

# LEVITT LETTER

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

Here’s a really sharp-eyed commentator upon whom we rely often for the inside track from Washington. — Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

## The Inspections Trap

By Charles Krauthammer, *The Washington Post*



Chief UN Weapons Inspector Hans Blix (left) speaks to the assembled media as Mohammed El Varadei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, looks on during a press conference in Baghdad, Iraq.

“It is an inspections regime that is intended to test his (Saddam’s) willingness to cooperate, not to test the ability of Hans Blix...to find something in Iraq.” — Condoleezza Rice, *Fox News Sunday*, Nov. 10.

Yes, but if Hans can’t find something, we won’t know Saddam didn’t cooperate. Of course, there is no doubt that Saddam will cheat, but unless Hans comes through, we won’t be able to prove it, certainly not to the satisfaction of France, Russia and Saddam’s other lawyers on the U.N. Security Council. Then we will be back to where we began: having to choose to go it alone or back down for lack of international support.

For all of Rice’s brave words, Security Council Resolution 1441 puts Hans Blix in the driver’s seat. He will decide where and how Iraqi scientists

are interrogated. The United States had wanted them taken out of the country and offered asylum, so they could speak freely. Weapons inspectors from the 1990s say that Iraqi scientists who talked to them disappeared. Rice nonetheless has appealed to the patriotism of Iraqi scientists in disclosing information. As long as the price of patriotism is certain death, however, no one is going to talk.

Blix is not very eager to take scientists out of the country. It is not even clear how eager he is to find anything. Blix is an international civil servant. Does he want to go home to Sweden as the man who blew the whistle that triggered the invasion of Iraq? (Perhaps the U.S. should offer *him* asylum.)

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A non-Christian Jew speaks out.

## A Jew Defends Evangelicals

By Dennis Prager, *TownHall.com*

Evangelical Christians believe that it is necessary for a person to believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved.

According to every liberal I know — Christian, Jew, or other — Jews are supposed to find this theology offensive and frightening. According to liberals, the evangelicals’ doctrine that no non-Christians can be saved is so awful that all other evangelical views must be held suspect — even their unique support for Jews and Israel.

I would therefore like to announce, as a practicing, believing Jew, that I am in no way offended, let alone frightened, by evangelical Christians who believe that it is necessary to have faith in Jesus in order to be saved.

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# Zola's Introduction to Hebrew study book

*New!*

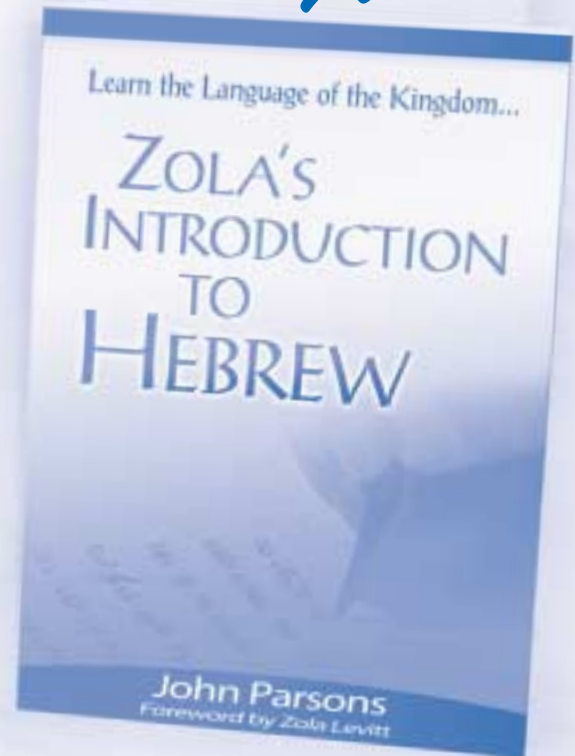
Why is there no better book than this for learning the basics of Biblical Hebrew? Because *Zola's Introduction to Hebrew*:

- Teaches both print and script, so you will be ready to read, speak, and write Hebrew in Israel and in heaven.
- Assumes no prior knowledge and progresses gradually, so even the faint-hearted will find immediate value.
- Nurtures you along a friendly course toward a unique intimacy with God's language, land, and people.

Unlike most academic books on Biblical Hebrew, this course provides a step-by-step approach that will enable you to understand the Hebraic mindset while learning the alphabet and vowel signs. Studying at your own pace, you will master the Hebrew alphabet, sound out actual Hebrew words, and begin connecting your studies with your heart by reading Hebrew prayers, blessings, and even passages from Scripture! Using this resource, you will learn more than mere academic material; you will learn the underlying spirit of the Hebrew heart.

Have you ever:

- Wanted to study the Scriptures in the original Hebrew, but gave up the idea because it might require too much time?
- Desired to recite the ancient Hebrew prayers and blessings, but didn't know where to begin?
- Wished you could decipher the Hebrew text while doing Bible study or research?
- Thought to enjoy the blessing of a home Shabbat ceremony, but didn't know where to begin?



- Wondered what it means to have a "circumcised heart" and to be made a partaker of the covenants?

*If any of this describes you, then be one of the first to order Zola's Introduction to Hebrew (see page 31).*

*Large, 8.5 x 11 page format for easy study. Over 400 pages with illustrations and examples.*

## Sample item



### Knowing the "Jots" and "Tittles"

The Lord Jesus told his disciples that not one "jot" or "tittle" will pass away from the Law until all is fulfilled (see Matt. 5:18). The word translated "jot" (ἰῶτα in the Greek New Testament) refers to the smallest Hebrew letter ("Yod"), and the word translated "tittle" (κάρτια in Greek) refers to the "horn," or smallest stroke of a Hebrew letter, probably something like a "serif" in our modern English typefaces.

The smallest stroke of the smallest letter of the Hebrew text was important to the Lord Jesus, and, if we esteem the Scriptures as He did, we likewise will pay attention to the details of the Sacred Writings. But how can we determine what a "jot" or a "tittle" is without having a knowledge of the original Hebrew text? It is our hope that this book will help you to both read and write basic Hebrew words and sentences, and thereby become aware of the "jots" and "tittles" that "shall in no way shall pass until all is fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18).

Resolution 1441 also requires that any Iraqi noncooperation or misbehavior be reported to the Security Council — by Blix. The administration gamely answers that the United States always reserves the right to make its own judgment and act in its own defense.

Of course it does. And no one could stop us. But since that would violate the U.N. resolution, it would forfeit precisely the international consensus we have been so loudly trumpeting.

That's the downside. But there is an upside: There is time between now and then. Right now — and until we might have to abandon the Security Council and go it alone — the war option against Iraq enjoys international legitimacy. The threat of war is sanctioned by a unanimous Security Council. Moreover, the threat of war is in the very service of the Security Council — indeed, of the U.N., the world, the cosmos — because the threat underpins the U.N.'s demand that Iraq disarm.

Resolution 1441 creates a window of legitimacy for the war option. That window allows an accelerated and open buildup of American military power around Iraq. Until now, we

have been quietly expanding our air base in Qatar, moving troops into Kuwait, sending our bombers to Diego Garcia. No more need to tiptoe. We can pour everything in openly, indeed ostentatiously. It is, after all, the muscle behind the U.N.

This window of legitimacy also makes it easier for countries neighboring Iraq to cooperate with the United States in war planning. Turkey, Jordan and the Gulf states have been hesitant to do or say anything too publicly. Now they can easily justify their cooperation: They too are acting in the service of the U.N. by giving substance to the “serious consequences” that might compel Saddam to comply and thus vindicate the U.N.

Alas, the upside has a downside. We've been given time, but so has Saddam. Time to hide his weapons. Time even to distribute them through Iraqi agents — aka diplomats using diplomatic pouches — into the heart of the enemy. (We still don't know where last year's anthrax came from.) Time to give the stuff to terrorists who, as Osama's tape suggests, are now prepared to make common cause with Saddam.

Lots of time. Blix does not have to report to the Security Council until Feb. 21. The Gulf War ended on Feb. 27. Beginning hostilities that late, with hot weather approaching, would be extremely hazardous for the United States.

Saddam knows this. So does the Security Council. That's the game they're playing. President Bush remains apparently sincere in his determination to rid the world of Saddam and his weapons. The question of the day, the question on which everything hinges, is whether, when the window of legitimacy begins to close, Bush can find his way out of the trap set for him by the Security Council. ■

# Pardon, Your “Slip” Is Showing

A letter to the editor of  
*The New York Times*

Dear Editor:

In today's article by Ian Fisher, “An Attempted Hijacking or a Cry for Attention?” Fisher writes:

“...Mr. Foqara confessed to planning to turn the plane around and crash it into Tel Aviv, the capital of Israel.”

The capital of Israel is Jerusalem — not Tel Aviv. This is confirmed in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Please note section 2, articles 1 and 2:

“The Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) Each sovereign nation, under international law and custom, may designate its own capital.
- (2) Since 1950, the city of Jerusalem has been the capital of the State of Israel.”

We hope you will promptly correct the error.

With thanks,

Lee Green  
Director,  
National Letter-Writing Group  
CAMERA  
(Committee for Accuracy in Middle  
East Reporting in America)

(See “A Capital Act” on page 4)





# A Capital Act by Congress

## Excerpts from the “Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995”

The Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) Each sovereign nation, under international law and custom, may designate its own capital.
- (2) Since 1950, the city of Jerusalem has been the capital of the State of Israel.
- (3) The city of Jerusalem is the seat of Israel's President, Parliament, and Supreme Court, and the site of numerous government ministries and social and cultural institutions.
- (4) The city of Jerusalem is the spiritual center of Judaism, and is also considered a holy city by the members of other religious faiths.
- (5) From 1948-1967, Jerusalem was a divided city and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jewish citizens of all states were denied access to holy sites in the area controlled by Jordan.
- (6) In 1967, the city of Jerusalem was reunited during the conflict known as the Six Day War.
- (7) Since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united city administered by Israel, and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city.
- (8) This year [1995] marks the 28th consecutive year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected.

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## A Jew Defends Evangelicals continued

Why should Jews not be offended by this evangelical Christian belief?

First, since all non-Christians are unsaved, this doctrine is in no way anti-Jewish. It is pro-salvation, not anti-anybody. The evangelical view of who is not saved is applicable, by definition, to all non-Christians. There is, therefore, no reason whatsoever for a Jew to be personally offended. It is no more applicable to Jews than to Hindus. When most evangelicals single out Jews, it is only to support them and Israel, and to reaffirm Jewish chosenness. It takes paranoia, ignorance and ingratitude for a Jew to join the anti-evangelical critics.

Second, exclusive views of salvation are hardly unique to evangelical Christians. Liberals, of all people, should honor such exclusive views. Don't most liberals think that liberalism is the only way to save America (and don't most conservatives think that of conservatism)? If Christians are intolerant and offensive because they believe they have the only way to salvation in the next life, why aren't liberals intolerant and offensive because they believe they have the only way to salvation in this

life? And if Christians must declare that all religions are equally valid paths to salvation, shouldn't liberals have to declare that all political and social doctrines are equally valid paths to America's salvation?

Third, all those who condemn evangelicals for their belief in the necessity of affirming Christ for salvation are doing exactly what they accuse these Christians of doing — judging and condemning people solely for their beliefs. Here is the liberals' rule: Christians may not judge others by their religious beliefs, but liberals may judge Christians by their religious beliefs.

Fourth, one of Judaism's core teachings is that God judges all people by their behavior rather than by their faith alone, and that we are to judge people in the same way. I apply this teaching to evangelicals. I judge them not by their theology but by their behavior. I find that behavior often exemplary, and I regard them as America's best hope to stem the country's cultural and moral decline.

Fifth, insofar as offensiveness and tolerance are concerned, who do you think has it tougher — a Jew living and working among evangelical Christians or a conservative living and working among strongly committed liberals? As one who is in the former situation, I can tell you that I receive only respect and tolerance. On the other hand, ask conservatives, not to mention evangelical Christians, in Hollywood how they feel. Most keep their views to themselves, so fearful are they of repercussions from the liberal majority.

Let's also compare the evangelicals to the “open” and “tolerant” Protestant Christian denominations as represented by the National Council of Churches. We find moral confusion, anti-Americanism and support for those who wish another Jewish genocide. True, just about everyone in the NCC believes that it is not necessary for anyone to affirm faith in Christ to be saved and that I as a Jew can therefore attain salvation. But so what? Their doctrines that pertain to me, here and now, on earth, not in the hereafter, are the doctrines that frighten me.

Evangelical Christians, almost alone, affirm that America has a divine mission, that this country has better values than Europe, that the United Nations is a moral wasteland, that God's law is higher than international laws devised in New York or The Hague, that secularism is wonderful for government but fatal for society, that Israel must be protected against those who wish to exterminate it, that the Jews have a divinely chosen role in history, and that America must remain a Judeo-Christian country.

If the only way a Christian can hold these precious beliefs is to maintain that faith in Jesus is the only way to salvation, here is one Jew who says: More power to you. Keep your faith strong. And thanks. ■

# SPEAK UP!

Selected letters to the editors of some of the world's leading newspapers

## Bad Dream

*The Jerusalem Post*

It has come to my attention that Egypt's Dream Channel...is planning to air the series *Fares bila jawad* ("Knight without a horse"), based on the anti-Semitic Protocols of the Elders of Zion. It is beyond my comprehension how the government of Egypt can permit such outright lies to be aired.

To calm the violent situation in the Middle East it is incumbent upon the Egyptian government to extinguish the flames of hatred, not fuel them. — JH

Egyptians (as well as citizens in other Arab nations) are simply juvenile — they really believe this stuff. No wonder. Centuries ago they allowed their great empire to be bowled over by marauding bands of have-nots (the Arabs). And should the Lord tarry, it won't just be the Egyptians; this could happen in America if we don't protect ourselves from both overt and covert forms of Moslem invasion. — Zola

## Let the PA Pay

*The Jerusalem Post*

Israel is going to give the Palestinian Authority a huge amount of money. I suggest that prior to any payment, reparations be deducted. They would include, but not be limited to, such things as pain and suffering, costs to the army, monetary compensation for the loss of a parent or child, the cost of having security guards at nursery schools, on up to not hosting international football games.

The PA initiated this war and, as such, is responsible for the many millions...Israel has lost because of

it. Should the damages exceed the proposed payment, Israel should sue for the difference. — HG

## Act Like a Leader

*The New York Times*

If we are at war, it is high time that our commander-in-chief acted like one, starting with his duty to take prompt, decisive action to protect the security of our homeland.

We simply cannot afford to let container ships, railroad cars and trucks enter our ports and downtown areas unchecked. We must ensure that our oil refineries and power and chemical plants are adequately guarded.

Only one man has the authority and obligation to make these things happen, and his name is George W. Bush. Do we need to endure catastrophe to get his attention? — TZ

## Making Islam Nice

*The Guardian*, London

The reasons why Muslims get enraged and start killing innocent human beings to "defend" their prophet Mohammed is rather simple: ignorance and belief in a philosophy which has not been reformed since the Middle Ages. It is all in the name of blasphemy.

However, orthodox Islam itself is not parsimonious in defaming other religions. Read Sura 5, verse 51: "You who believe, take not the Jews and Christians as friends. He who takes them as friends is one of them."

I am a liberal, secular Muslim and believe a reformation starting with reinterpretation, if not replacement, of some such verses would help bring Islam more in line with the 21st century and enable us to live at peace with other religions. It will also make Islam more appealing to the rest of the world. — SL

Here's a Moslem who advocates making Islam's holy scriptures more politically-correct and "appealing." This naïve European follower of Mohammed will no doubt be disappointed that his Islamic "brothers" refuse to make any changes in their religion. It is, and will remain, a violent expression of hostility intent on converting the world by the sword. — Zola

## The Curious World of George W. Bush

On the heels of the mid-term Republican election sweep, President Bush has slapped the faces of 40 million evangelical Christians who helped bring him to power.



"Some of the comments that have been uttered about Islam do not reflect the sentiments of my government or the sentiments of most Americans."

"By far, the vast majority of American citizens respect the Islamic people and the Muslim faith. After all, there are millions of peace-loving Muslim Americans."

Bush made the comments to reporters before he met with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. The White House stated that the president was responding to recent remarks by Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Franklin Graham.

The terrorist-connected group Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) praised Bush for his "support."

Source: Reuters

In this ministry we meet a lot more Moslems than President Bush and we don't know where these peace-loving Moslems are. Islam teaches violence and we respectfully disagree with the president's views. — Zola

# ZOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD

## Dec. 27 in Orlando with Zola

The Holy Land Experience, in Orlando, Florida, is educational, inspirational, theatrical and historical. It's a living, Biblical history museum that takes you 7,000 miles away and 2,000 years back in time to the land of the Bible. For info on the structures, exhibits, Scriptorium and special music and theatrical events, visit [www.theholylandexperience.com](http://www.theholylandexperience.com). Better yet, for more information, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during office hours. Or you may also call 1-800-WONDERS (966-3377) any time.



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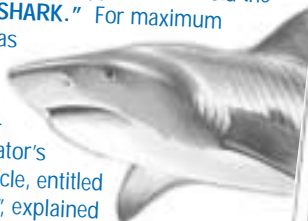
## TV Anniversary

It was in December 1978 that Zola's first TV program aired. Beginning on KXTX-39 in Dallas, the program was initially entitled *Zola Levitt Live*. In the mid-'80s, we went national on our two major networks. TBN now carries our program at 8 ET, 7 CT, 6 MT and 5 PT on Monday mornings. ABC-FAM airs Zola at 1:00 AM, early-early on Monday Mornings on both coasts, and at midnight Central Time. Now you can say that *Zola Levitt Presents* is 24 years old!



## The Summer that Wasn't

Last year, *Time* magazine devoted 95% of its July 30 edition's cover to a startling, head-on, partly submerged view of an attacking bull shark. Bold, all-capped letters sold the sizzle: "SUMMER OF THE SHARK." For maximum drama, the word SHARK was larger than any other on the cover, except for "TIME," which was considerably obstructed by the toothy predator's snout. Inside, the actual article, entitled "Why Can't We Be Friends?", explained that shark attacks stem from a combination of hunger and mistaking humans for fish. Statistically the "Summer of the Shark" never happened. But it probably sold more magazines than a title such as "Sharks Eat, Too." Compare this to the media's negative coverage of Israel. Unfounded or exaggerated stories about the "cycle of violence" or the "poor Palestinians" or the nasty Israelis, are all de-signed to push an anti-Israel sentiment and sell more news.



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# In Israel Today

The article below illustrates just why El Al is our airline of choice when planning our tours to Israel. – Zola

## “Today I die.”

By Michael Gutman, *The Jerusalem Post*



The Israeli Arab overpowered while trying to hijack an El Al flight to Istanbul intended to force the flight crew to turn the plane around and crash it into a building in Tel Aviv, Turkish security sources said.

The Shin Bet [Israeli security service] confirmed that Tawfik Fukara, 23, of the Galilee village of Bouina Nejidat, was armed with a pocketknife and intended to hijack the Boeing 757 with 170 passengers.

Turkey has remanded Fukara until the end of proceedings against him. Israel has asked that he be extradited.

“It was certainly an intentional act of sabotage,” El Al deputy chief executive Yitzhak Amitai told *The Jerusalem Post*. “But as for the motivation for this act, we do not yet know, that is for others to decide.”

The findings of the investigation also show that Fukara’s actions were not spontaneous. According to the Shin Bet, he told the security guards who overpowered him, “Today is the day I die, and I am doing it because my brother was killed.”

No evidence to suggest he has a biological brother who died was found, security sources told Channel 1.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister’s Office said Fukara’s intentions were nationalistic.

Fukara told Turkish policemen he acted “to make heard the voice of the Palestinian people,” Turkey’s NTV reported.

Security officials at Ben-Gurion Airport said they were suspicious of Fukara but allowed him to board the plane after he underwent all the necessary checks.

The Airports Authority is continuing to investigate how he managed to smuggle the penknife — with a six-centimeter blade — through metal detectors and stringent personal searches.

Fukara, who was sitting near the business-class section, repeatedly approached one of the flight attendants to ask for water. As the plane began its final approach to Istanbul, he stood up and ran toward the cockpit, slamming into the flight attendant. According to Amitai, Fukara was clearly “violent, heading straight for the

cabin. He had also positioned himself in the front of coach section in order to have a better jumping off point toward the flight deck.”

He was immediately tackled by El Al air marshals and handcuffed, Amitai said.

“What is important is that the incident ended within seconds, and that it ended in a manner that proved that El Al’s security arrangements worked as they should,” El Al general manager Amos Shapira said.

Fukara’s family expressed shock and puzzlement at the news. They said he had studied at Sapir College in the Negev and worked with the elderly in the Beduin town of Rahat. They believed he was going to Turkey for a vacation.

Initially, security officials were skeptical Fukara intended to hijack the plane. A preliminary investigation revealed that at no time in the attack and his subsequent arrest did he draw the knife. The weapon was found on him after he was handcuffed.

In Israel, a carrier’s jurisdiction for the safety of its passengers begins and ends in the plane itself. The carrier is directly responsible for all goods loaded on the plane, for its passengers, and crew. The Airports Authority is responsible for investigating the passengers before boarding.

Amitai commended the quick thinking of the flight crew and security guards. El Al is one of the few carriers in the world that has armed guards on all its flights, he said.

According to Amitai, El Al remains one of the world’s safest airlines. The last time one of its planes was hijacked was in 1968. ■

## We’re Next!

Michael Freund, *The Jerusalem Post*

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah has accused U.S. Christian supporters of Israel of hatching a “plot” to liquidate the Arabs and driving them into exile, the *Beirut Daily Star* reported.

Speaking at a graduation ceremony, Nasrallah said that “Christian Zionists” are gaining strength in the U.S. and that they have a powerful impact on U.S. foreign policy.

Christian groups in America, he said, are financed by oil companies and weapons firms, and seek to encourage Jews to move to Israel and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. However, he said, “if they all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide.”



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# Letters to



Some letters have been edited for space.

Shalom Zola:

It seems that Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, and Zola are the only people stating the truth.... Long live Jerusalem. — BS

Dear BS:

We may not be the only ones proclaiming the truth, but how sad it is that more men of God refuse to do so or simply lack the training to do so! — Zola

Dr. Levitt:

Re: the church has replaced Israel. In your *Levitt Letter*, would you please explain where, and who, is saying this. I am 75 years old, and I have been in church all my life (Protestant) and I have never heard any preacher, in any church, say this! — RS

Dear RS:

On which planet have you gone to church? My friend, mainline Protestant denominations like the Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, etc., have believed this heresy for centuries. Question the preachers of these churches and let your eyes be opened! — Zola

Dear Zola:

The DC sniper thing bugs me. He is a Muslim and the history the TV has shown is that he's an angry man. Seems to me that religion just fed the hate in him. Is this what we have to look forward to in dealing with that religious type? Our God is love — why can't they see that? — MF

Dear MF:

The media, like President Bush, are intent on promoting the peacefulness of this violent religion. Men like the sniper are products of this hate-filled faith, and you could multiply his story ad infinitum around the world. — Zola

Dear Zola:

We purchased a "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" bumper sticker and put it on the back of our truck. One day recently on the road, a stranger began riding our bumper, then pulled alongside us. He looked like he wanted to kill us. Then he rolled down his window and shouted to his driver, "I think they're (expletive) Jewish." They continued to follow us for a while, then took a different route. I just wanted Zola to know that anti-Semitism is definitely here in California. — anonymous supporter in CA

Dear Faithful One:

May God bless you and protect you as you stand for the Chosen People. — Zola

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries:

I feel led to tell you that I will no longer be watching Zola as of his show that was aired last night on the Family Channel.

When Zola, who claims to be a loving Christian, attacks his brothers and sisters "Methodists and Presbyterians" as being insincere and unable to defend their religions, I feel he has gone way too far. Both of these religions believe in the same "saved by grace" alone as he proposes — so why attack someone with the same beliefs?

Zola needs to focus more on the unsaved and leave his fellow believers alone. He's following the same path as all the TV preachers — attacking — and that's a shame! — DA

Dear DA:

My "attacks" were about those denominations that support the Arab side in the Israeli conflict. I have never attacked any denomination that stands for "saved by grace alone" in Christ alone, but I have serious questions about mainline Protestants who object to the inerrancy of the Bible, reinterpret much of God's Word as allegory or myth, or who pour millions of dollars into anti-Israel donations in the name of Christ. — Zola

Dear Staff:

I am in the beginning of notebook #1, Old Testament Survey, of the Jewish-Christian Institute. I can't even explain how overwhelmed I am with the truth that is in the first notebook. How can so many churches not be teaching truth?

I am very thankful for this course. I have a lot of studying to do. I don't know about the test; I'm not really going for the diploma. I want truth that is making my foundation stronger in the Lord God, something I'll have and continue to walk in as time goes on....

I just want to thank the Lord for you guys, for Zola and Jeffrey Seif and the staff. Thanks from the bottom of my heart! — PP



Dear PP:

Praise God the Institute has been a blessing to thousands through the years. I wish more would take advantage of the truths packed within the 12 courses. Why aren't churches teaching this? Because the seminaries aren't training pastors-to-be in the truths related to Israel. That's why I'm offering it free to pastors who are graduates of these wayward seminaries and Bible schools. God's Word — any of it — must not be placed on the back burner or eliminated because of demands from high-dollar donors or political correctness or heresy like Progressive Dispensationalism. May God fill you with knowledge and wisdom as you study! — Zola

## Moody, Dallas, Talbot Seminary Grads

Are you a graduate of one of either Moody, DTS or Talbot? If so, and you are in the pulpit ministry, then please send us a copy of your diploma and ordination. We will give you a full scholarship to our Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies. You can request free info on page 31, toward the bottom of the center column, or read about our Institute at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com). It is imperative that you understand this crucial Biblical information, which was omitted at your seminary.

## Praise Report — Zola's Heart

We wondered if Zola was down for the count. He was having chest pains and didn't feel well. But several medical tests, including a stress echocardiogram, have established that his coronary arteries are in terrific shape. Despite the fact that Zola has had six bypasses since 1982, he is feeling a new energy, knowing that the ol' pump is holding up fine. Considering that most bypasses last only ten years, we know this must be an answer to your fervent prayers. Thanks a thousandfold!

## A First Fruits Comeback

By Zola Levitt

It seems that our *Seven Feasts* book was given to one Jewish lady who teaches a class at a synagogue. She used it when teaching about the birth and placement of the feasts, I guess omitting the stuff about the Messiah. But, in any case, it must have been amazing for the Jewish ladies to hear what their true holidays are as taught from the Torah. It may be the only synagogue in the world that now recognizes the festival called First Fruits, foreshadowing the resurrection of Christ, otherwise omit-



ted by the rabbis. Ask your local rabbi, or your local Jewish friend, if they've heard of a holiday called First Fruits. If not, refer them to their Torah (Leviticus 23:10-12). ■

## A Capital Act by Congress

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(9) In 1990, the Congress unanimously adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 106, which declares that the Congress "strongly believes that Jerusalem must remain an undivided city in which the rights of every ethnic and religious group are protected".

(10) In 1992, the United States Senate and House of Representatives unanimously adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 113 of the One Hundred Second Congress to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, and reaffirming congressional sentiment that Jerusalem must remain an undivided city.

(11) The September 13, 1993, Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements lays out a timetable for the resolution of "final status" issues, including Jerusalem.

(12) The Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area was signed May 4, 1994, beginning the five-year transitional period laid out in the Declaration of Principles.

(13) In March of 1995, 93 members of the United States Senate signed a letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher encouraging "planning to begin now" for relocation of the United States Embassy to the city of Jerusalem.

(14) In June of 1993, 257 members of the United States House of Representatives signed a letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher stating that the relocation of the United States Embassy to Jerusalem "should take place no later than 1999".

(15) The United States maintains its embassy in the functioning capital of every country except in the case of our democratic friend and strategic ally, the State of Israel.

(16) The United States conducts official meetings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in de facto recognition of its status as the capital of Israel.

(17) In 1996, the State of Israel will celebrate the 3,000th anniversary of the Jewish presence in Jerusalem since King David's entry.

**The congressional act goes on to determine when and how the United States should establish its embassy in Jerusalem. However, it also provides the president with a bypass around implementing this act by granting him waiver authority. Every six months the president signs a waiver to virtually annul the force of this congressional directive because of "national security" concerns. Isn't it sad that President Bush consciously rebuffs genuine friendship with our only ally and the only democracy in the Middle East each time he signs this waiver?**  
— Zola

## To the Lost Sheep of Israel – Part 2

By Todd Baker, ThM



In our last report, John Gonzales and I described the events of our initial evangelistic encounters in Tel Aviv during the fourth outreach sponsored by Shalom Shalom Messianic Congregation and Zola Levitt Ministries. Truly, the Lord prepared the way before us. We continue in this issue with a number of opportunities we had to share the love of Yeshua, Messiah of the Jews and Savior of the world.

On the eve of Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement), we stopped in the nice Sheraton Hotel to have coffee. As we were looking for an entrance, a security guard appeared and told us that the restaurant was closed. We then told him that we were sent by a Messianic congregation in Dallas, Texas, to let the Jewish people know that God's plan for them is right on schedule and irrevocable (Romans 11:29), simply because God chose Israel to bless all the nations of the earth, which He has certainly done with the Jewish Scriptures and the Jewish Messiah bringing salvation to those who believe (Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 3:2; 9:5). He smiled appreciatively at this support.

We talked to him about the evidence from the Jewish Scriptures that proves Yeshua is the Messiah of Israel and that the miraculous restoration of the Jewish people back to their ancient homeland is both a fulfillment of Bible prophecy and a sure sign of the Messiah's return. We showed him the prophecy of Jeremiah 12:15-16 in Hebrew and English, which predicts that the Lord will remove the enemies of Israel from the Land (fulfilled in the Arab-Israeli wars of 1948 and 1967) to allow the Jews to regain and dwell in their homeland again after worldwide dispersion. During this regathering process the Lord said He would return!

“For thus says the Lord: ‘Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I caused My people Israel to inherit — behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, *that I will return* and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land’” (Jeremiah 12:15-16, emphasis added). See also the Authorized Version of Deuteronomy 30:1-3 for the same prophecy.

While we were talking with this man, a middle-aged Jewish lady from England heard our conversation and came over to listen to the discussion. She asked me what

the phrase on the front of my T-shirt meant, which was a quotation from Romans 11:18: “You do not support the root, but the root supports you.” I told her that this phrase was a verse from the New Testament teaching that Gentile Christians do not take precedence over and above Israel but rather are supported and nurtured by what God has done through Israel. She listened to us and read from the Scriptures in Jeremiah 31:35-37 where God promised that He would preserve the nation of Israel forever. From that same chapter we showed her that He would make “a new covenant” (Brit Hadasha in Hebrew) with Israel (Jeremiah 31:31-34) and how it was ratified through the atoning death of Jesus the Messiah (see Matthew 26:27-28). She was interested in learning more so we left her a Gospel tract that gave steps to accepting this crucified and risen Messiah.

The following morning we hit the streets again. The Holy Spirit led us to a bus stop where we witnessed to an elderly Jewish lady who could not speak English well. A young Israeli teenager heard us, came over to listen, and ended up helping translate for us so that the lady could fully understand the Gospel message from the Brit Hadasha. This was simply amazing! Without hesitation this young man was willing to help us communicate the Gospel in Hebrew to a fellow countryman. We told them that if they would study the prophecies of the Messiah in the Tenach (our Old Testament) and see how Yeshua fulfilled them in the Brit Hadasha they both would come to the obvious conclusion that He is truly the Messiah of Israel come to restore and redeem the Jewish people. Our translator seemed to be more open to the Gospel and so we offered him a copy of a New Testament in Hebrew.

When he took it, the elderly lady began raising her voice. I thought she was angered by our attempt to “proselytize.” But the young man said that she simply wanted a copy of the New Testament for herself. Unfortunately, I had only one copy because we had already given out the rest. I knew I had only one Hebrew New Testament left; I had checked my bag twice. I was sure of this. So, I expressed my apologies to the lady for not having a copy for her. As we turned to go, I checked my bag for the third and final time. To my shock and utter surprise, sitting right there on top of my tracts was one copy of the Hebrew New Testament, where surely there was none before! If God can easily multiply loaves and fishes out of thin air, why could He not produce a Hebrew New Testament for a sweet and sincere woman who wanted to know the truth? What joy and awe we had at this! I gave her the Scriptures and she thanked me. I have called this event “The Miracle of Replenishment.”

In next month's article I will relate our witnessing experiences in Galilee, Qiryat Shimona, and Jerusalem. ■

## Our Valuable Ally

By John Diamond, *USA Today*

Israel is secretly playing a key role in U.S. preparations for possible war with Iraq, helping to train soldiers and Marines for urban warfare, conducting clandestine surveillance missions in the western Iraqi desert and allowing the United States to place combat supplies in Israel, according to U.S. Defense and intelligence officials.

...Israeli commandos, using their own satellite intelligence and imagery provided by U.S. intelligence services, have conducted clandestine surveillance missions of Scud missile sites in western Iraq.

...Israeli infantry units with experience in urban warfare during the Palestinian uprising helped train U.S. Army and Marine counterparts this summer and fall for possible urban battles in Iraq.

...The Pentagon has beefed up stocks of ammunition, fuel and other basic military staples at six storage depots in Israel over the past year. ■

## Ecumenical Baby

*Israel Today*

A Palestinian baby abandoned at birth was rescued by Palestinian doctors, given a home by nuns and her heart repaired

by an Israeli surgeon. The survival of tiny Salaam, whose name means “peace” in Arabic, is a rare tale of cooperation among the fractured peoples of the Holy Land.

Israeli doctor Eli Milgalter of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem performed the surgery without accepting payment. “It’s special,” he said, “that even with violence raging and divides widening, Salaam was saved by Moslems, Christians and Jews.” ■



## “Today I am a man”

By Melissa Radler, *The Jerusalem Post*

A thirteen-year-old from New Jersey took the meaning of his bar mitzvah to heart and donated a portion of his savings to soldiers stationed in the West Bank.

“I’ve decided to donate part of my bar mitzvah money to the IDF,” Josh Cohen told friends and relatives at his bar mitzvah party. The food was Middle Eastern-themed, the beer was brewed in Israel, and the traditional floral centerpieces were replaced by baskets filled with presents for the soldiers. Josh also asked his guests to add letters of support and thanks for the soldiers.

“It is my way of saying we are thinking about you, we respect what you are doing, we thank you, and we hope God blesses you with success in fighting our enemies and protects you from being harmed.” ■

## Hebrew Lesson

By John J. Parsons



## Biblical Insights

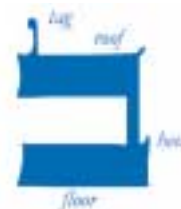


### From our Sages

The first letter of the Hebrew Bible is a Bet rather than an Aleph, and certain Jewish sages have puzzled over why this is the case. One sage thought that this is because the letter Bet connotes power because of the force of air (*ruach*) being spoken forth; another thought that by starting with a Bet rather than an Aleph, the almighty was in effect revealing that man did not know the first principles about the creation; yet another thought that since Aleph is a silent letter, it represents God in His unspeakable glory and life, which forever precedes all things (see Isa. 44:6, Rev. 22:13). Jesus described Himself as the “Aleph and the Tav,” and the Aleph, humble and lowly, gives out its strength (Aleph) before the house — Bet, in Hebrew — of creation in sacrificial love.



Aleph



Bet

(Please see page 2 for a sample of the new book ZOLA’S INTRODUCTION TO HEBREW.)



# “A pile of dead jews. . .”

By Larry Miller

A brief overview of the situation is always valuable, so as a service to all Americans who still don't get it, I now offer you the story of the Middle East in just a few paragraphs, which is all you really need.

Don't thank me. I'm a giver. Here we go:

The Palestinians want their own country. There's just one thing about that: There are no Palestinians. It's a made-up word. Israel was called Palestine for two thousand years. Like “Wiccan,” “Palestinian” sounds ancient but is really a modern invention. Before the Israelis won the land in war, Gaza was owned by Egypt, and there were no “Palestinians” then, and the West Bank was owned by Jordan, and there were no “Palestinians” then. As soon as the Jews took over and started growing oranges as big as basketballs, what do you know, say hello to the “Palestinians,” weeping for their deep bond with their lost “land” and “nation.”

So for the sake of honesty, let's not use the word “Palestinian” any more to describe these delightful folks, who dance for joy at our deaths until someone points out they're being taped. Instead, let's call them what they are: “Other Arabs Who Can't Accomplish Anything In Life And Would Rather Wrap Themselves In The Seductive Melodrama Of Eternal Struggle And Death.”

I know that's a bit unwieldy to expect to see on CNN. How about this, then: “Adjacent Jew-Haters.” Okay, so the Adjacent Jew-Haters want their own country. Oops, just one more thing. No, they don't. They could've had their own country any time in the last thirty years, especially two years ago at Camp David. But if you have your own country, you have to have traffic lights and garbage trucks and Chambers of Commerce, and, worse, you actually have to figure out some way to make a living. That's no fun. No, they want what all the other Jew-Haters in the region want: Israel.

They also want a big pile of dead Jews, of course — that's where the real fun is — but mostly they want Israel. Why? For one thing, trying to destroy Israel — or “The Zionist Entity” as their textbooks call it — for the last fifty years has allowed the rulers of Arab countries to divert the attention of their own people away from the fact that they're the blue-ribbon most illiterate, poorest, and tribally backward on God's Earth, and if you've ever been around God's Earth, you know that's really saying something.

It makes me roll my eyes every time one of our pundits waxes poetic about the great history and culture of the

Muslim Mideast. Unless I'm missing something, the Arabs haven't given anything to the world since Algebra, and, by the way, thanks a heck of a lot for that one.

Chew this around and spit it out: Five hundred million Arabs; five million Jews.

Think of all the Arab countries as a football field, and Israel as a pack of matches sitting in the middle of it. And now these same folks swear that if Israel gives them half of that pack of matches, everyone will be pals.



Really? Wow, what neat news. Hey, but what about the string of wars to obliterate the tiny country and the constant din of rabid blood oaths to drive every Jew into the sea? Oh, that? We were just kidding.

My friend Kevin Rooney made a gorgeous point the other day: Just reverse the numbers. Imagine five hundred million Jews and five million Arabs. I was stunned at the simple brilliance of it. Can anyone picture the Jews strapping belts of razor blades and dynamite to themselves? Of course not. Or marshaling every fiber and force at their disposal for generations to drive a tiny Arab State into the sea? Nonsense. Or dancing for joy at the murder of innocents? Impossible. Or spreading and believing horrible lies about the Arabs baking their bread with the blood of children? Disgusting. No, as you know, left to themselves in a world of peace, the worst Jews would ever do to people is debate them to death.

Mr. Bush, God bless him, is walking a tightrope. I understand that with vital operations coming up against Iraq and others, it's in our interest, as Americans, to try to stabilize our Arab allies as much as possible, and, after all, that can't be much harder than stabilizing a roomful of super-models who've just had their drugs taken away.

However, in any big-picture strategy, there's always a danger of losing moral weight.

We've already lost some. After September 11 our president told us and the world he was going to root out all terrorists and the countries that supported them. Beautiful. Then the Israelis, after months and months of having the equivalent of an Oklahoma City [bombing] every week (and then every day) start to do the same thing we did, and we tell them to show restraint.

If America were being attacked with an Oklahoma City every day, we would all very shortly be screaming for the administration to just be done with it and kill everything south of the Mediterranean and east of the Jordan. (Hey, wait a minute, that's actually not such a bad id . . . ooh, that is, what a horrible thought, yeah, horrible.) ■

Like its Moslem fans, the *New York Times* is not usually noted for humor. We present you with this rare exception. — Zola

# Saddam, By A Whisker



By Michael Rubiner, *The New York Times*

In a developing scandal, there have been widespread claims of voting irregularities in the recent Iraqi election. In a referendum on re-electing President Saddam Hussein, Mr. Hussein won 100 percent of the vote, but Mr. Hussein's aides claim that the real number was probably closer to 110 percent. They contend that a significant number of voters, particularly the elderly, had difficulty reading what they describe as confusing, poorly designed punch-card ballots. Many voters, the aides believe, intended to vote for Mr. Hussein but "spoiled" their ballots inadvertently.

The ballots consist of a single question, "Do you choose to re-elect Saddam Hussein?" followed by the choices, a) Yes or b) Yes. Many voters complained to election officials that they intended to vote "Yes" but instead mistakenly punched the hole under "Yes" because the holes were not properly aligned. Many of these people say they declined to bring this problem to the attention of election workers for fear of looking foolish and also, as one voter said, because poll officials "tend to be a little trigger happy."

Other voters say they were uncertain which "Yes" to choose so they punched both holes, thus invalidating their ballots. One such voter explained, "I knew this was going to be a squeaker of a contest, and I wanted to be extra sure that Saddam got my vote. Now I learn my ballot is to be thrown out. It's enough to make you question our electoral system. I mean, not me personally, but someone else might question it."

Other voters who were confused by the ballots chose to write in "Yes," or "Totally," or "Saddam is the only despot for me," but these ballots were also ruled invalid by election authorities. "It's pretty clear these people intended to vote for Saddam," one official said. "But how would it look if we chose to count their votes? People might start to think this whole election is a sham."

The controversy has created an outcry for ballot reform.

Voters and election officials agree that future ballots must be made clearer and less ambiguous. Some experts suggest having just one choice on the ballot, a) Yes. In another proposed redesign, voters would have a choice between, a) Yes or b) No, I prefer imprisonment.

Many Iraqis are calling for a manual recount of the ballots. Though Mr. Hussein won the election by a comfortable margin, officials believe the compromised results give an inaccurate picture of the level of support enjoyed by Mr. Hussein. "We know how the West can spin these results," one official said. "They'll say, 'Oh, Saddam only has the support of 100 percent of the country. He's vulnerable.'" ■



## The Weapon of the Weak

"Twenty-five years ago, there were only 36 democracies in the world. Today we have 120. Now the world listens to our music, watches our movies, wears our clothes. We — and the freedom we represent — are winning the big wars worldwide. Latin America, Asia and Africa want to be more like us, less like the tyrannies of old. Please never forget that terrorism is the weapon of the weak wielded against the strong. It is embittered losers delivering desperate, brutal back swipes at the winners. The way to win this fight is to remember and honor the victims and never, ever forget the stakes." Christopher Matthews, *Washington Times*. ■

### Web Blessings

For an "Interview with God," see breathtaking photographic images and an inspiring message that has touched many: [www.theinterviewwithgod.com](http://www.theinterviewwithgod.com)

Interactive Jewish Calendar: [www.hebcal.com/hebcal/](http://www.hebcal.com/hebcal/)

# Honoring God's Promises

By Zola Levitt

Recently, a reader contacted the Christian Research Institute, founded by Hank Hanegraaff, to find out what they have to say about Zola Levitt Ministries. Below are some excerpts from CRI's response.

"We commend Zola Levitt Ministries in their service to the Lord. They uphold the important teaching of the inerrancy of Scripture, as well as the important truth that Christ alone provides salvation for humanity. As a Christian ministry, they are primarily concerned with reaching the Jewish community, and Zola Levitt has also been helpful in portraying the significance of Jewish traditions for Christians.

"While we commend them with regard to these tremendous aspects of their ministry, and accept Zola Levitt as a brother in Christ, we do not agree with their position that those who hold to 'covenant theology' (i.e., those who do not make the distinction between the church and Israel) espouse a theological system that apparently serves anti-Semitism and makes Scripture irrelevant.

"While Zola Levitt Ministries' beliefs are within the pale of Christian orthodoxy, we would purport that it is possible for orthodox Christians holding to 'covenant theology' to have a great love for the Jewish people, even though they do not place emphasis on their present ethnic status or the physical land of Israel as being significant in God's present dealings with humanity. We do not believe that one must give any ethnic group prominence in God's plan in order to show true Christian compassion and concern for them, and therefore would not agree that 'covenant theology' apparently serves anti-Semitism.

"Zola Levitt appears to criticize Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, Moody Bible Institute, and Dallas Theological Seminary for endorsing 'Progressive Dispensationalism,' rather than traditional dispensational theology. He insinuates people are in danger of compromising scriptural inerrancy when traditional dispensationalism is not affirmed.

"At CRI, we consider both 'dispensational theology' (including progressive dispensational theology) and 'covenant theology' to be within the pale of Christian orthodoxy...."

**The few footnotes on the letter from CRI indicate that the writer spent no more than a few minutes on our website [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) gathering information for this seemingly all-encompassing portrait of our 30-year-old ministry.**

The writer above states that he believes it is "possible" for Christians of the "covenant" variety to have a "great love" for the Jewish people. This may well be possible, but how little we see it in practice!

Once you begin to devalue the significance of the Chosen People, then how on earth can you have a "great love" for them? Once you disregard their "present ethnic status" (whatever that means), then you cannot appreciate their past and future status, because the Jewish people and nation have always been the apple of God's eye... and they always have been Jewish!

God loved them and chose them and called them out and promised to them eternal blessings as a distinct people. In essence, one devalues the eternal promises of God by devaluing the objects of those promises.

Not everyone holding to covenant theology may be an anti-Semite, but such beliefs provide an easy environment for this attitude to be fostered, as most mainline Protestant denominations and the Catholics demonstrate by their pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel posturing. ■



## Biting the hand that feeds you.

American missionary, Bonnie Witheral, 31, worked with the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. She was shot three times outside the pregnancy clinic she ran for Palestinian refugees in the port city of Sidon, Lebanon. Says her husband, Gary: "We just wanted to put our arms around people and say 'Hey, you know what? There's hope.'"

"I forgive anyone who did that," said Gary Witheral, "It doesn't take away the pain. It's a costly forgiveness... it cost my wife," Mr. Witheral told *The Times*. "I loved her.... We had a really lovely marriage."



It's no wonder our government waffles back and forth on its support for Israel and its friendship with the Arab world! Thankfully, this pro-Arab Senate leader will be out of his leadership position when Congress reconvenes next term. — Zola

## The Senator From "Saudi" Dakota

WorldNetDaily.com

[Outgoing] Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle launched his political career as a top aide to Sen. Jim Abourezk, D-S.D., who characterized Israel as a "terrorist" state.



According to office memos obtained in an investigative report by *World* magazine, Daschle was the senator's point man on space, defense and foreign affairs — including the Middle East.

Abourezk was a Lebanese-American dubbed by one radio commentator as "the senator from Saudi Dakota" because of his pro-Arab, anti-Israeli views and positions. Abourezk, during the Persian Gulf War, compared Israel to Nazi Germany.

Daschle was more than a passive aide rubber-stamping his boss' extremist positions, according to the *World* report.

"Undeniably, he was the top foreign-policy aide to the most stridently anti-Israel senator ever to serve on Capitol Hill," the *World* report surmises.

An April 3, 1975, memo submitted by Daschle blasts America's "carte blanche policy on military supplies to Israel."

"Mr. Daschle made heroes of the Egyptians who had 'sacrificed so much for so long for the cause of Palestine... approximately 500,000 Egyptian lives and millions of dollars in destroyed property over the 26-year history of Egypt's involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict,'" reports the Oct. 12 issue of *World*.

After leaving the Senate, Abourezk organized and chaired the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. He served as its chairman for 15 years, stepping down in 1995. ■

*Surprise, surprise...*

## Saudi Money Trail to 9-11 Attacks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is pressing Saudi Arabia to monitor Islamic charity groups to make sure contributions do not fall into the hands of terrorists, a senior U.S. official said.

The drive was launched months before recent news reports that a charitable contribution by Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wife of the Saudi ambassador to the United States, may have indirectly helped two of the men who participated in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in New York and Washington.

...The FBI, meanwhile, is in charge of an investigation into the reports involving the wife of the Saudi ambassador. "The Saudis are cooperating fully."

The princess sent monthly checks to a Saudi woman living in the United States. A Saudi official, Adel al-Jubeir, said she was the wife of Osama Basnan, who along with Omar al-Bayoumi is believed to have loaned financial support to two of the hijackers.

Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were Saudis. ■

## James, The Brother of Jesus

The archaeological world is anticipating exciting results from studies conducted on an *ossuary* — an ancient bone box — discovered in Israel. Though not the only one of its kind, this box may have significance to the entire Christian world...and beyond.

Its inscription, in Aramaic, reads, "Ya'akov (James), son of Yosef (Joseph), brother of Yeshua (Jesus)." If proven accurate, this limestone box could be a rare extra-Biblical proof of Jesus' existence.

Although ossuaries were common in ancient Israel, rarely did the inscriptions include the name of a relative, unless that person was of some importance, as Jesus obviously was.

The *Associated Press* reports that the box was damaged en route from Israel to Royal Ontario Museum in Canada.

Like other Biblical artifacts, this box is an important find, but not an object of worship nor something upon which one should decide his faith. We come to Jesus, the son of Joseph, the brother of James, by faith in Him, His death and His resurrection. Praise God that the world must recognize the Messiah's reality because of discoveries like this from time to time! ■

Dear Friends,

A few days after the United States was attacked on 9-11, I stood on the Mount of Olives with our television crew and stated that if we fake this new war against terrorism, we will lose it. I believe we're dangerously close to losing it.

Our nation struck hard against Afghanistan, which, as a people, did not attack us. But we liberated the nation from the Taliban — a good thing — and destroyed much of al Qaeda's infrastructure — another good thing — and yet have delayed for over a year now to engage the real enemies of the United States. Iraq may or may not have been the prime force behind the 9-11 attacks. Saddam Hussein is evil personified and must be dealt with. Agreed. But not because the first Bush failed to finish him off in the Gulf War. And not because of an assassination attempt on the first Bush.

How it has grieved me to see our government seek alliances with those who genuinely hate us and wish our people dead! I'm talking about Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iran and even the Palestinian Authority.

Fifteen of the 19 terrorists of 9-11 were Saudi citizens, born and raised in that backwater regime where hatred of Jews and Christians, of Israel and America, is preached every Friday in mosques. I've been telling you for over a year that Saudi Arabia is not our friend, as President Bush insists.

Now, at the time of this printing, links between the Saudi royal family and the 9-11 attacks have been discovered, and the Senate is pressing for an investigation involving Saudi princesses (blame it on their wives) and the Saudi ambassador to the U.S. (how convenient).

America has always had difficulty learning history. These Arab dictators have pursued a long-range strategy to infiltrate our society

# A Note From Zola

through large corporate investments and a steady flow of immigration. Communist China has been engaged in a similar plan even longer, to the point now that too many American-owned manufacturers are completely dependent on cheap Chinese labor for their economic survival in the marketplace. And all the while, China is sucking up our technology and know-how, waiting for the right time to cut us off at the knees.

The United States is a young nation — a great one, but still very young. What are 250 years compared to 1,500 or 5,000? We must not allow ourselves to be duped anymore by the duplicity of regimes that are fundamentally opposed to our existence. We must not step back in cowardice when faced with morally corrupt leaders and nations who seek to infiltrate and annihilate us from within and without.

Yes, we can lose this war to weaker nations. The ancient empires of Egypt, Greece and Rome did. And if we keep on dithering around about this war, the terrorism against us will grow to what it is in Israel so that it will be a prime occupation of ours to chase around these murderers all the time. Instead, we need to attack at the source and get this finished off.

Our enemy is not some nebulous "terrorism" but the majority of Islam's followers, including much of the Arab world. If we don't name



them and fight them, they will take us over. And that includes naming those in America who burn our flag and side with our enemies.

America's college campuses are now contaminated by what I call a lower moral tier. College professors, textbooks, student organizations, etc., now teach anti-American, anti-Semitic, anti-freedom messages as part of their regular diet of education. This moral vacuum is also seen repeated throughout Europe.

This lower moral tier of society never includes born again believers and seldom includes successful people. Some who have gotten ahead typically are not prejudiced, and the only reason they might show bias is that they want votes, etc., but in their hearts they are not on the same level.

**"We must not allow ourselves to be duped anymore."**

So how does this lower moral tier gain credence? Remarkably, it is the media elite who continue to elevate these groups. Case in

point: the Moscow theatre hostage crisis. *Sky News* reported that the Chechen rebels were "assisted by the Middle East," a way of reporting the story without using the word "Muslim" to identify the captors.

The United Nations, too, is a group of prejudiced, loutish, arrogant third-worlders who ultimately make little difference and who criticize Israel

for a living. Making just decisions based on what's morally right is not their guiding principle.

During our Fall Tour to Israel, I took the television crew to Ramallah to tape some new programs. While there, I met the curator of a local museum who revealed just how low the morality of our enemies has sunk. This woman holds a Masters degree from Georgetown University, but began to spout off unbelievable propaganda about supposed Israeli atrocities against the "poor Palestinians."

"Well, yes, we have terrorists," she told me. "They're murderers. They're out of control. But the Israelis have soldiers. They're government-paid. They wear uniforms. And they, too, pick off people [with their guns]." Then she rambled on about an Israeli soldier who shot 15 or 16 bullets at a 60-year-old woman sitting on a porch with her husband. She either believes it, or has been told to say it. It's hard for me to believe she's a graduate of an American University!

Arafat's spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi holds a doctorate from an American school, and claims to be a Christian, and yet the depth at which she swims in this lower moral tier demonstrates the twisted way our enemies view their mission. Jesus was not a Palestinian, as Ashrawi states, but she believes that somehow the immorality of constantly lying to the public will achieve some greater good.

Palestinian Christians. How do you define them? By and large, they call themselves Christians because their parents did so, much like the Copts, Maronites, Armenians, etc. They are of the Eastern Church, very sacramental. We would not regard them as born again believers in this country. They have no salvation doctrine, no knowledge of prophecy, and are typically either neutral about Israel or, more likely, hostile — not like the Muslims, who are by all means the most virulent of the world's religions. But, they are a close second.

After dealing with Moslems all my life, I would say that the whole Islamic community around the world is included in this lower moral tier. They approve the killing of innocents, and as a group pursue Islamic control of the world — a completely insane idea.

I don't say that these people are unintelligent — they know that what they say is false — but they are morally crippled. And unfortunately, their message enjoys a greater voice in public than that of those who speak the truth from a platform of morality.

So let's not forget our job right here as disciples of our Lord. We have a message to get out, a spiritual battle to fight. If we're not careful, we will fail in our war, too.

Too many Christians are complacent about reaching their neighbors for Christ. Their churches have, unfortunately, fostered this complacency.

A minister remarked recently that in his neighborhood stand several evangelical churches and one large mosque. To his dismay, however, he has received literature on his door only from the mosque; not one person from any of the churches has ever visited his neighborhood.

Friends, we must not let our churches, our pastors, our seminaries, the media, or anybody else deter us from winning this spiritual war. Yes, it is Christ who gives the victory, but He chooses to work through our obedience. Enlist in His service; be a soldier for Christ.

We seek to do that through this ministry in practical ways, such as our To the Jew First missionary endeavors. Read Todd Baker's article (page 10) about the preaching of the Gospel to the Chosen People.

Part of our support for Israel comes through tourism. It's our way of blessing the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And this past tour was a blessing for us as well. Dignitaries from Israel, Europe and America were there to honor us during our 75th tour to the Holy Land. It was a humbling experience to receive their thanks and gratitude. Our entire group received royal treatment. I can only wish that you would join us in the spring for our next tour to the Promised Land. Call Tony our tour manager at (214) 696-9760 for more information about all our tours, both domestic and overseas.

By the way, we had a pastor on our tour who went through an entire seminary education at a Presbyterian school and never learned the term "Rapture." This must now be possible at Moody Bible Institute, Dallas Seminary, Talbot, etc. The most surprised people in the Rapture will not be the folks in the churches who, with their study Bibles, are advancing far beyond what these businessmen care to teach. It will be the pathetic seminary students and faculty who

will be mystified at what's happening to them (if they're going at all).

Right now I'm in Florida leading tours to the Holy

Land Experience in Orlando. Our last tour this year is December 27-29. Afterwards, I'll be hanging around the area for church engagements through January. If your congregation would like to get hold of me in Florida or along the Gulf Coast on our way back to Texas, then have them call Claudia at (817) 417-0059 to set it up on my schedule.

**"Too many Christians are complacent about reaching their neighbors for Christ."**

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# Our Beloved Youth

By Jon Dougherty, *WorldNetDaily.com*

Islamic terror group Hamas has launched a new Web magazine for kids that praises martyrs while encouraging children to follow the example of committing suicide for the “cause.”

Complete with cartoon characters and other pictures demonstrating the “heroism of Palestinian children,” the online magazine, titled *Al-Fateh*, promises “pages discussing Jihad (holy war), scientific pages, the best stories, not to be found elsewhere, and unequalled tales of heroism.” The webzine’s editor hopes it will be read by “our beloved youth, the leaders of the future.”

The name of one of the main cartoon characters — a small boy on horseback wielding a sword — is “The Conqueror.” Translated, *Al-Fatah* could have several meanings, one Arabic expert told WND, one of which is “conqueror.” The online journal was discovered by The Media Line, an Israel-based media research firm that examines and analyzes “the world’s most complex and explosive region,” the Middle East.

“If you did not know what was inside the journal, you would most probably presume that it was all entirely innocent,” said a Media Line analysis. “It is anything but.”

Noting that Palestinian leaders have made “wide usage of children to further their struggle,” analysts said the online journal publishes photos that “demonstrate the overtly didactic nature” of its true intent. Those photos include Palestinian children holding and firing weapons. At first glance, it’s unclear whether the weapons are mock-ups or the real thing, but Media Line analysts say the desired effect is the same.

David Zev Harris, Media Line’s bureau chief in Jerusalem, told *WorldNetDaily* his organization was tipped off to the Hamas-sponsored webzine.

“While we’re used to seeing the Palestinians using children,” this publication was “uniquely interesting” because of its subtlety, he said. “More often, the message is more straightforward,” he said. Palestinians will show kids “in front of an Israeli tank or dressed as soldiers pretending to shoot at Israeli soldiers.”

“This looks much more innocent,” he said. The cartoon kids featured in the magazine “have really little faces, and some of the stories are very sweet and have absolutely nothing to do with the [uprising against Israel] whatsoever.” Once inside the magazine, however, Harris said the message becomes more clear: luring kids into the life of martyrdom.

“The newspaper’s stories emphasize the heroism of children against the cruel enemy, but also mix in other elements which can be seen time and again in Palestinian propaganda,” said the group’s analysis.

“Children reading this paper are not only exposed to stories of heroism in fiction, but also to real-life stories,” the analysis continues. “Next to cute and innocent stories like the one about the ‘ravenous rabbit,’ the newspaper instills into the hearts of its young readers the importance of the armed struggle and the heroism of suicide.”



Yet, while some Palestinian families are “honored” to have their children die for the cause, Harris said that feeling was not universal throughout the Palestinian communities.

“Right now there is a popular video on Palestinian television that shows a mother, after one of her teen-age sons has been killed by Israeli ‘terrorists,’ producing a Palestinian flag rifle and handing it to her next eldest son as if to say, ‘It’s time to go and kill yourself for the... homeland,’ as it were,” he said.

“While that may be the message of the Palestinian upper echelon,” he continued, “we’ve found that many Palestinians are frightened and are actually cajoled, persuaded or forced into” committing suicide bombings and related terrorist activities.

He said ordinary Palestinians who are unwilling to participate in the “jihad” against Israel sometimes are accused of being Jewish collaborators and threatened with trial and death.

But, Harris said, “there is no doubt that some people are really keen on this. The militancy has been prevalent in Palestinian communities for many years.”

In addition, he said, “don’t forget that [Iraqi President] Saddam Hussein is giving \$10,000 to the family of every suicide bomber.

“When you’re living in the abject poverty that Palestinians are, especially in Gaza, that’s a lot of money,” he said.

Harris said Hamas was targeting youth because they would be easier to “convert” to the cause than adults.

“If you’ve got a fervor for the cause coupled with the passion of youth,” he said, “it’s probably a lot easier to persuade people” to participate. ■

# Campus Hypocrisy

By Thomas L. Friedman, *The New York Times*

*The Washington Post* recently reported that students and faculty at a growing number of universities are pressuring their schools “into selling their holdings in companies that do business with Israel, prompting a counter-campaign among Jewish groups that consider the effort part of a creeping tide of anti-Semitism on campus.” Here’s what I would say to both sides on this issue:

Memo to professors and students leading the divestiture campaign: Your campaign for divestiture from Israel is deeply dishonest and hypocritical, and any university that goes along with it does not deserve the title of institution of higher learning.

You are dishonest because to single out Israel as the only party to blame for the current impasse is to perpetrate a lie. Historians can debate whether the Camp David and Clinton peace proposals for a Palestinian state were for 85, 90, or 97 percent of the West Bank and Gaza. But what is not debatable is what the proper Palestinian response should have been. It should have been to tell Israel and America that their peace proposals were the first fair offer they had ever put forth, and although they still fell short of what Palestinians feel is a just two-state solution, Palestinians were now prepared to work with Israel and America to achieve that end. The proper response was not a Palestinian intifada and 100 suicide bombers, which are what brought Ariel Sharon to power.

It is shameful that at a time when some Palestinians are writing that they made a historic mistake in not nurturing the Clinton peace offer, pro-Palestinian professors and students in America and Europe pretend that the only reason the occupation persists is because of Israeli obstinacy. This approach will never gain the Palestinians a state, and those who dabble in it are simply prolonging Palestinian misery.

You are also hypocrites. How is it that Egypt imprisons the leading democracy advocate in the Arab world, after a phony trial, and not a single student group in America calls for divestiture from Egypt? (I’m not calling for it, but the silence is telling.) How is it that Syria occupies Lebanon for 25 years, chokes the life out of its democracy, and not a single student group calls for divestiture from Syria? How is it that Saudi Arabia denies its women the most basic human rights, and bans any other religion from being practiced publicly on its soil, and not a single student group calls for divestiture from Saudi Arabia?

Criticizing Israel is not anti-Semitic, and saying so is vile. But singling out Israel for opprobrium and international sanction — out of all proportion to any other party in the Middle East — is anti-Semitic, and not saying so is dishonest.

Memo to Israel’s supporters: Just because there are anti-Semites who blame Israel for everything that is wrong does not mean that whatever Israel does is right, or in its self-interest, or just. The settlement policy Israel has been pursuing is going to lead to the demise of the Jewish state. No, settlements are not the reason for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but to think they do not exacerbate it, and are not locking Israel into a permanent occupation, is also dishonest.

If the settlers get their way, Israel will de facto or de jure annex the West Bank and Gaza. And if current Palestinian birth rates continue, by around the year 2010 there will be more Palestinians than Jews living in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza combined. When that happens, the demand of the college anti-Israel movements will change.

They won’t bother anymore with divestiture. They will simply demand: “One Man, One Vote. Since Israel has de facto annexed the territories, and there is now just one political entity between Jordan and the Mediterranean, we want majority rule.” If you think it is hard to defend Israel on campus today, imagine doing it in 2010, when the colonial settlers have so locked Israel into the territories it can rule them only by apartheid-like policies.

This is not a call for unilateral Israeli withdrawal. This is a call for everyone who wants Israel to remain a Jewish state —

and not become a binational state — to urge President Bush to renew the U.S. push for a two-state solution. If you think the Bush team is doing Israel a favor with its diplomacy of benign neglect, if you think the only campaign Jews need to be involved in today is with hypocrites on U.S. college campuses — and not with extremists in their own camp — you too are telling yourselves a very big and dangerous lie.

**“Singling out Israel for opprobrium and international sanction... is anti-Semitic.”**

On the whole, Friedman is accurate, but I disagree with him on the issues of settlers and Palestinian statehood on Biblical grounds. God has already determined a one-state solution... Israel! — Zola

# The Hate-filled Preaching of the Peaceful Religion

By Michael Petrou, *The Ottawa Citizen*

A radical London-based Muslim cleric has been caught on film urging his followers to kill non-Muslims and commit acts of terrorism.

Tapes of Sheik Abu Hamza, a cleric affiliated with London's Finsbury Park mosque, telling an audience that non-believers should be killed or sold into slavery have been smuggled onto the Internet.

"If a kafir person (non-believer) goes in a Muslim country, he is like a cow. Anybody can take him. That is the Islamic law," Mr. Hamza says on one tape.

"If a kafir is walking by and you catch him, he's booty. You can sell him in the market. Most of them are spies. And even if they don't do anything, if Muslims cannot take them and sell them in the market, you just kill them. It's OK."

Mr. Hamza also praises the al-Qaeda bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people.

"If Muslims are having a war against these people, then yes, it is legitimate," he says.

He then praised attacks against ships from non-Muslim countries: "If a ship loses its way and comes to a Muslim land, they'll take it as booty." A terrorist attack in 2000 on the USS Cole killed 17 American sailors. The attack has been linked to Muslim militants in Britain, but Mr. Hamza has never been charged.

Despite accusations he recruits for al-Qaeda, Mr. Hamza's only punishment in Britain has been a High Court order banning him from preaching at the Finsbury Park mosque. However, when the *Citizen* visited the mosque several weeks ago, worshippers had his phone number handy.

The sheik, who was born in Egypt and grew up in England, then alluded to more violence — using language similar to that used by Osama bin Laden.

"Just as non-Muslim blood is hot, Muslim blood is hot, too," he said. "It's for them to worry about. When they kill, they will be killed." ■

# Bringing in the Thieves

*Associated Press*

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he is trying to expand programs to bring educators, journalists and political and religious leaders from Islamic countries to the United States.



"We are committed to ensuring that our programs reach out to Muslims in all walks of life," Powell told a gathering of Muslim-Americans at an Iftaar, the end-of-the-day meal that breaks daylong fasts during the holy month of Ramadan.

Powell said the United States also is committed to enhancing understanding by building hope.

"From the mountains of Afghanistan to the valleys of Bosnia to the plains of Africa to the forests of Asia and around the world we are on the ground working with our Muslim partners to expand the circle of peace, the circle of prosperity, the circle of freedom," he said.

Describing extremism and violence as America's greatest enemies, Powell said, "We must not listen to the siren song of the bigots, extremists who cloak themselves in false spirituality in an attempt to divide and to weaken us." ■

"Exercising Women's rights, Moslem-style"



## The Empty Tomb Nearly Bankrupt by Zola Levitt

The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem now has a staff of only two. Both of them are the ministers who guide our groups through the site. When we arrived, the older gentleman, probably close to 80, took our group — very competently. The younger man was doing the gardening, going around planting things and so on.

It's very sad because it used to have a staff adequate for many groups of pilgrims. We set up some time ago the Garden Tomb Fund and the men thanked me very graciously for your gifts through Zola Levitt Ministries. It's hard to think of a more important Christian site in the Holy Land or anywhere else in the world. Please consider supporting this vital ministry in the Promise Land. ■



# "Total Information Awareness"

By William Safire, *The New York Times*

If the Homeland Security Act is not amended before passage, here is what will happen to you:

Every purchase you make with a credit card, every magazine subscription you buy and medical prescription you fill, every Web site you visit and e-mail you send or receive, every academic grade you receive, every bank deposit you make, every trip you book and every event you attend — all these transactions and communications will go into what the Defense Department describes as "a virtual, centralized grand database."

To this computerized dossier on your private life from commercial sources, add every piece of information that government has about you — passport application, driver's license and bridge toll records, judicial and divorce records, complaints from nosy neighbors to the F.B.I., your lifetime paper trail plus the latest hidden camera surveillance — and you have the super-snoop's dream: a "Total Information Awareness" about every U.S. citizen.

This is not some far-out Orwellian scenario. It is what will happen to your personal freedom in the next few weeks if John Poindexter gets the unprecedented power he seeks.

Remember Poindexter? Brilliant man, first in his class at the Naval Academy, later earned a doctorate in physics, rose to national security adviser under President Ronald Reagan. He had this brilliant idea of secretly selling missiles to Iran to pay ransom for hostages, and with



the illicit proceeds to illegally support contras in Nicaragua.

...He is determined to break down the wall between commercial snooping and secret government intrusion. The disgraced admiral dismisses such necessary differentiation as bureaucratic "stovepiping." And he has been given a \$200 million budget to create computer dossiers on 300 million Americans.

When George W. Bush was running for president, he stood foursquare in defense of each person's medical, financial and communications privacy. But Poindexter, whose contempt for the restraints of oversight drew the Reagan administration into its most serious blunder, is still operating on the presumption that on such a sweeping theft of privacy rights, the buck ends with him and not with the president.

...Political awareness can overcome "Total Information Awareness," the combined force of commercial and government snooping. In a similar overreach, Attorney General Ashcroft tried his Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS), but public outrage at the use of gossips and postal workers as snoops caused the House to shoot it down. The Senate should now do the same to this other exploitation of fear.

The Latin motto over Poindexter's new Pentagon office reads "Scientia Est Potentia" — "knowledge is power." Exactly: the government's infinite knowledge about you is its power over you. ■



## Note From Zola

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As your family enjoys this holiday season, remembering the birth of Messiah, consider a gift to the ongoing efforts of this ministry. Whether it be to our missionary fund, our Anatot fund, or to any other outreach of this ministry, God will bless you with eternal gifts as you share your heart and resources for the saving of souls and the proclamation of His truth. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

When you give, say a prayer for us as you walk out to the mailbox. We cannot exist without your faithful intercession. And pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



Zola

## "...After converting to Islam"

BBC News

Australian police have charged a British-born man with planning to blow up Israeli diplomatic premises in Australia. Jack Roche, 49, appeared in court in Perth to deny any connection with the alleged plot.

The man's arrest on Monday night follows an earlier raid on his home — one of a series by Australian police in the wake of the 12 October bombings in the Indonesian resort of Bali, in which nearly 200 people died.

In interviews after the raids, Mr. Roche said that after converting to Islam 10 years ago, he had been sent to Afghanistan to learn to make bombs.

He also said he was a supporter of Indonesian Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir — the alleged spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiah, a militant group that has been linked to the Bali bombing.

Mr. Roche also defended Osama bin Laden who was "innocent until proven guilty." Meanwhile, the Australian Government has warned its citizens to be vigilant in the face of what it calls credible information of possible terrorist attacks. Many Western governments have recently issued similar warnings.

During Mr. Roche's brief court appearance his lawyer, Robert Mazza, denied his client was guilty of two charges of conspiring to bomb the Israeli embassy in Canberra and the Israeli consulate in Sydney.

The attacks were alleged to have been planned two years ago in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Malaysia.

Mr. Roche was born in the UK and converted to Islam. He was one of a number of people whose homes were raided by police in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney earlier this month, targeting sympathizers of Jemaah Islamiah.

During the police crackdown Mr. Roche told Australian ABC radio that he was a supporter of radical Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir, accused by several governments of leading Jemaah Islamiah.

Mr. Roche said he met Mr. Ba'asyir in the mid-1990s when the cleric visited Australia.

"I liked what he was saying. It was very clear. It all made sense," he told the radio. "I believe that Abu Bakar Ba'asyir is supporting Osama bin Laden on the basis of what he sees as Osama bin Laden having the courage of his convictions and sincerely believes what he is

doing is right," the ABC quoted him as saying.

"I mean as far as I know Osama bin Laden is innocent until proven guilty." ■

## Protecting Beauty Queens

Reuters

Nigeria said it would never allow the implementation of a series of Islamic Shari'a law death-by-stoning verdicts, in an apparent bid to reassure beauty queens threatening to boycott this year's Miss World pageant.

Junior Foreign Minister Dubem Onyia singled out the case of... a 31-year-old woman whose sentencing to death by stoning for adultery sparked worldwide outrage.

"[She] will never, never be stoned to death," Onyia said. "The federal government will not stand by to let any citizen of this country be dehumanized." ■



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# "I Share in Your Pain"

By Stewart M. Weiss, *The Jerusalem Post*

Will the real Israeli please stand up? Is it the gruff, tough ruffian who cuts you off in traffic, endangering life and limb — his and yours — for the sake of one car-length? Is it the rude and pushy person who mysteriously appears at the bank or post office — just as you are about to finally advance to the clerk — and cavalierly informs you, "I was here."

Or is it the driver who pulls off the road to help you with the baby carriage, all the while telling you what a cute baby you have; or the supermarket clerk who runs down the street chasing you to return the NIS 10 [New Israeli Shekels] change you forgot when you checked out?

Over the last month, since our son Ari was killed in battle in Nablus, I have had the opportunity to encounter the Israeli, and the Israel, you never — or rarely — see; certainly the Israel you almost never read about. It is, I can report, an Israel with a huge heart, a towering soul, and an inner desire to do good.

From the moment we received the horrendous news about our Hayal, we were shielded in a protective bubble of love and care that defies description.

Within minutes of the army's dreaded knock on our front door, hundreds of friends took it upon themselves to attend to our every need, from providing three meals a day, to cleaning our house, to seeing to it that we are never alone. The entire Ra'anana community, led by Israel's most popular mayor, Zev Bielski, became mother hens and big brothers who took us under their wing and stood by our side.

From near and far came amazing gestures of sympathy and solidarity: The local Starbucks — the only kosher Starbucks in the world! — sent dozens of specialty coffees to our home each day of shiva [the traditional seven day mourning period held by religious Jews]. A neighborhood synagogue set up a "mobile sanctuary" in our living room so we could pray at home.

Baruch Hadaya Jewelers in Jerusalem took the bullet casings used in the "21-gun salute" to Ari at his funeral and made out of them, at no cost, commemorative rings for all the family. A 10-year-old boy from Hashmonaim, who watched the funeral on TV, saw our 10-year-old wearing a torn shirt (as required by Jewish law) and sent him a new T-shirt in the mail.

Christians from Montana send dolls to all the children.

We were overwhelmed with acts of kindness, and generosity of the spirit, from people we had never met

before. Dozens came to visit us, expressing solidarity through the beautiful Hebrew expression, "I share in your pain." Included among them, alas, were many who had themselves been victims of the Palestinian Terror War against the Jewish People. They, more than anyone, know what it means to suffer and to sacrifice for this great nation of ours.

Politicians came, too, to let us know we were not alone. President Moshe Katsav held our nine-year-old daughter's hand and animatedly asked her about school; Natan and Avital Sharansky cried with us and invited us to Shabbat dinner at their home; Effi Eitam hailed our son as a hero and left his home number in case we needed to call. Pointedly, only the politicians of the "Right" — Likud, Yisrael Ba'aliya, Mafdal, etc. — took the time to visit.

Those of the "Left" — Labor, Meretz, Shinui, who frequently boast of their supposed love for human rights and the need for national compassion — never bothered to make contact with us at any stage.

Most impressive of all was the IDF. They mobilized into "battle mode" to guard and guide us. Ari's unit — sent letters by their commanding officer "ordering" them to now make us part of their own families — surrounded us like a wall of green. Battle-trained generals came to sit with us, and several were even caught shedding a tear. The Chief of General Staff, Moshe Ya'alon, spent an hour telling us how many lives had been saved by Ari's final mission.

**I look out on all of this love, all of these expressions of unsolicited kindness, and I am absolutely convinced that we are a nation like no other.**

We have an unparalleled courage, a unique stamina, an irrepressible spirit.

And we are, deep down, at heart, a genuinely good people who care mightily about each other. Yes, at times we let our baser instincts and our weaker sides prevail; and we lapse into petty bickering and behavior. But, when it really, really counts, we rise to the occasion and embrace the finest values of the human condition.

And that is why, despite the heartaches and the losses and the set-backs we suffer, despite facing a cruel and despicable Palestinian people who seek our destruction, despite losing our own brave and beautiful son, I am absolutely certain that we shall triumph in this war and in all future wars.

And I know that Ari — whose death has sparked such an outpouring of positive emotion around the world — did not die in vain. ■



# Which Came First: Terrorism or "Occupation"?



Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Israel publication

Palestinian and Arab spokesmen commonly claim that the recent Palestinian terrorism is the result of the Israeli "occupation" of the West Bank and Gaza, adding that the violence will cease only when the "occupation" is ended.

Despite this claim, it should be recalled that the many Palestinian and Arab rejectionist factions (such as the Hamas and the Hizbullah) repeatedly declare that even if Israel would fully withdraw from the territories they will continue their attacks, since they refute Israel's basic right to exist.

More importantly, however, the basic premise of the Palestinian claim — that the "occupation" causes terrorism — is historically flawed. Arab and Palestinian terrorism against Israel existed prior to the beginning of Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza as a result of the Six Day War of June 1967, and even prior to the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948.

For example, Arab terrorism was rampant during the wave of anti-Jewish riots in 1920-21 (which was characterized by the brutal murder in Jaffa of the prominent Jewish author Y. Brenner), during the "Disturbances" of 1929 (which included the massacre of the Jewish community in Hebron), during the Arab Revolt of 1936-39, and in many other recorded incidents of wholesale anti-Jewish Arab violence throughout the pre-state period.

The Palestinian terrorism campaign was stepped-up on the eve of the UN Partition Resolution of November 1947, and led to the joint Arab invasion of 1948-49 which delineated the boundaries of the newly established State of Israel.

Indeed, this deplorable violence can be traced back to the beginning of the renewed Jewish settlement of the Land of Israel over a century ago.

After the War of Independence, Arab terrorism expanded in scope. In 1952, when *fedayeen* terrorist border incursions reached their height, there were about 3,000 incidents of cross-border violence, extending from the malicious destruction of property to the brutal murder of civilians. In the years 1951-1955, 503 Israelis were killed by Arab terrorists infiltrating from Jordan, 358 were killed in attacks from Egypt, and 61 were killed in attacks originating from Syria and Lebanon. This anti-Israeli violence encompassed both frontier settlements and population centers, and was perpetrated, for the most part, against innocent civilians, most of them new immigrants.

In conclusion, the oft-repeated Arab claim that the Israeli "occupation" is somehow to blame for the Palestinian terrorism is nothing more than an empty retort, repudiated by the facts, and disproved by a century of historical reality.



The following is a partial list of documented acts of Arab terrorism, all occurring prior to the beginning of the Israeli administration of the West Bank and Gaza in 1967:

**June 9, 1953** – Terrorists attacked a farming community near Lod, and killed one of the residents. The terrorists threw hand grenades and sprayed gunfire in all directions. On the same night, another group of terrorists attacked a house in the town of Hadera. This occurred a day after Israel and Jordan signed an agreement, with UN mediation, in which Jordan undertook to prevent terrorists from crossing into Israel from Jordanian territory.

**June 11, 1953** – Terrorists attacked a young couple in their home in Kfar Hess, and shot them to death.

**Mar 17, 1954** – Terrorists ambushed a bus traveling from Eilat to Tel Aviv, and opened fire at short range when the bus reached the area of Maale Akrabim in the northern Negev. In the initial ambush, the terrorists killed the driver and wounded most of the passengers. The terrorists then boarded the bus, and shot each passenger, one by one. Eleven passengers were murdered. Survivors recounted how the murderers spat on the bodies and abused them. The terrorists could clearly be traced back to the Jordanian border, some 20 km [about 13 miles] from the site of the terrorist attack.

**Mar 24, 1955** – Terrorists threw hand grenades and opened fire on a crowd at a wedding in the farming community of Patish, in the Negev. A young woman was killed, and eighteen people were wounded in the attack.

**Apr 11, 1956** – Terrorists opened fire on a synagogue full of children and teenagers, in the farming community of Shafrir. Three children and a youth worker were killed on the spot, and five were wounded, including three seriously.

**Sept 23, 1956** – Terrorists opened fire from a Jordanian position, and killed four archaeologists, and wounded sixteen others, near Kibbutz Ramat Rachel.

**Jan 1, 1965** – Palestinian terrorists attempted to bomb the National Water Carrier. This was the first attack carried out by the PLO's Fatah faction [under Yasser Arafat].

[Editor's note: The above publication listed nearly 60 such incidents that took place before the Six Day War in 1967. We have selected just a few of them due to space constraints.]

# The Poison is at Work

By Mortimer B. Zuckerman, *U.S. News & World Report*

Europe is sick again. The memory of 6 million murdered Jews, it seems, is no longer inoculation against the virus of antisemitism. It has taken hold, on the supposedly liberal left as well as the xenophobic right, all too long unchecked by feeble political leadership with one eye on the vengeful sentiments of millions of anti-Zionist immigrants from North Africa and the Middle East. The historic antisemitism denying individual Jews the right to live as equal members of society has horribly coalesced with a new version of antisemitism that denies the collective expression of the Jewish people, namely Israel, to live as an equal member of the family of nations. From Kiev in the East to Bilbao and Barcelona in Spain, and Rome in the South, from Marseilles to Paris to Berlin in the West, the poison is at work. Somehow antisemitism in Europe has outdone every other ideology and prejudice in its power and durability. Fascism came and went; Communism came and went; antisemitism came and stayed. And now it has been revitalized.

“Fire and Broken Glass.” Some of the manifestations of the campaign are spelled out in a report by the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights aptly titled “Fire and Broken Glass.” The summary of evil deeds can only sketch the daily nightmare. Jews, and people presumed to be Jewish, are assaulted across the region. Attackers, shouting racist slogans, throw stones at school children, at worshippers leaving religious services, at rabbis. Jewish homes, schools, and synagogues are firebombed. Windows are smashed. Scores of Jewish cemeteries are desecrated with anti-Jewish slogans and threats and Nazi symbols on walls and monuments. In Belgium, thugs beat up the chief rabbi. In Britain, the left-wing journal the *New Statesman* depicts a large Star of David stabbing the Union Jack. In London, a young student reading Psalms is stabbed 27 times on a city bus. A mural in a Scottish church depicts a crucified Jesus surrounded by Israeli soldiers. In Italy, *La Stampa* publishes a Page 1 cartoon of a tank emblazoned with the Jewish star pointing its gun at the baby Jesus, who pleads, “Surely, they don’t want to kill me again.” In France, where there have been hundreds of acts of violence, walls in Jewish neighborhoods have been defaced with slogans proclaiming, “Jews to the gas chambers.” In Germany, the Free Democratic Party has unofficially adopted antisemitism as a campaign technique to attract Germany’s sizable Muslim minority. A former German defense minister blames the power of the Jews for all the perceived ills of American foreign policy. German Jews are advised not to wear anything in public that will identify them as Jewish because their safety cannot be guaranteed. A listing of such incidents could fill, and fill again, this entire mag-

azine — even though they represent just a fraction of the total number of such crimes, their racial origin concealed in routine statistics of ordinary assault and vandalism.

All it takes for evil to flourish, as Edmund Burke reminded us, is for good men to remain silent. That, alas, has been the pattern. When things were getting out of hand a year ago, the French government finally made a forthright stand, and it had an effect. (Kudos to Harvard University President Lawrence Summers, who recently spoke out forcefully against antisemitic trends in U.S. academia.) Many public officials in Europe make racist, anti-Jewish statements but too often escape rebuke. Many Europeans are shocked by the re-emergence of hatred of Jews, but the most common reaction has been complacency. Israel seems to be absorbing Europe’s lingering anti-Jewish feelings, which are easier for many to express as anti-Zionism than antisemitism.

How do they do this? By applying two of the oldest antisemitic techniques: the double standard and moral equivalency. The double standard is manifest in the way Jews and the Jewish state are judged in a way no other people would be. With venom unsurpassed in modern dialogue, Europe demands that Israel act as if it has to win the “moral man of the year” award just to defend itself. Israel is attacked for any deviation, no matter how trivial, as if responding to those that seek its destruction is a moral failure. This pernicious, and intellectually dishonest, double standard has the effect of implicitly denying Israel the right to the same measures of self-defense that any other state would exert. When Israelis take steps to assert their collective rights of self-defense in the face of unprecedented terrorist attacks against innocent Israeli civilians, they encounter an almost unanimous condemnation from the European establishment and the European media. European detractors turn every Israeli act of defense into its current euphemism: crimes against humanity. The Europeans took the election of Ariel Sharon as a license to view every act of self-defense as an aggression. They forgot what produced Sharon’s election, namely the terrorism that Yasser Arafat launched in September 2000 against the most left-wing government in Israeli history — a government that had just made the most far-reaching proposals to settle the conflict.

What provoked Europe’s latest hostility was Israel’s incursion into the West Bank, which was in response to the unprecedented campaign of terror, culminating in the Netanya Passover bombing in which 29 Israelis perished and more than 140 were injured. If any other country in the world were bleeding from terrorism at the same rate as Israel, would there be any question of its right to defend itself? To deny Israel’s right to defend itself, of course, is to deny the right of the Jews to a state that can perform the minimal function of protecting its own citizens.

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The European double standard toward Israel takes many forms. Witness the eagerness with which so many in Europe diminished, and even dismissed, Israel's previously unimaginable concessions at Camp David, swallowing the Palestinian version of events there, despite a forceful American repudiation of that spin. Witness the almost hysterical reaction in Europe to a nonexistent massacre in Jenin, even as it failed to pay attention to the cumulative massacres of civilians in Israel. *The Guardian* newspaper in London betrayed its historic association with the founding of Israel with the outrageous editorial utterance that Jenin was every bit as bad as 9/11. Witness Europe's virtual acquiescence in the World Conference Against Racism held in South Africa, where Israel, the only democracy in the region with a program of civil rights and full Arab participation in government, was accused of genocide, ethnic cleansing, racism, and apartheid, while the vicious racism of the Middle East and Africa was ignored.

Paradox upon paradox. The traditional attacks from the right based on national, religious, or ethnic reasons have been surpassed by the more driving force of the extreme left, which invokes political or universal reasons, like human rights, anti-globalism, and socialism. Ever obsessed by anti-Americanism, they have seized on the Middle East crisis as a way to attack the United States and Israel as being unfeeling toward the poor of the world. For them, the Palestinians have become the poster child for Third World victimization. Indeed, the Israeli-Palestinian dispute is portrayed as an extended human-interest story told exclusively from the Palestinian point of view. Unmentioned is the fact that there is not a single democratic state in the entire region, that there would not be a single Israeli soldier in any Palestinian city or any checkpoint were Jews not the daily targets of terror. Ignoring the corrupt, authoritarian regime in Palestine, the critics from the left attack Israel on universalist issues, arguing that Israel is an occupying power in the West Bank oppressing the Palestinians. They pay not the slightest heed to the fact that Israel is there because the Arabs made war. Never do they acknowledge that the Palestinians could have had their own state just two years ago, and perhaps be flourishing in peace now, if they had not been incited to still more insensate violence. The paradoxes are dizzying — and malign. Israel, a country victimized by terrorism, stands accused of perpetrating terrorism, the Jews described as Nazis, and their Arab tormentors cast in the role of helpless Jews.

Next, of course, is the moral-equivalency trap. When Israel responds to terrorism, Europe treats it as if the response and the terrorism are morally equal; as if there were no difference between the arsonist and the firefighter; as if Israel's response, which seeks to mini-

mize civilian casualties, is equal to the terrorism, which seeks to maximize civilian casualties; as if the premeditated campaign of suicide murder were a sane response to an extraordinarily generous proposal that would have provided Palestinians with a state — a proposal many in Palestine now fervently wish their corrupt and vicious leadership had embraced.

Of course, the point of the double standard and moral equivalency is to create the impression that Israel is an illegitimate state, among the world's worst human-rights violators, and thus legitimize the extinction of a state the Arabs have never accepted. The insight of Amos Oz, a liberal Israeli writer, is pertinent. He is haunted, he says, by the observation that before the Holocaust, European graffiti read "Jews to Palestine," only to be transformed in modern times into "Jews out of Palestine." The message to Jews, notes Oz, is, "Don't be here and don't be there. That is, Don't be."

Europe seems to be unconscious of the virulence of the campaign of lies against Israelis in Palestine and throughout the Middle East, where the fact of the Holocaust is routinely described by media and governments as a Jewish invention, and where teachers foment a hatred of Israel and fail even to acknowledge its existence in history texts and maps in the schools subsidized by Europeans!



The unprecedented and unbridled hatred embodied by jihad, sanctioned by authoritarian Arab states, is, of course, a device to divert their populations from the failures of their own societies. But Europe, the killing fields of so many Jews, should know better. It should be the first to understand that Jews, of all people, have the right to defend, even overdefend themselves from the consequences of hate. Europe has a historic duty to redeem the crimes committed on its soil by first recognizing and then repudiating the persecution Jews face today and vigorously defending the collective right of the Jewish state to defend itself from its legions of hate-blinded enemies.

Anything less defames the glories of a European civilization dedicated to the dignity of man, freedom, honor, and decency. ■





# No More Pearl Harbors

By Gen. Richard Hawley, USAF (ret.)

Since the [9-11] attack, I have seen, heard, and read thoughts of such surpassing stupidity that they must be addressed. You've heard them too. Here they are:

**1) "We're not good, they're not evil, everything is relative."** Listen carefully: We're good, they're evil, nothing is relative. You see, folks, saying "We're good" doesn't mean "We're perfect." Okay?

The plain fact is that our country has, with all our mistakes and blunders, always been and always will be the greatest beacon of freedom, charity, opportunity, and affection in history. If you need proof, open all the borders on Earth and see what happens.

**2) "Violence only leads to more violence."** This one is so stupid you usually have to be the president of an Ivy League university to say it. Here's the truth, which you know in your heads and hearts already: Ineffective, unfocused violence leads to more violence. Limp, panicky half-measures lead to more violence.

However, complete, fully thought-through, professional, well-executed violence never leads to more violence because, you see, afterwards, the other guys are all dead. That's right, dead. Not "on trial," not "reeducated," not "nurtured back into the bosom of love." Dead. D-E— Well, you get the idea.

**3) "The CIA and the rest of our intelligence community has failed us."** For 25 years we have chained our spies like dogs to a stake in the ground, and now that the house has been robbed, we yell at them for not protecting us. Starting in the late seventies, under Carter appointee Stansfield Turner, the giant brains who get these giant ideas decided that the best way to gather international intelligence was to use spy satellites. "After all," they reasoned, "you can see a license plate from 200 miles away." This is very helpful if you've been attacked by a license plate. Unfortunately, we were attacked by humans. Finding humans is not possible with satellites. You have to use other humans.

When we bought all our satellites, we fired all our humans.... It takes years, decades to infiltrate new humans into the worst places of the world.

**4) "These people are poor and helpless, and that's why they're angry at us."** The terrorists and their backers are richer than Elton John and, ironically, a good deal less annoying. The poor helpless people, you see, are the villagers they tortured and murdered to stay in power.

Mohammed Atta, who steered those planes into the killing grounds (I'm sorry, one of the "alleged hijackers," according to CNN; they stopped using the word "terrorist," you know), is the son of a Cairo surgeon. But you knew this, too.

**5) "Any profiling is racial profiling."** Who's killing us here, the Norwegians? Just days after the attack, the *New York Times* had an article saying dozens of extended members of the gazillionaire bin Laden family living in America were afraid of reprisals and left in a huff, never to return to studying at Harvard and using too much Drakkar. I'm crushed.

Think about it. How many Adolfs do you run into these days? Shortly after that, I remember watching TV with my jaw on the floor as a government official actually said, "That little old grandmother from Sioux City could be carrying something." Okay, how about this: No, she couldn't. It would never be the grandmother from Sioux City.

And now a Secret Service guy has been tossed off a plane and we're all supposed to cry about it because he's an Arab? Didn't it have the tiniest bit to do with the fact that he filled out his forms incorrectly — three times? And then left an Arab history book on his seat as he strolled off the plane? And came back? Armed? Let's please all stop singing "We Are the World" for a minute and think practically. I don't want to be sitting on the floor in the back of a plane four seconds away from hitting Mt. Rushmore and turn, grinning, to the guy next to me to say, "Well, at least we didn't offend them."

So here's what I resolve for the New Year:  
Never to forget our murdered brothers and sisters. Never to let the relativists get away with their immoral thinking. After all, no matter what your daughter's political science professor says, we didn't start this. Have you seen that bumper sticker that says, "No More Hiroshimas"? I wish I had one that says, "You First. No More Pearl Harbors." ■



# Call Baker Book House

By Zola Levitt

Our good friend Norma Archbold, author of *Mountains of Israel*, has been closely following a disturbing development involving Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Baker is planning to reissue the book *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour, a Greek Catholic official from Jerusalem. It is a disgusting diatribe against the Chosen People in the guise of “uncovering” an alleged massacre of the men, women and children of Jish by the Israelis many years ago.

Mrs. Archbold has done extensive research in Israel, contacting those who lived in Jish at the time of the alleged massacre, to verify that no such atrocity ever occurred. However, Baker Books, despite the many urgings of Mrs. Archbold and others, refuses to question the accuracy of this anti-Semitic piece of propaganda before its printing in February 2003.

Perhaps you could lend your support to the Jewish people by contacting Baker Book House and letting them know that regardless of their fine history of quality publications, proceeding with this anti-Jewish book will likely cost them the support of much of the evangelical community. Contact Baker Book House at 6030 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49516, or call them at 616-676-9186. ■

## “They Mean Jews”

“...You declare, my friend, that you do not hate the Jews, you are merely ‘anti-Zionist.’ And I say, let the truth ring forth from the high mountain-tops, let it echo through the valleys of God’s green earth: When people criticize Zionism, they mean Jews — this is God’s own truth.... And what is anti-Zionist? It is the denial to the Jewish people of a fundamental right that we justly claim for the people of Africa and freely accord all other nations of the Globe. It is discrimination against Jews, my friend, because they are Jews. In short, it is anti-Semitism.... Let my words echo in the depths of your soul: When people criticize Zionism, they mean Jews — make no mistake about it.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## AUDITED!

By Mark Levitt

For the first time since I joined the ministry in November 1988, the IRS audited our ministry. I was nervous about possibly being targeted by a revenue agent with an ax to grind. After the IRS scheduled this two-day audit of our year 2000 tax return, I learned that they easily could expand the scope of their investigation to last for months and cover multiple tax years.

Since the early ‘90s, this ministry has made its independently audited financial statements available to the public, free for the asking. Each year our volunteer auditor pays a week-long visit to our office to review our accounting practices and determine whether we are fully complying with IRS regulations for non-profit, tax exempt, 501(c)3 organizations like ours. This year, it seemed, our ministry was about to take an exam for which it had prepared roughly a decade.

A \$64,000 question: What triggered the audit? Did someone from the State Department dislike Zola’s recent series of articles, entitled “Send in the Clowns”? Had a bigwig from A.G. Edwards called a government crony because we filed a complaint with the NASD about how they had handled our ministry’s account? Perhaps a disgruntled viewer fabricated an anonymous complaint.

We were relieved to learn that nothing diabolical triggered our audit. Since 1989, we have used staff leasing companies to reduce the expenses of giving our employees decent benefits. Therefore on our tax return, we did not itemize the income tax, social security and Medicare that had been withheld from our staff’s paychecks. Other IRS regional offices might have resolved this small issue with us by telephone. We, however, went through an eight-prong examination, which we passed on all points.

The agent concluded that we should itemize some numbers on our tax return. This was easy since these figures were already broken down on our audited financial statements. We didn’t quite earn a “no change” audit, but the agent kindly noted that we had “a good audit.” With some organizations, a visit from the IRS leads to the loss of their tax-exempt status. Our supporters, however, can always take tax deductions for their gifts. We praise God that when put to the test, our bookkeeper, records and business practices passed muster.

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In one sense, government scrutiny and the public's customer services expectations should establish only the bottom rung for our standards. Rather than doing the minimum required to get by, we strive to glorify God by doing our best to seek and live His will. When deciding which TV programs to run more than once, we put ourselves in our supporters' shoes.

Lately, because of the tide of current events, you have seen fewer reruns on *Zola Levitt Presents* than ever. Re-running television programs is cost effective in the long run, but now we are seizing opportunities to call secular viewers' attention to the Bible's relevance by producing some contemporary interviews, which become dated relatively quickly.

We also are keeping up with the times by offering all of our music cassettes on CD. Our Internet webmasters are overhauling our web site [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) to make it more user-friendly. Even now, it offers our newsletter archive, an Israel slide show, chat room, discussion board, and samples of Zola's music, plus a search tool that allows guests to research their favorite interests.

Last year we received rave reviews about our experimental full-color, front and back covers on our monthly *Levitt Letter*. Now we have full-color all the time and occasionally go to double-editions, like this one, because we simply need 32 pages to share all that Zola wants you to see. Whether people watch our TV program, visit our web site or look through our newsletters, it is readily apparent that this life work of ours is a labor of love.

We believe it disarmed the IRS agent somewhat to see how little TV time and newsletter space we spend on raising funds. On the chance that she might say we needed to pay income tax on any profits from selling books, videocassettes, Israel maps, Institute courses, etc., we analyzed how much we spend on their creation, storage and order processing. Monetarily we about break even, with the give-aways putting us a little in the hole. Spiritually, however, we are enriching people's walk in the Lord.

And that is what a ministry like ours is all about.



The prophet Jeremiah purchased this land called Anatot (Jer. 32:16), which we have adopted for outreach and support. — Zola

## Your Gifts at Work

By Stuart Arden

(Anatot, Israel) – The License Plate Recognition System has finally been installed (outside the front gate) and will shortly be operative. Members of the settlement pay a company to do guard duty during the day and the members do guard duty from 6 pm to 6 am. Members currently open the gate with a remote control or wait for the guard to open the gate for them. Guards can open the gate either from inside the guard hut, or by a button on the outside of the hut.

There have been robberies on the settlement (of even government-issued weapons), so the LPR System is intended to add to our security. The license plate numbers of all residents' cars will be computer-registered in the "System," and the gate will open automatically when the "System" reads a "friendly" license plate number. In the event of an approaching stolen car, even one belonging to a member (that has been reported as stolen), a red light will go on in the guard hut, the gate will not open, and the police computers will be notified automatically. In the case of visitors to the settlement, the guard will have to go outside the gate, examine their identification, then go back into the guard hut and type their license plate number into the "System" in order to get the gate to open. There will always be a record of exactly which cars went in and out of the settlement, and when.



*New LPR System reads license plates*

Our Regional Council (similar to a county government), in cooperation with the Israeli Army, has recently sent us another two kilometers of chain-link fencing for our perimeter fence. Chain-link fencing looks good, but it can easily be cut with wire cutters and there have been break-ins by thieves in the past; fortunately they were thieves, not terrorists!

The LPR System is a welcome addition to our security, but the recent horrific murders at other settlements reinforce the dire need we have for an extensive and comprehensive security system. Residents of Anatot are most appreciative of the contributions to both the Anatot Fund and the Trees for Anatot Fund and hope that you will continue to help us meet our pressing security needs. ■



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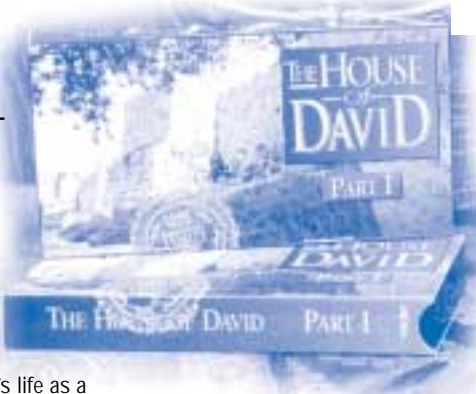
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