

# LEVITT LETTER

“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

The Palestinians, as usual, have shown the world their loutish behavior and utter lack of interest in making peace with Israel. The wanton destruction of synagogues and greenhouses expresses their total barbarism. – Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

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## “The Inmates are Running the Asylum”

By Bruce S. Ticker, [www.israelinsider.com](http://www.israelinsider.com)

**O**n Monday, September 12, the Palestinians sacked and burned many of the two dozen synagogue facilities left standing in the abandoned Gaza settlements while Palestinian police stood by and did nothing.

On Tuesday, the Palestinians looted greenhouses that were left behind that the Palestinian Authority hopes to employ as part of its plan to rebuild the economy in Gaza.

On Wednesday, the Palestinians smuggled hundreds of assault rifles from Egypt into Gaza.



After reading news accounts of the synagogue-wrecking rampage in *The New York Times* and other newspapers, I was ready to demand that Israel close the book on future relations with the Palestinians.

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## The War Approaching

By Patrick Cox,  
Contributing Editor



It is worth reviewing, occasionally, the appalling double standard applied by the international community to the Muslim and Judeo-Christian worlds. The most recent manifestation of this asymmetry is the eerie and eloquent silence within the halls of the UN and the world’s great media outlets over the desecration and burning of nineteen Jewish synagogues by Palestinians following the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

Recall, for the sake of contrast, the collective condemnation of the world when Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visited, in 2000, the Temple Mount — site of the first and second Jewish Temples. The ensuing intifada, or campaign of terrorism responsible for the deaths of many hundreds of Israeli civilians, is still blamed, even in the European press,

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They issue death threats for the slightest hint of an insult against Islam, yet they don't hesitate to desecrate buildings that housed religious sanctuaries of another religion the instant Israeli troops move out.

If Israel still talks to the Authority after that, it needs to think very carefully about allowing access for Gazans from Gaza into Israel. They can sneak many of the weapons that they smuggled from Egypt into Israel at a later date.

In addition, after Israel first evacuated the 25 settlements, a meeting between Israeli and Pakistani aides in Istanbul prompted a Palestinian group to call it "a stab in the back of the Palestinians." In nearly the same breath, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas pledged he will not "confront" Hamas and voiced hope that a Palestinian state will be established next year; as Israel is accused of "ethnic cleansing," several dozen young Muslim men burned down 14 homes belonging to Christian families near Ramallah in the West Bank; and, a group of Palestinians would not play ball — literally — when the Palestinian Basketball League refused to participate in a basketball clinic with Israelis.

Children behave better than this, which raises questions about the maturity level of the Palestinian people. There are certainly mature adults who live in Gaza and the West Bank, but so far, the inmates are running the asylum. If so many of them act like juveniles, and in some cases like criminals, how can Israel take them seriously? Why should Israel deal with them at all?

In relative terms, prior to the troop pullout, the most crude and stupid conduct can be attributed to Nabil Shaath, who, as PA information minister, erupted over a Sept. 1 meeting between Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri in Turkey to improve relations between the two countries; Pakistan is a Muslim country.

As quoted in *The Jerusalem Post*, Shaath declared, "There's no reason why Israel should be rewarded for anything. Israel must take more steps before any Arab country recognizes it. Israel does not want to make any progress on the West Bank after the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip."

Worse words were uttered by extremist factions. The Palestinian Committee for Resisting Normalization with Israel called the meeting "a stab in the back of the Palestinians and their national struggle to liberate their lands, first and foremost the al-Aksa Mosque, and to achieve the right of return for all refugees."

Shaath is no extremist, at least officially. He represents the Palestinian governing structure. How does it harm the Palestinians for Israelis to meet with Pakistanis? Based on Shaath's standards, shouldn't American and European leaders ignore Abbas and other Palestinian officials?

As a clue to Shaath's outburst, Yasser Arafat went into a snit when then Prime Minister Ehud Barak pursued talks with Syria, because Arafat feared that any deal with Syria first would undermine his plans. Israel probably wants pacts with neighboring countries more than it does an agreement with the Palestinians. After all, the most significant hazards lie with sovereign nations which have been historically hostile.

Two days later, Abbas told the Associated Press that peace talks should resume immediately after Israel completes its withdrawal from Gaza to facilitate the creation of a state by 2006. "We hope that a Palestinian state can be achieved next year, God willing. What is important is to have a state."

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A Palestinian state is important to Abbas, but freedom from terrorism is important to Israelis. In the same AP story, "We never had any intention to have a confrontation with Hamas or with others. We want to solve all our problems through negotiations."

There have already been bombings and other attacks which killed or wounded Israelis, which constitute multiple acts of war. Hamas has already pledged to keep their weapons and maintains its goal of destroying Israel. How can Abbas reconcile his "hope" for an independent state next year and his toleration of a direct threat to Israel?

The next day, several dozen young men from the village of Dir Jarir descended on Taybeh, a West Bank village northeast of Ramallah, and burned down 14 homes belonging to Catholic and/or Greek Orthodox residents — all because they believed that a 23-year-old woman from their village was romantically involved with a Christian man from Taybeh, according to *Ha'aretz*, a Tel

Aviv-based daily newspaper. The woman had already been murdered by family members.

These actions reflect barbaric customs which are centuries old — punishing their women, with death, for violating romantic rules and carrying out blood feuds. Punishing dishonor and conducting blood feuds are old traditions in the Arab world and they certainly have not disappeared.

This incident was followed by more outbreaks of violence. A crowd of Palestinians stormed an abandoned settlement in Gaza and had to be repelled by Israeli troops. Then, PA security adviser Moussa Arafat, Yasser Arafat's cousin, was murdered gangland-style only a few blocks from Abbas' house in Gaza City.

Bottom line: If the Palestinians cannot control violence among themselves, how can they control violence directed against Israel? ♦

## The War Approaching continued

on Sharon's "provocation" in coming near the al-Aksa Mosque. Though Sharon had stated concerns that construction under the mosque, built purposely on the site of the Jewish Temple following the second Muslim conquest of Jerusalem, was severely damaging the ancient Jewish archaeological site, he did not even enter the Muslim shrine.

Since then, Islamists have desecrated a number of important Christian and Jewish sites, including the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the nearby Rachel's Tomb, Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, and the ancient synagogue of Jericho. If you're not familiar with these conscious, organized attempts to erase evidence that Israel is the homeland of the Jews, it is probably because the international media do not consider crimes against Jewish (or Christian) holy sites as newsworthy as, say,

unsubstantiated rumors that a Guantanamo prison guard had flushed a Koran down a toilet. The London bombings, by the way, were justified, in part, by their perpetrators on that press-created myth, which was later discovered to have been based on a real incident of desecration by a Muslim prisoner in the act of renouncing Islam.

So entrenched is this double standard that, following the destruction of the Gaza synagogues, there was no general criticism of the Palestinian Authority's complicity. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the PA, was allowed instead to spin his view, through the international press, that Israelis had purposely left the synagogues standing so Palestinians would look bad when they destroyed them. Imagine the international reaction if Israel allowed even one mosque within its borders to be even slightly damaged.

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Abbas went on to promise that Jerusalem would soon be controlled, like Gaza, by Palestinians. Of his and his countrymen's seriousness regarding this pledge, there is no doubt. Militants, without opposition from the Palestinian Authority, blew a hole in the wall on the Egyptian border to facilitate the flow of weapons into the *Judenrein* (free of Jews) Gaza. Besides high explosives and thousands of military rifles, masses of sophisticated surface-to-air, anti-tank and conventional missiles have been transported in by hundreds of dedicated jihadists from around the Muslim world.

In short, it is clear that Israel has just made it possible, as the international community has demanded, for Palestinians to wage a far more deadly conventional war against the Jewish state.

The motives behind this tacit support for Islamist imperialism in the West are many and complicated. Some are plainly based on hatred and envy of the Jewish people, while others betray the cowardice of appeasers, hoping to curry favor with those responsible for most of the terrorism in the world today.

Regardless, the message that the "pro-Palestinian" West has sent for decades is that anti-Semitism is okay. Despite occasional pretty words about ending hatred and aggression "on both sides," Palestinians and their Islamist supporters are treated with enormous respect in the international halls of power and gifted lavishly with the bulk of the world's aid money.

And now, of course, this policy of "tolerance" for murder has taken firm root and spread predictably from Israel to the rest of the globe. America, Britain and allies have begun to fight back, but it is far too late to undo a generation during which Muslims learned, through actions, that hating and killing Jews is privileged behavior. Is it a wonder that genocide is a respectable Muslim goal when it is endorsed, at least through indulgence, by so much of the international community and press?

Nor is it a wonder that Palestinians have been emboldened by the Gaza pullout to attack Taybeh, a West Bank Christian village east of Ramallah. Outraged by a reported love affair between a Muslim woman and a Christian man, they murdered the woman, burned the man's house (plus 13 others) and looted the vil-

lage of 1,500. The Palestinian Authority failed to respond to pleas for help, but did eventually arrest and beat severely the Christian accused of having had an affair with the Muslim woman.

Once again, imagine what the world's reaction would have been if it had been an Arab village within Israel that had been sacked, with the unspoken blessings of the authorities, by hordes of rampaging Jews. This mystifying double standard by so much of the world is, at long last, about to bear full fruit.

Hamas, the terrorist group that is taking credit for driving Israel from Gaza, has announced that it will participate in the upcoming Palestinian elections with one central campaign platform — the annihilation of Israel. Israeli authorities have responded by promising, rightly, that they will treat Hamas' participation as a declaration of war by the Palestinian people.

In this, at least, there is some symmetry. Since the birth of Israel, its Muslim neighbors have waged continual war against the tiny nation, while the Jewish state provided economic aid and domestic order to their closest enemies.

While I cannot look forward to the war that is surely coming, it is about time that Israel buried the pretense that it is not a nation under siege. Palestinians, having rejected so many times the olive branch that Israel has offered, will finally get what they have long asked for — a real war with the Jews. I am confident that they, and the world that has enabled them, will regret it. ❖



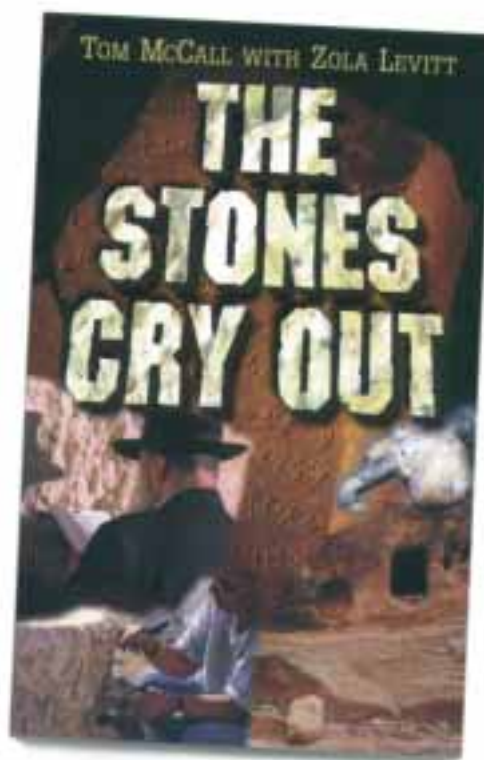
Photo: Will King

*This greenhouse, planted as you see it, was totally destroyed by the Palestinians after the Israelis pulled out. The greenhouses were preserved for Palestinian use by a \$14 million donation from American Jews. They would have employed 26,000 Palestinians. (Photo by Will King)*

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# An Impossible Task

By Cal Thomas, [www.townhall.com](http://www.townhall.com)

President Bush might as well have asked Karen Hughes — his friend and longtime political adviser — to hold back Hurricane Katrina, because he has assigned her an equally impossible task. In naming Hughes undersecretary of state for public diplomacy, the president wants her to improve America's image abroad and specifically in the Muslim world.



Karen Hughes

The Bush administration believes that image has been distorted and the message concerning what America stands for is not getting out. The problem with this thinking is that the Muslim world's position regarding the United States is rooted in fundamental, political and, most especially, religious doctrines that will not be changed by people many of them regard as "infidels" and worthy of death.

Take Indonesia, which has the world's largest Muslim population. Three Christian women were given three-year prison sentences in West Java recently after they were convicted of "enticing" Muslim school children to become Christians. The parents of the Muslim children had given permission for them to attend Sunday school classes in private homes.

None of them converted, but the hosts are going to prison for speaking of their faith in front of Muslim kids. How does America combat such a mentality through political "missionary trips" and television commercials? Asked another way, has the public relations campaign by some Muslim organizations in America converted us to the belief that they and Islam are mainly peaceful and interested in religious and political co-existence?

Some Muslim clerics and Web bloggers have been gloating over the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. They say it is Allah's judgment on wicked America. It is unlikely people of such persuasion can be convinced of America's goodness.

Here are two of many examples of this line of thinking. In a September 2 sermon on the hurricane that was broadcast on Sudan TV (transcribed and translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute), Sheik Al-Karouri said, "If America wants to maintain what is left of its civilization, it must free itself, as we say in Sudan, from the curse of the Jews. The curse of Israel has affected America. The state [sic] called New Orleans is no longer 'new' at all. If people want their countries to prosper, they must make peace with Allah and avoid disputing Allah and his prophet."

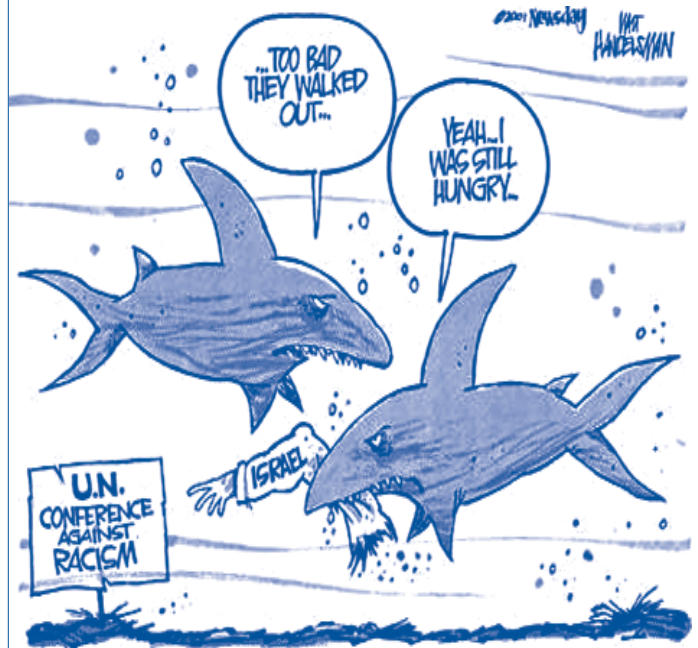
"Al-Qaeda in The Land of the Two Rivers" issued a statement that declared, "Congratulations to the nation of Islam on what befell the worshippers of the cross." How does one counter this? How can an "infidel" like Karen Hughes or any other American say or do anything (short of removing U.S. support for Israel and converting en masse to Islam) that will change these minds?

After receiving \$50 million in aid from the United States, Palestinian Authority religious officials continue to openly promote vicious anti-American hatred. According to a September 6 *Palestinian Media Watch* bulletin, one religious leader, in the presence of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, called for Iraqis to intensify terrorist uprisings against American soldiers.

Hughes recently spoke at a gathering of American Muslims in Rosemont, Ill. She told a news conference, "We need to foster a sense of common interest and common values among Americans and peoples of different faiths and different cultures." That sounds good to Western ears, but where are such values shared in the Muslim world? What if the strategy of our enemies is to take advantage of the kindness, understanding and pluralistic intentions of the United States in order to further infiltrate and undermine this country?

This is the plot line of the chilling 1995 novel by Peter De Rosa called *Pope Patrick*. A fictional "Federation of Islamic Republics" weakens the resolve of the United States government by using America's good motives against the president with disastrous results.

Before President Bush and Karen Hughes proceed with their attempts to win the hearts and minds of Muslims, they should read this novel, which sounds more like current events than fiction.



From time to time, our people check the seminaries for various theological errors. We referred a letter about Replacement Theology to Dr. McCall for his comments. — Zola

# Moody on Replacement Theology

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.,  
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The response by Moody providing arguments against Replacement Theology is essentially sound as far as it goes in establishing that Israel must mean the Jewish people throughout Romans, but there are a few problems with the response:

1. The email reply was made by Erin Howard, without any indication of what her position at Moody is.
2. Howard refers the inquirer to a previous response to a question about Replacement Theology, but it is anonymous. Both this and the previous point make it difficult to establish that the response represents the official position of Moody.
3. The response states: "God made many promises to Israel in the Old Testament related to them being a great nation, possessing the Holy Land, and blessing all the families of the world through them. Most of these promises have not come about yet." That last

statement is preposterous! Those are promises that mostly have been fulfilled.

Israel has already been a great nation, providing the world with the Bible and the Messiah. They have previously possessed most of the Holy Land in history, especially during the time of David and Solomon. Finally, Israel has been a blessing to the world in many ways throughout history, again primarily through the Bible and faith in the Messiah, Christ Jesus, who died for us and rose from the dead. Of course, these promises will be fulfilled additionally in the future, but the historical fulfillment cannot be ignored.

4. The promises to Israel that have not yet been fulfilled, but will be, have to do with the national salvation of the Jewish people at the Second Coming of Christ and the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom. At that time, Israel will become the head of the nations, Jerusalem will be the capital of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ will become the King of Kings, and the glorified Church will rule the world with Him. The Moody responder makes scant mention of these great truths, if at all, and these truths are among the things that separate those who have embraced the false doctrine of Replacement Theology from those who reject it as do we.

The anonymous writer of the response does not appear to hold to Replacement Theology, but the arguments used only cover part of the issue, and it is not at all clear where he/she stands with regard to future prophecy concerning Israel. ✦

**I'm sorry Moody couldn't simply say, "Replacement Theology is completely unbiblical." — Zola**

# Israel Assassinate Terrorist Leader

Israel Today



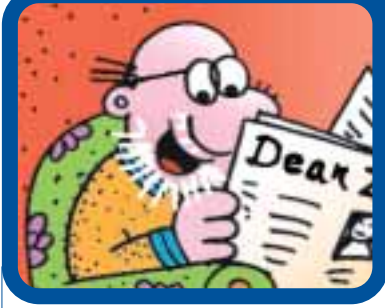
Mohammed Khalil

Israeli aircraft pounded Palestinian militant targets across Gaza for three straight days in September. The army said it targeted weapons factories and storage facilities, after terrorists fired more than 40 rockets at Israeli towns. In one of the air strikes, missiles were fired at the car of Islamic Jihad terror chief Mohammed Khalil. He was killed along with his bodyguard. In Judea and Samaria, troops arrested 90 Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists, bringing the total in two days of raids to around 300.

Israel says it will exercise its right of self-defense in a more severe manner than before, now that it has withdrawn from Gaza to the international border. As the famous song by Bob Dylan says, "The times they are a changin," government spokesman Ra'anah Gissin told Israel Television. Hamas got the message and declared that it is ending rocket attacks. "We call on our military groups to stop their operations against the enemy from the Gaza Strip," said Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar. But Islamic Jihad and other terror groups did not

follow suit. Several rockets and mortars were fired at Israel, causing no casualties. Israel says it will continue raids until the rocket attacks stop. ✦





# Letters to Zola

You signed yourself "Fun Frank," but your letter wasn't much fun at all. — Zola

## The So-called Faith

Dear Zola and Staff:

### Blessing Israel

Dear Zola:

I have been watching your program for only about three months. Today, however, the Holy Spirit placed on my heart that my offerings should go to that which would bless His Chosen People.

God bless you for enlightening the Christians around the world! His word, which is truth, has set me free.

I pray that I will be able to increase my offerings month to month.

P.R.M.

### A-OK

Dear Zola:

Please don't change anything. Keep doing what you've been doing all along.

You're A-OK in by book.

God bless you, — L.V.

### Psychotic

Dear Zola:

The present behavior of the Jews burning down vacated houses in the illegally occupied Gaza strip clearly shows the mentality of Jews. And you wonder why the world loathes and despises Jews. The Jews should file suit in the World Court and have God testify in your behalf that the Jews are the "Chosen People" and that is "their" land. What a bunch of psychotic, greedy parasites.

Fun Frank

I have noted that many mainstream Christian churches have called for the divestment of their financial stocks in Israel, as a way to show support for their Muslim brothers. My question is and has been: when was Jesus converted to Islam? Perhaps I missed this teaching in the modern Christian dogma.

I am not a Christian, for nowadays Christian is an all-inclusive group that seems to have embraced Islam. Why must the so-called faith be so inclusive of everything? Why does the new Christian way accept everything except the Jewishness at the root of their faith? Why do Christians on the whole say they believe in a Jewish Messiah, yet reject everything Jewish?

I can find written nowhere in the law or the prophets that God has no son — a central tenet of Islam. I can find written nowhere that the wanton murder of one's enemies is a holy act. What I have found is the proverb which states, *If thy enemy is hungry feed him, if he thirst give him drink, this is the way to heap hot coals upon his head.* One simple line in the New Testament says, *This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.*



Photo: Will King

The olive trees planted at Anatot are now formally identified. Thank you for your gifts to the Anatot fund. — Zola (Photo by Will King)



I am but an ignorant hillbilly, but I follow a Jew who was hung on a cross. He taught us and reminded us to repent, return and rest in him. But then this is not the doctrine of the all-inclusive, none-offending, Christian church.

Sincerely, — J.B.

Dear J.B.:

I'm not aware of any real Christians who embrace Islam, nor are guilty of any of the other accusations you make. I can only say that this world contains a billion people who call themselves Christian but only born-again Believers really represent this faith. — Zola

### "The Real Glory"

Dear Zola:

So happy you are recovering rapidly — thanks for the regular updates! You and Dr. Graham are my favorite people.

Continually reading about homicide bombers reminded me that Islamic homicide killers have been killing Americans since the Spanish-American war around 1900. I suggest you watch the Gary Cooper movie *The Real Glory*, about war in the Philippines in 1906.

As an octogenarian, I can only wish for your recuperative powers. God bless you and keep you and your wonderful family. Our prayers from Baton Rouge, Louisiana are with you.

Yours in Christ, — P.L.  
(A born-again Believer and Zionist).

### Thinking Like A Jew

Dear Zola:

It was much to my shock that, when asked by the pastor's wife, "What did you all talk about at the Wednesday breakfast?" (which I serve to several saints every week), I told her that, among other deeper things of God, we talked about how the churches are beginning to turn their backs on Israel, even (our church) the Presbyterian Church. She looked me right in the eye and asked, "Shouldn't our focus be on Jesus?"

In other words, she was dismissing any connection to what I said about the churches in America.

I told her that, "we were grafted into the Hebrew olive tree; they were NOT grafted into ours! To ignore our own heritage is to deny the God Who gave us the Lord Jesus Christ." I was fuming!

Besides that, our Lord gave us TWO great commandments, not one. I guess you know where the second is misplaced.

Blessings and a speedy recovery, my brother.

P.S. I have been told that I think like a Jew (for which I am very proud, though a Gentile), and many call me "Rabbi." — A.R.

Dear A.R.: Your name sounds so very Jewish to me. There are a lot of so-called Gentiles in this world whose ancestors, at one point or another, belonged to the Chosen People. There's something to think about! — Zola

### Zola on the Internet

Dear Staff:

Glad to hear that Zola is doing well after his surgery. I just wanted to thank you for having the TV programs available to watch on the Internet. I love watching them, and I'm not able to watch them on TV due to the time conflicting with my schedule for the day. It's great to know that I can watch Zola anytime I like. I'm glad I can catch up on all of the programs I missed.

— G.R. ✨



## Palestinian vs. Palestinian in Gaza

*Israel Today*

A protest against unemployment in the Gaza town of Khan Unis turned violent, with demonstrators throwing stones and firebombs, and Palestinian police firing wildly in the air. Palestinian officials said seven policemen and three civilians were injured.

The Palestinian Authority and the Islamic terrorist group Hamas are vying for power, and the poverty stricken population of 1.3 million is restless.

Many Palestinians who worked in the Jewish state lost their jobs when Israel closed its borders following the eruption of the terror war in September of 2000.

Imagine the Palestinians trying to make a country out of citizens like these. — Zola

## “The Real Story”

To *The Washington Times*, Letters to the Editor,

In reference to the article on Jamestown (“Historians battle mistaken beliefs about Jamestown colony,” Aug. 15-21 edition), the essence of the founding was completely omitted. As this important 400-year anniversary nears, the following real story is no longer politically correct, nor is it taught in the schools. The story is taken from “America’s Providential History,” published by the Providence Foundation in Charlottesville, Virginia.”

“After the future settlers of Jamestown reached Virginia in April of 1607, one of the first acts of Captain John Smith and his soldiers was to erect a wooden cross on the shore of Cape Henry. It was at the foot of this cross that Reverend Robert Hunt led the 149 men of the Virginia Company in public prayer, thanking God for their safe journey and recommitting themselves to God’s plan and purpose for this New World. The Virginia Charter of 1606 reveals that part of their reason for coming to America was to propagate the ‘Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God.’

“In 1611, the colonists... wrote America’s first civil document... the first Representative assembly in America began in a church in Jamestown with Rev. Bucke leading the Burgesses in prayer... in the year 1619 they observed the first American Day of Thanksgiving.”

Reenacting in 2007 the events at Cape Henry would certainly make real once again the awesome beginning of a great nation to the American people who have forgotten their heritage.

James and Catherine Thorsen,  
Weems, Virginia

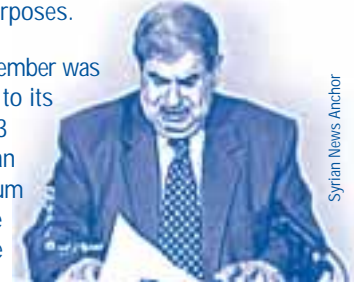


## Propaganda of the Month

By Zola Levitt

In watching *Mosaic*, a compendium of Arab news outlets shown on the Link Channel (Direct TV 375), I am often appalled at how the dictatorial Arab governments manage their news and keep their people captive to pure propaganda. But a special prize goes to those countries, e.g., Iran, Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, etc., who simply fabricate stories from scratch, making up the news seemingly for pure political purposes.

The hands-down winner in September was Syria, which ran a great tribute to its magnificent victory in the 1973 war with Israel. The story began by showing some kind of museum of heroism on the northern edge of the Golan Heights which, the narrator explained, was easily captured in a huge battle by onrushing Syrian forces to claim back those heights which lie between Galilee and Syria proper. There were big displays of battles looking like the Normandy invasion and uniforms, weapons and the like, and an entire “historical” museum.



But the whole world knows what happened in the Yom Kippur War, as the Israelis correctly title it. The Syrians, Egyptians and Jordanians attacked on the highest holiday of the Jewish year, the Day of Atonement, and therefore were able to make inroads on all borders since most Israeli soldiers were in the synagogues confessing their sins. This is a most serious Jewish holiday and only atheistic Jewish soldiers were at their posts at the fronts, so that Israel, unfortunately, had to “take the first punch.” Immediately afterward, of course, Israelis overwhelmed all three countries and, as it was said in the newspapers, they didn’t want to occupy Cairo, Damascus and Amman, although they well could have within two or three weeks. As usual, it was a total Israeli rout of the Arabs, helped by their God, as many Believers know. But that doesn’t stop the Syrians from fabricating some kind of huge resistance on the morning of the Day of Atonement with their displays even showing air battles.

Thus, a tour guide of the Museum of Heroism is shown leading a group of happy Syrian citizens and extolling “the pride, the dignity, the heroism” of the great Syrian army and its invincible assault on “the enemy.” Israel is never named lest anyone look up the real facts. At the same time, inexplicably, a narrator assures us that: “We will one day get back the occupied territory,” frankly admitting that the overall battle was lost by Syria.

And so, in order to manufacture some pride, dignity and heroism, you need only to sneak up on your enemy while his back is turned, occupy some hill just over the border (until your enemy turns around and throttles you), and then extol the whole story as history.

The whole problem is that this is an exercise in futility. The story just did not happen that way, and the museum and all the reports, the guide, the narrator are simply not telling the truth.

The Messiah put it succinctly: *Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.* (John 8:32)



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To comply fully with the tax code, we calculated the small percentage of newsletter space and television time that this ministry devotes to fundraising. Taken together, they account for seven tenths of one percent (00.7%) of our expenses. A popularly acceptable threshold for some organizations is 20% — almost thirty times what has sufficed for us.

## Welcome to "Pallywood"

The Palestinian Hollywood, in Netzarim, is a bustling industry of al fresco cinema — staged news that is filmed in real time against a backdrop of the Intifada. It has directors, makeup men, sets, extras, props, cameramen galore, and ever-ready ambulances. The supposed casualties look like football players acting for the ref. To see a free, 18-minute documentary movie about the propaganda that is produced at **The Martyr's Junction**, visit <http://seconddraft.org/movies.php>

## New Year's with Zola

Join Zola during the New Year's weekend at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, December 30 – January 1. Among the many fascinating replicas at The Holy Land Experience, our group will carefully study a model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus. This makes a great visual as Zola teaches about the 4000-year history of the City of God—the only eternal city!

Ask Tony for details at (214) 696-9760 during the workweek or anytime at 1-800-WONDERS (800-966-3377).



## Calling All Prayer Warriors

Zola's coronary bypass surgery in July has proven a success. His recovery, however, continues. He has demonstrated remarkable fortitude and determination as he has followed doctors' orders regarding breathing therapy and daily exercise. The outstanding issue over the months to come will be the cumulative rebuilding of his stamina. Please continue to pray for his restored health and normal or better than normal energy!

Thanks.

# Our Man in New Orleans



By Robert Cuccia

As we reported in our recent Personal Letter, we sent Robert, one of our experienced missionaries to Israel, to New Orleans. He has family there, and we felt it was a good use of your “Good News From a Far Country” gifts. Robert had many adventures. Tall and strong, he found himself deputized by the short-handed police department. Here is his report. — Zola

When Hurricane Katrina threatened the central gulf coast, I was worried. Being from New Orleans, and understanding its unique vulnerability to hurricanes, had me replaying the “doomsday” scenario in my mind that many people in New Orleans have known and feared for years. Believe it or not, this was NOT the “Big One.” It could have been much, much worse for our city had the storm not taken a last minute jog to the east. Had it come in 30 miles farther west, we would be speaking in terms of not just “terrible flooding,” but “near total destruction.” Still, after wrapping up my affairs in Dallas, and driving down there as soon as I could, nothing could have prepared me for what I saw.

Places just east and north of the city, that I knew well since boyhood, were unrecognizable. Some were simply gone. Large yachts on roads. A sailboat in a tree. Home sites completely washed away. On the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain the devastation came from trees.

Here, the pines and oaks grow to 80+ feet high, and very close together. These trees fell like giant matchsticks on power lines, dragging them down across the roads, and making travel near impossible. As you can imagine, many fell onto and through houses. My own sister had four trees fall on her house, making it unlivable. With many cell phone towers down and land lines gone with the telephone poles, communications were extremely difficult. One radio station could be heard giving what information it could as it came in minute by minute. No stores were open for the first few days afterward, and most would not open for weeks or more.

Imagine having no phone, electricity, potable tap water, or television broadcasts. It felt surreal, like a war zone on American soil. Even so, amidst all this chaos were people. Lots of people everywhere. Like a zoo, only we were the animals trying to cope with the barriers and hindrances all around us.

When I first arrived in the town of Covington, Louisiana (my little truck overloaded with water and gasoline), I looked for a way to help out. The Red Cross was at the town courthouse giving information to victims who stood in line. Across the street, water and food were being distributed. I teamed with a Red Cross coordinator and had her contact me when she came across the particularly needy, hard luck cases. One young man (a medically discharged army veteran who survived cancer twice), broke down and cried in front of me because he could not contact his family, and had lost his home. A woman in a wheelchair, driven out of her home by flood waters, needed gasoline and mosquito spray. Many were “shell-shocked” and simply needed someone to listen or give them information. These are but two examples.

I soon discovered another niche for myself. I saw no mosquito repellent being distributed by any of the relief agencies. Down here, “bug juice” is very necessary, so as not to be eaten alive by mosquitos and biting flies, not to mention the disease they spread. I went to the local building supply chains (the only stores open) and cleared their shelves of the stuff.

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Soon afterwards, I was invited by a police captain to take the repellent to Slidell, La. — a town that was hit with a 20-foot storm surge, leaving it devastated. Many people there were trying to retrieve from their homes what little the storm might have left them. Almost none of them had mosquito repellent.

One day, while handing out supplies alongside a Red Cross relief truck, I learned of Charles and Beverly Whitmore, an elderly couple (one of whom is blind), driven from their home, and living in a bus parked in front of a church called “El Shaddai.” Upon investigating, and meeting them, I discovered that they had lost everything. They were Believers in need. I felt moved by the Spirit to disburse an appropriate amount of money to them to help in a significant way. (Thanks again for your donations.)

In a small community called Eden Isles, I met a 79 year old World War II veteran who rode out the storm with his 70 year old wife. He had four feet of water in his house, and watched many of his belongings float out the front door. I also heard about an 80 year old man who was driven into his attic by the rising water, chopped through his roof from inside, crawled out, and tied himself to the chimney, so as not to be dragged away by the water and winds. He lived.

The saddest story I heard, came from a close friend of mine who spoke with a couple she met in a Shreveport, La. public library. (Many of the evacuees frequented public buildings where they could get information and stay out of the blistering summer heat.) The couple attempted to ride out the storm, but when the levees were overflowing (or burst), the water rose at an alarming rate. Having only minutes to get out of their home, they went into panic mode. Grabbing what few things they could, and rushing the children into the car, they left with the water rising behind them. In a short while, when they were beyond the point of no return, they came to a horrible realization. In the chaos, they miscommunicated with each other and somehow left their 7-month-old baby behind. With no possible way back to the house, undoubtedly, the child was lost.

There are many stories here, some of miraculous escapes and provision, some of inconceivable loss. I encourage you, the reader, to become a part of someone’s story by getting involved in the relief effort, however you can. *In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.* (Matthew 25:40)

I wish to thank Zola Levitt Ministries, Sandra, Zola, Mark and those who gave to the relief effort here. Also, my family, and Ed Kocke, our neighbor, for letting me use his computer and Internet connection. And many thanks to Lowe’s and Home Depot for selling supplies to us at cost.

## Coming, The End

by Zola Levitt

According to *TIME* Magazine of September 26, we have been suffering an average annual number of eighteen category 4 and 5 hurricanes, those with winds of more than 130 miles per hour, since 1990. The average was ten per year in the 1970s. The article indicates that global warming is making the storms stronger, but it causes a Bible reader to wonder if the Lord’s remark on the Mount of Olives warning of *famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places* (Matthew 24:7) is more to the point. This was announced as a sign of the end in reply to His disciples’ question: *What will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?* (Matthew 24:3).

Scripture has seemed to learn a great deal lately, and so have those who read it.

### “No Excuse” *Israel Today*

US Ambassador to Israel, Dan Kurtzer, has ended a four-year term overshadowed by the Palestinian terror war against Israel. Asked if the war is over, Kurtzer said: “I wouldn’t be able to say with confidence that Israel is not going to face terrorism and violence.” He said now that Israel is out of Gaza, it would have more legitimacy to strike back at Palestinian terror. “We will support it [Israel’s right to self-defense] even more vigorously [than before],” Kurtzer told *The Jerusalem Post*. “There is never an excuse for terrorism, but there is not even a hint of an excuse now if terrorism emanates from Gaza.”



Dear Friends:

It looks like I am going to recover very well from my bypass operation on July 28th and be around for quite a few more years. As we go to press, I am walking a two miles every day, have made two television programs and written a number of articles.

Thanks again for all your prayers and the boxfuls of heartening cards, letters and emails wishing me well. If you were praying, please know that once again your prayers worked out fine. My wife and I are both sincerely grateful to all of you.

For this month's *Note from Zola*, I am going to use the work of a brilliant analyst of the Palestinian Authority. With his assistant, Barbara Crook, American immigrant to Israel Itamar Marcus sends out the *Palestinian Media Watch Bulletin* ([www.pmw.org.il](http://www.pmw.org.il)). This is one of the best sources for "on the ground" information about Israel.

## Palestinian Authority Political Conclusions to the Israeli Withdrawal

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

During the last few weeks, Israel has forcibly removed 9,000 Israelis from 25 Israeli towns and villages in northern Samaria and the Gaza Strip. From the Palestinian perspective, most significant is that this unilateral withdrawal by Israel was brought on by the "victory" in the "resistance" — the Palestinian Authority euphemism for terror.

Accordingly, the Palestinians have rarely used the Arabic equivalent of Ariel Sharon's term, "disengagement," but rather, refer to Israel's actions with various other words: *insikhab*, which means either "withdrawal" or "retreat;" *tard*, meaning "expulsion;" or *dakhr* and *indikhar*, which mean both "expulsion" and "defeat."

These expressions are used throughout Palestinian society. Not only are there no meaningful differences among the PA, Hamas and Islamic Jihad terminology, but the groups seem to be competing to take credit for the terror that caused Israel to retreat.

The political and social conclusions the PA and terrorist groups have drawn from the unilateral withdrawal will have important ramifications for the region's future. Some of these conclusions, which have been stressed repeatedly in the months leading up to and during the evacuation, are:

# A Note From Zola



1. Terror ("resistance") has proven itself the most effective tool to force political concessions from Israel.
2. Terror can work either independently or as part of a cycle with diplomacy: "The gun sows and diplomacy reaps."
3. Palestinians see Israel retreating to the 1949 armistice lines as the complete and unconditional acceptance of PA demands, and as an historical precedent that will be repeated in all other areas of dispute: the West Bank, Jerusalem and refugees.
4. Terror will be renewed if Israel does not leave the West Bank and Jerusalem and accept PA demands on refugees. This is a uniform message across the political spectrum.

The following are representative examples from among these repeated political messages and threats by PA political leaders and terrorist leaders:

### *Palestinian Authority*

**"Secretary of Fatah in the Jenin district, Ata Abu Irmilah...** is of the opinion that the departure of the occupier is a day of great victory, which was achieved by the Palestinian resistance and, in its lead, Fatah and Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades." [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 13, 2005].

"This is a day for the people, so it can celebrate in honor of the sacrifice of the *shahids* [martyrs for Allah]. The Israeli withdrawal was not an act of charity, but is the fruit of the strong stance of our people over the years..."

**[Muhammad Dahlan, PA Minister for Civil Affairs, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 13, 2005]**

"Israel cannot withstand the brave Palestinian resistance... This is the beginning of the liberation, which was achieved by all factions of the brave Palestinian resistance."

[Farouk Al-Qadoumi, Secretary of Fatah, *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 22, 2005]

*Islamic Jihad*

“Dr. Muhammad Al-Hindi, a senior figure in Islamic Jihad, stressed ... that his movement sees in the retreat from Gaza a victory for the resistance, [and] a victory for the men of the resistance” [*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 13, 2005]

*Hamas*

“To the brothers, the Jihad Fighters of Al-Qassam Brigades [terrorist wing of Hamas], may Allah bless your *jihad*, your blood, you sweat, your guardianship, and your suffering. Without this *jihad*, and steadfastness, Gaza wouldn't have been liberated.

“To the brothers in the [other] resistance organizations, I congratulate you on this victory, and on the liberation of the Gaza Strip from the foulness of Zionists. I bear witness that this victory was made with your resistance [i.e. terror] and partnership with us, with our cooperation and coordination together and joint operations...”

[Muhammad Daif, Commander of Al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas website, August 27, 2005]

**Terror works either independently or as part of a cycle with diplomacy: “The gun sows and diplomacy reaps.”**

*Palestinian Authority*

“[Hani Al-Hasan, Member of Fatah Central Committee, said] “The armed struggle is sowing and the political struggle is reaping and he who does not sow does not harvest. Yet, he emphasized, ‘the harvest should take place in its [right] time... Everything in its [right] time. The current stage is the stage of harvest. In this stage, diplomacy comes before the gun, and in the time of the sowing, the gun comes before diplomacy...”

[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 22, 2005]

“Commander of the National Security Forces in the Northern District, Colonel Sha’aban Abu Asr... explained that he called this operation [the deployment of PA forces] by the name ‘The Harvest’ — it is the stage of gathering the fruits [of victory]. He... prayed that Allah will have us succeed in our ways so we

will go toward the big harvest...”  
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 22, 2005]

*Hamas*

“To our brothers in the Palestinian Authority, the liberation of Gaza is an important lesson to all of us. A part of our homeland has been liberated with the bounty of Allah first, and the strikes of the sincere *jihad* fighters from the whole of the brave Palestinian people. Let us comprehend this lesson, and keep the weapons of the resistance raised, along side the political work.”

[Muhammad Daif, Commander of Al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas website, August 27, 2005]

**Palestinians see Israel retreating to the 1949 Armistice lines as the complete, unconditional acceptance of the PA demands, and as an historical precedent that will be repeated in all other areas of dispute: the West Bank, Jerusalem and refugees.**

*Palestinian Authority*

“President Mahmoud Abbas emphasized that today our nation celebrates the freeing of Gaza and the north of the [West] Bank and tomorrow will celebrate the freeing of Jerusalem...”  
[*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, August 13, 2005]

“Member of Legislative Council Abd Al-Fattah Hama’il ... made a speech on behalf of President Mahmoud Abbas. He discussed the withdrawal from Gaza and said that it was a great achievement and a fruit of our

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struggle and that Gaza was the beginning, because a journey of one thousand miles begins with one step. Abu Al-Sukkar made a speech on behalf of the prisoners. He urged... everyone to make [efforts] for their liberation and said that *jihad* was a commandment that everyone is obliged to fulfill by himself..."

**[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 15, 2005]**

"The fate of the Israeli settlements, including the settlement in East Jerusalem, will match the fate of the settlements in the Gaza Strip."

**[Dr. Sa'eb Erekat, Chief Palestinian negotiator, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 22, 2005]** "I am optimistic, for I never dreamt that one settlement would be evacuated in the time of Sharon. The evacuation of settlements by Sharon is an historical precedent..."

**[Muhammad Dahlan, PA Minister for Civil Affairs, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 15, 2005]** "The coordinator of the Mass Committee for Aid and Support in the east Khan Yunis area, which belongs to Fatah, Ayman Al-Raqb ... emphasized that the efforts of Fatah should be united in order to turn the day of the Gaza Strip and north West Bank evacuation into a Palestinian wedding, which reflects the nobility of our Palestinian people, who sacrificed *shahids*, wounded and prisoners so that it would attend this historic day. He expressed his hope that this wedding would expand to the rest of the cities and villages of Palestine in the near future and that our masses would celebrate at the gates of Jerusalem..."  
**[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 13, 2005]**

*Hamas*

"To our brethren in Jerusalem and the West Bank, I talk to you today certain that Gaza is the beginning of the road ... and all our towns, villages and camps in the West Bank are an omen that the next stage, with Allah's support, will be defeating the occupation from your lands."  
**[Muhammad Daif, Hamas website, August 27, 2005]**

*Islamic Jihad*

"Islamic Jihad ... emphasized that the withdrawal from Gaza is the first cycle of the defeat of the occupation, [and] that after it would come [more] cycles until the restitution of all Palestinian lands."  
**[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 13, 2005]**

**Terror will be renewed if Israel does not leave the West Bank and Jerusalem and accept PA demands on refugees.**

"Our opinion is that this withdrawal — its benefit is in reaching the [West] Bank and Jerusalem, in the completion of our sovereignty on our land; terminals, air space and water [sources] and in that our daily life, will con-

tinue fully and continuously between us and the [West] Bank, otherwise the elements of explosion might be the strongest and the most tragic in the long history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict..."  
**[Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 13, 2005]**

"Jenin, which gave tens of *shahids* that took part in the battle, raised the weapons in the face of aggression and [thus] continued on their way towards the glory while holding their weapons — in front of these, we emphasize, that the process of liberation is continuing until the passing of the occupation..."  
**[PA Prime Minister Ahmad Qurei, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 9, 2005]**

"Let us retain the Gaza Strip as a base similar to North Vietnam and prepare for the nearing, full liberation of the [West] Bank."  
**[Farouk Al-Qadoumi, Secretary of Fatah, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, August 22, 2005]**

Despite all the mindless threats above, Israel is more peaceful today than it has been in years. Consequently, our Fall tours were sold out in August! So I would like to have your reservations early for our spring tours, which I am planning to lead personally. The Deluxe Israel Tour runs from March 19—30, and the Grand Israel/Petra Tour runs from March 19—April 2.

For a tour information folder, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during regular business hours, or for a free brochure on all of our tours call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime.

If you are looking for a family getaway, our tour at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Florida is a wonderful opportunity. Join Sandra and me, December 30, 2005-January 1, 2006 for a very informal time at this "must see" Orlando theme park. We look forward to seeing you there!

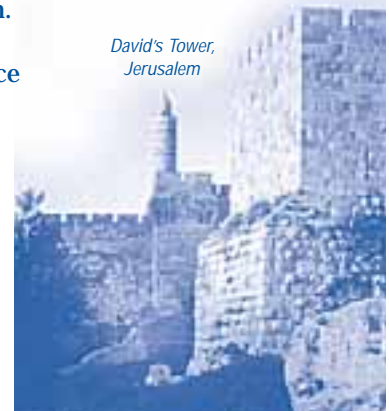
Sandra and I intend to stay in the Clermont, Florida area near Orlando through January and February. Churches are welcome to contact Cynthia at 214-696-8844 or at [zolaspeaks@levitt.com](mailto:zolaspeaks@levitt.com) for speaking engagement scheduling information.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem,

Your messenger,



David's Tower, Jerusalem





# The Menace of Multiculturalism

By Suzanne Fields, [www.townhall.com](http://www.townhall.com)

It's not easy to dislodge a trendy fad, particularly among the public intellectuals and the aspiring sophisticates of the chattering class, but "multiculturalism" may be getting an intellectual re-examination. The strivers so easily captured by the hula hoops of academic imagination have a long way to go, but the signs are there (and not a moment too soon).

"Multiculturalism" is the notion that all cultures are inherently equal; the notion should not only be tolerated, but encouraged. The Judeo-Christian values that undergirded the founding of our country and inspired the moral rules that bound us together in a common culture, honored even when honored in the breach, are to be held in doubt and suspicion. When these values were deconstructed, so that they no longer held us together, the literary, philosophical and historical canons of Western civilization changed.

Young people, naturally given to critiquing anything and everything their parents believe, became easily indoctrinated with the fashionable notions of multiculturalism. Disarmed, they could not defend the culture that produced their freedoms and the good life in which to enjoy those freedoms. They were soon not even capable of perceiving the consequences that flow from an inability to make distinctions. Instead of appreciating the self-correcting freedoms growing out of the common culture — leading to the end of slavery, the relief of oppressed women, and the civil-rights revolution that propelled blacks into the mainstream — the young were encouraged to focus on the negatives of Western history. The manifest shortcomings of other cultures were cheerfully ignored.

The great contemporary fault line of multiculturalism is the tolerance of Islamist barbarity that passes for understanding. This has led to the conspicuous inability to recognize the dark side of Islam that politicizes authentic religious faith and produces the terrorism that stalks the civilized world. Though only a small number of Muslims actually perceive murder as a religious duty, millions of Muslims support those who do, and many millions more conspicuously refrain from criticizing the evil-doers, either from fear or from a desire to see their faith become dominant across the world.

As a result, "multiculturalism" has become ideology that menaces a culture unable to defend itself. This multiculturalism undercuts assimilation and fosters an anti-American bias in favor of cultures determined to destroy our own. The British example says it all. Multicultural-

ism in England was shaped not only by academicians, but by civil servants, think tanks, minority pressure groups, center-left politicians, and what John O'Sullivan calls with irony "the Great and the Good." In *The New Criterion* magazine, he argues that certain government institutions, together with the popular media, created an ideology of "institutional correctness" of condescending anthropology. The British government, unrestrained by constitutional guarantees of separation of church and state, subsidized ethnic, religious, and linguistic ghettos by supporting "faith schools," where minority children were encouraged to maintain the cultures their parents fled. In the interest of tolerance, men and women who knew better, rationalized the suppression of women, genital mutilation and even "honor killings" by Muslims. Better to let the natives keep their quaint customs rather than impose common values that smack of "Britishness."

The bombings in London, however, changed the debate. When the British learned that their suicide bombers were homegrown, recruited from minori-



ties who were not marginalized — the bombers had grown up playing cricket — multiculturalism as a guiding ideology was suddenly suspect. The Dutch before them had begun to rethink multiculturalism as well, when a radical Muslim murdered the filmmaker Theo Van Gogh in Amsterdam for his criticism of Islamic suppression of women. The killer left an Islamist manifesto spiked to his breast.

Though not as daffy over multiculturalism as the Netherlands or Britain, America has been moving that way. The melting pot of assimilation, which has nurtured the American dream for more than two centuries, has become ever more suspect. A poll for the Pew Hispanic Center finds that 55% of Americans of Mexican descent consider themselves Mexicans first. A similar study of Muslim immigrants in Los Angeles finds that only 10% think of themselves as Americans rather than citizens of the countries they abandoned for new lives here.

Multiculturalism has become both masochistic and condescending. Born of good and generous intentions, it inevitably led to cultural amnesia, sapping the strength of the common bond. "An unintended and beneficial consequence of the London bombings," writes John O'Sullivan, "is the transformation of the debate in Britain over multiculturalism." The clock is ticking here, too. ■

## "The Fight for Jerusalem Has Begun"

By Ezra Halevi, [www.bridgesforpeace.com](http://www.bridgesforpeace.com)



Ahmed Qurei

Following Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and northern Samaria, Ahmed Qurei, Palestinian Authority (PA) prime minister and senior Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) figure, has announced that the fight for Jerusalem has now begun.

Qurei, at a meeting held in Al-Quds University in the Jerusalem Arab neighborhood of Abu Dis, said that the PA would now focus its attention on Jerusalem. "The fight has begun for Jerusalem," Qurei said, "and it is a dangerous war. No Arab, Palestinian-Christian or Muslim will accept Israel's racist plans." Abu Dis is under PA administrative control, but the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) control security around the neighborhood.

The senior PLO figure attacked the separation fence, insisting that it was to be the future border, something many Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria fear as well. "This wall is not a security wall. It is a wall meant to set borders. How else would you explain the fact that the fence runs through Palestinian communities? If they want a security fence, let them build it on the Green Line," he said.

Qurei demanded that American President George W. Bush pressure Israel to live up to the Bush demand to establish a "viable" Palestinian state. "The only viable country would be with the 1967 borders," he said. "The Palestinians will not accept less than a state on the lands occupied in 1967 with Jerusalem as its capital."

It is difficult to refute these many lies in the space we have, but we must at least point out that the security fence never runs through Palestinian communities. That would defeat its purpose — to keep murderers out — and it works almost perfectly. — Zola

## A Beautiful Friendship?

[www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com)

The foreign ministers of Israel and Pakistan, a Muslim country that has long taken a hard line against the Jewish state, met publicly for the first time in September, a diplomatic breakthrough that both ministers linked to Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom hailed the meeting as a "historic first" and said that after the Gaza pullout, it was "time for all of the Muslim and Arab countries to reconsider their relations with Israel."

The Pakistanis were quick to emphasize that they have no plans of establishing normal relations with Israel.

"That stage will come following progress toward the solution of the Palestinian problem," said Khursheed Kasuri, Shalom's counterpart.

But the AP notes that "the Arabic-language TV station Al-Jazeera has quoted [Pakistan's dictator, Gen. Pervez] Musharraf as calling [Israel's Prime Minister, Ariel] Sharon a 'great soldier and courageous leader' after announcing his plan to end Israel's occupation of Gaza."

## Salvation for Food?

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



Rick Warren

In an otherwise apolitical interview in the final half hour of a recent CBS *Early Show* with Rick Warren, the Southern Baptist pastor and best-selling author of *The Purpose-Driven Life*, Harry Smith worried that some Hurricane Katrina victims taken into the homes of church parishioners might be forced to attend church in order to get a decent meal.

From New Orleans, Smith asked Warren, who appeared from Tennessee:

*"Let me ask you this, though: is this an opportunity for a church to witness? Or if I'm a family, do I need to be concerned that I'm going to go live with a church family? Are they going to proselytize me, are they going to say, 'you better come to church with me or else, you know, you're not going to get your breakfast this morning?'"*

## Islamic World in 15 Years

[www.newsmax.com](http://www.newsmax.com)



Al-Qaeda has a master plan to take over the world and turn it into an Islamic state — by the year 2020.

Wishful thinking? Not in the minds of the top terrorist lieutenants interviewed by Jordanian journalist Fouad Hussein for a new book — including Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, mastermind of many atrocities in Iraq.

The plan, which is revealed for the first time in the Australian publication *The Age*, has seven phases:

**Phase 1: The "awakening"** in the consciousness of Muslims around the world following the 9/11 attacks, which were aimed at provoking the U.S. into declaring war on the Islamic world and mobilizing Islamic radicals.

*"At press time, we learned that Abdullah Abu Azzam, a top lieutenant of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had just been killed by U.S. and Iraqi forces in Iraq."* — Zola

**Phase 2: "Opening eyes,"** the current period, which should last until 2006.

Hussein said the terrorists

hope to make the "Western conspiracy" aware of the "Islamic community" as al-Qaeda continues to form its secret battalions.

**Phase 3: "Arising and standing up,"** which should last until 2010 and bring increasingly frequent attacks against secular Turkey and archenemy Israel.

**Phase 4: Lasting until 2013,** this phase will see the fall of hated Arab regimes, including Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Oil suppliers will be attacked and the U.S. economy will be targeted with cyber terrorism.

**Phase 5: An Islamic state,** or "caliphate," can be declared between 2013 and 2016.

**Phase 6: "Total confrontation,"** beginning in 2016, will see the Islamic army begin the "fight between the believers and the non-believers" that has been predicted by Osama bin Laden.

**Phase 7: "Definitive victory."**

Hussein writes that this phase should be completed by 2020, and that the terrorists believe the caliphate will prove victorious because the rest of the world will be beaten down by an army of "one and a half billion Muslims."

*The Levitt Letter* has stated the above facts for 25 years. But they are apparently unappreciated in Washington D.C.

— Zola

## Common Sense

*Jerusalem Netletter*

We return to you as a smaller country from a geographic point of view, but a larger one from a spiritual point of view. I can't imagine another country undergoing the trauma of disengagement with the dignity, sensitivity and courage of the State of Israel. I'm sure most of you watched from afar how we sadly and soberly became the first country ever to send its own army (without arms) to evacuate its own citizens from their own homes.

Then we destroyed its own lovingly created towns and villages, and watched the Palestinians burn the synagogues. The Palestinians may be partying in Gaza, but please remember together with us that no matter what spin they try to put on the disengagement, we didn't leave Gaza because of the Intifada. Just the opposite. Had Yasser Arafat accepted the Camp David agreements, the Palestinians would be celebrating five years of independence.

Whether we eventually judge our decision as wise or foolish, we must remember that we left of our own accord.

## Israel Fortifies its New Border with Gaza

*Israel Today*

Israel has spent \$250 million building a high-tech border fence in Gaza, aimed at keeping Palestinian terrorists out of the country. It includes remote control machine guns, robotic jeeps, and electronic sensors, along with barbed wire and trenches. It's been described as one of the most formidable barriers in the world, though there are ways around it, including rockets and tunnels.

The army says that with the evacuation of 21 Gaza settlements, it needs just half the manpower to secure Gaza — five battalions instead of ten.



## Blaming The Victims

[www.honestreporting.com](http://www.honestreporting.com)

The BBC, *The New York Times*, *The Scotsman* and the Associated Press are among major international media outlets that have justified the Arab burning of 19 synagogues remaining in Gush Katif. They unanimously imply that Israel is at fault for the destruction of its own holy sites. A number of Israeli conservatives argued that it was wrong for Jews to destroy synagogues. In response to their protests, the government chose at the last minute not to demolish the sites along with the other buildings in the area.

The UN 1947 armistice agreement, which provides for preserving holy places in Jerusalem states:

*“Holy Places and religious buildings or sites shall be preserved. No act shall be permitted which may in any way impair their sacred character.... Similarly, freedom of worship shall be guaranteed in conformity with existing rights, subject to the maintenance of public order and decorum.”*

## Backfire!

From *The Washington Times* National Weekly Edition

“It’s not exactly a secret these days that college life isn’t what it used to be. Gone are the days when learned divines would lecture students on the evils of atheism and free thought.

“But if the old religion has long since been banished from ivied halls, the faith that has taken its place is no less dogmatic.

“On my first day of college, I received formal instruction in the new religion. The university administrators who managed our freshman orientation thought it would be a good idea to show us a video on the Matthew Shepard murder, followed by a lecture from a supposed expert on ‘hate.’

“As if all of this were not enough, we were then sent

back to our dorms to break up into focus groups so that we could have a ‘dialogue’ on how to fight ‘hate.’

“Of course, once our ‘dialogue’ was finished, the real discussion could begin. Everyone was glad the ordeal was over; and soon everyone was ranting to each other about how insulting and ridiculous they thought the whole thing was.

“Thus, in a way, our freshman orientation did end up becoming a bonding experience — but not in the way that the university administration had intended.”

— Kevin Carter, writing on *“Brainwashing Backfires in Academe,”* Aug. 23 at [www.vdare.com](http://www.vdare.com)

Matthew Shepard, accused of being gay and killed by two heterosexuals, was not, in fact a homosexual. It was indeed a robbery and murder, but the media thought these stories would have more appeal if Shepard were recast as gay.

A local investigator, who knew the facts of the case, and was also a churchman, gave me that information. Wyoming officials attempted to advise the media of these facts, but they wouldn’t listen — the false story was too good for them to pass up.

— Zola



# Arafatistan

By Hal Lindsey, [www.worldnetdaily.com](http://www.worldnetdaily.com)



Hal Lindsey

Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian arms bazaar has opened up between Gaza and Egypt. Weapons are flowing into the Gaza Strip as quickly as they can be transported.

According to Israeli sources, more than 3,000 new automatic rifles have been smuggled in. Israel estimates that Hamas now has an arsenal of over 10,000 Kalishnikov attack rifles. Hundreds of AT-23 Sagger anti-tank missiles are in Palestinian hands. This is a deadly portable missile that can turn a tank into a flaming coffin.

The Palestinians and Hamas also have an unknown quantity of very advanced SAM-14 Strella anti-aircraft missiles. They would prove deadly to low-flying Israeli support aircraft and helicopters. And these weapons are in addition to the newly improved Palestinian-made Kassam rockets. It is revealing that, 13 years after the Oslo Accords, the only thriving industry in Palestine is weapons manufacture. Taking into account the abject poverty of the average resident of Gaza, the priorities are clear. Weapons take precedence over relieving poverty or creating jobs. The only industry being created in Gaza is bomb-making.

As the Israelis left, thousands of Palestinians took to the streets, singing and celebrating. Others toured the former Israeli settlements. They desecrated synagogues and looted what the evacuating Israelis were forced to leave behind.

They even destroyed the greenhouses and industrial centers that could have provided 26,000 jobs for a desperately needy population. By the way, American Jewish organizations raised the money — \$14 million — to purchase those greenhouses and donate them to the Palestinian people.

Instead, Palestinian leaders continue to stockpile a huge arsenal of new weapons, ammunition, missiles, and explosives. While all this is going on, an estimated 500 to 700 heavily armed and highly trained Muslim terrorists infiltrated Gaza through Sinai to boost the ranks of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

They are believed to include Palestinian terrorist operatives from Lebanon and a vanguard of al-Qaeda organizers. Al-Qaeda has vowed that it would use Gaza as the base from which to wreak destruction upon Israel. And Hamas is already beginning to establish military positions along Gaza's borders with Israel and Egypt.

Since September 16, it has been blowing up the border

walls with Egypt, section by section. Egypt, which agreed to police the border area with Gaza, is turning a blind eye to the Palestinian violations.

Since Israel's pullout was completed, Hamas has held one triumphal parade after another. Crowds numbering in the tens of thousands have gathered to watch heavily armed terrorists strutting up and down as their leaders vowed never to rest until Israel was destroyed.



When the Palestinian Authority tried to stage its own victory celebration, Hamas turned away PA President Mahmoud Abbas at the Gaza border. The Gaza withdrawal was an admission by Israel that there is no realistic hope for peace. Does

anyone even remember that the first requirement of the Palestinians in the Oslo Accords — and the many consequent “peace plans” — was that they reject terror and disarm all their terrorists? Yet the terrorists brazenly talk to cheering mobs about Israel's withdrawal being the first victory on the road to Palestine's total liberation.

A recent survey in Gaza and the West Bank revealed that almost 65 percent of Palestinians want to end the armed conflict and get on with their lives. What this tells me is (and you should know this) the question of a Palestinian state has little to do with the Palestinian people themselves and everything to do with the final destruction of Israel.

If there are indeed Palestinian leaders who want peace, they have no chance of success without stopping the swelling ranks of Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, al-Fatah, al-Qaeda, and the others.

And I believe they are far too weak to do that. Instead, President Abbas has invited them to join his government. Now, Hamas — and others intent upon using every meter of land turned over to them as a staging ground for the final annihilation of Israel — are free to set up shop with impunity in Israel's own back yard.

All of these factors should indicate to any fair-minded person that further peace negotiations are futile. For Israel to give over the West Bank under the present conditions would be an act of national suicide.

*As to the 26,000 lost jobs, the Palestinians don't really need them, considering the massive foreign aid they receive from the entire world. — Zola* ■

# Palestinian Assets Frozen

[www.israelinsider.com](http://www.israelinsider.com)

The Palestinian Authority's assets in the United States have been frozen after it failed to pay a \$116 million judgment in a federal lawsuit brought by relatives of a couple killed by Palestinian terrorists in Israel.

The order has made it difficult for the authority to keep its office in Washington going, according to Hasan Abdel Rahman, head of the office, who has appealed to the U.S. government for help. Rahman said the administration had indicated it wanted to help, but a U.S. State Department spokesman said that he could not comment on its plans.

The U.S. District Court in Rhode Island last year ordered the Palestinian Authority and Palestine Liberation Organization to pay the money to several relatives of Yaron and Efrat Ungar. The Ungars were killed in June 1996 by gunmen with the Palestinian group Hamas.

The suit, filed in Rhode Island in 2000, alleged that the Palestinian Authority and PLO provided a safe haven and operational base for Hamas. Yaron Ungar was an American citizen, and his relatives live in Israel.

The Palestinian Authority did not oppose the suit, arguing that it has sovereign immunity under international law and to appear in court would compromise that sovereignty, said Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. attorney general who is representing the Palestinians.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this year

upheld the default decision, and the Palestinians will likely ask the Supreme Court for a review.

"It paralyzes the function of the office, and I think that is the intention of the plaintiffs," Rahman said.

Rahman said President George W. Bush had made it clear that it was in the best interest of the United States to keep the office open, and he was hopeful the government would intervene.



Crown Prince Sultan

## Arab Lands?

*Chicago Sun Times*

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Sultan said recently that Israel should withdraw from more conquered Arab lands after Gaza, indicating there can be no change in the collective Arab stand on Israel unless occupation ends.

Sultan said Arabs have reiterated their commitment to a just and lasting peace through the Arab peace plan, which Saudi Arabia initiated and Arab leaders adopted in 2002.

"We have followed the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza very closely," Sultan said. "This withdrawal should be followed by further withdrawals from the Palestinian and Arab occupied territories since 1967, and lead to the realization of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital."

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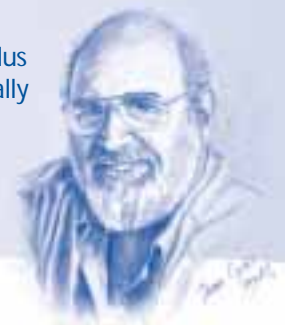
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## Zola's Monthly Gift Program

# The Wandering Jews

www.israelnationalnews.com

Twenty *Bnai Anousim* hailing from Spain, Portugal and Brazil have recently been touring Israel on a solidarity visit. The tour was arranged by the Jerusalem-based Shavei Israel, which assists “lost Jews” seeking to return to the Jewish people.



*Bnai Anousim* is the Hebrew term for people whose ancestors were forcibly converted to Catholicism over five centuries ago, during the time of the Spanish Inquisition. Historians have often referred to them by the derogatory term “Marranos.”

The group, which includes a professor, three doctors, a psychiatrist, and two psychologists, saw the sights in Tiberias, Haifa, the Golan, and Tel Aviv, and spent the Sabbath in Jerusalem, where they paid an emotional visit to the Western Wall.

They also took part in the opening of a new, museum-style exhibition organized by *Shavei Israel* at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem which outlines the past, present and future of the *Bnai Anousim*. Arrangements are already being made for the exhibition to be displayed next year at various universities, community centers and museums across Europe.

“There is a real awakening taking place among the *Bnai Anousim*, many of whom feel a strong and enduring connection to their Jewish heritage,” said Shavei Israel founder and Chairman Michael Freund. “I believe it is our responsibility to reach out to them, embrace them, and welcome them back home.”

For Sarah Quinones, aged 16, from Barcelona, spending time in the land of her forefathers was a profoundly moving experience. “It is difficult for me to explain, but my visiting Israel has helped me to better understand my Jewish identity. Now, I would like to continue on this spiritual search that I have begun.”

Shavei Israel does not proselytize to descendants of Jews, rather the organization responds to personal expressions of desire to return to

Judaism. The initial spark may result from a desire to recover a lost heritage, or from an intense need to understand various inherited customs and family traditions.

According to Freund, Shavei Israel supports, guides and provides assistance for these personal journeys, however varied they may be. The group’s work is in complete accordance with Jewish Law and under the ongoing supervision of the Chief Rabbinate of the State of Israel.

A professor, 3 doctors, a psychiatrist, and 2 psychologists! Why are Jews in the Diaspora usually well-educated? Well, they could take our land, our possessions, and anything we owned, but they couldn’t take what was in our brains!!! ✨

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Zone	All Pacific Times			
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# Israel is the Problem.

By James Lileks, *Newhouse News Service*

We're often told that Islamic terrorism has an exact mirror in Christian-inspired extremism.

Sure, there are thousands of jihadis killing and maiming people of all creeds and colors, but look at Timothy McVeigh! Can't — he's compost now. But when he was alive, he wasn't shouldering aside old ladies to make morning Mass; McVeigh was one of those pathetic Aryan pagans who would have beat up Jesus for his dusky hue.

What about that abortion bomber guy, Eric Rudolph? Sorry; he calls himself a disciple of Nietzsche.

Well, what about the Crusades? And Dresden? Fine. Drop us a line when someone drives a 737 into the Sears Tower on behalf of a bygone pope and General Eisenhower.

It turns out, however, that there are similarities. There is something the Islamic extremists and some Christian groups share: They agree that Israel is the problem.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) — not the members, but the learned elders — has announced it will use its stock holdings to target Israel for being mean to the Palestinians.

But they're not anti-Semites. Heavens, nay. Don't you dare question their philosemitism! No, they looked at the entire world, including countries that lop off your skull if you convert to Presbyterianism, and what did they choose as the object of their ire? A country the size of a potato chip hanging on the edge of a region noted for despotism and barbarity. By some peculiar coincidence, it happens to be full of Jews.

The right and the left seem to take turns deciding who's going to be anti-Semitic. But for some time now, the hard left in the West has led the charge against the Jews — or, as the sleight-of-hand term has it, the Zionists.

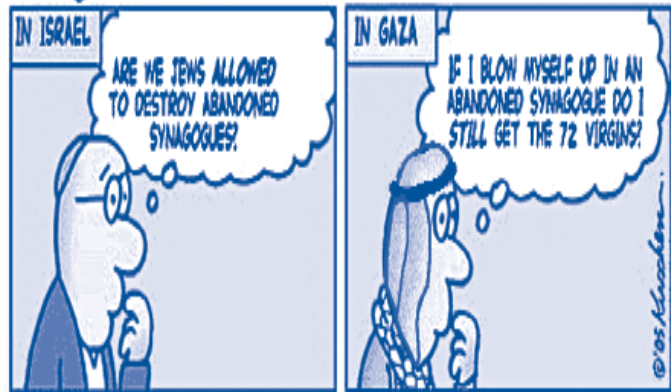
These adolescent spirits love nothing more than a revolution, a story of a scrappy underdog rising up against a colonizing power, and the Palestinians, with their romantically masked fighters and thrilling weapon-brandishing, fit the bill. Plus, there's something so deliciously naughty and transgressive about calling Jews the new Nazis.

It doesn't matter that one side is a liberal democracy that grants rights to women and non-Jews, while the other has thugs and assassins for rulers and sends its kids to summer camps where they learn the joys of good ol' fashioned Jew-killing.

According to the hard left's script, Israel was created when some Europeans (hisssss) invaded the sovereign nation of Palestine, even though we all know the Jewish homeland is somewhere outside Passaic, N.J. Then, for no reason, Israel invaded the West Bank and Gaza — which for some reason had not been set up as New Palestine by the Egyptians and the Jordanians, but never mind — and made everyone stand in line and get frisked. Those who joined the line in '67 are just getting through now. Evil Zionists.

## Dry Bones

### RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS



[www.drybonesproject.com](http://www.drybonesproject.com)

Don't tell the Presbyterians about Tibet or Sudan. It would absolutely ruin their day.

The companies the church wishes to pressure include Caterpillar, which makes bulldozers purchased by the Israelis for the sole purpose of knocking down innocent homes of gentle lamb herders, and Motorola, which among other things sells night-vision goggles that give the Israeli Defense Forces an unfair advantage over people who want to smuggle in bombs to encourage the social-justice dialogue.

The church will probably get around to boycotting Cuisinart, if the imams suggest that Jews use Cuisinart products to grind up Gentile bones for Passover pastries. Of course it's not true, literally, but in the culture of the occupation and resistance, we must understand these things as potent metaphors. False, yes, but potent!

Next they can sue the company that sells buses to Israeli cities. All those tempting targets, packed with innocent people. How could an oppressed person resist killing them all? What sort of civilized nation would tempt them so? Especially because they don't have helicopters and night-vision goggles and tanks and missiles. Not that they'd use those devices against Israelis. That would risk a Presbyterian boycott.

There are some lines even the most romantic revolutionary dare not cross. ★



# What Do We Get for Our Money?

[www.jihadwatch.com](http://www.jihadwatch.com)

Palestinian Authority hatred of the United States is so deeply ingrained in its ideology that it continues to openly promote vicious anti-American hatred — even right after signing a deal to receive \$50 million in direct aid from the US.

Radio and television sermons by senior PA religious officials continue to present the US as foremost among the “heretical” countries, and as an enemy trying to dismantle the Islamic world.

In the presence of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, one religious leader called for Iraqis to intensify terrorist uprisings against American soldiers.

The timing of these anti-US sermons is particularly significant — and not just because they come on the heels of the \$50-million grant from the US. The PA has received considerable worldwide criticism for the hatred and calls for violence in its official sermons. In recent months, it has been reported that the texts of these sermons are now presented to PA officials for approval before the public broadcasts....

*From Yusuf Abu Sneina, Imam of Al-Aqsa Mosque:*

“Anyone who watches closely the nature of our world today, can see that the heretical countries — first and foremost, the USA — have succeeded greatly in tearing our Islamic world apart by disintegrating and splitting up more than one Islamic state, intending to weaken it, disperse [its citizens] and plunder its resources. It is terrorism, and there’s no choice but to fight it.

“As regards Iraq, there is much to say about it. The USA has composed a draft of the Iraqi Constitution in a way that it will serve US interests and enhance the disintegration of Iraq’s

unity. The new constitution includes federal solutions, which are dividing Iraq into small countries.

“A federal government hides behind it — the seeds of a future civil war. The USA is planning to rule Saudi Arabia and disintegrate it, too, despite the close, friendly relations between the two countries...

“Is the USA going to fulfill its ambitions and aggressive plans? And, for how long shall the submission and surrender to the plans of the enemies of the [Islamic] nation continue?” [Yusuf Abu Sneina, Voice of Palestine, September 2, 2005....]

*Yusuf Jum’a Salamah, PA Minister of the Waqf and Religious Affairs, in the presence of Mahmoud Abbas and other senior PA officials:*

“We say to the dear, heroic Iraqi nation, turn this incident [the accidental death of 1,000 Iraqis] into an opportunity for resisting [term regularly used by PA to describe terrorist attacks] the [American] occupation, for uniting families, for unifying the forces and for opposition to the policy of dismantling Iraq and dividing it geographically.” [Yusuf Jum’a Salamah, Official Friday sermon, PA TV, September 2, 2005]



*According to jihadwatch.org, Islamic jihadists plan to destroy the West and bring it forcibly into the Islamic world.*



# "A Spiritual Experience"

*"Before This Whole Thing, I Had a Complex About White People."*

By Adam Tanner, Reuters

In one week, Joseph Brant lost his apartment, walked by scores of dead in the streets, traversed pools of toxic water and endured an arduous journey to escape the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in his hometown, New Orleans.



On the following Sunday, he was praising the Lord, saying the ordeal was a test that ended up dispelling his lifelong distrust of white people and setting his life on a new course. He said he hitched a ride in a van driven by a group of white folks.

"Before this whole thing, I had a complex about white people; this thing changed me forever," said Brant, 36, a truck driver who, like many of the refugees receiving public assistance in Houston, Texas, is black. "It was a spiritual experience for me, man," he said of the aftermath of a catastrophe that al-Qaeda-linked websites called evidence of the "wrath of God" striking an arrogant America.

Brant was one of the evacuees across Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi who gave thought to religion on Sunday, almost a week after the floods changed their lives, perhaps forever.

At the Astrodome in Houston, where 16,000 refugees received food and shelter, Rose McNeely took the floods as a sign from God to move away from New Orleans, where she said her two grown children had been killed in past years in gunfights.

"I lost everything I had in New Orleans," she said as she shared a cigarette with a friend. "He brought me here because He knows."

Gerald Greenwood, 55, collected a free Bible earlier in the morning, but sat watching a science fiction television program above the stands in an enclosed stadium once home to Houston's baseball and football teams. "This is the work of Satan right here," he said of the floods.

The Bible was one of the few books many of the refugees had among their possessions. Several Jehovah's Witnesses walked the floor of the Astrodome, where thousands of cots were set up, to offer their services.

## The Wages of Sin

On Sunday, the Salvation Army conducted an outside religious service that included songs such as "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

"Natural disaster is caused by the sin in the world," said Maj. John Jones, area commander for the Salvation Army, who led the service. "The acts of God are what happens afterwards... all the good that happens."

"God made all this happen for a reason. This city has been going to hell in a handbasket spiritually," Tim Washington, 42, said at New Orleans' Superdome as he waited to be evacuated.

"If we can spend billions of dollars chasing after (Osama) bin Laden, can't we get guns and drugs off the street?" he asked. Washington said he stole a boat and he and a friend, using wooden fence posts as oars, delivered about 200 people to the shelter. "The sheriff's department stood across the street and did nothing," he added.

The Salvation Army's Jones was one of many trying to comfort victims in Sunday services across several states.

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At St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, several hundred local parishioners and storm survivors attended Sunday service. "I wish we could take your broken hearts and give you ours," Rev. Donald Blanchard told the gathering.

In addition to consoling storm victims, the church's lead pastor, Jerald Burns, said Katrina's tragedy needed to be a rallying cry for parishioners, church leaders and government leaders to help the needy.

"It's not what God is asking of us," Burns said, "It is what God is demanding of us."

Some people walked out of the church in tears in mid-service.

Churches in many states have taken in evacuees and organized aid for people who in many cases lost everything they had in the storm. But at least some bristled

at the role of religion in helping the afflicted.

"We're getting reports of how some religion-based 'aid' groups are trying to fly evangelists into the stricken areas and how U.S. Army chaplains are carrying Bibles — not food or water — to 'comfort' people," Ellen Johnson, president of American Atheist, said in a statement.

"People need material aid, medical care and economic support — not prayers and preaching," she said.

The Salvation Army's heroic early arrivals in New Orleans had their work hampered by Target, the store which would not allow them to collect donations last Christmas. I have not entered a Target store since then, and I encourage our readers to similarly show our disapproval of such an anti-Christian policy. Shop Wal-Mart! It's less expensive, anyway. — Zola



# HebrewLesson

## Faith Establishes the Sign

By John J. Parsons



### Hebraic Insight: Faith Establishes the Sign

In the days of the divided kingdom, faithless King Ahaz of Judah fearfully anticipated an invasion by Syria and Israel (Isa. 7:1-2). All of Judah trembled with him. Was Judah done for? But what about the Lord's covenant with King David and the promise that David's house and kingdom would be *made sure* forever (2 Sam. 7:16)?

Interestingly, the qualifier *made sure* comes from the Hebrew verb *'aman*, (from which the word "amen" is derived), which means "to be reliable, to support." In other words, the House of David was made secure in the covenantal promise of the Lord.

In response to this crisis, the Lord sent the prophet Isaiah and his son to the king to proclaim the message of deliverance (Isa.7:3-9). The phrase *im lo ta'aminu, ki lo tei'ameinu* employs a play on the Hebrew verb *'aman*. The House of David will indeed be established (*'aman*), but only through faith (*emunah* — the noun form of *'aman*) in the promise of the Lord. That is, the House of David will be established only by faith.

Ahaz's faith was tested. The Lord offered him a sign to establish His word, but he balked at the offer.

אִם לֹא תֵאֱמִינוּ כִּי לֹא תֵאֱמָנוּ

If ye will not believe, ye shall not be established (Isaiah 7:9b, KJV)

נֹו	מֵי	אֵה	תֵי	לֹא	כִּי	נֹו	מֵי	אֵה	תֵי	לֹא	אִם
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noo	mei	ah	tei	lo	kee	noo	mee	'a	ta	lo	eem
you will be established				not	then	you will believe			not	if	

Therefore, the Lord gave a sign of His own accord: A young woman would bear a child and call his name *Immanu 'El* ("God with us"), but before the boy would know how to tell good from evil, the enemies of David (both Syria and Israel) would be taken captive by Assyria. This sign, seen by the eye of faith, therefore revealed that the covenant made with David was indeed sure (*'aman*), and God Himself would establish the throne through the giving of a Child of Promise.

The Lord Jesus is the ultimate promised Child of Judah of whom the earthly Immanuel merely foreshadowed (Matt. 1:23). He is the rightful King of Judah, whose house and Kingdom will never end (Luke 1:31-33). As *Immanu 'El*, Jesus is indeed the true Presence of God among His people. The Kingdom of God is established within you when you put your faith in Him.

**Hot Off the Press!***Israel Today*

This is the first Messianic women's magazine I have seen.  
— Zola

Believing Israeli women have a new magazine for their reading pleasure. The quarterly publication, *Beynenu*, which means "Between Us," features articles about issues Israeli Believers face in their day-to-day lives.



Israel Today

**A Helping Hand***Israel Today*

Instead of the annual dinner hosted by the Israeli Embassy in Vietnam, Ambassador Avi Nir decided to use the \$3,500 budgeted for the banquet to finance eye surgery for 100 villagers in the province of Angasoun, some of whom were almost completely blind. Nir accompanied the team of medical specialists and government officials to the village.

**Moving Reunion***Israel Today*

Since military service is required for just about every Jewish Israeli citizen,



Israel Today

everyone looks forward to graduating from basic training. For 19-year-old Yechiel Nahari, graduating from the Israeli border troops, it was no different — but the ceremony held a surprise he could never have imagined.

Standing among the family members who came to watch his graduation was his mother, Laouda, whom he hadn't seen for 12 years. The father of a soldier from his unit secretly organized the reunion, arranging for his mother to fly in from Yemen for the ceremony.

Nahari couldn't hold back his tears. "Don't cry, my son," his mother, dressed in traditional Yemenite garb, whispered to him. "They mustn't see a soldier crying. Later when we are alone, we'll cry together." But Nahari wasn't the only one crying. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

One of six children born to a Yemenite Jewish family, Nahari was seven years old when his father died. When his mother saw she wasn't able to care for the children, she sent him to New York to be raised by ultra-orthodox Satmar Hassidim.

At age 14, Nahari ran away from the Satmar people and was picked up in the streets by photographer Shlomo Graffi, who had photographed him seven years earlier for a Jewish Agency campaign for the immigration of Jews from Yemen. Eventually, Graffi helped Nahari immigrate to Israel. Now, he's really home, and maybe, one day, the rest of his family will join him.

**Required: A Visit to Yad Vashem***Israel Today*

A visit to the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem is a requirement for everyone graduating from university in Israel, so the atrocities of the Nazi regime will be remembered.

**Recovering Gold***Israel Today*

Gal Friedman values the gold medal he won for Israel at the Olympic Games in Athens last year. He figured his parents' safe was the best place for it until thieves broke in and stole the safe! About a week later, a seven-year-old girl from the Arab village of Fureidis in the north noticed something sparkling in the shrubbery — Friedman's gold medal lay where it had been tossed. The child's parents informed police, who returned it to its rightful owner. Now Friedman wears it around his neck!



Israel Today

**Plain Talk**

In a recent book review of *The West's Last Chance*, written by Tony Blankley, the author makes three suggestions concerning our war on terror. — Zola

- **“Declare war on Islamist jihadists.** This will narrow the poorly defined ‘War on Terror’ and allow Congress to grant the president expanded powers.
- **Utilize ethnic profiling.** Young Arab males are infinitely more likely to blow up a train or airplane than a 42 year-old soccer mom. Take action and make judgments accordingly.

# ISRAEL

• **Secure our borders.** It only takes a few Muslim radicals to blow up a dirty bomb in an American city. Let's not give them an open invitation."

While multicultural and politically correct thinkers try to regard Islam as simply a competing kind of society to the western world, Blankley states:

"If Western civilization has kept women down with its sexism, how does it compare with Islamic civilization? If Western civilization has asserted cultural imperialism on the Third World, how does it compare with Islamic influence in the Third World? If the West has been corrupted by materialism, how does it compare with the material standards of Islamic societies? It all comes down to this: If the choice is a flawed Western civilization or an impending fundamentalist Islamist civilization, which one do you want to live in?"

The reviewer concludes:

"The choice is stark. Either all of this talk of terrorism and the demise of Western civilization is complete and utter hyperbole — or it is the most important challenge the world has faced since World War II, one that will require unprecedented commitment and sacrifice for the defense of freedom."

## Cursing Israel, Part 1,000

By Zola Levitt

In a routine report on the recent visit of President Bush to the UN, a most discouraging remark was quoted. George W. Bush said to Ariel Sharon, "I am inspired by your courageous decision to give peace a chance. I know it was hard to do."

I doubt if Bush composed that comment, because he usually is more plainspoken and accurate. This insulting remark implies that this is the first time that Israel, which I estimate to be among the most peace-loving nations in the world, has decided to "give peace a chance." Whoever wrote that comment went on to say: "I know it was hard to do," as if reaching out for peace is something so terribly different for Israel and its prime minister.

If I were Sharon, I really think I would have gotten up and walked out. Since 1948, Israel has extended the olive branch to the Arabs, to the United Nations, to the United States, and to the whole world. In return, they have gotten nearly 60 years of unrelenting terrorism and universal derision, well exemplified in the president's thoughtless remark. As Bush was speaking, loutish Pales-

tinian thugs were burning synagogues in Gaza and proclaiming that they had chased the Israelis away with their murders of innocents. Their swaggering around with masks and huge weapons shouldn't fool anyone — those machine guns are for killing civilians. It would be refreshing to see them attack an army base for a change, where they would meet young men similarly armed.

But Israel continues to offer peace — including the entire Gaza withdrawal and the adherence to our absurd Roadmap.

Between the Katrina disaster, with the President's pious "acceptance of responsibility," the unending politicking, and finally, this face-to-face insult to a great leader who rose from buck private in the Israeli army to general, defense minister, and finally prime minister, I'm almost sorry for my 2004 vote. I have the nagging feeling that the President is overmatched with all of the things coming down on him, and surrounded with bad advice, bad writers, etc. The whole incident reeks of typical State Department anti-Israelism.

And, in any case, there's no truth in the whole statement. The President cannot have been "inspired" and he couldn't truthfully have said "I know it was hard to do" to a man who has spent his life since his high school years fighting for nothing but peace.

We will send a copy of this editorial to George Bush, and I'm sure we'll receive the usual platitudes back. We'll run them in a future *Levitt Letter*. ■

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# The Lord's Man in Jerusalem

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Calev Myers

The Bible says, *To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Calev Myers, who received his law degree from Hebrew University, Jerusalem and is a partner in Yehuda Raveh and Co. Law Offices, believes the time has come to make an inroad into the issues facing Messianic Believers in Israel. An ordained pastor, he also serves on the staff of an indigenous congregation in Jerusalem.

Myers understands the kinds of challenges Israeli Believers face. Like others of his generation, he has served in the army (and still does reserve duty), is raising a young family, and is fully integrated into Israeli society. Very much determined to live as free and equal citizens, these Believers are paving the way for the future.

After winning a Supreme Court case involving a young Messianic pastor charged with “missionary” activities and threatened with revocation of his citizenship, another twenty Messianic families came to him for help. Myers represented all of them gratis. Knowing that he’d have to do some fundraising to provide the quality legal representation needed by these families, he formed the Jerusalem Institute of Justice as a vehicle to incorporate the funds into a credible and accountable non-profit organization.

“Believers face various blatantly illegal activities,” Myers told *Israel Today*, “such as an unlawful process to revoke their citizenship on the grounds of being missionaries. This is neither a legally defined term, nor legal grounds for revocation of one’s citizenship,” he said. Among other harassments, Myers cited the unlawful confiscation of a Believer’s identity papers when registering a baby’s birth or even renewing a passport. Newly wed spouses of Jewish Believers are denied residency status of any kind. “Unfortunately,” he said, “the list goes on.”

Asked about his long-term goals, Myers said, “I would like to see Messianic Jews in Israel granted identical rights and treated with due respect like Jews from every other stream and background in Israel, including the right to immigrate freely and openly under the Law of Return.”

The believing community in Israel has faced injustices, with little recourse against the bureaucracy. Men and women of vision, such as Calev Myers, are taking on the challenges. How good to know that the attorney representing Believers’ rights seeks the full counsel of God before going to court! ❖



## New Orleans Students May Study in Israel

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Israel, in its typical kindness, has reached out in a creative way to help some unfortunate students in New Orleans. I taught music at Xavier University there, and I played my first professional orchestra concert with the New Orleans Symphony at Tulane University.  
— Zola

Thousands of students, including 2,000 Jewish students, from disaster-stricken New Orleans will be able to continue their studies in Israel as part of an initiative of the Jewish Agency for them to study in programs for overseas students.

The Jewish Agency, along with Hillel and United Jewish Communities, has approached Jewish communities in the U.S. with the goal of locating students from Tulane University to offer them the alternative opportunity of studying in Israel. Tulane has been flooded, and courses are canceled. The offer to come study in Israel has been extended to all denominations.

Courses will be taught in English, and Hebrew language courses will also be made available. Twenty students have already shown interest in coming to study in Israel.

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