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You probably underestimate how much your partnership affects our ministry's workers every day. So I'd like to thank you for lifting our spirits with every letter, telephone call, and email that you send. Your encouragement rallies us in our ceaseless endeavors to lead spiritually hungry people to the Lord, share the Jewish roots of Christianity, and trumpet the continuing significance of Israel in Bible prophecy.

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I'm particularly excited for you to read this *Levitt Letter*. You'll hear from Myles on "keeping the Main Thing the main thing" and learn about tiny Israel's latest endeavors to improve healthcare for the world. John Parsons's Hebrew Lesson also serves as an inspirational Bible lesson. We dig into a bit of archaeology and offer important information that doesn't make the evening news. Plus, you'll read a report from one of our To The Jew First ambassadors who shared Messiah with Israelis, and enjoy some cutting-edge cartoons and a smidgen of Jewish humor.

I hope our news magazine's mixture of Bible teaching and incisive commentary emboldens your faith in Yeshua and galvanizes your earthly work for the Lord.



Shalom, and "Pray for the peace of Israel!"

Margot, Newsletter Editor  
Zola Levitt Ministries

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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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# Palestinians Don't Want Peace with Israel

By Morton A. Klein & Daniel Mandel  
JNS.org

Recently, Palestinian Authority (PA) Minister of Religious Affairs, Mahmoud Al-Habbash, delivered a paean to Sheik Ahmad Yassin, founder and leader of Hamas, the terrorist organization in Gaza that has murdered hundreds of Israelis in scores of suicide bombings, calling him a Palestinian "icon." How can peace talks with Israel and glorifying a terrorist chieftain coexist in the Fatah-controlled PA?

Al-Habbash gave us the answer last summer when he linked the peace talks to the Treaty of Hudabiyah (628 A.D.).

Hudabiyah was a peace agreement between Mohammed and the Meccan Quraysh tribe. But when a Quraysh tribe breached the treaty by attacking a Mohammed tribe, Mohammed, who had organized a huge army, used this pretext to attack the Qureishis. The Qureishis surrendered.

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**The Israel Defense & Rescue Forces** *L'Chaim! To Life!*

By Eli Hazan  
IsraelHayom.com

In August 1953, Greece was hit by one of the worst earthquakes in its history. The devastation was most pronounced on the islands of Cephalonia, Zakynthos, and Ithaca. At the time, Israel's navy, on its way to becoming the high-quality military force it is today, was wrapping up exercises in the Mediterranean. When they received the distress call from Greece, several ships rushed to the scene.

Israeli soldiers labored for three days, commanding American and British teams, and cooperating to save hundreds of lives and extend medical care to tens of thousands. At the time, Greece did not have diplomatic relations with Israel, but the Greek king conveyed his heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

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This approach, says Al-Habbash, has “brought us to where we are today.”

“The world recognizes the [Palestinian] state. This never would have happened ... only through the wisdom ... exactly like the Prophet [Mohammed] did in the Treaty of Hudabiyah. ... This is the model,” he said.

In short, the Hudabiyah strategy—working towards the weakening and eventual elimination of Israel through negotiations—has been the operative Palestinian strategy since the Oslo Accords 20 years ago.

When Arafat told a confidential meeting of Arab ambassadors in Stockholm in January 1996 that the aim of Oslo was “splitting Israel psychologically,” and “eliminat[ing] the State of Israel and establish[ing] a purely Palestinian State” that would “make life unbearable for Jews,” the revelation was ignored, even by Israel.

Arafat’s successor, Mahmoud Abbas, has made it clear that not only has he not accepted Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state (“I do not accept the Jewish State, call it what you will.”) but he also intends to set up a Jew-free state (“When a Palestinian state is established, it would have no Israeli presence in it.”).

Questioned on the need for recognizing Israel, Abbas replied that, while official recognition was unavoidably necessary to obtain vital Israeli concessions, “It is not required of Hamas, or of Fatah, or of the Popular Front to recognize Israel.” And, indeed, Abbas’s Fatah has never altered its Constitution that calls for the destruction of Israel and the use of terrorism to achieve it.

Words and bombs are thus the Fatah/PA strategy, a strategy made possible only by duplicity. That’s why the late Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini once dubbed it the strategy of the “Trojan Horse,” in which the Palestinian regime installed via negotiations would serve “our final aim: the liberation of all of historical Palestine, from the river to the sea.”

That’s why senior PA figure Abbas Zaki told an Arab audience, “If I say that I want to remove [Israel] from existence, this ... is not a [stated] policy. You can’t say it to the world. You can say it to yourself.”



That’s why the PA claims to be interested in a negotiated peace, even while it tells its people repeatedly that the Jews have no historical connection or rights in Jerusalem or anywhere else.

In short, the PA has a long-established policy of duplicity about its anti-peace intentions. ★



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## L'Chaim! To Life! *(continued from cover sidebar)*

Nor did Greece forget what Israel had done, paying homage with a special ceremony 37 years later. The Greek rescue was the first in a long line of relief operations that established the State's humanitarian and ethical character as a "light unto the nations," a country that was always among the first to help others in distress. Since then, this has become a tradition. Saving lives and choosing life is a founding ethos of Judaism and the State of Israel, not only because it is a basic human value, but because it is part of our tradition, as stated in Deuteronomy 30:19: "And you shall choose life."

Over the last 60 years, Israel has extended its hand, saved lives, and provided humanitarian aid in places all over the world where natural disasters have occurred: not just Greece, but Turkey, Haiti, African countries, and now the Philippines. It is not just the Israeli government and Israel Defense Forces doing God's work, but Israeli volunteer organizations, including citizens who drop everything to volunteer in places where nature has turned cruel.

This humanitarian strain is expressed within Israel as well. For instance, Israeli hospitals treat wounded victims of the Syrian civil war. Israel also provides "Palestinians" with medical aid, despite the fact that Palestinian terror operatives do everything they can to hurt Israelis. This was blatantly manifest when Gaza/Palestinian terrorists bombed Ashkelon's Barzilai Medical Center at the same time that doctors and nurses in the hospital were treating Gazan wounded.

Despite Israel's outstanding humanitarianism, the country's delegitimizers and haters try to make the country look evil. We're not just talking about the inflammatory material produced by the Palestinian Authority and Muslim Arab countries, but also the fact that while Israel was helping earthquake victims in Haiti, a video appeared on YouTube claiming that Israel was stealing organs from patients. ★



Meet baby Israel—First birth after Typhoon Haiyan in the "IDF in Philippines" field hospital.

# Keeping the Main Thing the main thing

**Myles To Go**  
By Myles Weiss  
ZLP Co-host



In the swirl of year-end and New Year holidays, deadlines, celebrations, family gatherings, and general *mishegas* (Yiddish for “craziness”), I find it more important than ever to keep Yeshua in my viewing screen. This time of year it seems too easy to crowd Him out! That is why—now, more than ever—I feel the need to recommit to my Messiah and take extra time to be with Him, leading me to a deeper sense of gratitude. The title is instructional for this season... and always. Yeshua is the Main Thing.

My wife Katharine is awesome. She just passed a landmark birthday. (Not sayin’ how old, but she’s nifty, if you catch my drift.) During the beautiful celebration for her, I thought of how she encourages me to strengthen my private relationship with Yeshua. She is a dedicated intercessor, with prayer time and seeking the Lord’s face a natural supernatural part of her life.

I seem to get distracted by tasks at hand and “deadlines and commitments.” This is a particularly noisy time of year. So I must arise earlier to seek the satisfying solitude of His company. King David has some royal wisdom for us all.

*Psalm 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.*

David wrote these powerful words as he wandered the Judean wilderness. It was not his first pass through the severe silence of the desert. In fact, it was his third time in the area. The inhospitable desert was familiar to him. First, he grew up tending the sheep at the edge of the desert. Bethlehem, his hometown, was situated between the agricultural hill country of Judah and the rough-and-

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*Katharine Weiss and son Stephen (see his story on p.6)*





tumble desert where skilled shepherds could feed their flocks. The available pasture sprouted up amid the endless rocky terrain, and the shepherd would need to know where to find it.

Next, David ran through this area when King Saul was trying to kill him. By the time David wrote Psalm 63, he was running from his own son!

This very terrain yielded the poetry of David. It was indeed “a dry and thirsty land...” King David wrote Psalm 63 while running for his life. His son Absalom had fomented an uprising against him. This has to be the second most painful thing a parent can face. The first would be the death of a child.

The barrenness of the environment matched David’s agonizing emotional landscape. In the midst of it all, David used poetry to instruct us in seeking the Lord. Regardless of inner turmoil or outward tumult, we can “keep the Main Thing the main thing!”

*Because Your lovingkindness is better  
than life,  
My lips shall praise You. Thus I will  
bless You while I live;  
I will lift up my hands in Your name.*

PSALM 63:3–4



*The Judean Wilderness*



# A Son of Covenant Comes Home

By Stephen Weiss  
Son of Myles  
& Katharine



Last summer, my friend Todd and I set out on an overseas adventure, participating in Birthright, a gift to Jewish young people of an all-expenses-paid tour of Israel to connect us to our roots. After an exhausting 12-hour flight, I peeped out the window to see that we were approaching Tel Aviv. The Hasidic (Orthodox) Jewish passengers broke out their prayer gear and began a constant bob of their torsos up and down, reciting prayer after prayer. Thunderous clapping filled the plane as the wheels touched down safely in the Holy Land. After meeting with our group, we boarded the bus and hit the road.

Our first day consisted of long hikes and historical talks in the burning July heat. Our group seemed uncomfortable, with everyone trying to energize after the beginning of a lazy summer. The group didn't click initially. Instead little cliques formed, setting some on edge toward others. Our young counselors tried to spread enthusiasm about the trip, but they were quietly disappointed in the group's attitude. This tension continued for four days.

On day five, our bus added more passengers, and the atmosphere changed dramatically. The newcomers were Israeli soldiers on active duty with the IDF (Israel Defense Forces). A new energy filled the bus. Conversations peppered the air as we pestered the soldiers with questions. When we went rafting on the Jordan River, each raft included a soldier whose presence helped us to bond with our new friends during a fun activity. A newfound excitement and appreciation for Israel's culture overtook our hearts and minds.

After the river trip, we visited **Mount Herzl, a national military cemetery west of Jerusalem** and also the burial site of many great Israeli heroes including Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir, and Theodor Herzl. Our group's outlandish conversations and irreverent joking abruptly halted and we stood in silence, realizing where we stood.

We visited four particular graves and learned about the lives of the heroes lying there. I looked around at other headstones. I couldn't read the Hebrew, but I saw the numbers 18, 19, 20, 21, 19, 20 displayed on most. My guide said that I was seeing the ages of the fallen soldiers. The numbers shocked me! My stomach churned as I realized that I was older than some of these brave soldiers. The passion I felt was overwhelming. Mount Herzl dramatically affected our Israeli companions too, and we could see their eyes tear up. The graves belonged to soldiers who were kids just like them, and well could have been them.



Mount Herzl Cemetery

I felt insignificant—disappointed in my life thus far. Of course, I am happy to be alive and very blessed. But these kids had given their lives for their country—a country that blesses the world. The awesome meaning of the restoration of Israel became personal for me.

*"I need to do something with my life,"* I thought.

I want to change the world too. ☆



# Another Son of Covenant



## Young Recruit With Cerebral Palsy Volunteers for Full Service in the IDF

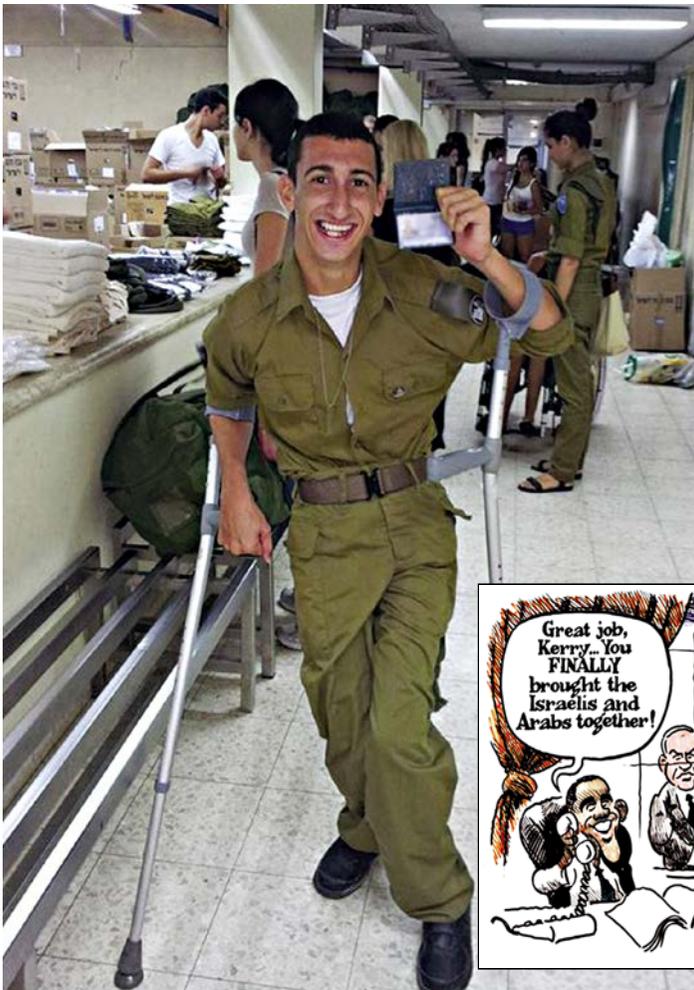
By Ben Levy / IDFblog.com

*A new recruit to the IDF shares his personal message of overcoming challenges to serve his country.*

Every citizen in the State of Israel, no matter whether born with a disability or not, needs to serve his country. Trust me, volunteers do as much as the soldiers recruited by law, and sometimes even more.

My name is Ben Levy. I was born with cerebral palsy and I'll be 20 in a month. From a young age, it was clear to me that I wanted to be a soldier. My dad is a policeman, and my brother is a paratrooper. At home, they always taught me to serve the country and to give of myself as much as I can. Two years ago, I got an exemption from the army, but my affair with the IDF had only just begun.

Recently, I enlisted in the IDF for a full two years of service.



So what's my message? Give as much as you can, and don't ever give up on yourself. If everyone says he can't do it, there will be no one left to defend this country. I'm not different from anyone else here.

★  
Pvt. Ben Levy  
IDF soldier



# How Ignorance Breeds Bias

By Sarah Honig  
www.JPost.com



I wish other Israelis had been with me in Ireland. In the tiny town of Cahersiveen, they would have been reminded of what we face in the international community and why it has nothing to do with how we conduct ourselves, how many concessions we make at the expense of our physical safety, or how much we sacrifice our rights to our historic homeland. It's all beside the point. Distortions about us are disseminated to folks who know next to nothing about the Mideast and its complexities. Still, they are convinced that we are the bad guys.

Picturesque Cahersiveen straddles the Ring of Kerry, a tourist trail in southwestern Ireland. On the town's main street, three boisterous teenagers in Santa hats, carrying a collection box and signs reading "Free Palestine" solicited my contribution.

I asked: "Free Palestine from whom?"  
The cheery trio's swift answer: "The Jews."

I pressed on: "Do you know where your money would go?" The boys: "To plant olive trees."

"Are you sure," I continued, as little old ladies generously dropped coins into the collection box, "that this money wouldn't fund terrorists and murderers?" Their retort threw me for a loop: "What do you have against Palestinians? They are only against Jews."

I asked what they knew about the conflict. Only that Israel is the ogre and the Palestinians are worthy of compassion. The boys never questioned any of this.

I asked if they knew of the Palestinian Authority's persecutions of Christians, but they had never heard of the Palestinian Authority and didn't know that Palestinians are overwhelmingly Muslim. There was little point in lumbering them with elementary information.

Their teacher said that he'd brought them out during school hours to do a pre-Christmas Christian deed "to further a humanitarian goal." The goal: collect money to enable the Palestinians to replace olive trees because "Jews stole their lands."

This was a sanctioned school event, part of inculcating in the children a commitment to charitable work. I wondered aloud if something else wasn't being inculcated. When I told the teacher what the three boys had said about Jews "always being villains," and one youngster's aside that "they crucified our Lord," the teacher nodded in agreement.

"Isn't there another side to this story?" I asked. The squawk was all about rights, but not the rights of Jews. The bottom line for Cahersiveen's juveniles was that the Israelis are the tyrants and the Palestinians the sainted victims. It's black and white with no grays, no background. And herein lies our problem: We, as a people, face bias we can do nothing about.



Teens with "Save Palestine" sign. Photo: Sarah Honig



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The powerful predisposition against us is not fueled by our behavior, because nobody knows much about how we behave, and nobody cares to learn.

The Cahersiveen youngsters will surely grow into decent adults, but ingrained in their psyches will be the notion of Jewish villains and Palestinian martyrs. This bias, because it was formed so early, is intangible and impervious to all Israeli public relations, and historical dissertations are too convoluted to dispel preconceived antipathy.

Facts are irrelevant. ★

Sadly, the blind acceptance of such anti-Israel propaganda is commonplace. —Myles

## Ireland Marks Israeli Products with Yellow Stickers

By Itamar Eichner / YNetNews.com



Israeli dates in Irish grocery store marked with yellow sticker

A pro-Israeli activist residing in Dublin, Ireland was shocked this week when he discovered that a Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) organization had taped yellow stickers on Israeli products reading "For justice in Palestine, Boycott Israel."

Among the many items found carrying the yellow boycott sticker was a pack of dates from the Jordan Valley. One of the stickers read: "Organic dates—produce of West Bank; Israeli Settlement Produce."

The call for boycott is directed not only at products made in Israeli settlements but at Israeli products altogether—even though the sticker notes the product was made in the West Bank. Similar stickers were placed on other products in the Tesco supermarket chain.

Tesco is a British chain originally established by Jewish businessman Jack Cohen, the son of Jewish immigrants from Poland. Cohen's grandchildren and great-grandchildren reside in Israel. The chain operates 142 grocery stores in Ireland and over 6,000 stores in 11 other countries.

The BDS activity in Ireland is one of the most serious anti-Israel movements in Europe. It joins the Irish policy that pushes for marking all products from the West Bank in retail stores all over Europe.

Sources in the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem said that the phenomenon is severe and it is not by chance that the BDS organization chose to express its protest with a yellow sticker, which is reminiscent of yellow Stars of David during dark days of Nazi racism and incitement. ★

Unfortunately, BDS seems "normal" to the modern world. Such repetition of history is lost on world leaders and policy makers ... or is it? —Myles



# Trailblazing Educators & Israel's Rebirth

BY EITAN SHISHKOFF Our Man In Haifa



Perched on the crest of the Mount Carmel ridge, overlooking Haifa, are two of Israel's finest schools—the Technion (known as the Israeli M.I.T.) and University of Haifa. A lesser-known college produces superb teachers who enter the kindergartens, grade schools, and junior/senior high schools of Israeli neighborhoods. Gordon College is named for A.D. Gordon (1856–1922). Gordon was an early Zionist pioneer who helped lay the foundation for the modern State of Israel.

A charismatic educator and community activist, **Aaron David Gordon** arrived in Israel at age 48. He believed that the transformation of the Jewish people from oppression to liberation could only come through honest labor, linked to the land. This love for the land and its cultivation led him ultimately to settle in the Galilee. He felt that a healthy society could be more effectively built through family and community than through political parties and government.



Concerning Israel as a nation resurrected in the 20th century, he wrote:

*We are engaged in a creative endeavor the like of which is itself not to be found in the whole history of mankind: the rebirth and rehabilitation of a people that has been uprooted and scattered to the winds.*  
("Our Tasks Ahead" 1920)

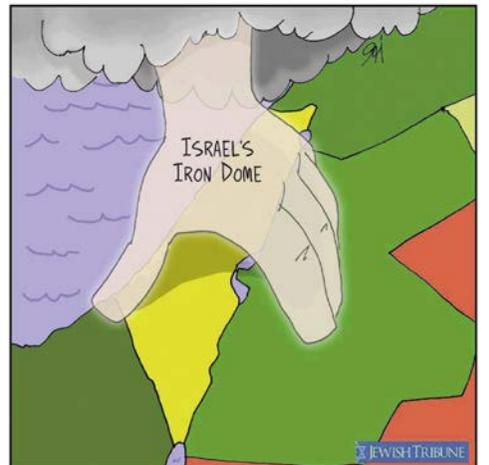
Like A.D. Gordon, **Katya Morrison** (1950–2013) arrived in Israel in her 40s. And like him, she saw the need for training young people in order to

build a new society. Katya and her husband, Moshe, joined Connie and me in 1994 to establish the Tents of Mercy network of congregations and humanitarian aid centers in the Galilee. Working largely with families of new immigrants in the context of Messianic Jewish education, she created lessons in three languages (Hebrew, Russian, and English) in order to serve the needs of new Israelis. A dedicated follower of Yeshua from the age of 22, Katya impacted hundreds of young people and their families through her determined, unheralded labors to train them in the Scriptures and in living an Israeli Jewish life in Messiah.



The resurgent Messianic Jewish community in Israel is still young. Without true pioneers like Katya Morrison, we would not be able to build a movement of sufficient quality and strength to make Yeshua known to His own nation. A.D. Gordon and those like him brought a dead nation back to life physically. Katya and those like her are bringing the nation back to life spiritually. ★

*This is personal to us: our Napa California congregation is blessed by Katya's son and daughter-in-law. —Myles*



# History of the Middle East from a Moderate Palestinian Muslim

CLASSIC ZOLA: 1982—32 years ago



I want to try to give a balanced perspective of how we got to the present state in the Middle East. Some people aren't aware of the background of the combatants. Many confuse the PLO with the Palestinian people in general, and many suppose the Israelis are a part of some legendary Jewish movement to overthrow the world. I'm going to try explaining this difficult situation from the perspective of a Palestinian Muslim and an Israeli Jew.

**As a Palestinian Muslim**, my goal is to re-occupy what I regard to be my homeland. My father lived in Israel and his father before him. We had property, schools, shops, etc. We were not part of the Holocaust or of World War II and we owe nothing to the Jewish people. When the Israeli Jew tells me that Israel is really **his** land because his Holy Book says so, I tell him that I don't believe in his Holy Book. I have a holy book of my own that tells me the Jew is an infidel.

In 1948 when the United Nations partitioned Israel and gave a big part of it to the Jewish people, they gave away my fields, my roads, my towns, and all the rest that I had made. The Jewish people who came to occupy the land under that UN mandate told me that I could stay but I preferred to fight them. After all, it was my land and I didn't want to become a citizen of some strange foreign state. I lost that war, and the Israeli Jews occupied even more of my land. I then had

to live under their rule for many years. I cannot say that they were difficult to live with; in all fairness, they improved the land, made it productive, and defended it against superior Arab forces. But they were immigrating in greater and greater numbers and I still yearned for my independence.

Then certain factions among my people formed an army. It was called the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). The PLO sought to free us from occupation and get our land back. It was definite in its aims and condemned the Jewish State of Israel. It wanted to wipe them out. But my army proved no match for the Israeli Jews; its only effective weapon became terrorism. Yet I think it was justified because Jews were occupying my land. I'm sorry for all the killing and all the sneak attacks, but what else could I do? My army at first operated out of Jordan and, when we were put out of there, from Lebanon.

This might be the view of an average Palestinian Muslim. More-radical and more-conservative opinions of this complex situation exist. A Palestinian Muslim might say, "Kill them all" and another might say, "Leave them alone; I never had it so good." I have attempted to characterize a middle-ground point of view. Next month, I will try to characterize a middle-ground Israeli Jewish point of view. ★

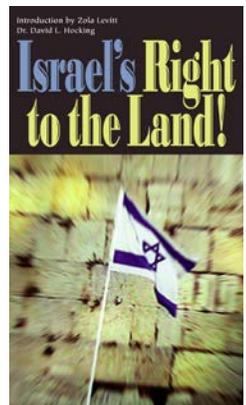


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(Also see the article "Jews Indigenous to the Holy Land" on p. 33.)

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# Who is the Synagogue of Satan?

Dr. Todd D. Baker  
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Staff Theologian



**Q** In both Revelation 2:9 and 3:9, our Lord Jesus Christ through Apostle John addresses the apostate religion of the Synagogue of Satan (those who claim to be Jews but are not) and warns the Church of this false doctrine. Since Revelation is a prophetic book, it is my belief that the Synagogue of Satan that Jesus refers to is today's heretical teaching of Replacement Theology, certain Christian religions claiming that they are now the possessors of the Jews' inheritance and blessings. I have written numerous "Christian Scholars" about my theory, but none have even bestowed the courtesy of a reply. For some reason, they seem to want to avoid this subject. What do you think? Could I be correct?

**A** Originally, in the historic context of the first century, the Synagogue of Satan referred to physical Jews who were not true spiritual Jews as described by the Apostle Paul in Romans 2:28-29:

<sup>28</sup> A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

<sup>29</sup> No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

They were active in the persecution of the new Christian Church and were exposed by Jesus for the frauds that they were. "Christians" today who say that God has permanently replaced physical Israel with the Church claim that the Church is the new Israel. No, we are not physically Jews replacing the Jews of the physical seed of Abraham. God has not cast them away, and the physical nation of Israel will always exist as He promised in Jeremiah 31:35-37:

<sup>35</sup> Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name):

<sup>36</sup> "If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the Lord, then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever."

<sup>37</sup> Thus says the Lord: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord."

and Romans 11:1-2.

<sup>1</sup> I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup> God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.

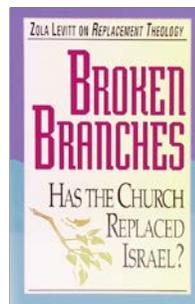
Anyone who says otherwise is promoting the satanic doctrine of Replacement Theology.

**So, to answer your question: Yes.** Though the Sanctuary of Satan originally referred to physical Jews who persecuted the Church, today it can spiritually apply to those of Replacement Theology who claim to be the new Jews replacing Israel, which they are not. ☆

*We at ZLM highly recommend Zola's excellent book dealing with the important subject of Replacement Theology in the Church. (See p.18)*

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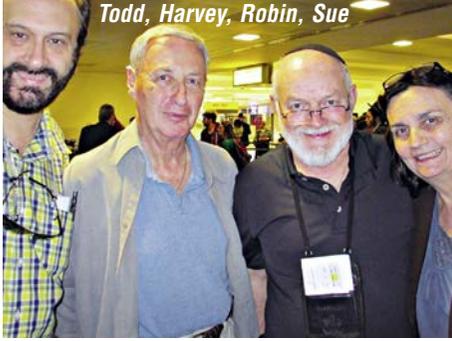
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# Divine Encounters

BY KATHRYN SUE HOPPER

**To The Jew First's** 28th Gospel Outreach began when Harvey Zion and my husband Robin and I joined Todd Baker in Netanya on Israel's beautiful Mediterranean coast.



Todd, Harvey, Robin, Sue

Our team prayed together before venturing into a nearby shopping area. At the Castro clothing store, when we gave **Omri** a Complete Jewish Bible—which includes the *Tanakh* (OT) and the *B'rit Hadashah* (NT)—he wanted to know how the Testaments are connected (answer: through the prophecies). We gave him *The Promised Messiah* tract (see link on this page) that lists in both English and Hebrew 17 OT prophecies and their fulfillments in the NT. Todd and Harvey continued discussions with Omri and hope to visit him again next trip.



At the drugstore, a young Orthodox woman named **Michal** accepted a Complete Bible and commented that she was open to reading it, although her husband would not be. I smiled as I thought how the Holy Spirit waters the seeds that we plant here



**shaliach** \  
shah-LEE-ack\ n,  
pl **shelichim** \  
shell-LEE-kim\:  
one who is sent,  
an emissary.

*And how shall they preach, except they be sent?* Rm. 10:15. Please visit:

[www.levitt.com/announcements#messiah](http://www.levitt.com/announcements#messiah)  
for "The Promised Messiah"  
printable tract.

Rm. 1:16



in the apple of God's eye.

That first day, the four of us handed out seven Complete Jewish Bibles.

In Tiberias—in the Galilee on the shores of the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)—our witness met with resistance. Because of the large Orthodox community there, many are closed to the Gospel of Jesus. We did, however, give Bible tracts to a security guard and a woman at a shoe store. Robin and I discovered that, in general, the people we came across seemed receptive, taking our pamphlets about prophecy. Todd and Harvey were blessed to give away several Bibles in Tiberias, one to a cook at a pizza parlor!

Before we drove to Mount Hermon in the northernmost part of the country where Israel meets Lebanon and Syria, we prayed for divine appointments with IDF soldiers stationed there. On the road to the mountain, we enjoyed vistas of Capernaum (the Village of Comfort) — *"Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea"* (Matthew 4:12–13)—the Jordan River, Megiddo, and the Bashan area.

Our journey to Mt. Hermon was fruitful: Two IDF soldiers gladly received the Complete Bibles. On our way to Kiryat Shmona, we stopped in Nimrod at a *shuk* (farmer's market) where we met a man from France. When we shared the Gospel of Yeshua, he said he was glad to have fellowship with Americans.

As a result of divine encounters in bookstores, shopping centers in Jerusalem, Eilat, and at the beach in Tel Aviv, we distributed a grand total of 63 Complete Bibles in Hebrew, plus a lot of *The Promised Messiah* tracts. ☆



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# 45 Top Israeli Inventions (6–11)

BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN (r) / Israel21c.org



One of Israel's sources of pride is the enormous number of inventions and innovations that have taken root on its soil over 65 years—despite challenges of geography, size, and diplomacy. The ever-churning Israeli mind has brought us drip irrigation, the cherry tomato, the electric car grid, the Disk-on-Key, and much more.

The Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem exhibited and demonstrated 45 indispensable Israeli inventions. Curator Varda Gur Ben-Sheetrit said that hundreds of ingenious inventions were considered for Inventions, Inc. She emphasized that many other Israeli inventions were deserving of being included. “We were, of course, constrained by space limitations, and also not every company we invited to exhibit responded,” she said.

We continue our series of the top 45 inventions highlighted at the exhibition, in no particular order.

6. **BabySense** is a non-touch, no-radiation device designed to prevent crib death. Made by HiSense, the device monitors a baby's breathing and movements through the mattress during sleep. An auditory and visual alarm is activated if breathing ceases for more than 20 seconds or if breath rate slows to less than 10 breaths per minute.

7. **EpiLady**, the first electric hair remover (epilator) secured a permanent place in the international beauty-care market in 1986.

8. **3G Solar** pioneered a low-cost alternative to silicon that generates significantly more electricity than leading silicon-based PV solar modules at a lower cost per kilowatt hour.

9. **MobileEye** combines a tiny digital camera with sophisticated algorithms to help drivers navigate more safely. The steering system-linked device sounds an alert when a driver is about to change lanes inadvertently, warns of an impending forward collision, and detects pedestrians. MobileEye has deals with GM, BMW, and Volvo, and others.



Photo courtesy of MobileEye

10. **Leviathan Energy** innovated the Wind Tulip, a cost-effective, silent, vibration-free wind turbine designed as an aesthetic environmental sculpture that produces clean energy at high efficiency from any direction.

*Turn the key at the Rav Bariach display and you'll see how secure cylinders come out of the door at various intervals*



Courtesy of Bloomfield Science Museum

11. **Rav Bariach** introduced the steel security door that has become Israel's standard. Its geometric lock, whose cylinders extend from different points into the doorframe, is incorporated into doors selling on five continents. ★



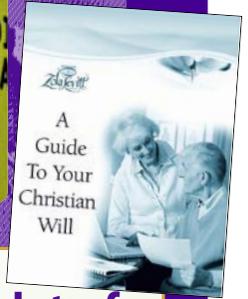
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# ZLM Bulletin Board

## Israel: Erased from Map!

The Holy Land has disappeared from a map in an Egypt-based adventure book for kids published by Scholastic, Inc., the world's largest publisher of children's books. Poof ... gone! The book, *Thea Stilton and the Blue Scarab Hunt*, tells about investigative journalists hunting for treasure in Egypt. Sudan, Libya, and Saudi Arabia appear on the map while Israel is covered by Jordan. The publishers said, "We are stopping shipments on this title, making the correction, and going to reprint. We regret the error." <http://bit.ly/171pnpB>

Map detail from the book *Thea Stilton and the Blue Scarab Hunt*.



## Praise Report/Request

You may recall that last March's *Levitt Letter* bulletin board announced that Dan Young, founder and former administrator of [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com), had moved up to 1A status for a heart transplant. Now he's had his surgery and is surviving nicely with his "new" heart. "It's been a rocky road as I have been back in the hospital five more times," he reports, "but I'm doing well."

He's out of the hospital now and would appreciate your prayers for restoration of strength. And thanks!

## Pamphlet of the Month

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## "Come Home!"

### Zola Tours to Israel



See page 36 for details



# Hebrew Lesson

## Wisdom and Folly

Classic By John J. Parsons



יִרְאַת יְהוָה רֵאשִׁית דְּעֵת חִכְמָה וּמוֹסָר אֲוִילִים בְּזוּ:

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge:  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)

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**In Western culture, there is an optimistic tendency to assume that the more knowledge someone has, the better.** Such an assumption is based on the ideal of technology, which seeks to control the environment for the supposed good of mankind. The wise man, according to the Greeks, is the worldly man of knowledge and power.

In Hebrew thinking, such a humanistic viewpoint is insufficient, since the fear of the LORD —*yirat Adonai*— is the starting point for knowledge. *Yirat Adonai* is the reverential awe at the glory of God's Presence, the first principle for all sound reasoning about the universe (and all that is in it). Without this underlying principle, even the most sophisticated human reasoning will be based on nothing more than the “*yada yada*” (from *yada*, the Hebrew verb “to know”) *of a fool*. **There are different types of fools described in the Bible**, each of which exhibits a lack of moral character and discipline (*musar*). Here are some of the most common terms:

**First**, there is “the simple one” (*peti*), described as someone who is immature, easily seduced, and unaware that sinful actions have consequences (Psalm 19:7, Prov 1:22, 14:15). **Next**, there is “the dullard” (*kesil*), described as someone who is obstinately opinionated and *slow* to realize that sinful actions have consequences. Third, there is “the fool proper” (*evil*), described as someone who insolently mocks at sin and *doesn't care* that sin has consequences (Prov 14:9, 1:22). **Then**, there's “the boor” (*naval*), a shameless and profane person who is a practical atheist (Psalm 14:1). **Finally**, (and worst of all), there is “the scorner” (*leitz*), a person who cynically and bitterly mocks (*yalitz*) everything in the world (Prov 21:24, 22:10). The end of the scorner is destruction (Prov 9:7, Isa 29:20).

The Western ideal of knowledge is ultimately *foolish*, because it repudiates the very idea of the “fear of the LORD,” and scorns the idea that moral discipline is important to understanding reality (just check your public school system for details). If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, then the lack of such results in vanity, ignorance, depravity, and stupidity.

As followers of Jesus in a society darkened by such vain imaginations, we are called to “walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph 5:15-16). **May God help us walk so wisely today.**



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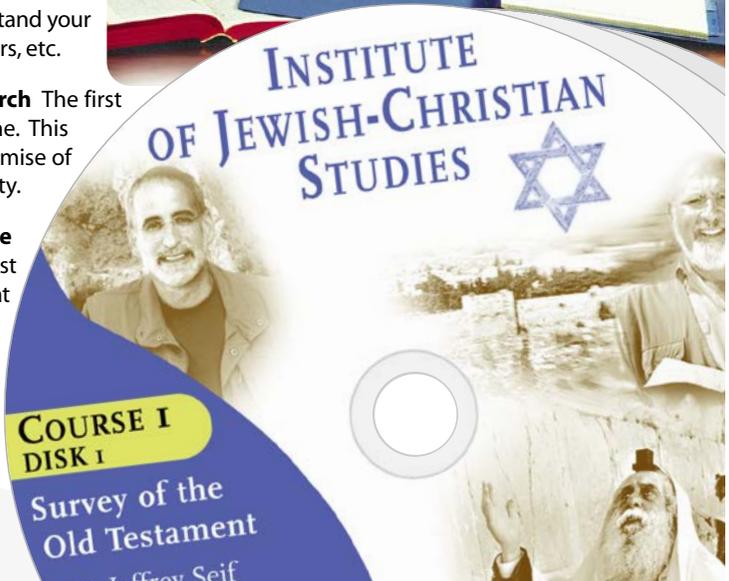
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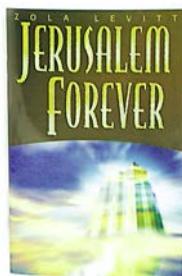
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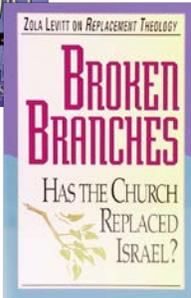
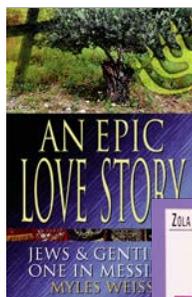
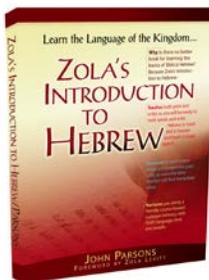
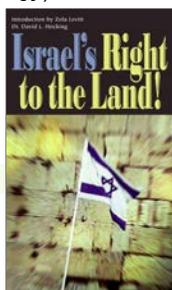
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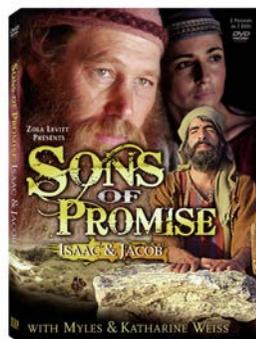
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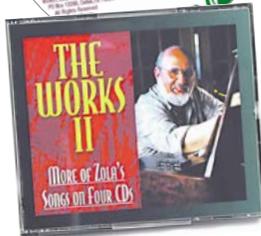
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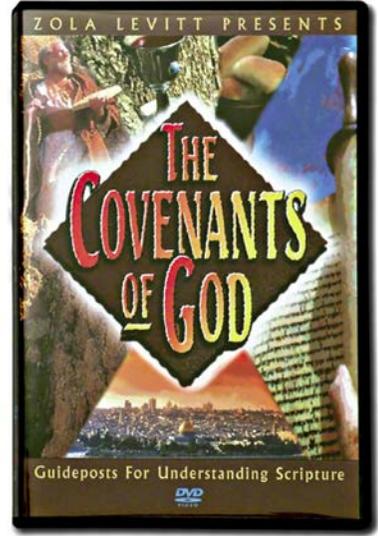


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# The State of Your Ministry

A NOTE FROM MARK / By Mark Levitt



Having recently celebrated my 25th anniversary as executive director of my father's/Father's ministry, I'm increasingly aware that your expectations for our outreach are on track with God's will.

Here is my annual report from the "engine room" of this outreach: What's going on management-wise at ZLM? Answer: preparation for the challenging and rewarding battle. We're also helping a few sister ministries.

Many supporters join and leave a succession of ministries, sampling and then tiring of each one's message. Some ministries teach that Christianity is a means to financial success, a close family, or staying happy. Our ministry's Bible lessons and ongoing chronicle of prophecy fulfillment help our supporters "keep oil in their lamps" (Matt. 25:1-13). And that only adds to the importance of our mission.

This outreach owns no real estate, production studios, TV cameras, or printing presses. We economize with well-managed mom-and-pop suppliers for our printing, tape duplication, and TV production. And we invest where it counts most: TV production, airtime, and producing quality teaching materials. Right now, our most significant material asset is our web store's inventory, described at <http://store.levitt.com>.

Granted, our employees could earn more with secular employers, but part of their paycheck is the joy of doing the Lord's work and the treasure they're stowing away in Heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). In the early days, we rented a full-scale studio to produce our TV programs. However, prior owners of Zola's house, where I now live, enclosed their whole backyard to make a huge den. That den now serves as our production studio.

You may not realize the impact of *Zola Levitt Presents* on viewers seeing it for the first time. But your support immeasurably benefits transient TV viewers and online readers. Imagine how many seeds we've planted by teaching the Bible on location from Israel over the airwaves in all fifty states and globally!

Many of you express interest in helping more. Besides your prayer and financial support, we need you as recruiters. Your friends would benefit from our TV programs and newsletters, so please pass *Levitt Letters* on to them and tell them to tune us in. As I've stressed before, if you're too cash-strapped to donate, then please do not send money. But you can still further God's Kingdom by praying for this outreach and by encouraging people to watch our programs.

One of our most potent opponents is still the infomercial. Advertising programs contrived to fill some trivial need garner more revenue than Bible lessons with brief product offers and low-key fund appeals. We won't harangue our viewers for contributions, so successfully competing for airtime requires more viewers and *Levitt Letter* subscribers. Will you kindly get a copy of our airing schedule (available by mail and at [www.levitt.com/airsch](http://www.levitt.com/airsch)) and amplify our message to your circle of friends and family? Thanks! ★





# Letters to ZLM

## Comments from [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

**From R.P. (TX):** I have learned much about being “grafted in” from you all. It has opened my understanding. I know you must hear it all the time, but the Scriptures have a whole new meaning and I really can’t explain how connected I now feel because of it. I purchased *Zola’s Introduction to Hebrew* and have worked my way through it. I am shocked at how easy it was to learn.

**From M.K. (CA):** I’ve had the *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* bumper sticker on my truck for over 14 years, and have yet to see one on another vehicle! My truck has been vandalized several times; but it’s a Christian witness, and every scratch, dent, and slashed tire for the name of Jesus and Jerusalem I accept.

**From M.F. (NC):** Thank you for continuing Zola’s ministry. I first heard him on TV in 1981. Since I discovered the station through Roku.com (<http://bit.ly/19KPeyZ>), I have been able, once again, to enjoy his teaching on a regular basis.

**From B.S. (WA):** I am buying *The Bible Jesus Read* as a gift for my son J. who is in jail and a new believer in Yeshua.

**From YouTube:** commenting on *Sar Shalom* (Prince of Peace)—Wonderful to see a Jew preach so tenderly about Christ. Thanks very much for making these episodes available for free online.



## God’s Borders

Dear ZLM,

In modern-day terms and geography, what would Israel’s borders look like if Israelis inhabited the land promised to Abraham? —J.G. (ME)

Dear J.G.— Israel’s borders would stretch from the Nile to the Euphrates (see Genesis 15:18–21; Exodus 23:31; Numbers 13:21; Ezekiel 47:15–20; 48:1, 28). This is a perimeter roughly 1,200 to 1,500 miles from half of Egypt, present-day Israel, part of Syria, and extending into present-day Iraq. —Todd

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## What's Your Calling?

Dear ZLM,

Please help me with an issue I am having in discussing Messianic Jewish life. I understand that saved Jewish people are to continue in Jewish traditions. Others counter that everything changed at Jesus' cross and resurrection.

Exodus and Leviticus repeat "This is a perpetual regulation" and "through all your generations." I have tried to tell them that this is not for their salvation, but because they are God's Chosen Ones.

Any help with this matter would be greatly appreciated. —K.B.

Dear K.B.—

1 Corinthians 7:17–20 makes clear that once saved, you are to live as you are called. A Jewish person who believes in Yeshua does not need to be a gentile, nor does a saved gentile have to become a Jew. A Messianic Jew does not give up his racial and cultural identity in order to appear like a gentile follower of Yeshua. Culture, race, and social order have no bearing on salvation or spiritual life as long as they do not violate Scripture. For more, see "Should Gentiles Keep Torah?" by Ron Cantor in the November 2013 *Levitt Letter*, p. 33. —Todd

## Will Moses or Elijah Return?

Dear ZLM,

I am studying the Old Testament. Malachi says that Elijah will usher in the Messiah. I read Malachi and can see how Jewish people in the past might not have recognized John the Baptist as Elijah. In the New Testament, John even said he wasn't Elijah. However, Jesus said (Matthew 11:14) that John was, but the way He put it is confusing to me: "And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, who is to come." Can you please explain this perplexity for me?

Also, my Bible says that Moses died. The historian Josephus writes that he did not, but that the people were told that in order to get them to follow Joshua. Isn't Moses supposed to return also? If so, how could he have died? However, Our Father would not tell his children to lie no matter what. This really is confusing to me. Thanks in advance for any help on both of these questions. —S.S.

Dear S.S.—

Elias is the Greek form of Elijah, in case the names confused you.

Your other questions can be untangled by looking at related New Testament passages that deal with the same theme. John was not the physical person of Elijah come to Earth from Heaven. Rather, he came in the "spirit and power of Elijah" (Luke 1:17). Had all of Israel received Yeshua at His first coming, then John would have been the spiritual fulfillment of Malachi 4:5–6.

Elijah (who did not die but was taken up in a whirlwind with a chariot and horses of flame) will return from Heaven in person. He will be one of the Two Witnesses prophesied to come during the Tribulation Period (Revelation 11:3–6) before the great and terrible day of the Lord's wrath on the Earth, prior to the second coming of Jesus. Scripture tells us that Moses did, in fact, die in the land of Moab, and the Lord Himself buried him (see Deuteronomy 34:5–6). —Todd



## How Firm A Foundation

Dear Myles,

I was very much impressed with the November issue of the *Levitt Letter*, especially Sid Roth's page 1 article, "The Most Anti-Semitic Act." It reflected my own concern about the direction so many "Hebrew Roots" congregations are going. We seem to want to bridge the gap between Jews and believing gentiles without laying the proper Cornerstone to support the structure—that Cornerstone being, of course, Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, some "Roots" congregations are so focused on *Torah* studies that they neglect fulfilling the Great Commission specifically ordered by the Lord. We need to do both.

Jesus certainly had no fear of presenting the Good News to the Jews; nor did Peter or Paul. Keep up the good work that you were called to do by the Holy Spirit. —L.A. (WA)

Dear L.A.—

We are blessed to build on the solid foundation that Zola laid down... the teaching of "Christianity through Jewish eyes" along with a clear Gospel of salvation through Yeshua alone. We also want to encourage Christians to support the Body of Messiah in Israel through our benevolence funds. Thank you for discerning our heart's motivation. Shalom —Myles and Katharine



## Good Teaching Never Grows Old

Dear ZLM,

When I was a young grad student at Hebrew University, Zola invited me to accompany his tour group for a day in Jerusalem. In particular, I remember a visit to the Upper Room where the excited group fell silent as their spirits drank in the heavenly echoes of Zola's recorder floating upward against the ancient walls. Precious memory.

Zola's teaching has never ceased to be a blessing, and I have been privileged to support the ministry for many years. Myles and Katharine, your knowledge of the Word and insight into the Hebrew roots of our faith seem a continuation of Zola's heart.

**Although political exigencies shift, the truth about Israel's spiritual identity does not.** Therefore, the teaching of your ministry never grows old. To the contrary, its importance increases the nearer we come to the Lord's glorious return. In Messiah's love —A.G.

Dear Myles and Katharine,

It was a joy to see you at the Glory of Zion *Rosh Hashanah* celebration, even via webcast. It caused me to renew my web connection to [Levitt.com](http://Levitt.com). Praise God for dear Zola Levitt!

My life and walk with the Lord have been transformed by the One New Man revelation in Ephesians 2. I understand why the enemy fought so hard for 2,000 years against us receiving this revelation. God bless you abundantly —V.C.

Shalom A.G. and V.C.—

Thank you both for your kind words and support of ZLM. *Rosh Hashanah* at Glory of Zion was a highlight for us as well. The ministry there is a wonderful example of a local Body (albeit with a global reach) that is leading the way in teaching the Church about Hebrew *Moedim* (appointed times) and the importance of our Hebrew roots. They also support ministries in the Land of Israel... a vital model for Western churches. Blessings —Myles



## The Takeover Continues

Dear ZLM,

I know Christians are not to return evil with evil, but unprovoked attacks on Christians get me riled up and angry.

Muslims are called to prayer five times a day. This “call” lasts five minutes. Non-Muslims in Dearborn, Michigan voiced displeasure. When it came to a vote, Muslims won and gave those who did not want to endure these calls the option to move.

Daniel prayed morning, noon, and night (Daniel 6:10). Christians are told to pray “without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2); but five times a day could counter the Muslim prayers. “*And being in agony, Jesus prayed more earnestly*” (Luke 22:44). —D.A. (OK)

Dear D.A.—

Dearborn is a beachhead for the Muslim practice of “*da’wah*”—the cultural infiltration that uses the laws of host countries to stealthily overtake them and prepare them for *sharia* (Islamic) law. Praise God, there are strong Christian Believers who stand their ground in this difficult battle. See also Geert Wilders’s article on page 34.

Islamization is a huge issue that we will continue to monitor in this ministry’s written and TV venues—the *Levitt Letter* and *Zola Levitt Presents*. Pray for those on the front lines in the unveiling of Islam’s intentions! Blessings —Myles

## Supporting More Than Appearances

Dear Mark,

Those very ministries that you judged in your September *Levitt Letter* article “Not an Iceberg” are also coworkers in our Lord Jesus Christ. It saddened me to hear such divisive language coming from your wonderful ministry. I am learning that our Lord uses even “grandiose” and “glitzy” ministries to draw men to Himself.

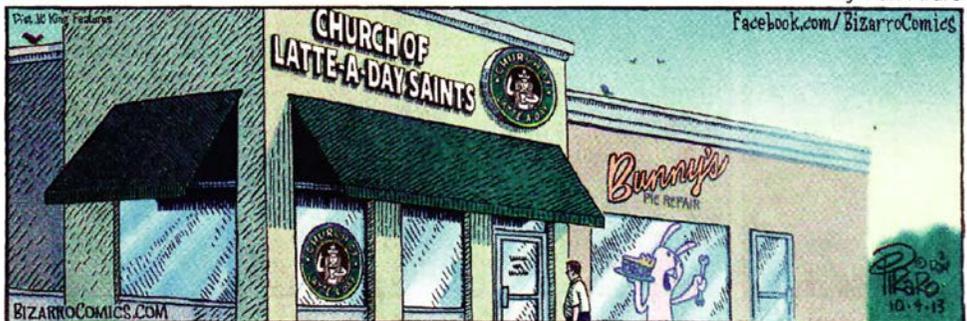
Love in our Lord Jesus Christ —B.G. (KS)

Dear B.G.—

Some fundraising operations, including those with a biblical varnish, do little more than hype the little they do. The bulk of their flashy studio productions resembles infomercials designed to peddle products while what teaching they offer is perpetually sparse. This is not to say that their efforts are valueless. However, my point remains: If you are led to underwrite meaty teaching filmed on location in the Land of the Bible from an organization that is lean and efficient (read: no slick ad agency), then we deliver “better for less” than high-overhead operations, God bless ‘em. —Mark ★

BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro



# Israelis Find Cure for Stem Cell Debate



SCIENCE: BY RUTHIE BLUM (r) / Israel21c.org

By now, the fact that Israel is the world's innovation hub is no longer a hot newsflash. But a recent medical/scientific breakthrough emanating from the Weizmann Institute illustrates the significance of Israeli ingenuity beyond the obvious benefits. The important and widely publicized revelation, conducted by a research team headed by Dr. Yaqub Hanna, involves the production of stem cells.

More specifically, it is the key to releasing the "brake" that holds back the reprogramming of mature stem cells to make them immature and pluripotent—capable of developing into all tissues of the body—a process whose discovery by scientists **John B. Gurdon** and **Shinya Yamanaka** led to their joint 2012 Nobel Prize.



The trouble with the reprogramming procedure was that it was neither quick nor efficient, which made it unusable for actual medical purposes. And herein lies the reason that the current Israeli team's findings are being treated with such fanfare: They have solved the problem of speed in the process of inducing the kind of stem cells needed to treat and cure a variety of diseases—**without the need to destroy human embryos**.

It was Gurdon and Yamanaka who discovered that embryonic-like stem cells can be created from adult skin cells. This was a great discovery, prior to which the only way to harvest stem cells was to remove the inner mass of an embryo. This practice raised moral and legal questions that are still being argued across the world.

The Israeli team has figured out how to avoid using embryos altogether. It is a huge accomplishment as it not only takes a scientific breakthrough to the next level, but is likely to eliminate a whole series of ethical dilemmas hindering medical progress. It is truly the start of something big and gives new meaning to the promise of "a light unto the nations." ★



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# DNA Testing On Your Smartphone

**MEDICINE: BY DAVID SHAMAH** / TimesOfIsrael.com



Genetic sequencing is no longer for the uber-wealthy and uber-patient: The option to sequence the human genome is available to anyone who has \$3,500 to spend and is willing to wait the 24 hours it takes to do the job. Pretty soon, the cost for sequencing is going to come down to about \$1,000.

So what can you do with your genomic DNA sequence? Soon you will be able to whip out your smartphone and analyze it, using an app developed by researchers at Tel Aviv University. Their app (and website) GeneG makes genetic analysis as simple as sending a text message or making a phone call.

"For the first time you can take your genome home and look at it whenever you want," said GeneG creator Noam Shomron. Shomron developed the GeneG app and website with TAU graduate students Ofer Isakov and Gershon Celniker.



Professor  
Noam  
Shomron

GeneG has the potential to make genetic testing as routine as a blood pressure test. Currently, someone who wants a DNA test needs to donate a separate sample of DNA for each test, as clinics that process the DNA generally test for only one specific item. The process involves traveling to the clinic to have blood drawn, sometimes more than once, and takes weeks to complete.

But for those who have had their genome "done," the process is much simpler. GeneG users upload their genome (in the standard VCF format used for gene sequence variations) to the site. Once online, they can submit the information in their account to standard digital genetic tests developed by organizations like the National Institutes of Health, Stanford University, and the European Bioinformatics Institute. There are currently hundreds of tests that can check for all sorts of information, such as diseases, the possibility of specific traits (hair and eye color), and so on. All of them can be done remotely just by clicking on a smartphone screen.

But GeneG is about more than DNA testing, said Shomron. Many scientists predict that as more people get control of their genetic data, they will demand solutions that are tailor-made to their needs and guided by the results of DNA tests. Naturally, said Shomron, the information uploaded to GeneG accounts will be kept secure, and users will have full control over the data, including who has permission to look at the test results.

In an era of such personalized medicine, for example, pharmaceutical companies could compound medications to order for specific patients based on their genetic data, ensuring that any potentially harmful elements that are generally found in off-the-shelf medications are kept out. Doctors will be able to develop more successful treatments for a range of maladies, from cancer to sleep disorders, based on the information yielded by GeneG's easy genetic testing system, said Shomron.

"If we give this power to the general public," he said, "it will put pressure on the medical field to catch up with this information." ☆





# Cyber-Attacks Current Method of Warfare

BY RYAN JONES (r) IsraelToday.co.il

Massive traffic congestion in and around the northern Israel city of Haifa last fall was the result of a targeted cyber-attack. An unnamed Israeli cyber-security expert speaking on condition of anonymity told the Associated Press that computer problems that caused major traffic jams for two days straight were more than just standard "technical difficulties."

According to this official, a Trojan-horse attack targeted security cameras in a tunnel, prompting officials to close the thoroughfare for 20–30 minutes. The next day, the system was hit again, resulting in an eight-hour shutdown and causing an estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.

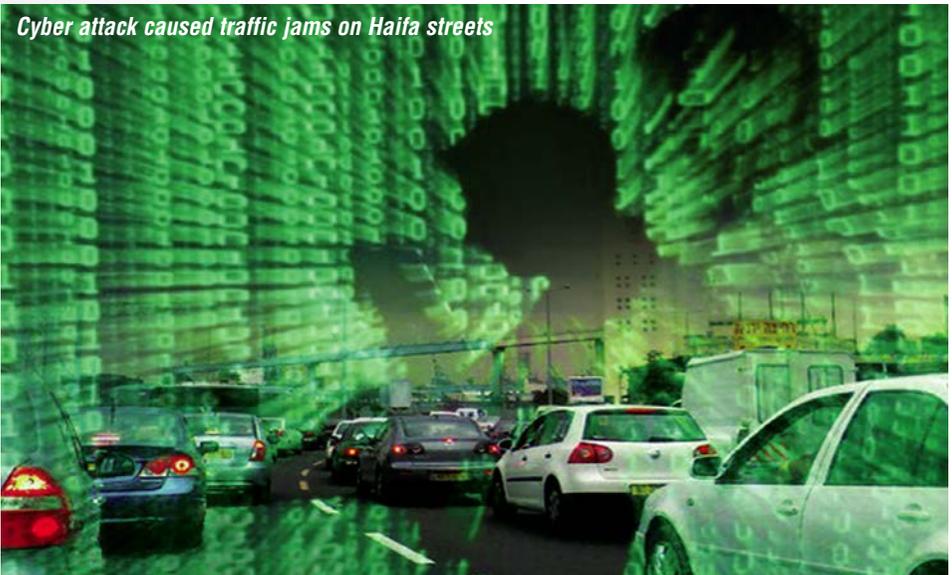
The matter had been classified, with Israeli officials publicly stating that the unusual snafu had been caused by a mere "computer glitch." Earlier, IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Benny Gantz warned that the next war against Israel will include major computer attacks aimed at bringing the Jewish State to a standstill.

A year ago, Israeli officials revealed that the Jewish State is targeted by as many as 1,000 cyber-attacks per minute. In addition to the thousands of low-level cyber-attacks Israel fends off every day from individual hackers, there are also a regular number of attacks by foreign government agencies.

That was believed to be the case last summer when 140 Israeli officials holding sensitive positions in the defense establishment received an email containing a Trojan-horse virus designed to send information back to its creators. Security officials said that the virus originated in China and was possibly sent by elements within China's defense establishment. Israel's security systems detected and removed the virus. ★

*Please uphold [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com). Our ministry's website reaches every continent, arousing radicals while teaching the Spirit-hungry. Consequently, it receives multiple cyber-attacks each day (mostly from China), keeping our webmaster vigilant.*

*Cyber attack caused traffic jams on Haifa streets*





# Apartheid? Here's the Reality

BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN / Israel21c.org

You'll find Israeli-Arab physicians on staff at every Israeli hospital. But only Carmel Medical Center in Haifa can boast that its newest Israeli-Arab obstetrician-gynecologist, Dr. Mais Ali Saleh, recently graduated No. 1 in her class at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, one of the country's top medical schools.

Just getting admitted to one of Israel's five medical schools demands near-perfect test scores and a dazzling personal interview. Graduating at the top of the class is quite a feather in the cap of this 27-year-old Muslim from a village near Nazareth, who was not fluent in Hebrew when she began her studies.

Though she won an academic award of excellence from Israel's parliament in her first year of medical school, Ali Saleh says, "I didn't just learn material right before a test. I was constantly reviewing. If you study little by little, you internalize it better. And I made time to have fun. At four or five o'clock I'd finish studying, close the books and go to the sea."

Considering that she held down jobs all through seven years of medical school and internship, time management was critical.

She was hardly the only Israeli-Arab to make the grade. "The Technion medical school has about 35 percent Israeli-Arab students," she says.

Last year's Technion valedictorian was Arza Haddad, a Christian Lebanese woman who earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering.

Technion biology student Lina Mahoul, a 19-year-old Arab Christian from Acre, last year won *The Voice Israel* television singing contest.

Prof. Hossam Haick, a Christian Arab chemical engineer at the Technion's Russell Berrie Nanotechnology Institute, grabbed headlines for inventing the Na-Nose device that detects serious diseases by analyzing breath samples. (See October 2009 *Levitt Letter*, p. 29.)

And Arab-Christian couple Reem and Imad Younis, who met as students at the Technion, run an international neurosurgery products business, Alpha Omega, from Nazareth. ☆

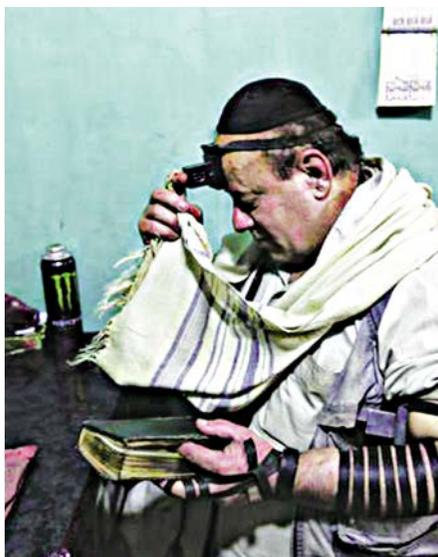


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Dr. Mais Ali Saleh  
on graduation day

# SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS



Simintov filming kebabs

## Last Jew in Afghanistan

By Jessica Donati & Mirwais Harooni / Reuters

**Zabulon Simintov** (*top*) always removes his *kippah*, the skullcap worn by Jewish men, before entering his cafe in a dilapidated building that also houses Afghanistan's last synagogue.

"Let me take off my cap, otherwise people will think something bad about me," Simintov says cheerfully as he descends grime-caked stairs to the ground-floor cafe.

In his 50s, Simintov is the last known Afghan Jew to remain in the country. He has become something of a celebrity over the years and his rivalry with the next-to-last Jew, who died in 2005, inspired a play.

Mindful of Afghanistan's extremely conservative Muslim culture, Simintov tries not to advertise his identity to protect the Balkh Bastan (Ancient Balkh) kebab cafe he opened four years ago, naming it after a northern Afghan province.

"All food here is prepared by Muslims," he says.

Now the cafe, neat and shiny, faces closure because kebabs are not selling well—largely because deteriorating security in Kabul has made people frightened to eat out or visit the city.

## Texas A&M "Shalom Campus" in Israel

[IsraelNationalNews.com](http://IsraelNationalNews.com)

**Israeli Minister of Education Shai Piron, Israeli President Shimon Peres, and Texas Gov. Rick Perry** (*shown below*) met recently at the presidential residence to sign an agreement for the establishment of Texas A&M's new "Shalom Campus" in Nazareth in October of 2015.

This will be the first time that the research university establishes an academic center in Israel. Texas A&M University has plans to raise \$70 million to build the campus and establish an educational fund of millions of shekels to finance the ongoing activities of the Nazareth campus.



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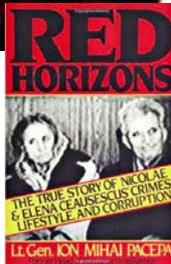
## Soviets Engineered Islamists' Hatred of America

By Ryan Mauro / ClarionProject.org

**Lt. Gen. Ion Mihai Pacepa** (*below*), the highest-ranking defector from the former Soviet bloc, fled to the U.S. in 1978 when he was the deputy chief of Communist Romania's foreign intelligence service. He was also a top advisor to Nicolae Ceaușescu, the country's Soviet-allied leader.



**Mauro:** Why would the Soviet Union sponsor the growth of radical Islam if that ideology also hates communism?



**Pacepa:** Because they have another, more important thing in common: anti-Semitism. Long before we had the Holocaust in Germany, we had the Russian word *pogrom*, defined as the "government-organized mass slaughter of some element of the population as a group, such as the Jewish pogroms in tsarist Russia." And long before we had Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, we had the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a tsarist Russian anti-Semitic forgery that became the basis for much of *Mein Kampf* and for today's new anti-Semitism.

The KGB community, when I was at its top, spent many years and huge amounts of money to turn the Islamic world into an explosive enemy of the United States. Islam and the Arab

world, [KGB chairman Yuri] Andropov told me in 1972, were a petri dish in which we could nurture a strain of America-hate, grown from the bacterium of Marxist thought. Islam's doctrine of soul-purifying *jihad* was the twin to our own soul-purifying romance with revolutionary nihilism.

The Muslims' anti-Semitism ran deep. We had only to keep repeating our disinformation: that the United States was a war-mongering, Zionist country financed by Jewish money and run by a rapacious "Council of the Elders of Zion" (the KGB's derisive epithet for the U.S. Congress), the aim of which was to transform the rest of the world into a Jewish fiefdom.

The cumulative effect of over 20-plus years of disseminating millions of copies of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* throughout the Islamic world and portraying the United States as a criminal Zionist surrogate should have made some dent. Witness the 1979 takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York, and the 1998 destruction of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

September 11, 2001 is another heart-rending proof of that. Few people noted that on that same day, the KGB was celebrating 124 years since the birth of its founder, Felix Dzerzhinsky. A videotape depicting the grisly decapitation and dismembering of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl in 2002 offers further evidence that Andropov's strategy succeeded. Pearl was gruesomely murdered only because he was an American Jew. ★

*This is a significant look behind the scenes at strange bedfellows. ZLM has an obligation to expose these unholy alliances wherever we find them. —Myles*

# 5,000-Year-Old Leopard Trap Discovered in Israel

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY TIA GHOSE

LiveScience.com



*Leopards were a major predator in the area when ancient peoples were laying the traps. Credit: Alamy*

Archaeologists recently unearthed a 5,000-year-old leopard trap in Israel's Negev Desert.

The trap was found near a 1,600-year-old trap and was originally thought to be just a few hundred years old. It is almost identical to traps used by the nomadic Bedouins as recently as a century ago.

"The most exciting thing is the antiquity of these carnivore traps, which suggests that farmers in the area were much more advanced than originally thought," said study co-author Naomi Porat, a geochronologist with the Geological Survey of Israel.

The tests that proved the age of the traps used a technique called "optical dating." It determines how much time has passed since a material was exposed to sunlight—in this case, how long the underside of the trap had been shielded since being built. Radioactive energy is absorbed over thousands of years in the shade, but is released when touched by sunlight. By comparing this absorption measurement with background levels of radiation in the area, a date for the trap could be calculated. ★

*The trap was designed to lure leopards (or other predators, such as foxes, hyenas, and wolves) in through the front with some bait, before slamming shut behind it. This would have been an essential method for ancient farmers to keep the hungry hunters away from the sheep and goats they raised for milk, clothing, and goods. Credit: Naomi Porat*



*Ancient Leopard Trap*



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# Jews Indigenous to the Holy Land

BY RYAN BELLEROSE / TorontoSun.com

As a Native Canadian, I take strong issue with Palestinians' appropriation of the Native cause. To begin, though Palestinian propagandists love to characterize Zionism (that is, Jewish nationalism) and the re-establishment of Israel in 1948 as colonial enterprises, it is the Jews who are aboriginal to the Holy Land. Jews' language, history, culture, and folklore were born and forged in the Holy Land. There is no statute of limitations on being indigenous. Accordingly, to claim the Jews are colonizers in the Holy Land delegitimizes all indigenous peoples.

In stark contrast, Arabs arrived in the Holy Land only in the seventh century when Muslim armies colonized the Middle East. Longstanding presence may generate rights, but it is not synonymous with being indigenous. For example, Europeans have been on American soil for centuries, but that does not render them indigenous in the political sense. Tellingly, Palestinians are silent with respect to the rights of indigenous peoples still dominated by Arab states from Morocco to Iraq.



Second, there can be no comparison of the Palestinians' experience to that of Native Canadians. North American indigenous peoples suffered unprecedented genocide. Our people were obliterated through massacres, disease, starvation, and forced assimilation in an attempt to remove us from the pages of history. (This, ironically, was the declared aim of the Arab armies that attacked Israel in 1948.) Sixty-five million people were reduced to fewer than three million.

The Palestinians, on the other hand, have grown from a population of approximately one million in 1948 to more than six million today. The average Palestinian under Israeli rule lives in conditions that our people could have only dreamed of and that are often better than those on reservations. Moreover, the Palestinians have received approximately \$30 billion in international aid since 1993. This, despite Palestinian nationalism's preferred method of expression being terrorism.

Third, I am offended that my people's cause appears to serve merely as a prop for Palestinian propaganda. For example, I have seen material juxtaposing Native-American symbols—the feather, a symbol of peace—to AK-47 assault rifles, a symbol of Arab militarism. And yet, unlike most Palestinian nationalist groups, Native rights movements seek to be peaceful and inclusive. Palestinian groups who are otherwise too eager to wrap themselves in the indigenous mantle systematically ignore this crucial difference.

Zionist activists, on the other hand, seem genuinely motivated to help, and have shared innovative agricultural techniques with Native groups. They have highly relevant water technology to share as well. They are democratic and don't exaggerate the tragedies they have suffered. And they listen. The importance of this cannot be overstated.

For too long, we Natives have let an uncompromising and reactionary Palestinian narrative substitute for facts. But today, the stakes are too high for that. Natives cannot let themselves be used as ornamentation for often-damaging Palestinian propaganda. ★

—Ryan Bellerose is a Metis from Alberta, a founding member in the Calgary United with Israel (CUWI) organization, and a self-proclaimed Zionist.

Katharine and I work closely with Native Americans who share these views. The fellowship between Jewish people and host peoples is a sign of the Lord's soon appearance. —Myles

# Spectre of Islam Haunting the Free World

BY GEERT WILDERS (r) / JihadWatch.org



"A spectre is haunting Europe—the spectre of Communism," Karl Marx once famously wrote. Today, another spectre is haunting the entire world—the spectre of Islam. And yet, many politicians seem to fail to notice.

On the last day of September, 50 students of an agricultural college in Nigeria were gunned down in their dormitories by terrorists from the Islamic organization Boko Haram. Earlier in September, al-Shabaab terrorists killed 67 people in a Nairobi (Kenya) shopping mall. They allowed Muslims to leave and then tortured and killed non-Muslims, even children.

In Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq, Christians are harassed and assassinated by Islamic thugs. Indigenous Christian communities, whose ties to their native lands are many centuries older than the Muslim communities, are victims of ethnic cleansing.

Europe experienced Islamic terror last May when assassins decapitated a soldier in London. America experienced it last April when Islamists ignited pressure-cooker bombs during the Boston Marathon.

**Islam's aim is political.** What the London and Boston killers, Boko Haram, al-Shabaab, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Hezbollah, and al-Qaeda have in common is that, inspired by the Koran, they want to impose Islamic (*sharia*) law on the whole world.

They share this goal with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which counts 57 member-states and forms the largest voting bloc in the United Nations. In 1990, it superseded the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights with its own Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which explicitly states that all human rights and freedoms "are subject to the Islamic Sharia."

## Islamic law is barbaric and cruel.

Flogging, stoning, and even crucifixion are permitted penalties under sharia law. It discriminates against women and non-Muslims. In 2003, the European Court of Human Rights declared, "Sharia is incompatible with the fundamental principles of democracy." And yet, few Western leaders seem to worry about attempts to replace our basic liberties with sharia law.



Geert on terrorists' Most Hated list needs our prayers

On the contrary, when confronted with atrocities, Western leaders downplay the role of Islam. They claim that "nothing in Islam justifies these dreadful acts." However, the justification of the dreadful acts is in the Koran. Sura 8:12 leaves followers of Islam in no doubt about what to do with nonbelievers: "Strike off their heads, maim them in every limb!" Mohammed's book is full of similar verses that incite its Islamic readers to commit violent acts against non-Muslims.

## Winston Churchill once quoted

**Alexander the Great**, saying, "The people of Asia were slaves because they had not learned how to pronounce the word 'no.'" The West must learn to say "no" or it, too, will be enslaved. A spectre is haunting the free world. Let us have the courage to call it by its name: It is the ideology of Islam with its political aim to abolish our freedoms and our democracy. It is by far the most serious evil afflicting the world today. ☆

# JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.

## Eyeglasses?

David leaves London and makes *aliyah* (emigrates) to Israel. As soon as he settles down in Jerusalem, he goes to see the local optician.

"I'm having trouble reading," he says. "Maybe you could check my eyes."

The optician agrees and sits David in front of a large eye test chart. "Can you read the letters on the bottom line?" he asks.

"No," replies David.

"So how about the next line up?" asks the optician.

Squinting, David replies, "No, I still can't read them."

"OK," says the optician. "Let's start at the top line. Read out the letters please."

"But I can't," says David.

"Are you perhaps a teeny bit blind?" ventures the optician.

"Certainly not," replies David. "It's just that I've never learned to read Hebrew."



*A cheerful heart is good medicine —*

Proverbs 17:22



**Dry Bones**



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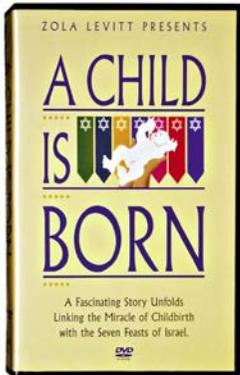
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