of one’s death in advance? Perhaps your name will be called today, ending your lease on life in this world. Are you ready? Are you prepared to appear before God your Creator to give account for your life (Rev. 22:12)? The apostle Paul urges us to undergo self-examination: “Put yourselves to the test to see if you are in the faith; prove yourselves to see whether Yeshua the Messiah lives within you” (2 Cor. 13:5). The verb “to prove” means to test something (like a precious metal) by fire to determine its purity. The analogy here is straightforward: the quality of our faith will be revealed during times of testing.

Whether Yeshua is living in you (and you are living in Him) is the most important question of your life. Everything else turns on this (John 15:5). The great mystery of faith is always “Messiah in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). As Ravenhill once said, “I don’t ask people if they’re saved anymore; I look them straight in the eye and say, ‘Does Christ live inside you?’” Are you connected with Him in the truth? Are you drawing life from His life? Do you really live in Yeshua?

Of course we all fail the test apart from the grace and love of God, since no one can be approved by means of the unaided will. We all need a *miracle* from Heaven to love God in the truth and to pass the test—but praise God—the LORD helps those who *can’t* help themselves! We ask God to search us to “see if there is any idolatrous way in me,” so that we can be led “in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:24). This is the underlying request, that by means of God’s testing we will learn to trust in Him for salvation and life.

Should we live in fear of ourselves? After all, “the heart is deceptive above all things and desperately wicked” (Jer. 17:9). No, because we are *accepted* in the Beloved. God has not given us a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear; there is no fear in His love (Rom. 8:15; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 John 4:18). The gift of faith is a miracle of grace that transforms us so that we become a “new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 36:26). Spiritual rebirth means having a new heart with a new set of affections: “I am crucified with Messiah. It is no longer I who live, but Messiah who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

Yeshua is the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father apart from Him. He calls out to us in the storm of this world saying, “Take heart. It is I; be not afraid” (Matt. 14:27). **So take courage—trusting in Him is the way everlasting. Amen.** ★



Esther: For Such A Time As This

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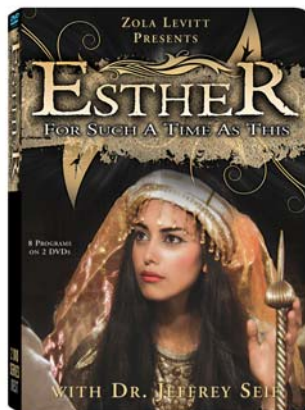
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Guns & Moses book by Dr. Jeffrey Seif

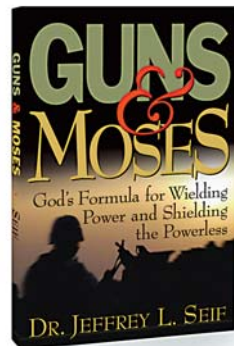
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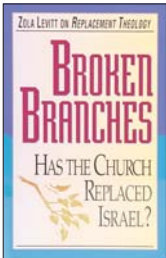
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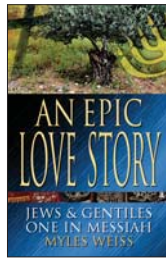
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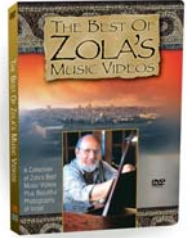
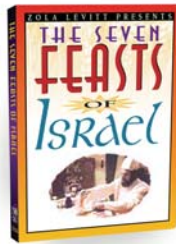


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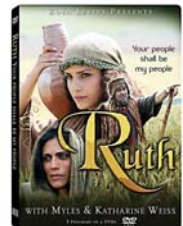
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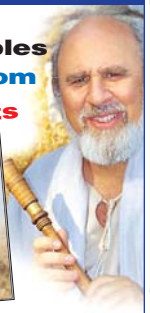
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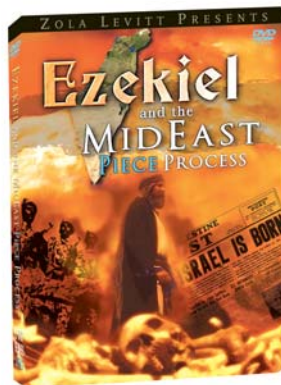
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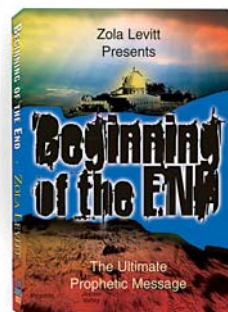
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By Mark Levitt

“My dad can whup your dad.”

Whether you say this to me or vice versa, most of us seize a vantage point our fathers can't. First they have to die. And, unless we die before them, we have no choice.

Once our fathers leave this life, their mortal life stories quit adding chapters. Then you and I reread perennially the profound novels they lived. **“Few of us write great novels; all of us live them,”** said Mignon McLaughlin. Jews put stones on gravesites to symbolize that we never finish burying family. It also signifies remembrance of the dearly departed.

Zola wrote a better novel than I ever could, but it's out of print. He lived, thank God, a better novel than he wrote. God wrote a better novel for Zola to live than Zola wrote for publication. No shame there.

Now you and I can reflect on the lives of our fathers—virtuous, human, flawed, and well-meaning. They probably got right more than they got wrong—who are we to say; maybe they said stuff we didn't hear. Nonetheless, we can agree with them that they were far from perfect. “Like father, like son.” (Jn. 5:19)

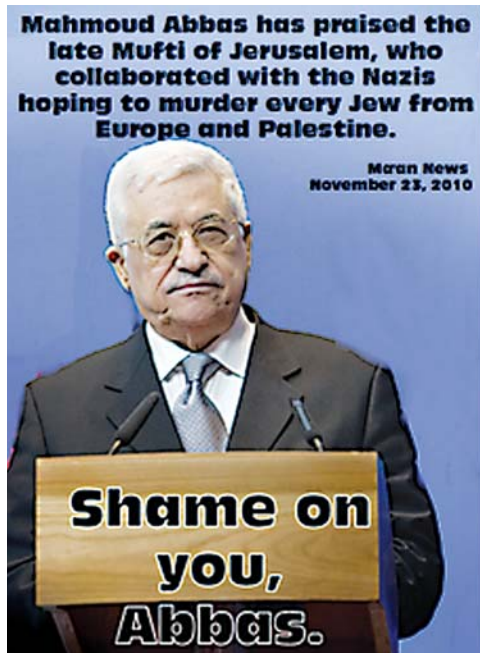
Your dad probably wrote less than mine. As a result, I have more written evidence with which to examine his spiritual life. Then again, your father may have spent more time with you and expressed himself in actions that spoke volumes. Still, once they're buried, they can't change the past. Of course, I can't change the past with my kids, and I have yet to push up any daisies. They, likewise, will enjoy a perspective of my life that I never will, and so on.

a note from mark

God, however, is blind to time. Or, more humbly and accurately, you and I rarely consider His timelessness. Since Jesus died, we children of God can examine His entire mortal existence from start to finish. More has been written about it than most of us will read. Still, He, unlike our earthly fathers, has the ultimate vantage point. In fact, He knew each of us even before making us in the womb. (Jer. 1:5)

To our earthly fathers, you and I were unknowns. From where they stood, whatever came out of “the oven” was pretty much potluck. Our heavenly Father, however, numbered each of our hairs (Luke 12:7) before our fathers even met our mothers. God reveals Himself to us more extensively than our fathers do and knows us better than they ever could. And He even allows some of us to become fathers whose children will examine the entireties of our earthly existences. If, that is, the Lord tarries. Come quickly, Lord Jesus! ★

Another Mignon McLaughlin nugget: “A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.”





Letters to ZIM

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From M.T. (Sri Lanka): Thank you for the informative article *A Messianic Perspective of Palestinian Freedom and Justice* (August Levitt Letter, page 8; and online at <http://wp.me/pieUD-1iq>). I just wanted to let others know that I have experienced a great deal of kindness from Muslims here in Sri Lanka. My husband was a northern Tamil and through him I learned a great deal about how different cultures live together. I experienced many generous acts from all of our friends and neighbors when my husband passed away in May. God knows the hearts of all of us and He will judge when the time comes. Let everyone know that they should never forget the good people and that not every Muslim is named Yasser Arafat. Amen to that! We ministry workers are careful to distinguish between decent Muslim people and the dangerous ideology that can ensnare minds and lead to jihad. We all need Yeshua, even "good people." I pray that the God of all comfort comes to you in your time of loss. Blessings —Myles

From K.K. (AK): I look forward to your Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies. I want to understand. I feel like I'm in a fog and I have no one else to teach me. It seems so important.

From J.D. (AZ): Please play more of Zola's older teachings from when he was still with us. I am a young guy of 30 and have been a follower of Yeshua for five years now. Zola has helped in many areas as I watch his old programs on YouTube. You can see Zola's timeless teaching anytime you want—and for free—at www.levitt.tv. —Webmaster

From V.H. (VA): Shalom. This month's donation is in honor of my husband who recently died and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Please accept our condolences on your great loss. Your thoughtfulness at such a time speaks volumes about your heart. May God bless you. —Myles

From K. T.-H. (Singapore): For some reason you started sending me a *Levitt Letter*. I was delighted, as I had never heard of you before; but I love Israel. Thanks for the newsletter. Here is my donation to support you. I have been passing on the news magazines after I read them so that others can also learn from you. God bless you in your work. God works in mysterious ways! Thank you for your outreach. —Mark

From B.K. (New Zealand): Great programme; a real heart for Israel. God's blessings on your great work.



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Difference in Biblical Canons

Dear Todd,

What is the difference between the Orthodox Jewish Bible and the Messianic Bible?

Love the show; miss Zola. M.P.



Dear M.P.—

The canon of the Jewish Bible starts with Genesis and ends at the prophet Malachi. The Messianic Bible is the same as the biblical canon of the Christian Church—it begins with Genesis and ends with the Book of Revelation. The canon of the Jewish Bible comprises 39 books; the Christian/ Messianic canon contains sixty-six books. —Todd

Multiple Ways to Watch Zola, Jeff, and Myles & Katharine

Dear ZLM,

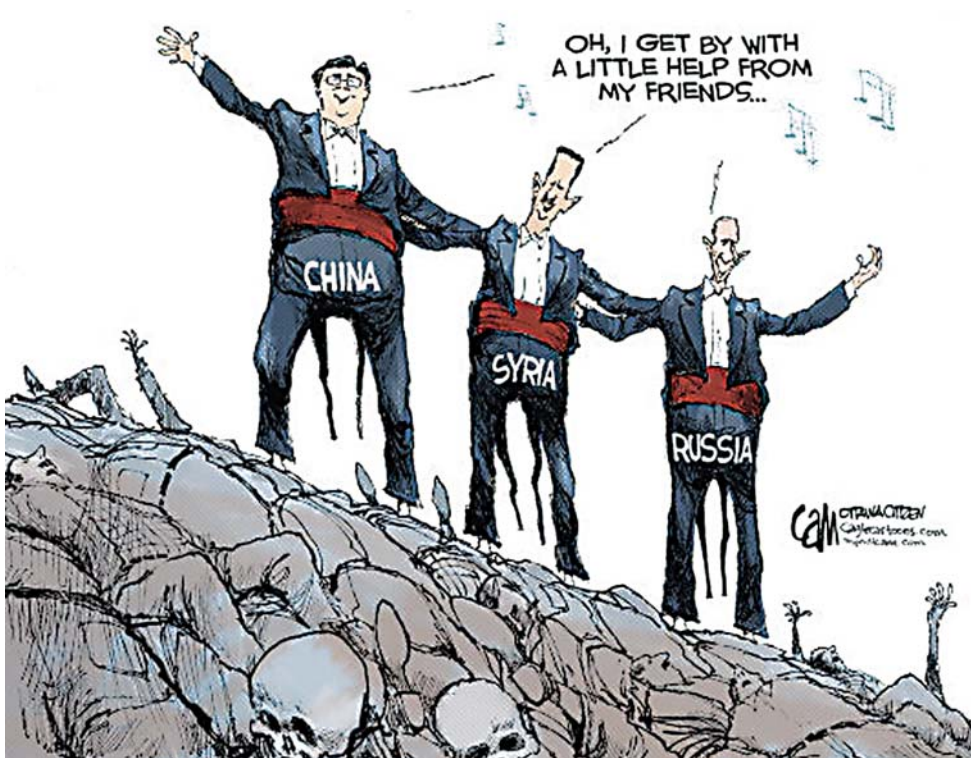
I can't find *Zola Levitt Presents* on Warner Cable network, but really like your magazine. —B.R. (OH)



Dear B.R.—

Time Warner Cable should give you access to ABC-Family, which carries *Zola Levitt Presents* on Sunday nights between 11pm and 1am (see page 33).

Setting your DVR or VCR to regularly record our Bible teaching allows you to watch at your convenience. As does www.levitt.tv, where our “broadcasts” are available for free anytime—on demand, 24/7. —Mark



Internet Sources are Icing, Not Cake

Dear ZLM,

In prison, the *Levitt Letter* is a welcome news source as well as history and biblical training that we can't/don't get elsewhere. I understand that your format limits the amount of information you can print. However, giving weblinks in hardcopies seems, well, odd. Those of us who don't have online access feel frustrated, knowing there's more but we can't have it. It's like guards who think we're here for punishment, not as punishment. Is there a way to get the linked info?

Would you consider an article for us who are considering conversion to Judaism (Messianic, of course!) from Christian roots? Also, how is Levitt pronounced?

Praying for you and Israel, K.M. (TX)

Shalom, K.M.—

Our including websites allows readers to do further research. It is not intended to "slight" those without Internet access, and all the *Levitt Letter* articles contain the gist of the content. You are not missing out!

Regarding "conversion": the Bible encourages us to remain in whatever condition we are when salvation comes to us. Certainly it is a blessing to study the Hebrew roots of Christianity and be more informed by these teachings, but a formal conversion is not necessary.

Those who bear the name Levitt pronounce it "Leh-vit." They ARE descended from the tribe of Levi (Lee-vi, like the famous denims) and their ancestors served as "Lee-vites" through the centuries. Blessings —Myles



Proper Celebrating

Dear Myles and Katharine,

For those of us who are still babes in faith trying to learn, could you address one holy day per *Levitt Letter* and describe when, where, and HOW to properly celebrate in the way of the Scriptures? You (and other publications that I get) refer to videos that I am not able to watch. I want to properly celebrate the holy days in order to serve Yahweh and Yeshua.

In Yeshua's love and mercy, J.Q.C., Jr. (TX)

Shalom J.Q.C., Jr.—

As you read our newsletter you will continue to learn about the seven Feasts described in Leviticus 23. Watch for Sandra's teaching and testimonies on celebrating them (p.4 in this issue). Also, remember that they ALL point to Yeshua, so our mandate is not to keep them (although we do grow by learning about them), but to celebrate Yeshua and His finished work. Blessings, —Myles



Non Sequitur by Wiley

Did the Pope Help the Jews?

By Giulio Meotti, IsraelNationalNews.com

Under pressure from the Vatican, the Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem is expected to unveil a new wall text describing the actions of Pope Pius XII during World War II, softening a previous message stating that the Vatican had not protested verbally or in writing the mass murder of Jews.

Let's try to explain why during the war Pope Pius sat on the throne of St. Peter in stony silence and why the question still urgently matters in our time. Pius XII was not "Hitler's Pope" of British historian John Cornwell, nor the "Righteous Gentile" ridiculously evoked by Rabbi David Dalin.

More simply, the gassing of Jews was not on the Vatican's list of priorities.

During the war, the Pope always spoke and wrote in generic phrases, in allusions, with judgments marked by indirectness, naming no names and no country. Not once did Pope Pius mention the Jews publicly during the war or in his dealings with Hitler. It is true that in late 1943 and early 1944, he undertook private initiatives to aid Jews, but by that time 4.5 million Jews had been murdered and Germany was clearly on the road to defeat.

We also know that hundreds of Jews found refuge in Rome's convents and in the Vatican itself. We are also familiar with individual acts of heroism by Catholics who saved Jews. [See article on p.7, *French Holocaust Records Exhibited for First Time.*]

The apologists, including some Jewish historians, exonerate Pius XII by saying that he did not understand the meaning of the Holocaust. They are wrong. The Pope knew everything about the Holocaust.

As brave historian Daniel Goldhagen wrote, "It is not that Pius XII did not

understand but that he understood only too well." Pius was given daily briefings of Nazi atrocities by the British envoy to the Vatican.

The pontiff resisted calls from Roosevelt's representative to the Holy See, the president of the Polish government in exile, the bishop of Berlin, and the chief rabbi of Palestine to speak out specifically and forcefully on behalf of the Jews.



The Pope could have done much to stop the Zyklon B gas (a cyanide-based pesticide). He did little or nothing.

How many Roman Catholic SS men and Nazi functionaries would have had second thoughts about their work had the Pope spoken out—for example, ordering Vatican Radio to broadcast round-the-clock denunciation of the *Shoah* [Holocaust], condemning it *ex cathedra* (from his position of infallibility), and excommunicating the perpetrators? And how many Jews hearing such broadcasts from the voice of the Vatican would have learned that "resettlement" was a euphemism for death by gas, like insects? ★

Giulio Meotti is an Italian Catholic and one of the freshest voices in journalism today. We appreciate his incisive and politically incorrect articles. —Myles

Read more at <http://wp.me/pieUD-1nJ>.



Israeli System Keeps Runways Safe



By David Shamah
www.TimesOfIsrael.com

On July 25, 2000, an Air France Concorde supersonic plane caught fire, exploded, and crashed into a hotel within minutes of takeoff. All passengers and crew on the flight were killed, as were some employees of the hotel, for a death toll of 113.

The reason for the crash? A 17-inch metal strip that fell off a plane that had taken off minutes before.

If the idea of a tiny piece of metal taking down a hulking aircraft sounds ridiculous, you're not familiar with FOD (Foreign Object Debris), a problem that concerns air travel authorities. Besides claiming lives, FOD incidents cost the airline industry vast sums each year in repairs, delays, and worker costs.

As a result, there has been a huge demand at airports around the world for FOD detection systems. Israel's Xsight Systems's FODetect is one of the leading detection systems.

"Had the runway been inspected before the Concorde's takeoff, the tragedy would have been avoided," Oded Hanson, Xsight CTO and co-founder said. "But with takeoffs at commercial airports coming within two minutes of each other, there would have been no way to find the fatal metal strip. Patrols on runways take place only several times a day, and the only way to find such debris is when workers or pilots observe them, which is very difficult to do when you're driving a vehicle down the runway."

In the Concorde incident, the plane, traveling at about 300 miles an hour, hit the strip, and a tire on the plane blew out. The blowout released pressure that caused debris to hit and eventually crack one of the plane's fuel tanks. Tire blowouts on planes due to debris are far more common than most people realize, but there

are many other foreign objects pilots have to worry about, from small animals that dart across the runway to birds that get sucked into engines.

FODetect uses hybrid radar and electro-optical technology to detect junk on runways, with units installed with runway lights. "The lights are already installed and there is an electrical infrastructure in place already. We add the FODetect sensors to the lights. When debris is detected, the control tower is alerted, and they can contact the pilots and hold up flights as necessary. And thanks to the installed GPS, they can tell ground crew exactly where the debris is located."

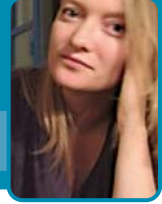


Using runway lights makes more sense than setting up the numerous radar detection towers required by other systems on the market, Hanson said.

FODetect has been installed at Logan Airport in Boston, Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, and Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport. The system is approved by the FAA, which wrote in a June 2012 report that "the FODetect system was able to detect the objects of various shapes, sizes, and materials on runway surfaces and perform satisfactorily in nighttime, daytime, sun, rain, mist, fog, and snow conditions." ★

Watch a video of the system's operation at <http://wp.me/pieUD-11M>.

Rethinking Chemotherapy



By Karin Kloosterman
www.Israel21c.org

For cancer patients undergoing treatment, victories of remission can quickly end in disappointment as the cancer returns. Why this happens has long puzzled scientists around the globe, but a new multi-center team in Israel whittles the problem down to the roots of where cancer begins.

The Israeli researchers built a unique “family tree” of leukemia cells from living cancer patients to understand more about how cancer cells divide and spread and can outlast chemotherapy treatments.

In the medical journal *Blood*, Israeli researchers—Noa Chapal-Ilani, Prof. Ehud Shapiro, and Dr. Rivka Adar from the Weizmann Institute of Science, and Dr. Liran Shlush from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology—explain that tracing cancer stem cells back to where they began sheds light on how cancer reappears.

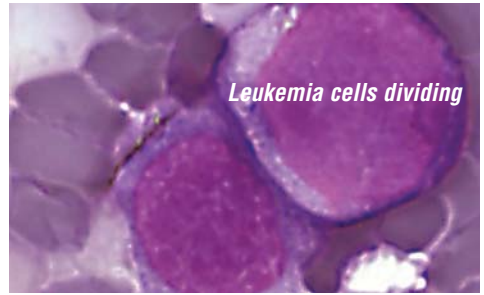
Until now there have been two main theories about why some cancers return after treatment. The Israeli study results may put this debate to bed.

One theory holds that chemotherapy can't kill each and every cancer cell; that the few cancer cells left behind eventually divide again, leading to a relapse. The other theory argues that while chemotherapy may be good at killing run-of-the-mill cancer cells that divide rapidly, it fails to vanquish slow-dividing cancer stem cells. The evidence supported this second theory.

Investigating the genetics of leukemia cells with the aid of computational biology, the researchers came to a new conclusion: “In many cases, chemotherapy alone is not able to cure leukemia. Our results suggest that to completely eliminate it, we must look for a treatment that will not only eliminate the

rapidly-dividing cells, but also target the cancer stem cells that are resistant to conventional treatment,” said Shapiro.

Looking at how genetic information in leukemia cells is passed on as the cancer divides, they systematically reconstructed the cell lines—“family trees”—from two patients to understand how the cancer evolves. One patient had just been diagnosed. The other had undergone chemo and was suffering a relapse.



Younger cells occupied the tips of the branches, and original or older cells the base of the tree. Knowing that genetic material undergoes changes during cell divisions that get passed on to future generations of cells, the researchers were able to trace and compare mutations to pinpoint the common ancestor, the deadliest cancer stem cells.

The leukemia cell family tree demonstrated that cancer returns not from rapidly-dividing cells that failed to be obliterated, but from slowly-dividing cancer stem cells that are resistant to the typical kinds of chemotherapy that target rapidly-dividing cells.

Researchers hope that this new finding leads to an approach aimed at completely rooting out the cancer stem cells. Since chemotherapy commonly targets rapidly-dividing cells, this would represent a paradigm shift in attacking cancer. ★



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Harbor from Second Temple Period

By Gil Ronen, www.IsraelNationalNews.com

A magnificent ancient harbor—considered the largest and most important in the Land of Israel in the Hellenistic period—has been unearthed in Akko (Acre). The harbor dates back 2,300 years, to the time in which the Second Temple stood in Jerusalem.

Among the finds at the harbor are large mooring stones that were incorporated in the quay, and which were used to secure sailing vessels. This was probably a military harbor.

During excavations at the foot of Akko's southern seawall, installations were exposed that belong to Israel's most important port in the third and second centuries BC.



A member of the Israel Antiquities Authority stands on the ancient quay in Akko. In the middle of the picture: the floor of the quay, built of large dressed stones. In some of the stones there is a hole for inserting a wooden pole, probably for mooring and/or dragging the boat.



Photographs by Kobi Sharvit, courtesy of the Israel Antiquities Authority

A mooring stone that was incorporated into the quay. There is a hole in the stone in which the mooring/anchoring rope was inserted.

Excavation will continue in those sections of the harbor that extend in the direction of the sea and the modern harbor, in an attempt to learn about the extent of the ancient harbor, and to try and clarify if there is a connection between the destruction in the harbor and the destruction wrought by Ptolemy in 312 BC, the destruction caused by the Hasmonean uprising in 167 BC, or by some other event.



Acre Harbor



The Man Who Saved Tel Aviv

By Yaakov Katz www.JPost.com

His story has inspired thousands. But despite the 64 years that have passed, **Lou Lenart** has no doubt that everything comes down to destiny. Touted as the "man who saved Tel Aviv," the 91-year-old Lenart recalls the fateful events of May 29, 1948 with great emotion and down to the smallest of details.

In July, the Israel Air Force held a ceremony to honor Lenart, one of the last living pilots from the original group that founded it. Few people actually remember the IAF's first battle—yet it was so decisive for Israel that it is believed to have saved Tel Aviv from capture by Egyptian forces.



Serving with the U.S. Marines, Lenart fought in the Pacific and became a fighter pilot, flying missions in the Battle for Okinawa as well as attacks on the Japanese mainland. After the war, he learned that relatives in Hungary had been killed in Auschwitz. Lenart began thinking about Israel, or as it was then known—Palestine. "I felt that the remnants of the Holocaust had a right to life and some happiness—and no one wanted them except their own people in Israel," he said.

Lenart joined forces with Al Schwimmer, the founder of Israel Aerospace Industries, who was then running a clandestine operation to smuggle aircraft to Israel.

On May 29, 1948 "a jeep rushed in [to the Tel Nof Air Force Base hangar]. The commander of the Givati Brigade had heard we had airplanes and said that six miles away were 15,000 Egyptian soldiers and 500 vehicles and tanks, stopped because Givati had blown up a bridge. But if we didn't stop them that night, they would fix the bridge and be in Tel Aviv the next morning—and there would be no Israel."

Lenart gathered three other pilots. He flew in first, diving down over a group of vehicles, dropping his bombs and "luckily" hitting a fuel truck, setting off a number of secondary explosions. The other pilots followed suit and then strafed the ground troops with machine-gun fire. Later that day, the Egyptians gave up trying to reach Tel Aviv and turned east to join the Jordanians near Jerusalem. The bridge where the Egyptians were stopped was called "*Ad Halom*," Hebrew for "Until Here."

"It was the most important moment of my life, and I was born to be there at that precise moment in history," Lenart said. "I am the luckiest man in the world that my destiny brought me to that precise moment, to be able to contribute to Israel's survival." ★

Read more of Lenart's exploits in Israel's fight for independence at <http://wp.me/pieUD-1md>



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and East Jerusalem would reach 1 million by 2016, “at which point the revolution will have been completed,” the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Ten Facts About the West Bank

www.StandWithUs.com

Jewish Settlers in West Bank Increase

By Edmund Sanders, www.LATimes.com

The number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank has exceeded 350,000 for the first time, according to a report in the pro-government daily *Israel Hayom*.

Most of the growth—now about 4.5 percent annually—is occurring outside the major settlement blocs in areas that are not expected to become part of Israel under a two-state solution, the report said.

At 350,143, the Jewish population in the West Bank has nearly doubled since 2000 when it was 190,206 (Interior Ministry data).

Over the past year, 15,600 new settlers were reported living in the West Bank.

The figures do not include the nearly 300,000 Jewish residents who have moved into East Jerusalem and large developments around the Jerusalem area.

Palestinians say that the maintained growth is killing any hopes of a two-state solution in which Palestinians would receive their own state in the West Bank.

Conservative Jewish lawmakers praised the growth. Yaakov Katz, chairman of the National Union Party, predicted that the Jewish population in the West Bank

1. The name “West Bank” was coined by Jordan during its illegal occupation (1949–1967).
2. The West Bank was known as Judea and Samaria—the birthplace of Judaism—for thousands of years.
3. The only time that Jews were prohibited from living in the West Bank was during Jordan’s illegal occupation (1949–1967).
4. There has never been a Palestinian Arab state prior to the one currently being proposed.
5. The Green Line was never an internationally recognized border. (It was the cease-fire line from 1949.)
6. UN Resolution 242 states that future secure borders are to be negotiated.
7. Israeli settlements cover approximately 1.7% of the West Bank; 5–8% if you count the fence.
8. 75–80% of West Bank Israelis live in communities close to the Green Line.
9. 98% of West Bank Palestinians live in Palestinian-governed Areas A and B. Less than 2% live in Israeli-administered Area C.
10. Palestinians have communities on 40% of the West Bank, while 60% of the West Bank is virtually empty. ★

See the video: <http://wp.me/pieUD-1nP>



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Israel and the Boat People

By Shoshana Bryen, blogs.TimesOfIsrael.com

It has been 35 years since 66 Vietnamese refugees, fleeing the Communist takeover of their homeland on a small, leaky boat, found deliverance. They were without food and water, and ships from Panama, Norway, and Japan had ignored their distress signals (violating the most basic rule of the sea). They despaired of rescue.

Captain Meir Tadmor of the Israeli cargo ship *Yuvali* was on his way to Japan when he saw them in June 1977. The *Yuvali's* Chief Engineer wrote last year:

I was there. In South China Sea, close to Vietnamese coast, we met small fishing boat, few people on the deck, asking for food and water. We stop ship, and first wanted to give them as they asking: food and water, but then come on the deck a woman with small baby in the hands, and told us that they are Vietnamese refugees. That is when we decided to take all on board... Their leader was the only one to talk English, very nice person, he was with family—wife, child, wife's sister and parents. We took care of them, give them proper food and accommodation.

After receiving permission from the Israeli government to find them refuge, Capt. Tadmor made an unscheduled stop in Hong Kong, which refused to allow the ship to dock. He sailed on to Taiwan, where the refugees were refused because they had no citizenship. That would be fixed.

In his first official act, newly elected Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin made the Vietnamese citizens of Israel. The Taiwan government then allowed the *former* refugees to enter the country, receive assistance, and be taken to the airport for their trip to Israel, the first of nearly 300 Vietnamese refugees to find safe harbor there.

At the ceremony to welcome them, Israeli Minister of Immigrant Absorption David Levy chastised those who had ignored the leaky, dangerous boats and ignored their hungry, sick, and desperate passengers:

Let them do as we have. May they lend a hand to save women and children who are in the heart of the sea without a homeland, and lead them to safe shores.

Israel understood boat people because Jews in living memory had been boat people. The experience of Jewish refugees and the hopelessness of statelessness made Israel sensitive to the hopelessness of people from another place, another culture, another war, giving the Vietnamese a place to start over.



(For those rolling their eyes on behalf of stateless Palestinian refugees: It is precisely the Jewish experience with statelessness that impels Israel to continue to seek a mechanism by which Palestinians can achieve the state the Arab states declined on their behalf in 1948 ... without losing the State of Israel.)

Some of the Vietnamese left Israel, looking for a more familiar culture (and seeking Vietnamese spouses for their children), but others stayed.

The *Yuvali's* Chief Engineer left his email on his blog post so the Vietnamese could contact him, saying, "I do believe that they all remember me." No doubt they do. ★



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More Than Sundays

By Greg Laurie, www.WND.com



When he met Jesus, Matthew was a tax collector. Working for the Roman government, he was seen as a traitor because Rome was the occupying force in Israel at that time. Matthew was a successful man, a wealthy man. Yet something was lacking in his life. He was lonely and looking for the meaning of life. He had gone out of his way to offend his fellow Jews and even to offend God himself.

Some people today go out of their way to be offensive. Maybe they were turned off by church. Maybe a spiritual leader misrepresented God to them and they don't want anything to do with Christians.

But Jesus did not say, "Follow My people." He said, "Follow Me." Jesus never will be hypocritical. He never will be inconsistent. He will be everything that He has promised to be.

Is it necessary to give up something to follow Jesus Christ? Yes. It means giving up emptiness, loneliness, guilt, and the ever-present fear of death. In their place, Jesus gives fulfillment and friendship, forgiveness, and the guarantee of Heaven when we die. It is God's trade-in deal for us, because Jesus is still saying, "Follow Me." "Follow Me" could be translated, "Follow *with* Me"—i.e., companionship and friendship. Jesus essentially said to Matthew, "I want to be your friend, someone you can open your heart to, reveal your secrets to."

A lot of people think that God is out to ruin their lives, to not let them have any fun. They think of the Bible as a book with a bunch of rules and regulations to make their lives miserable. But nothing could be farther from the truth.

God said, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you ... thoughts of peace, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). God's plans for you are better than any plans you could envision for yourself.

The word "follow" that Jesus used also speaks of walking the same road: "Matthew, not only do I want you to follow Me as a friend, but I command you to follow Me each and every day."

Some people have a Sunday Jesus. They basically say to God, "I will see you in church for a couple of hours. But after church is over, I'll see you next week."

Jesus doesn't want to be a Sunday Jesus. He wants to be a Monday Jesus, a Tuesday, Wednesday—an everyday Jesus. He wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives: what we do with our time, how we behave in life—in public, and in private as well.

Matthew knew a good deal when he saw it. Matthew 9:9 says that at Jesus' invitation, Matthew got up and followed Him.

When Jesus calls us to follow Him, it is a yes-or-no proposition. Jesus said, "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matthew 12:30). Not to say "yes" is automatically to say "no." Indecision is a decision. Don't say "no" to Jesus. ★



B.C.

By Mastroianni and Hart



Stereotypical Jewish Mother

The first Jewish U.S. president is elected.

He calls his mother. "Mama, I've won the election! You've got to come to the swearing-in ceremony."

"I don't know. What would I wear?"

"Don't worry; I'll send you a dressmaker."

"But I eat only kosher food."

"Mama, I am going to be the president; I can get you kosher food."

"But how will I get there?"

"I'll send a limo. Just come, Mama."

"Oh, OK. If it makes you happy."



A cheerful heart is good medicine –
Proverbs 17:22



The big day arrives and Mama is seated between the Supreme Court justices and the future Cabinet members. She nudges the gentleman on her right. "You see that boy, the one with his hand on the Bible? His brother's a doctor!" ■

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U.S. Church in “Coma”

By Alex Murashko, www.ChristianPost.com

The Church in America is no longer simply in a slumber when it comes to its lack of awareness about the persecuted Church in the Middle East; it is in a “diabetic coma,” says the leader of a persecution watchdog group in the U.S. “For years we’ve said wake up and strengthen what remains,” said Dr. Carl Moeller of Open Doors USA.

“In my mind today, the picture I have is a Church in a diabetic coma that has gorged itself on the sweets of affluence and the idolatry of worshipping the materialistic world. That diabetic coma is now life threatening. We as a Church are at the point of death.”

“Revelation 3:2 says, ‘Wake up, and strengthen what remains about to die.’” However, Moeller believes that even the “cataclysmic events that are going on around the world today” have not awakened the Church in the West.

Events without sufficient notice or action by Christians in the U.S. are the bombing of the Israeli bus in Bulgaria, and Iran calling for the destruction of Israel and the United States.

He added, “We have the election of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. In Syria, a blood bath where Christians are caught between the hammer and the anvil; but there is a despotic regime being set upon by an Islamic extremist rebel force and the world is

saying okay, we are going to take sides with the extremists.

“I’m utterly amazed at the inability of Americans to put two and two together at times,” he said. “We’ve been working in those places where Christians are persecuted for decades. We’ve seen what real, true, fire-tested Christianity looks like and the faith that it produces.

“We’ve also seen a slumbering Church in the West move deeper and deeper into sleep.”

He believes that one of the most telling signs that Jesus will soon return to the world is “this great apostasy in our Church today of people who claim to be Christians and yet have neither the guts nor the hands to live out the Christian life the way our brothers and sisters in the persecuted Church have.”

“The insulin that the Church needs desperately is to understand that the lies of a materialistic culture are not true. One of the greatest tools of the Enemy is to make the Church in the West numb to the cries and suffering of people around the world,” he explained. “I want nothing more of a Church that is simply entertaining. I want a Church that is prepping people for the inevitable battle that is raging all around us spiritually.”

Ouch! There is too much truth in this article. I pray that God uses ministries like ZLM as part of the answer: bringing awareness to the Western Believers. Thank you for standing with me and this ministry as we engage in spiritual battle. —Myles



Israel's Settlers Are Here to Stay

By Dani Dayan, NYTimes.com



Arabs called for Israel's annihilation in 1967, and Israel legitimately seized the disputed territories of Judea and Samaria—a.k.a. the West Bank—in self-defense [during the Six-Day War]. Israel's moral claim to these territories is therefore unassailable.

Giving up this land in the name of a hallowed two-state solution would mean rewarding those who historically have sought to destroy Israel, a manifestly immoral outcome.

Of course, just because a policy is morally justified doesn't mean it's wise. However, our four-decade-long settlement endeavor is both. **The insertion of an independent Palestinian state would be a recipe for disaster.**

The influx of hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees into an area between Israel and Jordan would convert it into a hotbed of extremism. And any peace agreement would collapse the moment Hamas took power by ballot or by gun. Israel would then be forced to recapture the area with a much larger Arab population living there.

Moreover, the Palestinians have repeatedly refused to implement a negotiated two-state solution. The American and European allies should abandon this failed formula and accept that the Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria are not going anywhere. On the contrary, we aim to expand the existing Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, and create new ones. This is not—as it is often portrayed—a theological adventure but rather a combination of inalienable rights and realpolitik.

Even now, and despite the severe constraints imposed by international pressure, more than 350,000 Israelis live in Judea and Samaria. [See related

story on p.30 *Jewish Settlers in West Bank Increase*.] Taking into account the Jews in Jerusalem, about 1 in 10 Israeli Jews resides beyond the 1967 border. Approximately 160,000 Jews live in communities outside the settlement blocs that proponents of the two-state solution believe could be easily incorporated into Israel. But uprooting them would be exponentially more difficult than the evacuation of the Gaza Strip's 8,000 settlers in 2005. Besides, most of us are ideologically motivated.

Our presence throughout Judea and Samaria is irreversible. Trying to stop settlement expansion is futile, and neglecting this fact in diplomatic talks will not change the reality on the ground; it only makes the negotiations more likely to fail. Instead of lamenting that the status quo is not sustainable, the international community should work together with the parties to improve it where possible and make it more viable.

An American diplomat touring the area reported being disturbed that everyone—Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia—seemed content with the current situation.

I think that is wonderful news. If the international community replaced its vain attempts at a two-state solution with intense efforts to improve and maintain the current reality on the ground, it would be even better. The fact that the great-grandchildren of the original Palestinian refugees still live in squalid camps after 64 years is a disgrace that should be corrected by improving their living conditions. The settlements of Judea and Samaria are not the problem—they are part of the solution. ★

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In line with Jeremiah 16, Ezekiel 36 and 37, and Amos 9: The Jewish people are there to stay, until Messiah comes (again!) —Myles



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