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



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Is Radical Islam Normative Islam?

By **Michael L. Brown** / CharismaNews.com

CultureWatch commentator Bill Muehlenberg asks, "When will we believe the words of Mohammed? When will we believe the Koran? When will we take Muslims at their word when they tell us they intend to kill us? When will we understand that they want to see the entire world under submission to Islam and *sharia* (Islamic) law?"

Has he overstated his case?

After the beheading of a British soldier last May by two Muslim men (in broad daylight, with a video commentary by one of the murderers), British Prime Minister David Cameron stated, "There is nothing in Islam that justifies this truly dreadful act."

In contrast, England-based Islamist preacher Anjem Choudary refused to condemn the attack, noting, "not many Muslims can disagree with" what the murderer said in his video explanation.

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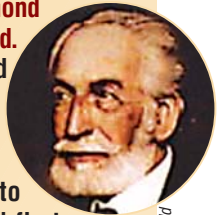
The Pioneers of Zion

Eitan Shishkoff: Our Man in Haifa

A short drive south of Haifa lies Zikhron Ya'akov, founded in 1882 as one of the first Zionist settlements, and named for Jacob, the father of **Baron Edmond James de Rothschild**. Baron de Rothschild became Zikhron's prime benefactor within a year of its beginnings, hoping to rescue the settlers' first efforts, which were marred by malaria and rocky soil. The French Jewish philanthropist contributed some \$50 million between 1882 and 1934, helping to establish the towns of Rishon LeZion, Rosh Pina, Petach Tikva, and Zikhron Ya'akov.

Between 1882–1903, the First *Aliyah* (return to Israel) saw 25,000 European Jews take the radical step of moving to *Eretz Yisrael* (the Land of Israel), then part of the Ottoman Empire. They braved forbidding conditions of

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Baron de Rothschild



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So, who is speaking for normative Islam – or, more precisely, what *is* normative Islam? No one would argue that there are perhaps several hundred million Muslims who are peace-loving, who abhor violence in the name of Islam, and who are repulsed by the actions of the Boston Marathon bombers and the London machete murderers. The question is whether these Muslims are being true to the core values of their religion.

From a Christian perspective, while we might engage in a war with the Taliban in Afghanistan, this is not a holy war for us but a military campaign—even if Christian soldiers feel they are doing God’s work in protecting America. But no one thinks that it is our Christian duty to kill Muslims, or that by decimating the Taliban we are advancing the Gospel.

But a universal repudiation of Islamic terror is never to be found in Muslim circles for at least two reasons: 1) Muslim leaders do not universally repudiate these acts, since many consider this a valid expression of jihad, and 2) In many cases, those Muslims who want to speak out will not for fear of their lives. This reminds me of Muslim protesters in England a few years back who basically said, “How dare you call us terrorists... We will kill you!”

But there’s something far weightier to consider as we look at the severe Islamic persecution of Christians in countries like Iraq, Egypt, Syria, and northern Nigeria. The fact is that this has happened before, and it took place during the so-called Golden Age of Islam.

Church historian John Philip Jenkins writes, “As late as the eleventh century, Asia was still home to at least a third of the world’s Christians, and perhaps a tenth of all Christians still lived in Africa.” What happened to this thriving, intellectually vibrant Christianity? It was virtually wiped out by violent Islamic persecution, especially during the fourteenth century due to ethnic and religious cleansing.

Perhaps radical Islam is more normative than many of us would like to believe. At the very least, Islam has a potentially violent core that is deeply associated with its fundamental principles of faith. ★

[Dr. Brown’s book *Our Hands are Stained with Blood* is described on p. 20.](#)



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(notice the room decor)*

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The Pioneers of Zion *(cont. from cover sidebar)*



malaria, heat, inexperience in agriculture, rocky unworked soil, resistance from the Turkish colonial government, and occasional attacks from Arab neighbors.

On a recent visit to Zikhron, my wife and I visited the First Aliyah Museum. The experience left us both sobered and inspired by the vivid descriptions of the hardships faced by the first Zionist pioneers. Not only did they encounter disease and drought unknown in their European origins, they also suffered oppression at the hands of Rothschild's "managers," who pressed them for agricultural production and took advantage of their vulnerable state. (Rothschild later replaced the managers.) In spite of deprivation, despair, and death, the first waves of *olim* (immigrants) hung on until the desert "blossomed as a rose" (Is. 35:1). It's worth noting that for Isaiah's prophecy to come true, decades of blood, sweat, and tears were required on the part of Jewish pioneers.

Today, Zikhron Ya'akov is a sought-after place to live, perched on a ridge overlooking the Mediterranean seacoast. Its boutique shops, Carmel Winery, quality restaurants, and renovated historic sites make it a tourist magnet. But none of these pleasant attractions took hold of me the way its founders did. I couldn't help thinking about our own process of *aliyah*. Although we arrived 110 years after the first pioneers, and our process of settlement was incomparably easier, adjustments to the old/new land (as the father of modern Zionism, Theodor Herzl, called it) have still been enormous. Functioning in a language, culture, economy, and social environment half a world from one's upbringing is no small challenge anywhere, much less on the still-contested ground of Israel. The reminder of what our predecessors endured to rebuild the nation of Israel placed our own experiences in proportion and provided a timely inspiration to continue in our own calling of "spiritual pioneering." ★

Eitan & Connie Shishkoff

An Unexpected Blessing

Katharine
Weiss
ZLP Co-host



For many years, Myles and I have stirred our California church with the prayer, “From Golden Gate to Golden Gate.” Picture a T-shirt whose front displays that phrase under an image of the Golden Gate Bridge, and whose back shows the Messiah’s (Golden) Gate in Jerusalem over the phrase “Opening soon!” The phrase illustrates God’s commitment to far-off lands, even San Francisco! I recently witnessed firsthand the work of the Gospel.

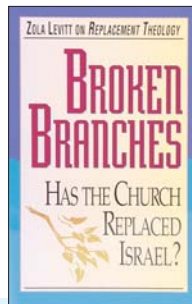
Hanna Ben-Haim is a pioneer (having lived in Israel 29 years), tour guide, and friend. Her husband, Eliyahu, leads Intercessors for Israel, one of the most mature prayer teams in the Land. Recently, Hanna stayed with us for a few days, during which she and I taught at a Chinese church about the centrality of Israel in the Messiah’s plans.

We spoke through a Mandarin interpreter. Several of those present were “plagued” by Replacement Theology—the heretical view that God has rescinded His calling to the Jews and replaced them with the Church. I write “heretical” because it would be antithetical to His character and His Word to “replace” Israel with anyone or anything. (See Zola’s book on this topic at right.) That is good news for us gentile Believers! If God could cast away the Jewish people, what’s to prevent Him from doing that to us? Thankfully, He is faithful.

At the meeting, Hanna spoke on God’s restoration of Israel after the Holocaust. Drawing on verses from Ezekiel 36, Jeremiah 31, and elsewhere, she laid out the prophetic plan of the Creator, showing clearly that He is capable of and committed to gathering His people and then raising up a witness among them to proclaim the Messiah’s love.

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Broken Branches—Book



Has the Church Replaced Israel?

A Zola Levitt study on Replacement Theology

What can replace Israel and the Jews in God’s plan? Certainly not America and not the Church. Nonetheless, well-intentioned denomina-

tions seem to have sprouted blinders to their heritage, the very roots of their Christianity. Let us restore the foundation to our Christianity and quit using Grace as an excuse to cast away the Jews and the Promised Land. This book is a must-read for many Believers, churches, seminaries, plus anyone else willing to celebrate the Promised Land and the Chosen People.

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...Blessing: Katharine continues



I spoke about reaching the Jewish people with the Word of God by using the Jewish context of the Gospel. I often apologize to Jews for their treatment at the hands of so-called Christians throughout the centuries. Quoting Romans 9–11 liberally, I reminded the Christians present that everything we have as people of faith comes from the Jewish people. The Bible, the Patriarchs, the Prophets, the Temple service, the bloodlines of the Messiah Himself – it's all Jewish!

Yeshua's cousin Yochanan (John the Baptist) called Him the "Lamb of God" who takes away the sins of the world. A visiting Israeli woman said she was "trying" to be a believer. I asked if she wanted Yeshua to be her Passover Lamb! She replied, "Yes," and we prayed together for her salvation.

The Gospel went west from Jerusalem. It is rising in the east on the wings of the Chinese "Back to Jerusalem" movement. For a moment, I stood where east meets west and prayed for one of the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

You have no idea how far your gifts of funds reach in making this kind of work possible. It was a "small" moment with eternal consequences. The *Levitt Letters* I left with the Chinese community will produce even more eternal fruit. ★

Israeli Knowledge of Syria's Missiles

By Yossi Melman / TheTower.org

Israeli officials are closely watching the conflict in Syria to improve their understanding of Syria's long-range missiles, according to statements at an Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) conference in Tel Aviv.

Uzi Rubin, the former head of the Israel Missile Defense Authority (IMDA) at the Ministry of Defense, and Colonel Aviram Hasson, who is on active duty as the head of systems at IMDA, discussed the monitoring during the conference. They said that until the recent civil war broke out, the Bashar al-Assad regime had adopted an approach completely different from its Iranian ally. Iran regularly stages military parades and airs television footage to highlight its missile capabilities. The regime uses the spectacles to boost the morale of its citizens, to project the image of a superpower, and to deter opponents.



Syria, on the other hand, traditionally did exactly the opposite and tried to conceal its missile arsenal. Since the outbreak of the war, the army's long-range missiles have surfaced—mainly North Korean-designed Scud missiles produced in Syria and in joint ventures with Iran. Syria has used some of its missiles to bomb the rebels as well as innocent civilians, and has highlighted its arsenal in military maneuvers open to television cameras.

Israel has taken the opportunity to watch, study, and analyze the performance of the Syrian missiles. Among the most important discoveries is the detection and observation of the Scud-D missile, which has a detachable warhead with cluster bombs. Israeli intelligence officials knew about the existence of this missile for at least ten years and even got some information about it from Turkish counterparts when relations between the two countries were better. Israel is now updating its knowledge on its own. ★

Dr. Streisand, I Presume...?

Myles To Go
By Myles Weiss
ZLP Co-host



First I laugh out loud, then I cry internally. Can this world continue with its bizarre bazaar of ideas and stances? Like the multicolor kaleidoscopic swirl of sights, sounds, and smells that make up the Jewish and Arab *shuks* (open air markets) in Israel, this spinning planet threatens to break free from its orbit!

Can Barbra Streisand really be “Dr.” Babs? Yes. None other than Hebrew University, Israel’s prestigious and legitimate institution of higher learning, has dubbed her “Doc.” In her acceptance speech, she had the temerity to point out the Israeli Orthodox community’s need for human rights in the form of better treatment of women. Babs failed to contrast Israel’s democratic track record with that of the fascist theocratic regimes of the surrounding 22 Islamic nations. Nor did she point out the fate of women in Africa’s Islamic nations. Even the mini Islamic “nation” of Dearborn—and cities surrounding Michigan, USA—escaped her notice.

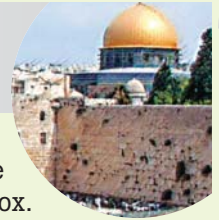
Yes, there have been instances of Ultra-Orthodox patriarchal prejudice against women in Israel. Several times women have been forced to move to the back of a bus by the black-frocked and -hatted Ultras, who cling to an 18th-century Eastern European religious motif.

In a similar throwback stance, religiously zealous men have hurled folding chairs at women who dared to don a *tallit* (prayer shawl) at the Western Wall. These reprehensible actions against women are unacceptable and have received the requisite admonishment in the public discourse of Israel. The Middle East’s only genuine democracy is quick to auto-correct when there are violations of freedom. The debate will continue, and I am confident that it will come to a reasonable conclusion.

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Dr. Streisand: Myles continues



Daily, the tiny nation of Israel deals equitably with the extreme social anachronisms originating from some of the Ultra-Orthodox. No doubt, Israel's occasional misogynistic *faux pas* is regrettable. It pales, however, in the glaring light of Islam's institutionalized anti-women brutality. Where is Dr. Streisand's heavenly, unparalleled lilting voice regarding these issues?

Who will speak for Dr. Streisand's "sisters" in the neighboring *sharia*-tilting dictatorships? Has the good doctor compared Israel's trivial "civil rights" infringements with the following Islamic practices against women?

- Forced/arranged child weddings
- Female genital mutilation
- Polygamy, with four wives permitted to Muslim men
- Institutionalized wife-beating, with *sharia* (Islamic law) sanctioned methodologies
- Torture and acid scarring of women's faces
- Honor killings, conducted at the whim of the "offended" family

I appeal to you, Dr. Streisand: please use your newfound status and your considerable fame on behalf of the women who face daily marginalization of enormous proportions. They need your voice more than anyone on the planet.

To quote a song you may remember, these suffering women are "people who need people."

P.S. You can see Israel's democracy in action for yourself—join us on a tour this fall or in March 2014!



Israeli M.D. Proves Dogs Can Sniff Out Cancer

By Abigail Klein
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If dogs can sniff out explosives and narcotics, could they also be trained to detect cancer? Israeli internist Dr. Uri Yoel, 43, has demonstrated that dogs are indeed capable of differentiating between the scent of cancer cells and non-cancerous cells.

“Our research proves that dogs can smell cancer cells in lab cultures, and that different types of cancer share the same smell print,” says Yoel, who practices at Soroka Medical Center in Beersheva and teaches at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev’s Faculty of Health Sciences.

Yoel’s research project with cancer-sniffing dogs was undertaken during the second half of his internal medicine residency at the suggestion of Dr. Pesach Shvartzman, head of Ben-Gurion’s Sial Research Center for Family Medicine and Primary Care. Dr. Pesach’s son knew a dog trainer who asked what he could do for the community.

Volunteer trainers readied two dogs for the research, using positive reinforcement to reward identification of cancer cells by scent. It was already known that dogs can detect cancer with their noses. Their level of accuracy depends on their training. But Yoel wanted to find out whether the dogs are actually smelling the cancer cells or an odor from the body’s physiological reaction to those cells.

To answer that question, Yoel tested the trained dogs using cultured breast cancer cells rather than human subjects. “We can say for sure that they differentiate between cancerous and non-cancerous cells, and this suggests that there is a smell print for cancer itself since its metabolism is different,” he says.

He then tested the dogs’ ability to sniff out lung and skin cancer cells, which they had not been trained to detect. Significantly, the canines got it right every time.

“For me that is the most important finding, because for breast cancer we have mammography and for colon cancer we have colonoscopy but for lung cancer we have no screening test,” says Yoel. “When discovered early, the prognosis for lung cancer is excellent, but usually it is not found until it is quite big.” ★

Dr. Yoel and one of his cancer-sniffing friends. Photo by Dani Machlis/BGU



Israel's History: All About Roots

By Aviva and Shmuel Bar-Am / TimesOfIsrael.com



Twisted Olive Tree

The oldest of our ancient trees have lived through wars, religious upheavals, conquests, and defeats; the youngest have seen the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland. What if they could talk?

Bengali Fig in Tel Aviv's American Colony

In 1878, Russian-born Baron Plato von Ustinov bought a house in Jaffa. Originally part of an American colony that had been abandoned a decade earlier, the building had been serving as headquarters for a group of German Protestants called the Templers.

Ustinov, grandfather to British actor Peter Ustinov, turned the large, rambling structure into a veritable palace and created a fabulous garden in the back.

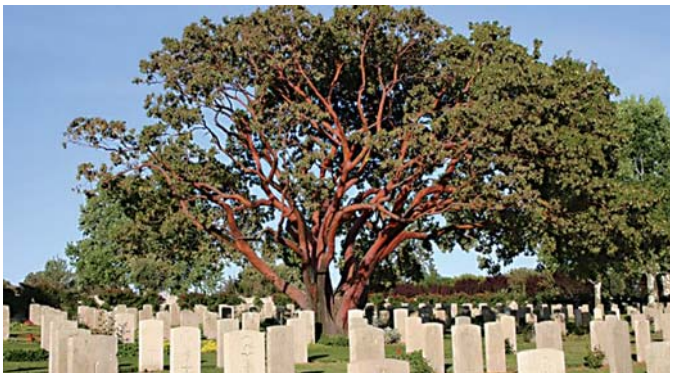


His gardens were overseen by Nissim Alchadaf, one of the earliest pupils at Mikve Israel. Mikve Israel was the first agricultural school in modern Israel (established in 1870), and its landscaped gardens included a Bengali Fig Tree planted in 1888 and today considered by many to be the most beautiful tree in the country. Alchadaf planted a Bengali Fig in Ustinov's gardens at around the same time. Although most of the 19th-century garden is no more, the Bengali Fig remains standing in all its glory.

Eastern Strawberry Tree on Mount Scopus (shown below)

Once upon a time, a young man from the Judean Hills was called into the army only a few days before he was to be married. When he didn't return, the youth's father took pity on his son's betrothed and married her himself. As luck would have it, the son came home soon afterwards and furiously hacked off his father's head. Eastern Strawberry Trees immediately sprang up at the spot, their trunks covered with the older man's blood.

One magnificent Eastern Strawberry Tree is situated in the very center of the British War Cemetery on Mount Scopus. It is possible that the tree was there even before the British conquered Jerusalem in 1917, and kept in its place because the bark's blood-red color symbolized the blood spilled in the war. Most of the 2,515 soldiers buried within the peaceful, lovingly maintained cemetery fell in battles over Jerusalem. The troops belonged to Commonwealth forces and were from South Africa, Britain, India, Australia, and New Zealand. A number of Jewish graves are located high on the slope; many of the soldiers who are buried there served together in the Royal Fusiliers. ★



Groups Demand Performers Bypass Israel

BY DAVID LEV (r) / IsraelNationalNews.com



When rock legend **Paul McCartney** came to Israel in 2008, he was, at least to some extent, taking his life in his hands. Not because of any Israeli security situation, but because he was threatened by **BDS (boycott, divest, and sanction) anti-Israel groups**.



"I got explicit death threats, but I have no intention of surrendering. I refuse to cancel my performances in Israel," Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs researcher Adam Shay quoted McCartney as saying.

The former Beatle is not alone.

Dozens of other artists who schedule dates in Israel are lobbied, bullied, threatened, and even attacked at concerts by anti-Israel groups who are bent on isolating Israel culturally, as well as economically. Many artists, said Shay, claim that their websites are attacked by hackers right before their Israeli concerts.

Alicia Keys supplies a recent example of intimidation faced by artists who play Israel. Several of her fellow singers – notably Elvis Costello and Roger Waters – urged her to cancel, calling Israel an "apartheid state," and Keys's Facebook page was littered with condemnations of her on the day she performed in Israel.



Costello himself canceled a concert in Israel in 2010, as did Carlos Santana, after being hectoring by anti-Israel groups. Other notables who have canceled planned concerts in Israel are Jon Bon Jovi, the Yardbirds, Joe Lynn Turner, and the Pixies. Spanish singer Paco Ibañez went one better, telling a French newspaper that he is boycotting the Hebrew language, which he can speak, for political reasons.

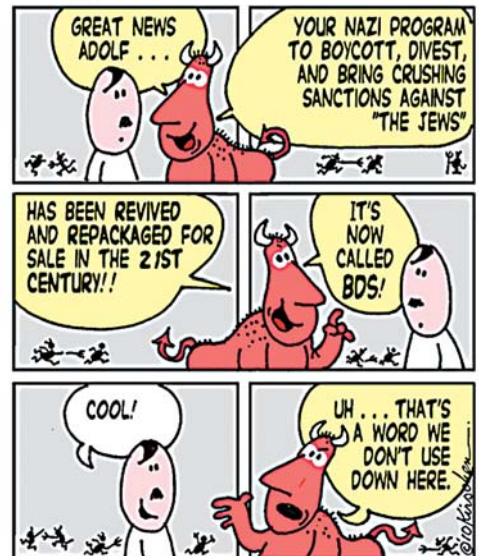
But despite the pressure and threats, there are many artists who continue to play Israel. In recent months, rock bands Deep Purple and Pet Shop Boys have held concerts in Israel, and American artist Rihanna is scheduled to take her second tour here in October. And, of course, there was Madonna.

Many of these artists, Shay said, decided to perform in Israel despite the threats. "When singer Moby was interviewed on Army Radio shortly before he performed in Israel, he said that the intensity of the attacks against him before he came to Israel made him suspect that this wasn't an objective movement that was concerned with people's welfare, but with something dark and dubious." Unfortunately, though, "many artists just don't want to deal with it. It's much easier for them to release a statement that they won't be appearing in Israel 'for reasons of conscience' rather than to admit that their lives are being threatened and they're frightened." ★

This is a many-layered situation. Some artists are just ignorant, and some truly believe the worst about Israel. We are living in the day prophesied by Isaiah (5:20), when people call "good evil and evil good!" —Myles

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Feasts Six and Seven

CLASSIC ZOLA: Timeless



Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) begins at sunset on Friday, Sept. 13 and ends at sunset on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013.

Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) begins at sunset on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and ends at sunset on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013.

During the Lord's earthly life, He celebrated the first three of the Seven Feasts given in Leviticus 23. He was crucified on Passover, buried on Unleavened Bread, and rose on First Fruits. Fifty days later, on Pentecost, He sent the Holy Spirit. When He Raptures the Church, He will fulfill the Feast of Trumpets, whether or not He does it on the actual feast day.

If this pattern continues, the Lord should fulfill the last two feasts even after the Rapture of the Church. And indeed, it appears that He will. The **Day of Atonement** (*Yom Kippur*) will be fulfilled at the Second Coming, when "they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced and mourn for Him as for an only son... and all Israel will be saved" (Zech. 12:10; Romans 11:26).

It must be stressed that it is only surviving Jews who will be saved. Thus, it is necessary to witness to the Jews living now so that they can be included in the Rapture of the Church, and

not relegated to wait through the Tribulation Period and Armageddon. Many of them will perish in such circumstances and never live to see the Lord's Second Coming. Thus, they will be lost, and this will greatly grieve the Father, who loves them.

Finally, the Lord will celebrate the Seventh Feast, **Tabernacles** (*Sukkot*), when He places His own tabernacle here on Earth among us, and the world will "go up from year to year to worship Him" (Zech. 14:16).

The Future

Clearly, then, Christians have a very bright future. First Fruits, in essence, means that our Savior will return for us. Buddha and Mohammed did not promise their followers that they will return. With these worldly religions, what you see is what you get. But our King is coming! First Fruits represents the whole point of Christianity — what we see is not all we get. This life is only the beginning. Even if we are dead, we shall rise — just as those dead branches of winter bear fruit every spring. Let us pray with John, "Amen, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).



Zola's best-selling booklet, *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, is offered below if you'd like to study all the Feasts.

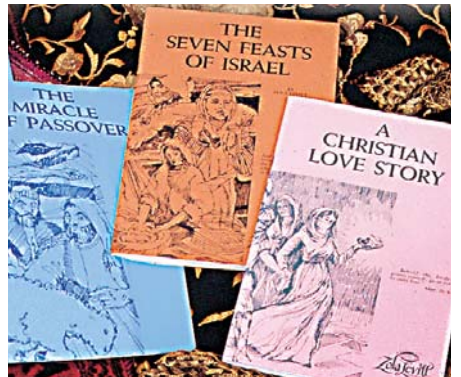
Zola's Favorite Three [study booklets, teaching CDs]

In this ministry's 34-year history, three study booklets have outsold all of our other materials combined: *A Christian Love Story*, *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, and *The Miracle of Passover*.

Love Story parallels the first-century Jewish wedding customs with the return of Christ, who will "come like a thief in the night" (1 Th. 5:2). *Seven Feasts*, one of the most fundamental Bible studies, magnificently portrays the career of our Lord from His crucifixion to His dedication of the Kingdom to come. *Passover* demonstrates how dramatically this traditional celebration, thirty-five centuries old, typifies Christ — even in Jewish homes that don't realize that the Messiah for whom they wait has already come.

Please order these inexpensive booklets and teaching CDs from pages 18 and 19. *Seven Feasts* and *Passover* are also available as television series on DVDs (see p. 18 or use link below).

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Ask The Chaplain

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Q. HESITANT EVANGELICALS

As a Christian, I rejoice to see Jews and gentiles following Christ. I also see political correctness in how the Church perceives those who practice Judaism and how we view Israel. To hear some Christians, you would think non-Christian Jews are saved and full of wisdom. Why do Christian ministers like John Hagee invite non-believing Jews on their show and treat them like sages? All non-believing Jews and gentiles are ignorant and blind!

Today's non-Christian Jews are typically one or more of the following: agnostic, atheist, humanist, New Age, or Pharisaical. When I read or listen to influential non-Christian Jews in government, media (news and movies), and education, I see people who are anti-Christian and not afraid to undermine the Christian faith. Some things never change.

Do you believe non-Christian Jews are in covenant with God? If so, why?

A. Unsaved Jews are no different from unsaved gentiles: They need to believe in the Gospel of

Jesus Christ for salvation. But to say all Jews are closed, cynical, and Pharisaical is broad-brushing. In the twelve years I have gone thrice a year to Israel to conduct Gospel outreaches, the majority of Israeli Jews I meet are very open to a Gospel presentation. More times than not, they accept a complete (both Testaments) Jewish Bible in Hebrew and Messianic Gospel tracts. Read my [To the Jew First](#) articles in the *Levitt Letter* to see examples of this. I find the gentile world much more hostile to the Gospel.

The only benefits present-day unsaved Jews receive are the land-grant promises under the Abrahamic Covenant. But don't forget that the New Covenant was made to the House of Israel first; the Gospel must go to the Jew first (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 1:16). When a Jewish person believes in the Gospel, just like any gentile, he then comes under the salvific blessings of the New Covenant.

I do agree that Hagee and other evangelical leaders who are hesitant to offend the Jews need to preach the Gospel to the Jewish people and quit accommodating them in their unbelief. ★

What a wonderful world
this would be when the only place where
you could find a terrorist
would be in the pages
of a history book.



I Have Engraved You on the Palms of My Hands (Isaiah 49:16)

By Dr. Todd D. Baker / ZLM Staff Theologian

Truly the fields in Israel are “white for harvest” (John 4:35) as many Jewish people are openly eager and excited to learn that Jesus is Lord and Messiah.

Eilat is a resort city at the southern tip of Israel. There, the Lord led me and my longtime co-laborer in Christ Eric Oler into a men’s clothing store where we met Elior and Yoram. Elior could not speak English, so Yoram translated as Eric and I presented the case for Jesus as the Messiah of the Bible and Israel. We pulled several Messianic prophecies from the *Tanakh* (Old Testament) and then showed their corroborative fulfillment by Jesus in the New Testament.

When these two young Israelis asked how I came to believe the Gospel, I shared my testimony of how Jesus transformed a formerly violent atheist (me) into a grateful servant. I explained that He called me twenty-nine years ago and revealed His resurrection glory in my life. He told me to go and share His Gospel with His people, telling them that He loves them and is returning soon. I pointed out to Elior and Yoram that I was obeying that very command by talking with both of them.

One particular prophecy struck them in their openness. In the Old Testament, Isaiah 49:15–16 asks, “*Can a woman*

forget her nursing child, and have not compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.” Here God pledges His undying love for Israel—much more than even a mother’s love for her child. Indeed, a mother would forsake her child before God would ever forget Israel! God says He engraved this love on the palms of His hands as a sign of His undying, unconditional love for the Jewish people.

The New Testament illustrates that the God of Israel literally did this when Yeshua, God in the flesh, was crucified. The nail scars on His hands epitomize His loving salvation for mankind. Elior’s and Yoram’s eyes widened as they understood. Yoram exclaimed, “My whole body has chills running up and down it!” Eric explained to him that he was feeling the supernatural presence of *Ruach HaKodesh* (the Holy Spirit), confirming the truth of God’s Word. Both men eagerly accepted Bibles in Hebrew and Messianic tracts for study aids. They asked us to come back soon to discuss more prophecies concerning Yeshua and the destiny of Israel, white for harvest. ★

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Turning Back to God

By John J. Parsons

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Be gracious unto me, O God, according to Thy mercy; according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgressions. (Psalm 51:1)

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my rebellions	wipe out	according to your vast compassion		according to your faithful love	O God	show me favor																

The theme of the Jewish High Holidays is *teshuvah*, a word often translated as “repentance” though it’s more accurately understood as turning back (*shuv*) to God. In Modern Hebrew *teshuvah* means an “answer” to a *shelah*, or a question. God’s love for us is the question, and our *teshuvah* — our turning of the heart toward Him — is the answer. *Teshuvah* is one of the great gifts God gives each of us — the ability to turn back to Him and seek healing for our brokenness.

Psalm 51 is sometimes called “Perek Teshuvah” — the great Chapter of Repentance of the Scriptures. After King David was confronted with the truth of his sin and the prospect of judgment, he returned to God for cleansing and forgiveness. David’s *teshuvah* reveals that we also can return to God on the basis of His abundant compassion — His *rachamim*. Without God’s love we have no hope for the future.

After the Jews had committed the grievous sin with the Golden Calf, Moses despaired of ever being able to find favor in God’s eyes again. God, however, called Moses to return to the mountain to learn the meaning of the Name YHVH. While he waited in the cleft of the rock, Moses heard the Divine Voice saying, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Exod. 34:6). This was David’s experience of return, too. Given his great transgressions of the Torah, he was sure that he had lost God’s favor. David needed to rediscover God’s love despite his brokenness and sin.

The greatest demonstration of God’s compassion was given at Mount Moriah (i.e., Calvary), the place of the sacrifice of Jesus. Just as Moses and David had to confront their own brokenness to hear the Divine Voice, so we need to turn to the cross to hear the cries of the LORD suffering for our own. At the cross we find compassion and healing for our brokenness and sin.

During this season of *teshuvah* may we once again respond to the Voice of God’s love.



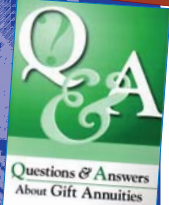
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Out of the Mouths of Babes

Here's proof that it would be a mistake to denounce entire Arab nations as though all their citizens were Islamists. Listen to a stunningly, incredibly bright, 12-year-old Egyptian lad thoroughly excoriate the Muslim Brotherhood. At <http://wp.me/pieUD-1KG>, he dissects their power grab for Egypt in less than 3 minutes. Power to the people, including their child prodigies! This 'tween mentions using his brain and having access to the Internet. Pray that Yahweh leads him to www.levitt.com to watch *Zola Levitt Presents* and read the *Levitt Letter* there.



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For nearly two years now, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability has monitored various aspects of this ministry's financials, newsletters, website, government documents, television broadcasts, etc. The ECFA knows more about our ministerial effort than some of our employees! This is just a word to the wise that the ECFA continues to accept ZLM as an official member.

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Pamphlet of the Month

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"Come Home!"

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NEW! Sons of Promise— Isaac & Jacob

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The Wells of Salvation Abraham's servant ventures out to find a wife for Isaac—God's Covenant continues from generation to generation. Myles interviews Jan Willem van der Hoeven—a Dutch-born student of Corrie ten Boom, longtime resident of Jerusalem, and champion of the Jewish people. Mark Levitt interviews a representative of Bridges for Peace.

The Bridegroom and the Bride Isaac and Rebekah's love for each other represents that of Yeshua and the Bride of Christ. Myles interviews Saul Singer, co-author of *Start-up Nation*; Mark interviews a Jewish National Fund spokesman. Through JNF, ZLM contributors have planted a forest of trees in Israel.

Blessing, Covenant, Contention The conflict between Ishmael and Isaac precedes the contention between Jacob and Esau. Mark interviews an archaeologist digging near the ancient City of David.

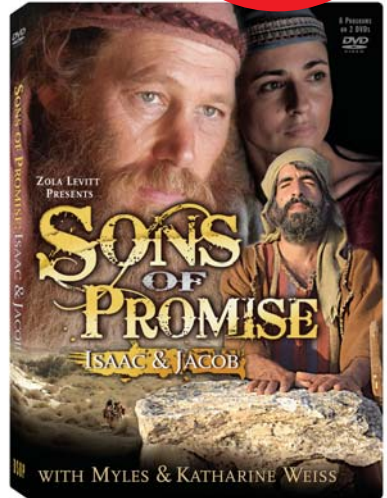
Mayim B'sason (Water from the Wells of Salvation) In the face of famine, Isaac re-digs Abraham's wells, and God confirms His eternal covenant with the Hebrew people. Myles and Katharine interview the Lone Soldiers, remarkable Jewish young people who leave the comfort of their foreign homes to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

Brothers and Birthrights The struggle of Jacob and Esau over their destinies began in the womb and continues to our day. Mark interviews Our Man in Haifa, Eitan Shishkoff, about Tents of Mercy, his multifaceted ministry that touches many in Israel.

The Promise of Heaven Touches Earth In spite of Esau's murderous rage, Jacob dreams of a heavenly touch. God's Covenant continues into the third generation. Illustrating this continuation, Myles and Katharine interview young Israeli Messianic leaders.

For the Love of Rachel Jacob serves Laban repeatedly to earn his bride, demonstrating the importance of patience and commitment in God's plan. Mark interviews Dr. Todd Baker, who leads To The Jew First, our Gospel outreach that parallels our pilgrimages to Israel.

L'dor V'dor (From Generation to Generation) Jacob wrestles with God, and his transformation provides hope for us all. Myles interviews his own firstborn son, Jonathan, about the blessing of a Yeshua-centered home life.



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A Man of Altars Abram walks the land, building altars in significant places. We interview the spokesman for Samaria, one of the modern disputed lands that God promised to the seed of Abram.

God-initiated Covenant God makes a covenant with Abram. Myles interviews Itamar Marcus whose Palestinian Media Watch translates and analyzes the message in Arab-language media and schoolbooks.

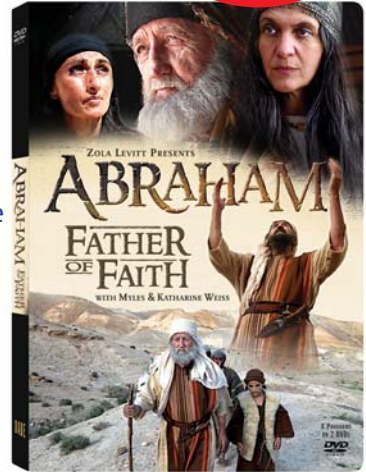
A Domestic Conflict for the Ages Sarai and Hagar fall out, but God makes a provision for Hagar and the sons of Ishmael.

The Promised Son Isaac is prophesied; conflict separates Abraham and Lot. Katharine interviews Rachel Lipkin, an Egyptian-born Jewish interpreter of Arabic-language media.

Deliverance and Increase Abraham and Sarah escape danger from Abimelech. Myles interviews Avi Lipkin, an expert on Islam and the Middle East.

Circumcision as a Forever Sign God institutes this sign of the covenant with the descendants of Abraham. Former mayor of Shiloh David Rubin explains the contemporary conflict over the mountains of Israel.

The Sacrifice Isaac, the promised son, is a picture of the Messiah to come. We interview a civic leader near the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, one of the most hotly contested cities of Israel.

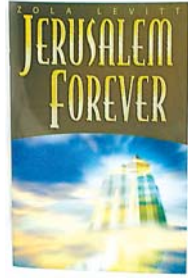


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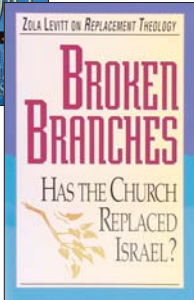
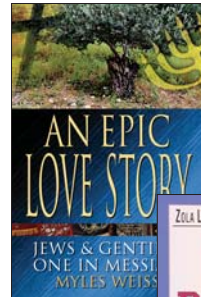
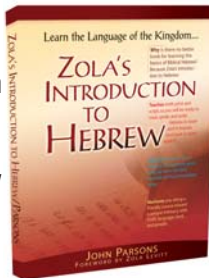
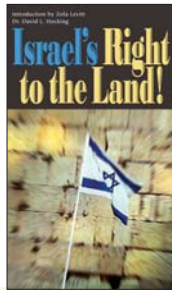
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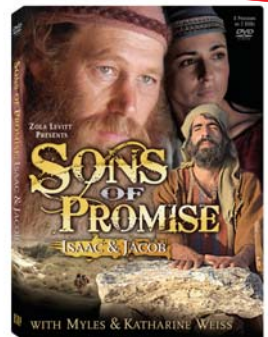


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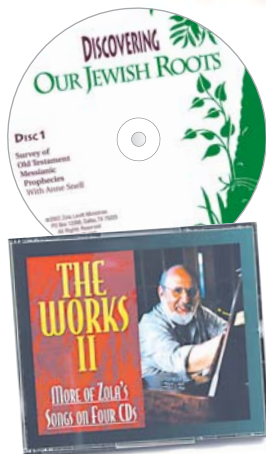
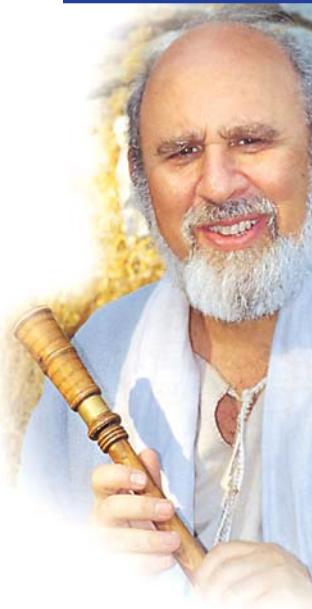
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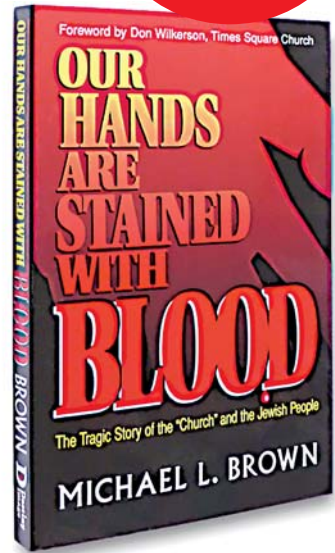
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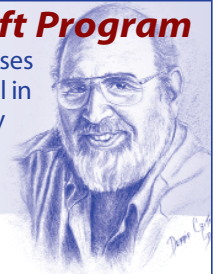
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Not an Iceberg

A NOTE FROM MARK / By Mark Levitt

Blind Date, a reality game show produced from 1999–2006, featured videos of couples on their first dates. Humorous subtitles, animations, and “thought bubbles” enhanced the dialogue. One muscular man attempted to impress his brainy (but obviously unpersuaded) date with the tidbit that he was an iceberg. “What you see is just what’s above the surface. Underneath I’m very deep.” She probably wished for a date whose sophistication spoke for itself.

Some Bible-teaching ministries are deep. Their 30-minute TV broadcasts are just the tip of the iceberg. Beneath the surface lie massive marketing, production, and fundraising enterprises. They own lots of real estate and pay dozens of staffers. Their cash reserves alone could sustain them for years (or our ministry for a century!). What a shameful “Christian legacy” they’ll leave after the Rapture!

Res ipsa loquitur is Latin for “the thing speaks for itself.” Our own ministry’s leanness speaks for itself. We own no real estate and have ten employees. Our humble TV space—the 30-minute slot that airs across the nation and worldwide—constitutes the bulk of our existence. The quantity of news in our magazines dwarfs the appeal for funds, and www.levitt.com reaches virtually everywhere on the Internet, giving away far more teaching than it sells. And we spend a vastly higher percentage of your donations on televising quality Bible teaching than our better-funded competition. Therefore, when our staff leaves to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17), our disbelieving neighbors will find our legacy: not hefty cash reserves but high-quality videos explaining what happened and what they need to know to follow us to salvation.

Please open your mind’s eye and discern between ministries that produce studio infomercials that quickly pay

for themselves and ministries that go to great lengths to bring meaty, on-location Bible teaching from the Holy Land. You can be sure the latter will captivate and witness to the unbeliever better than those self-promoters whose commercialism rivals “As Seen On TV” products like Ginsu™ knives and Veg-O-Matics™.

You may remember my July 2013 *Levitt Letter* article “Panera Bread, Zola’s Buffet, and Fighting Spiritual Starvation” on p. 21 at www.levitt.com/newsletters/2013-07.pdf. Unfortunately, Panera Bread had to discontinue its “Meal of Shared Responsibility” that allowed customers to pay what they chose for Turkey Chili in a Bread Bowl. The problems included: 1) their restaurants weren’t located in needy neighborhoods, 2) publicity and marketing fell off, and 3) payments declined.

By contrast, this ministry’s teaching:

1) is available to anyone who has access to the Internet—please see the BB item entitled “Social Media Soldiers” on page 15; and 2) regularly publicizes Jesus, the Bible, and Israel—*Zola Levitt Presents* broadcasts every week as it has for nearly 35 years. As for a third item, you voting with your dollars of support will enable us to continue delivering the Bread of Life. We ministry workers depend on you, as do those whom we feed in the worst of neighborhoods. ★





Letters to ZLM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From M.: I thought I understood Christ in the Passover, but it was only a sliver of what this booklet reveals. I also knew that each of the Feasts corresponds to a fulfillment of Christ in prophecy; but again, my knowledge was only a sliver of the truth. I couldn't put down *The Seven Feasts of Israel* until it was finished. Oh, how limited is our Western view of Christ. I was so blessed by this booklet that I could not go to sleep; I had to praise the Lord and worship Him. One of Zola's favorites, too. It's described on p.11 for those who aren't familiar with it. —Editor

From YouTube: I have been a believer in Yeshua for over 40 years; I am blessed. A year ago, I was doubly blessed when I found out I have Jewish roots on both sides of my family. Soon, may ALL Israel be blessed when He returns to claim this Earth as His own.

From B.B. (ME): Thank you for your hard work, great teaching, devotion to truth, thick skin to take some of the comments I read, and love of the WORD! Love you and pray God will bless you.

Crucifixion: Hands or Wrists?

Dear ZLM,

I recently watched the episode "A Man Crucified" from *The Stones Cry Out*.

I know that experiments have determined that nails through the wrists of a man on a cross make more sense than through his palms. Even so, this bothers me a little. In the Gospels we see several references to "hands" (e.g. Luke 24:39–40). In Isaiah 49:16, God says to Israel "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands," which sounds prophetic of the cross to me. —T.M.

Timely comment, T.M.—

You'll appreciate Todd Baker's Shaliach Report on p.13; he notes the same connection to Isaiah. Here's a brief explanation from GotQuestions.org. —Editor

The Bible simply says that Jesus had wounds in His hands (John 20:25–27). The Greek word translated "hands" is *cheir*, which means literally "hands." There is no Greek word for "wrists" in the New Testament, even though some versions translate Acts 12:7 to say that the chains fell off Peter's wrists. But the Greek word in this verse is also *cheir*.

The nails may have been angled to enter through the hand and exit through the wrist; straight or angled, both ways work. Spiritually, the wounds of Christ hold infinite significance to us: By His wounds, we are healed (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).



“Coincidence” is God’s way of remaining anonymous

Dear ZLM,

A few days ago I was delighted to have Zola Levitt Ministries “follow” our ministry on Twitter, (I know that like us, you follow no one but Jesus). I love your Godly, anointed website, which preaches the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

In a “God-incidence” (because there are no coincidences), God instructed one of our evangelist leaders to have me send you **Jeremiah 31:1–14** as a message from God to the Nation of Israel.

God bless your ministry. Your co-worker in Christ —H.T.

Shalom H.T.—

Thank you for your kind words about our ministry. We laughed out loud when we saw the message. We recently hosted David Rubin, the former mayor of Shiloh, and are planning two on-location programs in the fall about Samaria, also designated to Ephraim in Israel’s history. The passage in Jeremiah 31:1–14 is about the restoration of Israel, *especially that area!* God is awesome.

We need to keep the mountains of Israel in prayer. The Orthodox Jews and gentile Christians co-labor in the vineyards there (the heartland of Israel, called the West Bank in the media), so of course the enemy would like to remove the Jewish people from that portion of His promise.

Blessings —Myles and Katharine



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Shalom brothers,

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May God bless Israel with eternal peace —M.A. (CO)

Greetings M.A.—

Thanks for the note. We gladly send our free newsletter to nearly 2,000 prisoners each month, and we will add you to our list. Please pray that others who can afford to support us will do so, because those gifts of funds allow us to distribute the *Levitt Letter* to all who request it. Blessings —Myles and Katharine

Can an Ex-Con Visit Israel?

Dear ZLM and Myles and Katharine Weiss,

I greet you in the name of Yeshua, our risen Savior. Because of ministries like ZLM, my eyes and heart are being opened to the Jewish roots of my Christian faith. I really enjoy the *Levitt Letter* and pass it on to others. We get the truth that is not taught in the Christian services. So, thank you, and God bless what you do.

Is it possible for you to send me an article—or even the whole *Levitt Letter*—from Nov. 2012? It's the transcript of a speech Zola made at Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. Zola's words opened my eyes to the truth of the Holocaust.

Also, a question. I will be released from prison soon (Lord willing). Can an ex-felon go to Israel/get a passport once off parole? Yours in Messiah —M.S. (MI)

Shalom M.S.-

I have good news for you. A friend of mine with a violent, gang-related past is now a strong Christian. After his release from a felony-related prison term, and following a period of intense discipleship, he was issued a U.S. passport for a mission trip! So pray that you experience the same outcome, get all healed up by Yeshua, and visit Israel!

The article you request was published in two parts in the October and November 2012 *Levitt Letters* (www.levitt.com/newsletters/2012-11.pdf#page=6, www.levitt.com/newsletters/2012-10.pdf#page=8.) All our newsletters are available online for those with Internet access. You may not have access in prison, so article copies are on the way to you. Blessings —Myles

Confidential to C.C.L. in AZ—

Thanks for ordering some of our materials. We pray that they will be a blessing to you. I am concerned about your cryptic message on the order form. You wrote, "You broke my heart when you spoke about Catholics. Nothing more to say." This is shocking to me, and I am convinced that you must have misunderstood something I said or wrote. Please clarify what is bothering you and I will see if it can be rectified.

As you may know, my dear wife, Katharine, grew up Roman Catholic, and we have ministered in California, Hawaii, and Argentina alongside an awesome Catholic priest from Chicago.

I have no prejudice against our Roman Catholic friends and always look for commonalities with which we can serve Yeshua. No doubt that there has been a difficult history between Jews and Catholics (see *Our Hands are Stained with Blood* by Michael L. Brown, described on p.20), but we are hopeful for the future.

Just as there are many good Christians among Protestants, we have met many good Christians among Roman Catholic worshippers. Katharine and I have been longtime supporters of TJCII (Toward Jerusalem Council II), which seeks reconciliation between the Catholic Church and the Jewish community, especially the Messianic Believers. Please contact me.

Shalom —Myles

See page 10 article.



Shining a Light on Evil

Dear ZLM,

Since reading your April *Levitt Letter*, I have debated whether to continue my donations to you. When I open my *Letter*, I do not expect to read—nor do I want to read—about an Islamic who raped and murdered his five-year-old daughter, or see an Iranian's hand cut off. How disgusting! You really are digging for news. Is there not enough gore in the media that you have to inform us with such pictures and articles?

Please keep Islamic lifestyle out of the *Letters*. I want to read uplifting news and teaching on our Christian way of living. I'm 89 and haven't time to waste reading such rot.

Sickened —J.C.C. (MT)

Dear J.C.C.—

Thanks for taking the time to write to us. Your age, no doubt, gives you wisdom that our ministry needs. I respectfully disagree with you regarding our publishing graphic descriptions of some Muslim issues. You may be well-educated on the subject, but I find that the Christian community at large is in a fog regarding the horrible effects of *sharia* (Islamic law).

While we always want to lift high the Lord and His beauty, we also consider it a serious obligation to counter the absurd claims of Western leaders that Islam is a *religion of peace*. I know it can be uncomfortable, but it needs to be said: Some Muslims may be people of peace, but their Koran calls for enforced worldwide domination. We must sound the trumpet as needed.

Shalom and blessings —Myles

Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns

Dear ZLM,

In the June *Levitt Letter*, S.W. wrote that he was moved to add \$5 to his monthly donation. He added that if we all added just a little bit more, it would go a long way to meeting needs. I can do that!

I just wanted S.W. to know the impact of his letter.

From a blessed Believer —J.U. (OR)

Dear J.U.—

You got it! Just as S.W. and you have committed to a little more each month, if ALL our viewers/readers/pilgrims added just a bit, we could produce even more incredible TV teaching and support additional significant works in the Land. The programs we currently plan will have a major impact on Israel, the Church, and the world. We can only accomplish our vision with a greater participation from the ZLM community. Thanks for understanding and participating. May the God of *shalom* overtake you and yours. —Myles ★



BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro



Samsung's New Tablet Has "Intel Israel" Inside

Israeli Advances
in Science &
Medicine



SCIENCE: By David Shamah (r) / TimesOfIsrael.com

Intel HQ counted on its 100-strong Israeli team to come up with a system on a chip (SoC) design that could be used in a lightweight tablet/convertible device—allowing use as a standard tablet, or attaching it to a keyboard for laptop-style use.

Intel Israel delivered, and the result is a big win for Samsung, which recently released its ATIV tablet line, the world's thinnest tablet powered by Windows 8, with the ability to run Android apps.

Aviad Hevrony, is the front-end design manager for Intel Israel's Cloverview team. He discussed the technical challenges involved in producing the system, their hopes for the future of Intel, and their pride at leading the company in what team members said could be a turning point in the tablet balance of power as Intel-powered tablets begin to present a formidable challenge to Apple, which still dominates the tablet market with its iPad.

Apple's lead has been seen by many analysts as practically unchallengeable, but the Intel team believes that as the market gets to know the Samsung tablets better—along with the even faster, thinner, and more capable designs the company is working on—consumers will respond accordingly.

Key to the development of tablets, netbooks, and light laptops are SoCs, the integrated circuits that use a single chip to provide most of the electronic, computing, memory, and basic software that a device needs to run. The SoC replaces individual chips, allowing devices to run with less energy and enabling engineers to build smaller devices, since most of the chips that would otherwise be needed are replaced by the SoC.

Samsung believes it can unseat or at least challenge Apple with this new tablet.



Goodbye to Surgical Stitches & Staples

MEDICINE: By Abigail Klein Leichman / Israel21c.org



Women giving birth by Caesarean section could be the first to benefit from a revolutionary Israeli invention for closing surgical incisions without stitches or staples. The technique also promises to leave patients less prone to infection and scarring. **BioWeld1**, a unique trademarked product from Israeli startup IonMed, welds surgical incisions using cold plasma. Plasma is a gas in which a certain proportion of the particles are ionized. It has been shown to offer manifold benefits including tissue welding, control of bleeding, enhancement of tissue repair, disinfection, and destruction of cancer cells. However, plasma has enjoyed a limited role in surgery due to the high temperatures it creates and resulting harmful effects on body tissue. IonMed's scientists found a way to make use of cold plasma as the power behind the BioWeld1. The procedure is short, seals the area completely, leaves minimal scarring, and does not require painful stitches or complex training.

"No one has done this before—and more than that, the platform of cold plasma is a technology that is not available in medicine yet," says Ronen Lam, IonMed's co-founder and vice president for business development. "We will probably be the first." The company anticipates receiving Europe's CE mark of approval by the end of the year, then beginning trials in Europe and the U.S. toward getting approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

BioWeld1 is the brainchild of Ronen's brother, Amnon Lam, who led development projects at Tower Semiconductor in northern Israel and at Intel's Israeli research center. Prior to that, he was a medic in the military. His familiarity with cold plasma from Tower—where it was used for etching semiconductors—gave him the idea of welding together his two areas of expertise, toying with applications in cosmetics, dentistry, and skincare. "At the end of the day, he found wound closure the most attractive," said Ronen. "Tissue reconnection has been done for thousands of years with sutures, and in recent years with staples and glues," says Lam. "It is time for something new."

The BioWeld1 generator delivers the cold plasma through a variety of disposable tips. The skin closure procedure is performed using a cold plasma jet to apply a trademarked biological film called Chitoplast to weld the tissue together. The



company's three clinical trials, which have so far focused on closure of Caesarean section incisions, showed BioWeld1 to be excellent for sealing the incision and promoting healing and tissue disinfection, Lam reports. It also has potential for reducing hospitalization and operating room usage.

"We are focusing first on Caesarean sections due to the importance of achieving a superior cosmetic result while reducing time in the operating room," says Lam. Areas of application being considered include "external closure in plastic surgery, treatment of chronic wounds, as well as internal applications in abdominal, thoracic, and colorectal surgery." ★



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No complex training required to use BioWeld1

Avoiding the Term “Muslim”



BY ROBERT FISK (r) / Independent.co.uk

Have the Brits got a problem with “Muslims”? Not the people, but the word. When I turned on British television news coverage during a report about the six young men sentenced for sexually grooming and raping underage girls in Oxford, I was puzzled by the lengths to which reporters go to in order to avoid using the word “Muslim.”

We can all agree that this was an abominable crime of pedophilia and that the culprits deserve their total of 95 years in prison. But who were they exactly? One journalist said that they came from “a certain community,” which is about as coy as you can get. Anyone reading the identities of the six accused would have noticed at once that most, if not all, must be Muslims. “Assad Hussain,” for example, is not exactly a Protestant Anglo-Saxon name.

Now I can understand the self-censorship we employ on such occasions. We don’t categorize court defendants as “Christian,” “Buddhist,” “Jewish,” or “atheist,” because this implies that our belief – or non-belief – in Jesus, Buddha or Yahweh has a connection to our criminal intent. We may be described as “British” in a court appearance – to distinguish us from French or Spanish citizens with whom we are accused of consorting in crime – but never as British Catholics.

But this was not the rubric followed in the Oxford case. For here, reporters plumped for a supposedly less-offensive word than “Muslim,” describing the criminals as members of an **“Asian gang”** (*shown below*).

Criminals of Pakistani or Bangladeshi origin, Muslims though they probably are, are technically of “Asian background.” The catch is that the word “Asian” usually means Chinese. Or Japanese. That’s not a dated or a racist idea. If we visit an Asian restaurant in London, we don’t expect to eat Arab food. If acquaintances say they are bringing an Asian friend to dinner, I expect to see a Chinese or Japanese or Burmese, Thai, Malaysian, or Indian person. But if they are bringing a Muslim friend, they would say just that, or Iranian or Pakistani or Arab.

And here we come to the point. To call a street gang “Asian” is deliberately misleading. Recent pedophilia cases in the UK have not involved Chinese. Or Japanese. Most recent cases have involved Muslims. The real subject to be confronted here, I fear, is the misogynistic, patriarchal world in which so many Muslims live.

The 9/11 attacks resulted in a lot of the sensibilities about “Muslims.” The killers were Arab Muslims. And we said so. But I have yet to hear the 9/11 hijackers referred to as an “Asian gang.” ★



Western media’s and politicians’ penchant for coddling Muslims on issues of crime is pathetic and only emboldens terror. Where are the statesmen willing to call ‘em as they see ‘em?
– Myles



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"Palestinians" Remaking Jesus

BY DAN CALIC / GodsEverlastingCovenant.com

A continuation of Calic's article in last month's Levitt Letter.



Many Western Christian leaders are standing with "Palestinian" Christians as they remake Jesus into a "Palestinian" and delegitimize what has been historically accepted as Jewish. Representatives from numerous mainstream Christian denominations have attended conferences and even embarked on speaking tours with "Palestinian" Christians who also defend Muslims, referring to them as fellow Arabs sharing a common enemy: Israel. ("Palestinians" are actually Arabs from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon who claim descent from a nation and people which never existed, and the world—ignoring history—plays along.)

Some "Palestinian" Christians claim that the drastic decline of the Arab Christian population is due to "Israeli checkpoints" and Israel's "occupation." They conveniently ignore reports confirming that the decline has nothing to do with Israel, that it's because of Muslim persecution, and it's taking place throughout the entire Muslim world, not just in areas under Israeli authority. At a recent event, I personally witnessed such factually incorrect comments made by Sami Awad, founder of the Holy Land Trust and a "Palestinian" Christian. He was touring with Lynne Hybels, wife of pastor Bill Hybels from Chicago's Willow Creek Church, which influences over 20,000 congregants.

The tiny number of Palestinians who do not align themselves with this revisionist effort have been ostracized by the majority who do.

The emerging partnership between mainstream Christians and revisionist Palestinian Christians is problematic for more than one reason. Uninformed audiences tend to accept what they hear. They share said information with friends, and soon a new "truth" emerges. It is said, *"If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it."* This is precisely what revisionists are counting on.

Another concern is that many Jews have been understandably hesitant to develop close relations with Christians due to their anti-Jewish views and actions for the past two millennia. However, in recent years, efforts to heal these hurts have been made by some Christians. Organizations like Christians for Israel International and Christians United for Israel have made sincere efforts to establish close relations with Jews and the people of Israel.

Yet, when Jews see Christians standing with "Palestinians" delegitimizing Israel and the Jewish Bible, progress in repairing centuries of pain and mistrust gets undermined.

"Palestinians" and Western Christians associated with them say that they are promoting "peace, justice, and reconciliation." However, how can delegitimizing Israel and the Jewish people, rewriting biblical scripture, and remaking Jesus into a Palestinian exemplify such noble ideals?

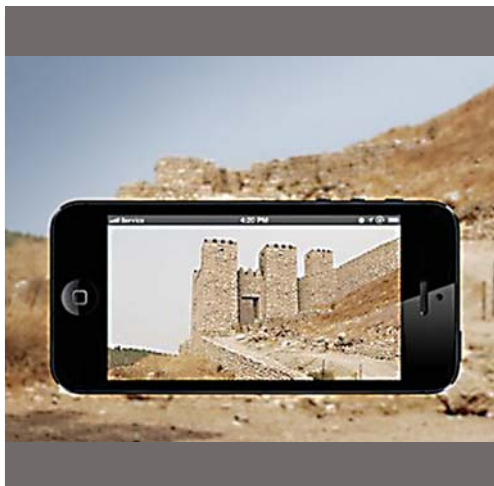
These ideals are being truly reflected in the efforts of Christians for Israel International and Christians United for Israel and organizations like them. Let's work for *true* "peace, justice, and reconciliation" and reject the views of those who *"repeat a lie often enough...."* ★

"If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it."
Revisionists are counting on it.



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SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS



Biblical Reality App: Architip

By Sasha Bogursky

ProphecyNewsWatch.com

Want to see what Jesus saw? There's an app for that. A team of entrepreneurs, tech innovators, and archaeologists have teamed up to create Architip, an augmented-reality program that brings Israel's ancient sites to life before your eyes — on your smartphone screen, of course.

"People want to touch the past and feel the story when they visit ancient sites," said Yaron Benvenisti, co-creator of the app. Architip bridges the "imagination gap."

Hold your smartphone in front of the Dome of the Rock and watch it transform into the Jewish holy site of the Second Temple, which was destroyed millennia ago. Or watch an old painting transform into the brightly-colored masterpiece it once was.

It's one of a wealth of new apps merging computer graphics with the real world. Although Architip is still in private beta testing, the app promises exciting news for archaeology buffs and tourists.

"There is something that compels us to visit these places," Benvenisti said.

See a demo of this application:
<http://wp.me/pieUD-1JQ>

More Israeli Arabs Doing National Service

By Yossi Aloni / IsraelToday.co.il

At a time when the Israeli government is struggling to get Ultra-Orthodox Jews into the army, a record number of Israeli Arabs are volunteering for national service.

Despite calls from leaders in the Arab community to shun national service, 3,000 young Israeli Arabs answered the call so far this year, a 76% increase from the 1,700 who volunteered last year.

At a June ceremony in Haifa, the National Service Administration welcomed the 3,000th Arab volunteer this year, Suriah Suad, who will do her national service by volunteering in the maternity ward at Ziv Hospital in Safed. Four other young Arab volunteers were presented with commendations for outstanding service.



The director of the National Service Administration, Sar Shalom Jarvi, noted that "it's not easy these days" for Arabs to choose to serve the Jewish state. "Just this morning the bus drivers who brought the young Arab volunteers to this ceremony were threatened."

Minister of Economy Naftali Bennett added, "Each of you has chosen to go forth and contribute to our nation, and this nation belongs to all of us. ... There might be those who do not like it, who do not want to see Arab and Jew living together in health and happiness, but we will not allow them to win."



Needed: Christian Ethos

By Josh Voorhees
www.Slate.com

The Washington Post's Max Fisher flags what one hopes is the most disturbing anecdote from Transparency International's biennial "Global Corruption Barometer," a report that in general hasn't reassured anyone about the structure of business and society around the world:

Corruption is so systemic in Zimbabwe, one of Africa's poorest countries, that a local hospital charges mothers-to-be \$5 every time they scream while giving birth. ... The \$5 hospital screaming fee, purportedly a charge for "raising false alarm" but clearly aimed at separating mothers from their money, is no joke. Gross domestic product per capita is only \$500 in Zimbabwe; average annual income per person is about \$150. Zimbabwean hospitals also charge a \$50 delivery fee. This means that, in a country where underemployment is 95 percent and poverty is rife, a mother who screams a few times during delivery might owe half her annual income after giving birth.

The organization found that roughly a quarter of the global population paid some type of bribe in the past year. The disturbing hospital anecdote aside, the report—which surveyed more than 100,000 people in 100-odd countries—suggests that the police and the court system are the most prone to bribery. Overall, nearly one-third said interactions with police included bribes.

The country where corruption appears to be the most rampant is Sierra Leone, where 84 percent reported paying a bribe. The least? A four-way tie between Australia, Denmark, Finland, and Japan at 1 percent. Seven percent of U.S. respondents said they'd paid a bribe.



Employees: Al Jazeera is Biased, Unprofessional

Middle East Media Research Institute
MEMRI.org

In July, a number of Al Jazeera employees resigned in protest over the channel's bias. They approached the channel's management in Qatar with the demand that it retract its editorial policy, which favors the Muslim Brotherhood (MB).

Fatma Nabil, known as the presenter with the hijab, said following her resignation: "[Injuring] the army constitutes a red line from my perspective, and I will not allow a mistake to be made on this score." She claimed that she resigned from Al Jazeera and doesn't know if she will ever be able to return to television because there are some people who identify her with the MB regime, since she wore a hijab while broadcasting.

Nabil criticized the manner in which the channel covered the events of June 30 and expressed the opinion that the channel attempted to support and empower the pro-Morsi demonstrators. Nabil added that during the months that she worked at Al Jazeera, "we had the feeling that the channel is partisan in favor of political Islam, and in most cases selectivity is exercised in broadcasting the text messages [of the viewers] on the channel, and even more so in the selection of guests and interviewees." ★

Seems counterintuitive. She goes on the air in full garb AND protests bias toward "political Islam." Of course, in our country, we have no problem with the media being biased (wink-wink). I hope they work it out in Egypt. —Myles

Mysterious Stone Structure Discovered Beneath Sea of Galilee

ARCHAEOLOGY: By Owen Jarus / LiveScience.com

A giant “monumental” stone structure discovered beneath the waters of the Sea of Galilee in Israel has archaeologists puzzled as to its purpose and even how long ago it was built. The mysterious structure is cone shaped, made of “unhewn basalt cobbles and boulders,” and weighs an estimated 60,000 tons, the researchers said. That makes it heavier than most modern-day warships.

Rising nearly 32 feet high, it has a diameter of about 230 feet. To put that in perspective, the outer stone circle of Stonehenge has a diameter just half that with its tallest stones not reaching that height.

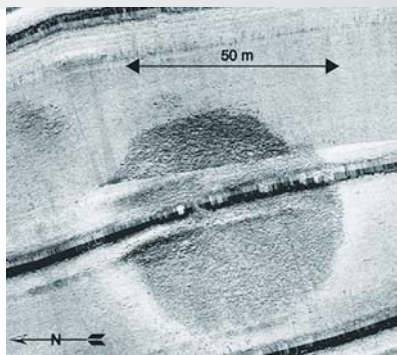
The structure was first detected in the summer of 2003 during a sonar survey of the southwest portion of the sea and appears to be a giant cairn, rocks piled on top of each other. Structures like this are known from elsewhere in the world and are sometimes used to mark burials. Researchers do not know if this structure was used for that purpose.

Divers say it is definitely human-made and probably was built on land, only later covered by the Sea of Galilee as the water level rose.

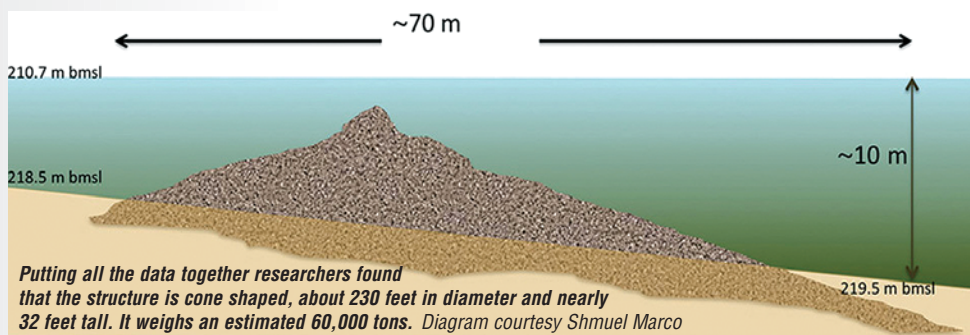
Underwater archaeological excavation is needed so scientists can find associated artifacts and determine the structure’s date and purpose, but researchers at the Israel Antiquities Authority and Ben-Gurion University list several examples of megalithic structures found close to the Sea of Galilee that are more than 4,000 years old. One example is the monumental site of Khirbet Beteiha, located some 19 miles northeast of the submerged stone structure.

If the third-millennium B.C. date proves correct, it would put the structure about a mile to the north of a city that researchers call “Bet Yerah” or “Khirbet Kerak.” During the third millennium B.C. the city was the most powerful and fortified town in Israel.

The research team writes that whoever built the structure needed sophisticated organization and planning skills to construct it. The “effort invested in such an enterprise is indicative of a complex, well-organized society, with planning skills and economic ability.”



The circular structure was first detected in a sonar survey of part of the sea in the summer of 2003. Shmuel Marco



Jerusalem Holy to Jews, Not to Muslims

By Morton A. Klein (r), Zionist Organization of America / ZOA.org



Jerusalem Day annually celebrates the reunification of Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty during the 1967 Six-Day War. It is not every day that an ancient people comes into repossession of its holiest city and age-old capital in a victorious war over enemies who, literally only a week before, had been waxing enthusiastic at the prospect of obliterating them.

Yet various governments withhold recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and call for its re-division — this time with the eastern half of the city, illegally seized and annexed by Jordan in 1948, going to a proposed "Palestinian" state.

To understand why this is neither likely nor advisable, it is worth revisiting four key issues: history, demography, law, and security.

History: Jerusalem is Judaism's holiest city, mentioned more than 600 times in the Bible and alluded to in countless prayers. Major Jewish rituals, including the conclusion of the Passover Seder and Yom Kippur service, end with the age-old affirmation, "Next year in Jerusalem" — meaning the historic, eastern half of the city with the Western Wall, Temple Mount, and other historic Jewish sanctuaries.

This was the capital of the biblical Jewish kingdoms and the site of three thousand years of Jewish habitation. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran, is not the direction in which Muslims turn to pray (as do Jews), nor has it ever served as a Muslim or Arab capital. Though it possesses Muslim holy sites, under Muslim control, it was no more a capital city than Mecca or Medina in Saudi Arabia or Qom in Iran. Indeed, under Jordan, which then claimed to speak for Palestinian Arabs, Amman remained the country's capital, not Jerusalem.

During the years of Jordan's illegal occupation of eastern Jerusalem (1948–67), Jews were entirely driven out, their 58 synagogues there were destroyed, and Jewish gravestones were used to pave Jordanian roads and latrines. Jewish access to the Western Wall was forbidden, despite signed agreements. The city became a backwater and its Christian population also declined. No Arab ruler, other than Jordan's King Hussein, visited it. As Abba Eban put it, "The secular delights of Beirut held more attraction."

Significantly, when the historic city was in Arab hands, neither the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) nor Fatah charters even mentioned Jerusalem, let alone a Palestinian state of which it need be the capital. This would never be obvious from the tenor and content of Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim pronouncements on the city today, which are as emphatic in claiming Arab, Muslim, and Palestinian primacy of the city as they are in denying its Jewish provenance.



Demography: Jerusalem is the only city in the world in which Jews have formed a majority since the 1880s. The Statistical Abstract for Jerusalem 2012 shows the city to be 64% Jewish. A 2007 poll showed that 59% of Israelis opposed, even in return for a peace agreement, Israel handing over to the Palestinian Authority (PA) various neighborhoods in the eastern half of Jerusalem. ★

Next month: Law and Security



Overhaul of Israel's Military

BY JOSHUA MITNICK (r) / *The Wall Street Journal*



Israel's military plans to downsize its conventional firepower such as tanks and artillery to focus on countering threats from guerrilla warfare and to boost its technological prowess.

The plan marks a sea change in Israel's decades-old outlook toward the main military threats it faces. Ever since it fought a multiple-front offensive by Arab armies in its 1948 war for independence, Israel's strategic planners and public have been dogged by fears of being overrun by enemy armies, with their backs to the sea.

Formidable militaries in Egypt and Syria, which fought together against Israel three times in a quarter century, are now mired in domestic unrest. The war against President Bashar al-Assad has worn down the Syrian army; Egypt's military is busy trying to stabilize the country amid a political crisis.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has often highlighted Israeli concerns about the rise of instability in the region since 2011. The new direction is significant because it underlines a new belief among Israeli military planners that the turmoil wreaked by the Arab Spring has eased some of the major risks to Israeli national security.

The army plans to cut thousands of career officers, shut ground-force units, eliminate air-force squadrons, and decommission naval ships over a period of five years, said an Israeli army spokesman who declined to provide more details.

The changes are part of a plan to cut about \$830 million from the military budget. Israel's military has come under pressure from the Israeli treasury and the public to chip in with cuts after years of spending increases.

Defense chiefs and military analysts said that the overhaul would focus on countering threats from guerrilla armies with rockets embedded in civilian areas, such as Hezbollah and Hamas—conflicts known as asymmetric warfare.

Israel will also focus on cyber warfare and confronting Iran, which it accuses of seeking to build a nuclear weapon.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said future battles would be decided based on the IDF's technological superiority. ★

Our ministry team prays for wisdom for America's and Israel's leaders. Many voices call for the militaries to be "smaller and smarter." Please pray that they make the right decisions based on security and not political expedience. —Myles



Jewish Humor, etc.

Honesty

An old Jewish man hurries through a train station, toting heavy suitcases. After hesitating a moment, he asks a fellow traveler, "What do you think about Jews?"

The man replies, "I am a big admirer of the Jewish people."

The old man asks the same question of another traveler, who answers, "I'm fascinated by Jewish achievements in culture and science."

The Jew thinks for a moment and then poses his question to one more traveler, who tells him, "I don't really like Jews, and I'm happy if I have nothing to do with them."

"You're an honest man," says the elderly Jew. "Will you please watch my luggage while I go to the men's room?"



A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22



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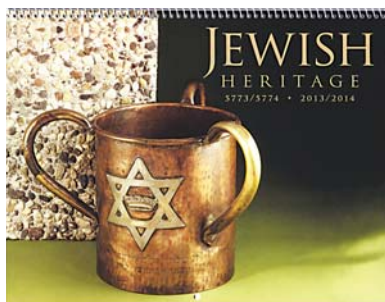
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