

LEVITT LETTER

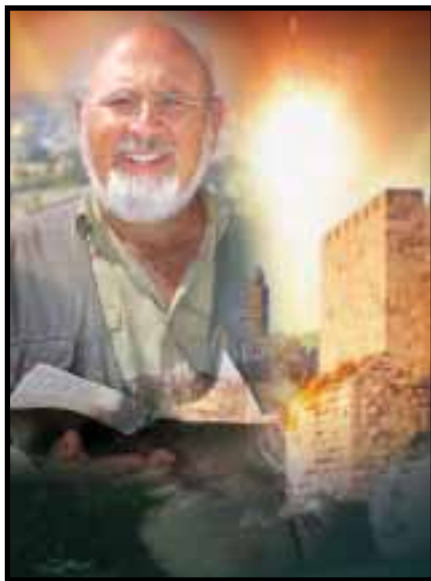
“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

A Note from Mark Levitt...

The Burning Question

Here is a transcription of a voicemail that I received on Friday, February 10 at 9:00 PM from my father Zola. I have yet to delete it from my cell phone. It marked the rapidly impending end of his 35 years of ministry—the ministry that he had begun within weeks of his salvation on March 14, 1971.

“Uh, Mark, okay. Well, I got some sorta halfway diagnosis. I’m being moved to a hospital in Orlando. I’ve got three lesions on the brain, which sounds very dramatic, but Henry (Zola’s internist) said it doesn’t have to be that dramatic. It’s going to be examined by a neurosurgeon, and it needs to be done right away. I need to cancel some churches (speaking engagements) and all that, and I can’t even get back to Dallas right now. So there’s where it’s at right this minute. I’ll try to call you at home, but I bet you’re working out or something. But anyway, you can call me on my cell. I’ve got it right with me, and I’m just waiting for an ambulance ride.”



I had been dreading that “curtains for Zola” call for the better part of

twenty years in the same way ladies routinely looks for runs in their stockings that they hope not to find. Shakespeare wrote, “Cowards die many times before their deaths;/the valiant never taste of death but once.”

For a quarter-century, I supposed that heart trouble would take Zola. After his second bypass operation last July, however, he chuckled about how ironic it would be and how he’d violate every dietary restriction if he ever came down with cancer.

How prophetic.

And dine he did! When he returned to Dallas toward the first of March,

he did his all to make up for decades of restraint and moderation with regard to pizza, ice cream, monstrous greasy burgers from a local drive-in named Keller’s, tater tots and shakes. He found a sense of satisfaction and even joy in finally being able to defy all the principles that had helped his first set of coronary bypasses last for 23 years.

Our family never got around to having a cry fest. Rather than everyone

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Signs and Portents



Patrick Cox

By Patrick Cox,
Contributing Editor

When I was younger, I confess, I did a stint turning terrible film scripts into merely awful film scripts. Okay, I may be exaggerating. They were really awful. Perhaps because of that, I sometimes look at current events as if they were a screenplay.

Lately, however, it has become difficult. If modern history were not actually happening, but written by some scribbler as a work of fiction, the story would never make it onto the screen, too obviously a work of Zionist propaganda written by someone with the sole purpose of illustrating the implacable fanaticism of Israel’s enemies.

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keeping a stiff upper lip to show mental toughness, we had an unspoken resolution to make the most of our limited time together. So we spent considerable hours working and savoring the processes of working. Happy is the man whose work is his play, and we never doubted the value of the time we spent preparing last month's *Levitt Letter* and planning the future of this ministry.

It was difficult for Zola and me to look ahead for the ministry, because we had believed that it was unnecessary to cultivate a protégé to fill Zola's shoes. We knew that I would never be "The Guy" in front of the camera because, even on good days, I have about as much charisma as your run-of-the-mill administrator. Some people can tell jokes, and others just have enough sense of humor to know when to laugh. Zola never had my degree of patience for details and management, but wasn't he an incredible story teller?

He and I deliberated the burning question: Who would sit in front of our TV camera? Jews for Jesus had offered our choice of any number of talented, highly-educated, teachers, who could fly in to Dallas for a TV shoot almost any time. Our ministry has several pastors who routinely speak in churches and write scholarly books and articles (see footnote). Most any aspiring Bible teacher without a significant outreach of his own probably would jump at the chance to harness the evangelical power of our ministry's incredible TV airtime and mailing list.

God delivered us a teacher with an incredible array of messages that he yearns to share: Jeff Seif. When you experience that passion and zeal with which he teaches, you will agree that God has cleared a path for him, much the same way that Moses' passing created an opening for Joshua. Please see Jeff's article on page 10.

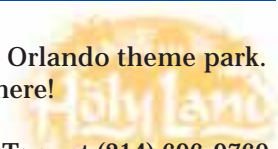


Dr. Jeff Seif

Zola always taught that our next home would be in Israel. With that said, I would like to invite you to come with us and see the place where you are going to live a thousand years.

Our fall tour has been our most popular tour, so we are certain that the airline seats will fill up even faster than they have this March and June. The **Deluxe Tour** (Israel only) is October 29-November 8, **Grand Petra Tour** (Israel & Petra) October 29-November 12, **Grand Athens Tour** (Greek Isles & Israel) October 24-November 8, and our all-inclusive **Ultra Grand Tour** (Greek Isles, Israel & Petra) October 24-November 12. Reserve your spot soon so that you can be sure to experience the excitement Zola spoke about as he was preparing to walk where Jesus walked. If you are looking for a family getaway, our tour at **The Holy Land Experience** in Orlando, Florida is a wonderful opportunity. Join us December 22-24, 2006 for a very

informal time at this "must see" Orlando theme park. We look forward to seeing you there!



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I have heard more than once that you should be careful what you pray for because you just might get it. How many times have readers written letters expressing their wish that Zola would move on from talking about the same old things? Now their wish has come true—Zola has moved on. In the spirit of Romans 8:28, I am open to God showing us how Zola's passing is for the good. Not only for Zola, who would like to send us post cards saying, "Wish you were here," but also for those of us who await the Rapture.

So, think about this. You and I have loved and supported Zola for an awfully long time. But those of us who stand behind this ministry represent less than 3% of those who watch "Zola Levitt Presents" on TV. A solid portion of the remaining 97% may like our new spokesperson's teaching even more than Zola's. Perhaps God concluded that Zola deserved a rest from this declining world and that our viewers and readers needed an energetic, new messenger to prepare us for the home stretch to the Rapture.

Unlike God, I have not lost a son and would never do so willingly—even though my teenage boys can be impossible. Considering that the sacrifice of God's son gave my family and me eternal life, how could I second-guess His prerogative to take Zola away at a time that feels too soon?

The Lord works in mysterious ways. And I am fully prepared to remain mystified...and pleasantly surprised. To me, the burning question regarding this ministry's future has not been who will be our new spokesperson, but rather, how can we best continue blessing God, Israel and the church. Make way for Jeff Seif. Write and give us your opinion of his teaching.

In His Service,

— Mark Levitt

Please contact Scott in our office for information on having this ministry's speakers visit your church. Dr. Tom McCall co-authored eight books with Zola. Dr. Jeff Seif co-created with Zola our correspondence course, *The Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*. Dr. Todd Baker founded our ministry's department of missions to Israel, which is sponsored by our "To the Jew First" fund. In addition, Zola's wife, Sandra Levitt, after traveling at Zola's side for eight years, is able to teach all the same lessons he did and is quite a gifted public speaker.



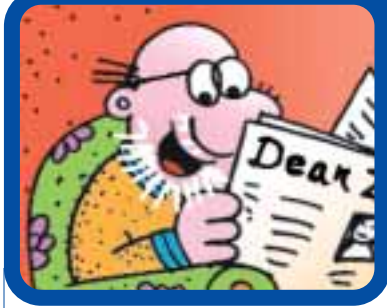
Dr. Tom McCall



Sandra Levitt



Dr. Todd Baker



Letters to ZIM

people feel about certain issues, the Torah clearly states there is to be one Law for the Jew as well as the stranger in their midst, Ex. 12:49 and Num. 15:16.

L.G.

Dear L.G. :

Dear Staff:

Zola's programs will never grow old to me and need to be played over and over again. There are so many in the church that need his teaching and know we will continue to support the ministry until Jesus comes.

Love and Prayers,
K.H.

"Relevant Until the Rapture"

Dear K.H.:

You are right! Some of our classic TV series, and books for that matter, have no place to grow because they will stay relevant until the Rapture and beyond.

Mark Levitt

Dear *Levitt Letter*:

I have been very disturbed by the presentation of such openly anti-Semitic characterizations of the Arabs and Palestinians in your cartoons. The Anti-Defamation League challenges every racial characterization and derogatory depiction of Jews with big noses and fat bodies as well as countless other formulations and then, within the pages of your paper, I find the same mean-spirited cartoons of those considered to be the enemies of the Jews and Christians. Hubris?

You must be aware of the following quotes. Ghandi was famous for saying, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." And it was Friedrich Nietzsche who said: "These Christians must show me they are redeemed before I will believe in their redeemer." Their place in or out of the Kingdom of Heaven is not my concern.

My concern is the way your paper depicts Arabs and Islamic people in such a derogatory way. I understand the Biblical taunt dance but your cartoons, however truthful they may be at depicting reality — your reality, do not depict the majority of these people. Regardless of how

Our newsletter cartoons that depict Arabs who hate Israel and America, suicide bombers who target unarmed civilians and fanatic Muslims who fly airplanes into buildings are intended to stereotype only Arabs who hate Israel and America, suicide bombers who target unarmed civilians and fanatic Muslims who fly airplanes into buildings. That you deem the cartoons to typecast all Arabs or all Muslims might speak to how a few bad apples can ruin the reputation of the whole barrel.



Mark Levitt

Dear Staff:

I was very pleased to get the hard copy of your newsletter yesterday with the bookmark.

I can't tell you how many times, in all kinds of churches at communion time I hear in meditations and prayers, how Christ's body was broken for us. It drives me up a tree, and I physically shake my head from left to right.

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Why do Christians mix up the broken bread of the covenant meal with His body *given* for us?

The very reason this upsets me is because of what is on your bookmark. The prophecy of not a bone will be broken was fulfilled in our Savior on the cross—and not only that, but this was foreshadowed in the Passover lamb. Even after going through all the rules and regulations of separation, etc, if a bone had gotten broken somewhere in the process that lamb could not be offered.

I plan to use your bookmark extensively as a tender teaching tool. Thanks!

On top of that I just think it is a very unique gift to have some of the prophecies and then the ultimate fulfillment on a bookmark.

This is a definite keeper for my Bible. — C.Z.

Dear C.Z.:

You are referring to John 19:36 which says, *For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.* Please remember to request a free bookmark when you make your next purchase or contribution, and we'll be happy to send you one for a friend.

— Mark Levitt

Sponsoring a Jewish Child

Dear Staff:

I was very shocked to hear that Zola had gone to be with the Lord. I prayed that he would continue in his job and be healed. My prayers are with his family and the staff at Zola Levitt Ministries.

After reading the letter from K.B. in the May 2006 *Levitt Letter* my wife called World Vision to find out what the problem was. Amazingly they stated that they would never help a Jewish child in need. They think that all Jews are rich and don't need any help as they are loved all over the world. How stupid can a group of people be? She also called Compassion Intl. who stated that they did not have any Jewish children on their list and that they normally work through an Evangelical Church in the area. My wife asked them what was wrong with a Messianic Jewish Church. No Comment.

Now to my need. I would like to know who you would recommend for us to work with to sponsor a needy Jewish child. If you have no recommendations could we work through you? Please advise when you have time and things have settled down.

Thanks, — J. and B.

Dear J. and B.:

If you are looking for a no-nonsense ministry in Israel that assists needy immigrants while witnessing to them, as opposed to American middlemen who rake administrative expenses off the top, then please know that Zola has always wholeheartedly recommended:

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Mark Levitt

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This Muslim demonstrator in Europe references the Jewish Holocaust as UNREAL.

Muslim Watch

Dear Staff:

...I hope that someday I might be able to set up a website called Muslim Watch which would, 1) Keep track of all the atrocities as well as everyday acts of prejudice against Jews and Christians (recent example from Albania). 2) Unite Jews and Christians to work as one and stand up to Muslims wherever they go. Raise our voices and shout them down.

When churches and synagogues can be built in Mecca, then mosques may be built in America. 3) Educate people to all the plagiarism and false doctrine that comes from the Koran. Show people how many of the sayings in the Koran were, in fact, stolen from the Bible.

Even the prophecies in the Koran are nothing more than twisted versions of Biblical prophecy. Just look at their view of Isaac and Ishmael. It's much easier to write a book when you have one in front of you that already contains thousands of years of history and prophecy. I believe if one looks close enough, the Bible predicts the appearance of Mohammad.

D.S.

"I Pray that this Ministry Never Ends"

Dear Staff and Levitt family:

I had the privilege to go to Zola's memorial. It was not what I expected, it was better! I cried, I laughed, and I cried some more and left feeling extremely thankful to God for blessing me with Zola's teaching, Zola's life.

Though I never met Zola in person he was and still is my mentor...the impact he made in my life is still with me today. I am now like a walking, talking *Levitt Letter*...Zola was my example... to be an advocate for Israel and my Jewish people, to fight anti-Semitism...to shed light on what Islam really is... I'm now writing and blogging and credit Zola for what I'm doing today. *Todah raba Yeshua* [Thank you much, Jesus] for blessing your people with Zola!

At the memorial it was wonderful to see Zola as a child, a young man...he had no clue how God was going to use him to reach millions. May that be a lesson to all who think that they can never do great things for God.

I've been a supporter of Zola's ministry, but now I'm going to do it "automatically"! I pray that this ministry never ends...(until the rapture, of course) and that Zola's legacy will live on. I continue to pray for you, Sandra, and your children and every single person who feels the pain of Zola's departure. I can't wait for the day that I meet my Lord and His heroes... among them Zola Levitt!

Your Jewish sister in *Yeshua*, — A.

Zola's memorial service "In Loving Memory" is now available on DVD, please see page 31.

"At My Post"

Dear Levitt Family,

I've been watching the final shows that Zola filmed before going home. I can say with a grateful heart that his legacy in my life will be his unwavering faith in the face of a horrible disease and his firm conviction to "remain at my post" until no longer possible. Because of this I'm reevaluating the firmness of my faith and if I'm at my post.

Thank you, Zola.

May God bless and comfort the Levitt family. — R.

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"Cover to Cover"

Dear Staff:

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

I felt the urging to write this ministry and tell you how much it has touched me in just a few days. I wish I had discovered Brother Zola's ministry years ago, but I only discovered it as a result of a news article at www.worldnetdaily.com and the promotion of Brother Zola to Glory. Unlike some in Christendom, I have a passion for God's elect, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I downloaded the *Levitt Letter* yesterday and couldn't put it down until I had read it cover to cover.

I also look forward to going through the courses brother Zola has created. I am a former Lutheran pastor with advanced degrees in divinity and ecclesiology. However I have learned more about *Yeshua* outside of seminary than I ever learned there! This has all been as a result of dedicated folks like Brother Zola.

Maranatha!

May you all experience the joy of His grace,
C.C.

"SHALOM CHAVER"

Dear Staff:

Words cannot even describe how I felt upon hearing the news that my spiritual mentor of eighteen years has gone home to be with *Yeshua*.

I got saved in April of 1988, and it was then I began to watch Zola on TV. Ever since then I've followed every program, recorded every show he produced. God used Zola to put a love in my heart for the Jewish people, for Israel. I had and still do have such a hunger for the Jewish roots of Christianity, because of Zola. I graduated from the *Institute of Jewish Christian Studies* in May of 1996 that prepared me for future studies in our Jewish roots.

Because of the impact that Zola had on my life for eighteen years I now have a Bible prophecy ministry, a pro-Israel website, tours to Israel once a year, and a Jewish outreach mission.

No one can or will ever fill Zola's shoes. The body of Messiah has lost a great defender of the faith, and a defender of Israel.

May we pick up where Zola left off, defending Israel, exposing the false teaching of Replacement Theology, the error of Progressive Dispensationalism. May we as Christian Zionists speak out for Israel, and call the Church back to her Hebraic roots.

I have been honored to meet Zola on two occasions. All I can say is Zola, *Laila tov* (good night), *Shalom Chaver* (goodbye friend), until we meet again. Soon.

Rev. A.R.

"My Cup Runneth Over"

Dear Staff:

It is the most powerful testimony I have ever heard or seen!

Thank You! Zola, for sharing your "physical strength," your "spiritual intellect" with "us" your flock, in these latest television programs.

My cup runneth over!

R.A.R.

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**Please see
the TV Air
Schedule
on Page 18
for
Networks
that carry
ZOLA LEVITT
PRESENTS.**

Dear Levitt family:

I, too, heard the news tonight. Heaven is all the brighter (if that's even possible) with Zola's presence there. Things down here seem slightly dimmer with him gone. I feel like I've lost an old and faithful friend and mentor.

Although we've never met, I know I truly have such a loss. May we continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem in honor of this dear man as well as for the peace of his family in their hour of bereavement. I wish we could just borrow him every Sunday evening to continue teaching us, yet I know that Sandra and the family will carry forward in his footsteps to bring us the marvelous programming he's brought us throughout the years.

Shalom to you dear Levitt family. Shalom to all of you.

R.T.

"We Will Not Forget You"

Dear Levitt family:

We will never know on this side of Heaven the multitudes of people who were touched by the Lord because of this one man saying, "Yes Lord, here I am, send me."

Zola's ministry was so unique as it opened the Bible up in an entire new way by showing us the Jewish ways, how they lived back then, what things meant then and now. He put picture words on his teachings and I never looked at the Bible the same.

I learned way more in depth about Jesus Christ and I have such a love for the Jewish people because of Zola's fire for the Lord.

Not one person can say enough about this man. And we can say the same for his family. You sacrificed also and it was a great sacrifice to share him with all of us for all of these years. He could not have done what he did without the sacrifice and support of his family. We will not forget you now that he is gone. We will not forget this ministry.

Every one of his television programs could be played over and over again and we would still learn something new! We loved Zola and we will continue to love his family just as much! But most of all, we will forever love the Lord... thanks to Zola's obedience to HIM., Jesus, the Christ!!

Our love and prayers always,

The B. family

"This Pain Will Get Easier"

Dear Sandra and Family,

My late husband who passed away in 2003 was a great fan of Zola's.

He was forever ordering his books, reading them and passing them around to family and friends. I couldn't help but think yesterday when I read of Zola's passing how Zola and my husband might now meet face to face in heaven. When I shared this with my grown children, they too agreed. Please know that this pain will get easier by God's grace as time goes on.

In Christ,

M.E.

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London receives threats from Muslim demonstrators in wake of the Danish cartoon episode.

“Zola Has Blessed Me”

Dear Staff:

I am saddened by Zola’s passing from this world we live in, but gladdened that he is now before his Father God and no longer in pain or concerned for this old world.

How gracious God is! I knew of Zola’s illness but did not realize it would affect me this way. I feel like an old friend died. No, I was not a partner. No, I was not one who kept in contact. No, I never got to see Zola in the flesh. But, Zola has blessed me since I was a young married and at age 21 God opened my eyes to what He had been teaching me for many of my younger years... to love His people, the Jews.

I was young, dumb and learning, but God graciously prepared me for that love. And in those early years, Zola is the first real Jew I knew. I read every one of his books that I could get my hands on. I got the *Levitt Letter*: I learned a lot from him re: the Jews and this Jesus!

What a joy. I still have those books. And at age 59, I still love the Jews, I love Israel, and I love my Jesus. God bless you all as you learn to live without him on this earth. And God bless you as you heal from his death. It looks like we will see him “in the air.”

L.A.

**“I read every
one of his
books...”**

Dear Staff:

We have just returned from our mission work in Latin America and have heard about Zola’s promotion! He was such an important part of our spiritual growth, and he is the one that ignited our love for the Jews.

In September 1995 we toured with Zola through Greece, Turkey and Israel—and as everybody who has been with Zola proclaims ... it was a life-changing experience. When Zola saw my tears at the Garden Tomb, he asked why I was so emotional ... he said “You haven’t seen the Galilee yet!” That tour took place during the O.J. Simpson trial, giving us a profound sense of priorities in life. We stood in front of the Knesset while the Oslo Peace Accords were being signed. And, shortly after we returned, Rabin was assassinated in Israel.

Since that time we have continued climbing to higher ground, becoming “on-fire” evangelists and finally committing our lives to The Great Commission to “GO” to the ends of the earth with the Good News of the Kingdom.

Someday soon, we also hope to be “promoted” to the highest ground and have Zola greet us as we enter!!

Zola is a true servant of the living God and obediently completed all the assignments the Lord gave him on this earth, and is now reaping his rewards. *Well done, thou good and faithful servant!*

With our utmost love and respect for this blessed saint!

R. and J.

From a Christian Arab

Dear Staff:

I just heard this morning of Zola’s going home. I am a Christian Arab and so drawn to Israel and the land of my parents’ birth, Jordan. I am so happy to be married to a Christian pastor’s son that led me to the Lord Jesus for salvation; and so freedom from hatred of the Jews came to me about thirty years ago. The scales are off!

I always enjoyed listening to Zola who had a great burden for his brethren as I do for my Arab relatives and there are many here who claim to be ‘Christians’ and are still in the dark on issues of Israel and issues of Palestine..

As Zola would always say ‘Pray for the peace of Jerusalem’ I too would say “pray for the blindness of the Arabs.” I will sorely miss Zola. I am sad but comforted to know where he is.

H.N.K

“The Land Belongs to God’s Chosen People”

Dear Levitt Letter:

I told the people I work with that the Gaza strip, which had been so productive for the Israelis, would not produce for the Palestinians. They (non-Christians) just looked at me like I was nuts.

Now I see on Fox news that the Palestinians are trying to get the former Jewish greenhouse workers to come back because they are having trouble getting anything to grow.

I don’t understand how anyone can read the Old Testament prophets and not see that the land belongs to God’s Chosen People, the Jews. Isn’t it wonderful that our Father doesn’t pay attention to newspapers?

D.C.



God? No; Allah, YES

By Michelle Malkin, www.michellemalkin.com

In Dallas, a school district strikes the words “In God We Trust” from the photo of an enlarged nickel on a year-book cover for fear of offending students of differing religions.

In California, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (the one that outlawed the Pledge of Allegiance for its reference to God) approved putting public school students through Muslim role-playing exercises. *Investor’s Business Daily* reminds us:

In a recent federal decision that got surprisingly little press, even from conservative talk radio, California’s 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled it’s OK to put public-school kids through Muslim role-playing exercises, including:

Reciting aloud Muslim prayers that begin with “In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful . . .”

Memorizing the Muslim profession of faith: “Allah is the only true God and Muhammad is his messenger.”

Chanting “Praise be to Allah” in response to teacher prompts.

Professing as “true” the Muslim belief that “The Holy Koran is God’s word.”

Giving up candy and TV to demonstrate Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting.

Designing prayer rugs, taking an Arabic name and essentially “becoming a Muslim” for two full weeks.

Parents of seventh-graders, who after 9-11 were taught the pro-Islamic lessons as part of California’s world history curriculum, sued under the First Amendment ban on religious establishment. They argued, reasonably, that the government was promoting Islam.

But a federal judge appointed by President Clinton told them in so many words to get over it, that the state was merely teaching kids about another “culture.”

So the parents appealed. Unfortunately, the most left-wing court in the land got their case. The 9th Circuit,

which previously ruled in favor of an atheist who filed suit against the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance, upheld the lower court ruling.

The decision is a major victory for the multiculturalists and Islamic apologists in California and across the country who’ve never met a culture or religion they didn’t like — with the exception of Western civilization and Christianity. They are legally in the clear to indoctrinate kids into the “peaceful” and “tolerant” religion of Islam, while continuing to denigrate Judeo-Christian values.

In the California course on world religions, Christianity is not presented equally. It’s covered in just two days and doesn’t involve kids in any role-playing activities.

But kids do get a good dose of skepticism about the Christian faith, including a biting history of its persecution of other peoples. In contrast, Islam gets a pass from critical review. Even jihad is presented as an “internal personal struggle to do one’s best to resist temptation,” and not holy war.

This case is critical not just to our culture but our national security. It should be brought before the Supreme Court, which has outlawed prayer in school. Let’s see what it says about practicing Islam in class. It will be a good test for the bench’s two new conservative justices.



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Introducing Jeffrey Seif

So what's Zola actually doing in heaven?

Given both Zola's custom of speaking his mind to everyone, and his personal preference to avoid "putting on airs," it may be that St. Peter has already been questioned about the need for paving the streets with gold and decorating the walls with jewels, much as the matter of individual mansions may have been addressed on the basis that souls in Heaven surely don't need all that space — not even in paradise.

On the other hand, given that in his perfected state Zola may now actually be enjoying a decent golf game (for once!) it may well be that (for once!) he may not see the need to be a trouble-maker — especially if he is reminded that God Himself designed the perfect place in the first place, and not Peter. Thus minded, Zola may now simply be adjusting to a good golf game, a deserved rest, and a much-improved status — a "promotion to the head office," as he liked to put it.

Incredible as his life was, I was particularly touched by the way that Zola died. He modeled Jesus' words, noted in John 13:1: *... when Jesus knew that His hour had come [and] that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

Zola loved this ministry — his life's work — and kept at it till the very end. His final moment a lesson in personal commitment and human dignity.

The follow-up message to those who would survive Jesus' passing seems relevant as well: *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me* (John 14:1), said He. Much as Jesus' disciples were minded to not let apparent difficulties with His passing dishearten them too much, so too I feel we all do well to remember that God has His ways and plans and that *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion* (Philippians 1:6b), in you and me, and in Zola Levitt Ministries.

Years ago, I responded to a "calling" to the ministry, never imagining that it would lead me to walk in the immediate footsteps of the greatest Messianic-Jewish communicator of our times — Zola Levitt. I was born into a German Jewish family in 1955, to a Jewess smuggled out of Nazi Germany. Traumatized by it all, mother was never the same, distracted, with the result that I fell through life's cracks. Rudderless, I drifted about, till I ran

into a missionary with "Jews for Jesus." They opened my eyes, and I experienced what I understood as a "calling" into ministry.

Eventually, at age twenty-seven, I began college, taking Jewish Studies at Moody Bible Institute, and then degrees from the theological seminary at Southern Methodist University. In the middle, I worked with the American Board of Missions to the Jews (now Chosen People Ministries) and then with Zola for a few years, during which time as his associate I assisted with TV, co-authored books with him, wrote articles and led groups to Israel. For the last seventeen years I have served as a Bible college professor in Dallas, where I also chair a Jewish Studies Department.

A few months ago, Mark Levitt called me, and discussed the tragic coming need for a new teacher at Zola Levitt Ministries. Responding to "the calling," in fact, has led me to many interesting places, and now — to you. Placed here as I now have been, as with Zola before me, be assured that I will do my best to responsibly teach Scripture as a Jewish theologian and offer uncensored Messianic-Jewish commentary on Israel, Middle Eastern affairs and Bible prophecy; and, while at this post, know that I will forcefully combat anti-Semitism with my words and with my pen.

Our friend Zola has gone on to a needed rest and a gracious reward. To those of us presently residing in the land of the living, I say let's together honor Zola's work and memory by continuing to run the race he started; and let's do so expecting that he will be "cheering us on from the balcony." Together, remembering him, let's continue to preach the "good news," and let's continue to place a premium on doing so through the eyes of the Jews — Zola's trademark.

Let's continue to preach the "good news."

I thank you for your friendship and support in advance. Please write to me and let me know your thoughts. I will personally read your mail. I look forward to responding to invitations to your churches where I can meet you face to face and hear your heart, much as I know that you will give me a chance, and hear mine.

Shalom,

Jeffrey L. Seif



Feeding the Hungry

By Moishe Rosen (1997)

Jews for Jesus is a sister ministry of ours with which we have had a long and close relationship. People often confuse us with that ministry, but our calling is slightly different. Jews for Jesus approaches Jewish people directly with the Gospel, often in street witnessing campaigns. We mainly train Gentile Christians to witness to the Jews. It's not unlike the distinction between the ministry of Peter, called to witness to the Jews in Israel, and Paul, called to witness to the Gentiles in the Roman Empire. Naturally, we witness to Jews, and Jews for Jesus witnesses to Gentiles on occasion, as did Peter and Paul.



The wisdom of Moishe Rosen, now retired as leader of Jews for Jesus, has always been precious to the Messianic community and churches alike. In the following article, which appeared in the March 1997 edition of the Jews for Jesus newsletter, Moishe answers the questions of many readers regarding "On Wings of Eagles", a ministry purporting to be a "fellowship of Christians and Jews." We want to print his thoughts for your edification.

A friend of our ministry wrote to ask, "Do you have any knowledge of a group called On Wings of Eagles, a ministry of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews?"

This friend had heard that *On Wings of Eagles* was helping Jewish people return to the Land of Israel, and since it is under the umbrella of an organization with the word "Christian" in it, wondered if it might be an appropriate way for Christians to show support of Israel.

Let me say that we do have some knowledge, mainly that the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews is headed by Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein. **Rabbi Eckstein does not believe that Jesus is the Messiah and discourages Christians from witnessing to Jews** in the strongest terms possible. In fact, it seems that his intention has been to develop relationships with committed Christians—not merely to raise funds for Israel, but

to undermine evangelistic efforts directed toward Jewish people. He's apparently a very personable man and very subtle in his approach. He has cozied up to evangelicals and many see their friendship with him as a step forward in "Jewish-Christian relationships."

Unfortunately, friendships between evangelical Christians and Rabbi Eckstein cannot help foster the most important relationship of all: that is the relationship that Jewish people need to have with Jesus, the Messiah of Israel. Eckstein's misunderstanding of who Jesus is and what it means for a Jew to believe in Him have misled many well-meaning evangelicals into the false notion that it is disrespectful and even harmful to share their faith with Jewish people.

For example, in his book titled *What Christians Should Know About Jews and Judaism*, Eckstein wrote, "When directed at Jews, however, Christian missions conflict with and even jeopardize the central ethic guiding Jewish life today—Jewish survival. While Christians have sought to convert Jews to Christianity for almost two millennia, after the holocaust those attempts are regarded as especially pernicious threats to Jewish survival—indeed, a form of spiritual genocide."

Eckstein does not have a relationship with Jesus, does not believe that the New Testament is the word of God and cannot be expected to know that "no one [Gentile or Jewish] comes to the Father except through Jesus." Christians who believe that Jews need Jesus should know that **supporting Eckstein's causes will not help Jewish people in the long (eternal) run.**

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How We Met

Everywhere Zola and I went, people would ask us how we met. We loved telling people our story.

I was a high school administrator for a private Christian school. Zola was looking for a school for his son, Aaron, and came to look at our school. I remember thinking, what an interesting man. Aaron did come to our school.

Zola and I became friends and then we dated and then we were friends and then we dated and then we married after a four-year courtship. We trusted God in every step of our relationship. Looking back, I can see God preparing us for our life together. We used to look at each other in awe that God put us together. It was so right.

I remember the months before Zola set the glass of wine down before me (just like in *A Christian Love Story*) how cagey he was about the May tour to Israel.

He proposed in January. Our honeymoon was to be in Israel. What a wonderful place to have a honeymoon. Neither of us wanted to be anywhere else. However, he forgot to tell me, it would be with about 120 people.

When others talked about their honeymoons, we could always top their story.

We laughed about that all the time. I saw one of the pilgrims from that tour several years later. She said I looked like a deer caught in headlights. Before the wedding I use to call Zola every night to make sure he was home for the night. If you remember, in *A Christian Love Story*, the bridegroom has the right to take his Bride at midnight. We had planned an April wedding. I just didn't want to be caught with cold cream on my face.

I knew Zola as a person, not a personality. I had prayed for a Godly man, one with a sense of humor and one who loved to travel as much as I did. Did I ever get an answer to prayer! Zola loved the Lord and trusted Him daily.

I was always amazed at how God worked in Zola's life—the decisions that were made regarding speaking, the tours to Israel, production, the *Levitt Letter*. We could see God's hand in everything.

Zola's sense of humor was also well known. He would turn to me and say "that's your laugh for the day". He made me laugh every day. What a joy he had in the Lord.

As for traveling, who knew? Before we married, Zola traveled to Israel and spoke a few times a year. It seemed that about two years after we married, we traveled about

Shalom From Sandra



six months out of the year. The speaking really came on and, of course, we took the tours to Israel. He was a genuine person who loved the Lord.

I will miss him. The Lord gave us eight great years of marriage. I think we lived more in those eight years than a lot of people live in a lifetime.

Happy Days in the RV

I have spent the last few days cleaning up and out the RV that Zola and I traveled in the last several years on speaking engagements. It has taken longer than I planned because of the memories that come to me at almost every corner of the RV. Great memories. Ones filled with funny stories of us traveling, meeting wonderful believers, and trusting God to take care of us on the road. We used to laugh and say we were Ricky and Lucy on the road. Oh, the adventures we had together!

One of my favorite stories came the first year we had the RV. Our RV, which Zola liked to call the "trailer," consisted of a very nice 40-foot, 5th wheel and big truck. We used to laugh and say, we looked like a small country when we were driving. On this occasion we were coming back to Dallas from Florida and had gotten hungry. It was about 9pm. We liked to travel at night because there was less traffic. Zola saw a steak place and decided to pull in and see if we could park. We went past the restaurant and turned into a motel's parking lot only to discover that we had turned into a horseshoe driveway that became a dead end. The only way we could get out was to back up. It was awful. We had gone about 3 feet in an hour when a truck driver asked if he could help. He had us backed out and on our way in about 10 minutes. I promise, we would still be there. Zola and I always called this guy our angel. He was there one minute and the next he was gone. Zola and I laughed every time we saw this steak house. He would say, "Want to stop"? and we would just laugh. Great memories.

I loved that RV. It was a second home for us for about four months out of the year. We met so many nice people at RV parks. If we had a problem, there was always someone who could help. People would wave and say hello. Most of the time they didn't even lock their doors.

Zola and I used to say, this was the bastion of old time country living, back when things were a little slower and safer. It was a lovely way for us to be on the road. I still have some of the friends that we met. Zola was recognized more in the RV parks and truck stops than anywhere else. There was always some trucker coming up to Zola and telling him how much he liked the program.

I am finishing up a Bible study in Genesis. The last lesson for the year is the death of Jacob. How comforting it is to read of the promise Joseph made to take Jacob back to the land of Canaan. We too are going back home. God has promised us an eternal home with Him. 2 Corinthians 5:1. Now, we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in Heaven, not built by human hands.

Zola always taught that our home would be in Israel. With that, I invite you to come with us and see the place you will live for 1,000 years and more.

I was blessed by being Zola's wife. He made me a better Christian and a better Jew.

But, I also know that Zola's job, our job, is not done. Zola always said, "It is raining and we have to get people on the ark." We are running out of time for salvation. I can see prophecy being fulfilled right before our eyes.

Zola always wanted people to see Israel. He would say, "We are going to live there a thousand years and more, you might want to see where you are going to live." With that said, please join us on one of our upcoming tours. (Please see tour information on page 15.)

Thank you for your prayers and love for us. To God be the glory.

In His Service,

Sandra Levitt

It Occurs to Me...

By Tom Harvill

"Zola's promotion to the home office came through today, Wednesday, April 19, 2006." So stated the Zola Levitt Ministries website. He died after a brief bout with cancer at age 67. Perhaps some of you have never heard of Zola Levitt, but the little Messianic Jewish evangelist has been a well-known name for nigh on to twenty-plus years around the Harvill house. My wife Betty was aware of his weekly television ministry before I was. "You've got to hear this guy," she insisted. "He's

the best — my favorite TV evangelist. And he looks a little like you, Tommy." It must have been because of my beard and almost hairless head that she thought I resembled Brother Zola.

Well, being a dutiful husband, I sat one Sunday afternoon with my feet propped up on the coffee table and listened to this obviously Jewish guy quietly sharing Jesus with me. Now, Betty and I had been Christians for several years and were active in our church, where she played the organ and I taught the senior adult Sunday school class. So here was this fellow staring out of the tube at me with a beard and a bald head. On the desk beside him rested an ancient typewriter; and behind him, a stuffed-to-overflowing bookshelf. In addition, it turns out, my resemblance to Zola wasn't limited to my mirror or Betty's opinion. As a bald and bearded guy myself, a young fellow at the church called me Zola for years. I always considered it a compliment.

I found it interesting that Zola had been a professional musician with various symphony orchestras, and had traveled in several tours with the Glen Campbell Show. As a brand new Christian he realized his life among musicians and celebrities lacked fulfillment and meaning. Surely, God had a plan for the life of a Hebrew Christian oboe player who wrote for a news bureau.



When my wife Betty passed away of a massive stroke, exactly nine years to the day before Zola's promotion, I wrote Zola, thanking him for being an inspiration to her. I included a few stories about her death and the fifty years we spent together. Later I received a message on my phone answering machine from Zola, offering his condolences and agreeing with me that indeed when believers die we know where they are. I still have a tape of his brief message.

We were fortunate, Betty and I, to have visited Israel back in March, 1977. As new believers we were baptized in the Jordan River. And we planted trees, and saw so many unforgettable sites. I wish we had gone on tour with Zola. My Betty would have liked that.

And so Zola is at home now, having received his promotion to glory. Interestingly, not only did he and my Betty die on April 19 nine years apart, but they were both 67 years old. And as Betty said, "He was the best, her favorite TV evangelist." And he looked a little like me.



A Testimony and Tribute to "General Zola"

By Will King, www.imagesofisrael.com



Will King

I would like to share a few words about my teacher, friend, and stepfather Zola. Like many people, I owe him so much for increasing my understanding of the Bible and helping me to get to where I am today.

Only six years ago I was a lieutenant in the US Army serving in Korea. Since my mom and Zola had been married, most of my time was spent away from home both at college then later in the military. It was only after seeing that he made my mom truly happy that I decided to learn a little more about who Zola was and what he taught and believed. With my time in Korea soon to end, I asked to go on one of Zola's tours to Israel in December of 2000.

I had grown up in a Christian home, meaning that I always knew that Jesus was my Lord and Savior, however in college and in the Army I convinced myself that I was just too busy for God. While in Israel for the first time, just after the beginning of the second intifada, I saw the places that I had learned about in Sunday school come to life before me, and something awoke within me. The places were real and right in front of me, and I decided then to reacquaint myself with the Bible and use Zola's teachings as a guide in my search.

Since I had forgotten many of the Bible stories and their details, it was almost as if I was learning them again for the first time. However, I think that studying the mate-

rial from the beginning was much easier than having to unlearn years of bad teaching. With Zola as my guide and teacher through this journey, I was able to see the symbolism inlaid within the stories that was only visible through my new Jewish glasses. Concurrent with my relearning of the Bible, I began intensely studying the history and geography of Israel, which only served to deepen my love and respect for God's people and His land.

The more I learned, the more I wanted to learn. I went on a total of four tours to Israel before ultimately deciding to leave the Army, sell everything I owned, and move to Israel. Zola was excited about having a full-time man on the ground in Israel and was a great source of support during the difficult early months there.

Thanks to the start that Zola gave me, I have grown by leaps and bounds in the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given me. Currently I work as a correspondent and tour leader with Zola Levitt Ministries, a writer and radio producer/broadcaster with Bridges for Peace, and a writer, photographer, and publisher for my own company, Images of Israel. It is my desire now to continue my education in religious studies at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem so that I can better serve the ministry in the absence of Zola.

Zola had a gift for finding the talents in others and helping people to use those talents to God's glory. I owe him a great deal for helping to place me along the course that my life has taken, and his work is still unfinished. When the Lord returns, He will be at the head of a mighty army. I see Zola as a prominent general in that Heavenly army, and if the Lord tarries, then it will be my pleasure to serve under him again in that final battle. ■

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The Paradox of Self-Deception

By John J. Parsons



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Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart. (Prov 21:2)

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the LORD	hearts	but he weighs	in his eyes	(is) right	a man	way (of)	Every

“We have met the enemy, and he is us.” — Pogo

When an enemy deceives you, he knows the truth about something and deliberately tries to conceal it from you. He may do this by telling you outright lies or by misleading your judgment in some way. Regardless of the deceptive method used, when he defrauds you of the truth, you become subject to his manipulation and control.

There is a different kind of deception, however, that is more insidious than being misled by an external enemy. This deception comes from within the heart and involves choosing to believe a lie, often for self-serving or self-flattering reasons. “Anyone who thinks he is something when he is nothing,” said the Apostle Paul, *deceives himself* (Gal. 6:3).

Self-deception is a universal condition of mankind. The Scripture declares: *kol derekh ish yashar be'ainav* — “every man's way is right in his eyes”—indicating that by nature we are self-justifying creatures, prone to believe our own “propaganda” and wishful thinking. We are apt to be biased in our self-examination and ready

to excuse ourselves at every turn, rationalizing our behavior and suppressing the truth about ourselves in order to quell the voice of conscience within our hearts. When faced with an inconsistency between our behavior and our romanticized self-image, we often regard ourselves as something other than what we really are. In short, we deceive ourselves.

The remedy for self-deception is honest acceptance of ourselves as God sees us, since *vetokhein libbot Adonai*—“the Lord weighs the heart.” The Hebrew word for “weighs” is *takhan*, meaning to measure, balance, make even, or adjust to a standard. God's moral law functions as a “looking glass” of our inward condition, revealing both the divine standard of life required of us and also the truth of our own need for deliverance from ourselves. It is only through the honest confession of our condition that we will find healing from the “divided self”—and thereby make our way right in the eyes of the Lord. As the Lord Jesus said, *you shall then know the truth, and the truth shall make you free* (John 8:32). May the Lord help us to be honest before Him always.

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Mission Trip to Israel - Part II

By Sue LeGrand

My second tour of Israel was very productive as I went as a mission partner with Teresa Brown, Todd Baker and Paul Colley. What a blessing to spend ten days in the Chosen Land meeting His Chosen People and sharing His Word with those who originally brought the Word to the Jew first and also to the world of the Gentile.

Teresa and I approached two female Israeli soldiers outside of the Jesus Boat Museum. One of them accepted a *Brit Hadashah* (the New Testament in Hebrew) and other materials from Teresa.

One of my first encounters was with a young lady, Shalhevet, who works in the gift shop at the Jordan River. As I was checking out, I asked her if she believed in the Messiah. She replied yes, but that she wasn't sure. I offered to give her one of Zola Levitt's bookmarks which lists Old Testament prophecies with the corresponding New Testament fulfillments. She thanked me and wanted to pay me for it, but it was a gift.

Later, I returned to visit with her further and offered a pamphlet explaining the same prophecy verses, but in both Hebrew and English. Shalhevet gladly accepted this gift, and the *Brit Hadashah*. Shalhevet also gave me her email address so that we can stay in touch.

On another day, Teresa and I visited the Dead Sea with Zola's tour. At this great location, we visited the Ein Gedi Spa. After a few hours enjoying the wonderful Dead Sea and Spa, I asked a young man at the check-in counter how long he had worked there. His name was Nof, he was twenty-two years of age and he had been working at the Ein Gedi Spa for six months. Nof was born in the Ein Gedi kibbutz, where he lives and works today. He is Jewish and asked me if I was Jewish. I answered no, but that I support Israel, read the *Torah*, the *Tanakh*, the *Brit Hadashah*, and believe in the Jewish Messiah.

I then asked Nof if he had ever read the *Brit Hadashah*, he replied no, but accepted a copy. I told him I would look for him if I traveled to Ein Gedi again in the future. He said that he would enjoy meeting me again. Later on, I happily introduced him to my mission partner, Teresa.

Visiting the traditional site of the Upper Room was quite unusual this time. Several groups of people gathered in close

proximity — our large group of Christians, a group of Jews, a large group of Muslims and Arabs, and also a group of Israeli soldiers. Our group sang "Amazing Grace," while the Arabs knelt and bowed with their faces to the floor to pray.

After leaving this room, we returned downstairs, and I watched as a leader of the Arabs directed his group into another room that resembled a mosque. After his group had entered this room he remained outside the door. I handed him a tract in Arabic. I did not say a word, but watched as he began to read it. As he took the tract and began reading I walked around the corner. Shortly thereafter, my mission partner, Teresa, arrived to join me. I mentioned to her that I had just given a tract to an Arab man, and I pointed out that he was reading it now. She took a picture of the man with my camera as he continued to read the tract.

We were able to give numerous tracts to people in Hebrew, English and Arabic as well as a number of *Brit Hadashahs*. One of the many places we visited was the

Beit Shean ruins. After touring this amazing Roman-Byzantine site, I spoke with a man who was working the ticket counter. A bus driver interpreted the conversation for us. I told him that I would like to give him a gift. I handed him a "Loving Kindness" tract printed in English and Hebrew. I asked if he would read it and he answered definitely that he would. Before leaving our hotel in Jerusalem, I also gave a few tracts in

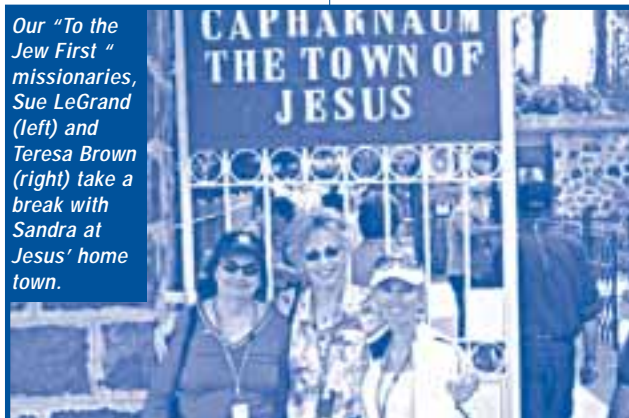
Hebrew and English to a cleaning lady in the lobby. She spoke very little English and I speak very little Hebrew, but she accepted the tracts.

While flying back to America and Dallas, I encountered two Jewish Americans. One read a twenty-five-page booklet I provided, *Israel's Right to the Land*, and also the prophecy pamphlet. She didn't want to keep the material, but she read each page of both items.

Another young American I met on the airplane had been in Yeshiva school for three years in Israel. He said he knew nothing of the Messiah, and because his Rabbis had not taught him about the Messiah, he was not interested in knowing about Him. This was very sad, but we enjoyed visiting and talking about Israel. I hope to visit Israel again and again. This mission tour was one of the very best weeks of my life.

Ya'akov (James) 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. ✦

Our "To the Jew First" missionaries, Sue LeGrand (left) and Teresa Brown (right) take a break with Sandra at Jesus' home town.



For long years, the conventional wisdom among most Western intellectuals regarding the Middle East could be summed up by three words — cycle of violence. Superficially at least, the prevailing attitude regarding the struggle between Israelis and Palestinians resembled that of a parent who chastises two bickering siblings, refusing to leave an easy chair to delve into the root causes of a squabble — either to escape the tiresome process of wading through countervailing accusations or to avoid the appearance of favoritism.

“I don’t care who started it,” was the implicit message put forth by the international community. “I just want it stopped!” In reality, however, Israel played the role of the more mature, older brother, and therefore bore most of the blame and responsibility for the lack of peace.

Then September 11 happened, thanks to a group of Muslim terrorists whose central goal was the overthrow of the ibn Saud family, holders of Islam’s holy cities of Mecca and Medina. Their goals only superficially included the Palestinian cause but explicitly embraced the restoration of the Caliphate, including once-Moorish Spain.

No writer would have dared to invent scenes in which crowds of Palestinians, both in the Middle East and in immigrant communities around the world, literally cheered the pictures of the Trade Towers burning. No script consultant would have even considered having Palestinian leaders endorse al Qaida’s goals. It was too obviously an expository device designed to prove that Israel’s enemies might want more than a tad bigger slice of the disputed territories.

For balance, however, you’d have to applaud the many commentators, both in America and abroad, who blamed the terrorist attacks on America’s support for Israel. Few writers would have been so brazen, though, as to follow up the attacks on America with similar events in London and Madrid, both countries that have historically taken the Palestinian side of the argument. It was a nice counterbalance, having intellectuals argue that the attacks in Spain and England were due to their participation in the liberations of Afghanistan and Iraq. Discrediting that theory by writing homicidal terror assaults in Bali, Jakarta, Saudi Arabia, Moscow, Beslan, Paris, Turkey and Jordan, though, lacked finesse.

All these heavy-handed and gratuitously violent pedantries should have been enough to make the point that assaults on Israelis might only be part of some larger pattern of Islamist aggression: Adding a subplot in which more than a million Christians and black African Muslims are killed in the ongoing Sudanese genocide, by adherents of the Arab Sunni Islamic sect that al Qaida is part of, just seems “over-the-top.”

At this point in our movie of the mind, I’m afraid that those who continue to claim Israel is the root cause of what appears to be an international web of Islamic fascism, stretching back to the Armenian genocide and beyond, are probably beginning to come off as, well, sort of anti-Semitic. On the other hand, Israel is a long

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Day	1:00 am Mon	11 pm Sun or 2 am Mon	12:00 am Mon	1:00 am Mon
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Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	5:00 am Mon	6:00 am Mon	7:00 am Mon	8:00 am Mon
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way from America and some of those who blame the Jews for Islamic irritability may only be seeking an excuse for neutrality that doesn't require that they admit their willingness to toss tens if not hundreds of millions of people, Jew, Christian and moderate Muslim alike, to the Islamist wolves. Isolationists, after all, don't really care who the victims of tyranny are as long as they're somewhere else. And any halfway decent playwright knows good characters require nuance.

Nuance is not what we got, however, when we have the Palestinian people, usually portrayed as a peaceful if mis-managed lot, democratically elect to lead their country Hamas, a psychotically unhinged bunch of zealots whose constitution says that Jews eat Purim cookies made with Christian children's blood. Nor is it helpful to have the government of Iran promising to nuke Israel in order to bring back the Islamic messiah, especially if we're trying to keep the special effects budget under control.

But this is where our hypothetical screenwriter loses all credibility, with this preposterous Danish cartoon story arc. "Over-the-top" is the term that comes to mind when I think about having an imam from Denmark embark on an international tour of Islamic nations to gin up outrage against the very Danes who had welcomed him and his fellow immigrant Muslims into their country. Worse, it smacks of bigotry to write a "cleric" who slips into his portfolio of evidence a couple of counterfeit non-Danish cartoons portraying Mohammed as a pig and a pedophile, the latter notion apparently a particularly sensitive topic in certain spheres.

Even the choice of Denmark, from a screenwriter's perspective, lacks "balance." Having Muslims target Danes,

who have been among the Palestinians' strongest allies internationally, voting time and again to condemn Israel in the UN and other international forums, nearly has to be viewed as a gratuitous discrediting of the apologists who paint Israel, or at least support for Israel, as the insult that drives otherwise reasonable Muslims into holy frenzy.

Scenes with the embassies of Denmark, as well as any other vaguely Scandinavian-sounding country, under assault and burning in Muslim lands are so unlikely as to be patronizing. A costly international Muslim embargo imposed on Danish products is hyperbolic. In a plot twist that gives hackneyed Hollywood clichés a bad name, the demonstrators kill hundreds in the name of Allah, while sticking consistently to the theme that Jews were behind the Danish cartoons.

Finally, just to make the point that Israeli Jews might be hated simply because they are, uh, Jews, did we really need the demonstrations to spread into the very heart of the West? Did we have to have Muslim marchers in the world's capitol, seething and threatening anyone who even considers reprinting the cartoons of doom?

And the signs and banners these demonstrators brandished! What low-brow, culturally insensitive Hollywood hack would put such hatred and vitriol, threatening death to all who disobey Sharia law regarding representations of the prophets, into their hands? If you ask me, the whole thing is excessive and condescending. This is a script that will never be produced. It's just not evenhanded.



Mocking Jesus

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*



This is a preposterous story by deluded Hollywood types, created for deluded End Times masses.

The movie *The da Vinci Code*, based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Dan Brown, opened in theaters worldwide. By the end of the summer, the movie, which attacks every major belief of the Christian faith, is expected to bring in \$500 million at the box office.

Among other things, the book and movie argue that Christ was not divine, that he was married to Mary Magdalene and had a daughter with her, and that a secret society within the Catholic Church has used the “myth” of his divinity to advance its own power and fortune. In short, it is hard to imagine a greater insult or degree of disrespect to the Christian faith than this project.

A couple of months ago a few cartoons depicting Muhammad in a relatively obscure Danish newspaper set off worldwide riots by radical Muslims. They also set off editorials and commentaries in virtually all the major newspapers in the U.S. and around the world suggesting that while the Danish newspaper had the “right” to publish the cartoon, it was wrong to do so because it was “insulting to a major faith.” These same newspapers have not written one word condemning *The da Vinci Code*.

There is only one conclusion that can be drawn from the double standard. We have now reached a point even in the U.S. where mocking Muhammad is unacceptable, but insulting and disrespecting the deeply held religious beliefs of Christians is fair game.

Be Muslim or Be Dead

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

While some are hailing the recent letter by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as an extraordinary overture, in reality it is nothing short of an ultimatum. And, once again, the mainstream media is doing a terrible job of informing the American people about the danger we are facing. One of the main facts about this letter to President Bush is that Ahmadinejad essentially asked our president and America to convert to Islam, which by the way, under some Islamic interpretations, is a jihadist's mandate before attacking an enemy. Here is the relevant portion: The whole world is moving toward Allah. Would Your Excellency [referring to President Bush] not wish to join? Iranian scholar Amir Taheri offers this insight:

Ahmadinejad's move fits into a 14-century-long Muslim tradition, initiated by the Prophet Muhammad himself, of writing letters to the rulers of the world. To each, the prophet's offer was simple: Convert to Islam and secure a place in paradise—or cling to your beliefs and face the sword of Islam.

Far from being an olive branch, Ahmadinejad's letter may well be the prelude to a declaration of war and should serve as a wake-up call to the West. One last point. Can you imagine what the media's reaction would have been if President Bush had sent a letter asking Ahmadinejad if he wanted to convert to Christianity?

Sell to a Jew— and Breathe Your Last

The Jerusalem Post

Residents of the A-Tur neighborhood on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem in April prevented the burial in a local cemetery of Muhammad Abu al-Hawa, murdered for allegedly selling his home to Jews.



The victim's family was eventually forced to bury him in a makeshift cemetery on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho.

The body of Abu al-Hawa, a 48-year-old father of seven, was found in Jericho after he had been shot seven times in the head and chest. His body had been torched, along with his car.

Fatah gunmen in Jericho have claimed responsibility for the murder, condemning the victim as a “traitor.” In a leaflet, the gunmen threatened to kill any Arab who dared sell his house to Jews.

The decision to prevent the family from burying al-Hawa in a Muslim cemetery was taken by local Fatah activists and Islamic religious authorities, who have ruled in the past that anyone who sold property to Jews would be denied the right to be buried among Muslims.

Members of Abu al-Hawa's family insisted that he was innocent and vowed to do their utmost to clear his name.



Frankenstein Killed His Creator, Too

www.omegaletter.com

After two decades of recruiting, training, equipping and deploying legions of terrorists throughout the world to hijack planes and cruise ships, blow up airports and transportation centers, taking hostages and murdering captives, Yasser Arafat's dream has at last been realized, albeit too late for him to enjoy the sweet taste of victory.

His Palestinian Authority has morphed from the murderous PLO into the elected leadership of a de-facto Palestinian State. Following years of political machinations and manipulation, punctuated by terror strikes to underscore its escalating demands, the Palestinian Authority has Israel on the run and rocked back on its heels after almost six years of unrelenting warfare on its own streets.

The Palestinian Authority has won the right to govern itself without fear of Israeli interference in either self-rule or Palestinian domestic security.



In 1816, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley published her classic morality tale, "Frankenstein" subtitled, "A Modern Prometheus." It is the story of a man who created a monster out of spare parts. At first, it seemed like a good idea, but once it was animated, he was horrified at what he had created. His rejection of the monster, together with its rejection by the rest of society, turned the monster into a revenge-filled murderer.

It turns on its creator, ultimately hounding him to his death for the crime of bringing him into his miserable existence in the first place. He asks his friend, if he is unable, to kill the monster for him. In the end, the creator dies, and the monster decides to join in his death by immolating himself on a funeral pyre.

Shelly's classic is an intimate portrait of Yasser Arafat's monster, known euphemistically as "Palestinian militant groups" but rejected by their creator as "illegal" militias. Like Frankenstein's monster, when the creator died, the terrorism he spawned raged independently and out of control until it fell to his successor, PLO co-founder Mahmoud Abbas, to kill the monster for him.

And like the monster, the terrorists have chosen self-immolation, instead.

The Palestinian Mafia

www.opinionjournal.com

"The Aksa Martyrs Brigades, the armed wing of Fatah, recently threatened to strike at US and European interests in response to international sanctions on the Palestinian Authority," reports *The Jerusalem Post's* Khaled Abu Toameh. Fatah, of course, is the "moderate" party the Palestinian Arabs voted out in favor of Hamas:

Another armed group affiliated with Fatah, the Abu Rish Brigades, threatened to launch a new intifada unless the international community agreed to fund the PA. "This will be a merciless intifada that will destroy everything," said Abu Haroon, a spokesman for the group in the Gaza Strip.

Sounds like a protection racket. Meanwhile in the *Washington Post*, Robert Malley and Aaron David Miller, who worked on the Middle East in the Clinton administration and the State Department respectively, weigh in with a fatuous op-ed urging "accommodation" between Israel and Hamas.

Can these strange bedfellows find an acceptable accommodation? That depends on whether they and others are prepared to recognize certain realities, however uncomfortable these might be.

First, Hamas will not accept the three conditions put forward by the international community (recognition of Israel, renunciation of violence, acceptance of past agreements).

Second, U.S. efforts to starve the Palestinian government of funds may be a principled position, but they are certainly not a workable policy. The result would be humanitarian catastrophe, political chaos and domestic mayhem among Palestinians — as well as resumption of full-scale violence. Instead (and parallel to Hamas's meeting the new benchmarks, particularly cessation of violence), the United States, without altering its own practice, should allow donor countries to engage with the Palestinian government and pay its employees through an international trust fund.

These warnings about the consequences of refusing to do business with Hamas are reminiscent of the arguments made in the 1980s by opponents of sanctions against South Africa—yet those sanctions surely hastened the end of apartheid. The moral case for sanctions is even stronger in the Palestinian case. Apartheid entailed the subjugation of South African blacks; Hamas seeks the elimination of Israeli Jews.

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Unlock the Storehouse

Associated Press

Armed with key concessions from Germany, an 11-nation commission recently convened to finalize arrangements to open a vast archive documenting the death, enslavement or oppression of 17 million Jews and others deemed undesirable to the Nazi regime.

The move to unlock the storehouse of some fifty million files in the German town of Bad Arolsen comes under pressure from the dying generation of Holocaust survivors and victims' families who fear their histories will be lost forever unless the rules are changed for accessing the files.

Legal experts worked on amending the language of two documents governing the archives—a 1955 treaty among the 11 countries on the oversight commission, and an agreement between those countries and the International Committee of the Red Cross which administers the archive.

The countries on the International Commission are Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Israel, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Britain and the United States.

The proposed changes would give historical researchers immediate access to the cavernous rooms at Bad Arolsen containing concentration camp registrations, death certificates, transit lists and other minutiae of evil that the Nazis meticulously recorded.

They also would allow each of the 11 countries to obtain a digital copy of the Bad Arolsen archive and to make it available to researchers and victims' relatives in those countries under controlled conditions.

Still unresolved were issues dealing with how quickly the Bad Arolsen archive could be copied into digital files and distributed to the member countries, and how to speed up the pace of ratification, delegates said.

The International Tracing Service, the Red Cross custodian of the archive, says it has scanned 56 percent of the files since 1999, but it cannot move faster without more funding.

The tracing service is funded by Germany, which until recently had opposed opening the archive to public access and historical research, arguing that it would violate German privacy laws.

The ITS, which has 400 employees, was founded after the war to trace missing persons, including six million Jews killed in an assembly-line slaughter, and millions of displaced German civilians. ✱

Our readers need to understand that the government of Israel provides airfare for any new Jewish immigrant who remains two years. Not only that, Israel provides new immigrants with rental subsidies, partial grants toward the purchase of a home, free language instruction, a stipend for those without employment and free elementary schooling.

I realize that many well-known Christians have seemingly endorsed what Rabbi Eckstein is doing. It's entirely possible that they aren't aware of all of the facts.

With regard to a fellowship between Christians and Jews, this is another matter for theology. Is it possible to have fellowship with people who don't share our faith that Jesus is the promised crucified and risen Messiah for Jews and gentiles?

In II Corinthians 6:14, we read, *Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?* (emphasis added). That doesn't mean that all believers always behave righteously and all unbelievers behave unrighteously, but even as you can't bind righteousness and lawlessness together, so you can't find unity in matters of faith between believers and unbelievers.

Most evangelical Christians fail to recognize that fellowship is a function of faith and that there are not many different kinds of faith. *There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.* (Ephesians 4:5, emphasis added.)

I'm not advocating we stay away from unbelievers; we've got to reach out to them in love with the gospel. However, I will not advocate a friendship with someone who uses his friendship to make people ashamed of telling the Gospel. ✱



Mideast Jokes

By Joseph Farah, www.worldnetdaily.com



Did you hear the one about the father of the Arab suicide bomber?

“I’m so proud of little Mahmoud,” he said. “You know, it’s funny about kids — they blow up so fast!”

I admit it. It’s a sick joke. But it’s a kind of metaphor for the madness taking place in the Middle East today.

If it wasn’t all a matter of life and death, it would be humorous. If it wasn’t all a matter of preventing another holocaust, it would be laughable. If it wasn’t all a matter of preserving Western Civilization from perhaps its gravest threat, it would be a laugh riot.

Unfortunately, what is happening in Israel and the Palestinian Authority today is not funny. It is tragic. And the stakes are life and death — not only for individuals, but for entire peoples, even civilization itself.

When Alexander Solzhenitsyn was asked what had happened to drive Russia to the insanity of exterminating tens of millions of her own people while holding the survivors in captivity, he said: “We forgot about God.”

I suggest to you that is precisely the problem in Israel today.



Israel, the little Jewish state that witnessed the demise of so many empires throughout history, dispatched its prime minister, Ehud Olmert, to Washington recently to meet with the power that has replaced God in its national life — the United States of America.

I can understand how Israel has come to feel dependent on the United States—the only nation in the world that has been a true ally of the Jewish state throughout most of the last 57 years.

I can even understand how the United States might believe it could win hearts and minds in the Arab and Muslim world by coercing Israel to turn over more and more land to its sworn enemies.

What I cannot understand is how, after seeing the failed results of 15 years of this kind of appeasement, neither leaders in the United States nor Israel have figured out they are writing a recipe for disaster.

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, the United States didn’t offer him Saudi Arabia for peace. They kicked his army out of Kuwait and dictated his terms of surrender.

When Saddam Hussein violated those terms of surrender by refusing to accede to the demands of weapons inspectors, the United States didn’t offer to extend his rule over the kingdom of Jordan to enlist his cooperation with Hans Blix. The United States overthrew the dictator with extreme prejudice.

When Osama bin Laden attacked the United States with his team of suicide hijackers, the United States did not offer al-Qaida Rhode Island in exchange for a truce. The United States invaded Afghanistan, overthrew the government that supported bin Laden and continues to occupy it to this day.

When the Japanese empire attacked Pearl Harbor, the United States did not send tribute to Tokyo to prevent future misunderstandings. The United States declared war, eventually dropped two atomic bombs on Japan and occupied the country until all possibility of misunderstandings was eliminated.

Nevertheless, the United States seems to have a different expectation of behavior in its ally Israel than it does for itself. Ever since the “Oslo peace process” of the early 1990s, the United States has been pushing little Israel to appease its enemies at almost any cost.

If it means turning over land won in hard-fought combat to hostile and recalcitrant enemies, the United States pushes it and Israel accedes.

If it means evacuating long-standing Jewish communities because those hostile and recalcitrant enemies don’t like living near Jews, the United States pushes it and Israel accedes.

If it means dividing the nation in half to make room for another Mideast terrorist state, the United States pushes it and Israel accedes.

Even if it means sharing its capital city of Jerusalem with its implacable foes, the United States pushes it and Israel accedes. All of this, of course, after Israel had turned over administrative authority of the only holy site in Judaism — the Temple Mount — to those selfsame adversaries.

But the real price tag will be much higher than the \$10 billion in blood money Olmert seeks for his diabolical surrender plan. The real cost will be in more Jewish and Christian lives at the hands of the jubilant jihadists.

King David must be turning over in his grave.



Many commentators, including Charles Krauthammer, are drawing parallels between the pre-World War II era and that of today. Let us pray that the lessons of the 1930s have not been forgotten. — Lou, editor

It's 1938 Again

By Charles Krauthammer, www.washingtonpost.com



When something happens for the first time in 1,871 years, it is worth noting. In A.D. 70, and again in 135, the Roman Empire brutally put down Jewish revolts in Judea, destroying Jerusalem, killing hundreds of thousands of Jews and sending hundreds of thousands more into slavery and exile. For nearly two millennia, the Jews wandered the world. And now, in 2006, for the first time since then, there are once again more Jews living in Israel—the successor state to Judea—than in any other place on Earth.

Israel's Jewish population has just passed 5.6 million. America's Jewish population was about 5.5 million in 1990, dropped to about 5.2 million 10 years later and is in a precipitous decline that, because of low fertility rates and high levels of assimilation, will cut that number in half by mid-century.

When 6 million European Jews were killed in the Holocaust, only two main centers of Jewish life remained: America and Israel. That binary star system remains today, but a tipping point has just been reached. With every year, as the Jewish population continues to rise in Israel and decline in America (and in the rest of the Diaspora), Israel increasingly becomes, as it was at the time of Jesus, the center of the Jewish world.

An epic restoration, and one of the most improbable. To take just one of the remarkable achievements of the return: Hebrew is the only “dead” language in recorded history to have been brought back to daily use as the living language of a nation. But there is a price and a danger to this transformation. It radically alters the prospects for Jewish survival.

For 2,000 years, Jews found protection in dispersion — protection not for individual communities, which were routinely persecuted and massacred, but protection for the Jewish people as a whole. Decimated here, they could survive there. They could be persecuted in Spain and find refuge in Constantinople. They could be massacred in the Rhineland during the Crusades or in the Ukraine during the Khmelnytsky Insurrection of 1648-49 and yet survive in the rest of Europe.

Hitler put an end to that illusion. He demonstrated that modern anti-Semitism married to modern technology — railroads, disciplined bureaucracies, gas chambers that kill with industrial efficiency — could take a scat-

tered people and “concentrate” them for annihilation.

The establishment of Israel was a Jewish declaration to a world that had allowed the Holocaust to happen — after Hitler had made his intentions perfectly clear — that the Jews would henceforth resort to self-protection and self-reliance. And so they have, building a Jewish army, the first in 2,000 years that prevailed in three great wars of survival (1948-49, 1967 and 1973).

But in a cruel historical irony, doing so required concentration — putting all the eggs back in one basket, a tiny territory hard by the Mediterranean, eight miles wide at its waist. A tempting target for those who would finish Hitler's work.

His successors now reside in Tehran. The world has paid ample attention to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's declaration that Israel must be destroyed. Less attention has been paid to Iranian leaders' pronouncements on exactly how Israel would be “eliminated by one storm,” as Ahmadinejad has promised.

Former president Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the presumed moderate of this gang, has explained that “the use of a nuclear bomb in Israel will leave nothing on the ground, whereas it will only damage the world of Islam.” The logic is impeccable, the intention clear: A nuclear attack would effectively destroy tiny Israel, while any retaliation launched by a dying Israel would have no major effect on an Islamic civilization of a billion people stretching from Mauritania to Indonesia.

As it races to acquire nuclear weapons, Iran makes clear that if there is any trouble, the Jews will be the first to suffer. **“The Jews will be the first...”** “We have announced that wherever [in Iran] America does make any mischief, the first place we target will be Israel,” said Gen. Mohammad Ebrahim Dehghani, a top Revolutionary Guards commander. Hitler was only slightly more direct when he announced seven months before invading Poland that, if there was another war, “the result will be...the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe.”

Recently Bernard Lewis, America's dean of Islamic studies, who just turned 90 and remembers the 20th century well, confessed that for the first time he feels it is 1938 again. He did not need to add that in 1938, in the face of the gathering storm — a fanatical, aggressive, openly declared enemy of the West, and most determinedly of the Jews — the world did nothing.

When Iran's mullahs acquire their coveted nukes in the next few years, the number of Jews in Israel will just be reaching 6 million. Never again? ■

"Islam is a Backward Religion"

Israel Today

Former Muslim, Arab-American psychologist Waqfa Sultan, recently debated a Muslim cleric (Ibrahim Al-Khouli) and slammed Islam on the pan-Arab satellite TV station Al-Jazeera. The internet clip of her debate has been viewed more than one million times. This translation below is provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).



Sultan: The clash we are witnessing around the world is not a clash of religions, or a clash of civilizations. It is a clash between two opposites, between two eras. It is a clash between a mentality that belongs to the Middle Ages and another mentality that belongs to the 21st Century. It is a clash between civilization and backwardness, between the civilized and the primitive, between barbarity and rationality. It is a clash between freedom and oppression, between democracy and dictatorship. It is a clash between human rights on one hand, and the violation of these rights on the other hand. It is a clash between those who treat women like beasts and those who treat them like human beings.

Host: Do I understand from your words that what is happening today is a clash between the culture of the West, and the backwardness and ignorance of the Muslims?... Who came up with the concept of a clash of civilizations? Was it not Samuel Huntington? It was not bin Laden.

Sultan: The Muslims are the ones who began using this expression. The Muslims are the ones who began the clash of civilizations. The Prophet of Islam said: "I was ordered to fight the people until they believe in Allah and His Messenger." When the Muslims divided the people into Muslims and non-Muslims, and called to fight the others until they believe in what they them-

selves believe, they started this clash, and began this war. In order to start this war, they must reexamine their Islamic books and curricula which are full of calls for *takfir* (excommunication) and fighting the infidels.

What civilization on the face of this earth allows him to call other people by names that they did not choose for themselves? First he calls them [the Jews] *ahl al-dimma* [People of the Covenant], then he calls them the "People of the Book" and yet another time he compares them to apes and pigs' and he calls the Christians "those who incur Allah's wrath."

Who told you that they are "People of the Book?" They are not the People of the Book, they are people of many books. All the useful scientific books that you have today are theirs, the fruit of their free and creative thinking. What gives you the right to call them "those who incur Allah's wrath," or "those who have gone astray," and then come here and say that your religion commands you to refrain from offending the beliefs of others?

Al-Khouli: Are you a heretic?... If you are a heretic, there is no point in rebuking you, since you have blasphemed against Islam, the Prophet, and the Koran.

Sultan: Brother, you can believe in stones, as long as you don't throw them at me. You are free to worship whoever you want, but other people's beliefs are not your concern.

The Jews have come from the tragedy [of the Holocaust] and have forced the world to respect them, with their knowledge, not with their terror, with their work, not their whining and yelling. Humanity owes most of the discoveries and science of the 19th and 20th centuries to Jewish scientists. Fifteen million people, scattered throughout the world, united and won their rights through work and knowledge.

We have not seen a single Jew blow himself up in a German restaurant. We have not seen a single Jew destroy a church. We have not seen a single Jew protest by killing people. The Muslims have turned three Buddha statues into rubble. We have not seen a single Buddhist burn down a Mosque, kill a Muslim, or burn down an embassy. Only the Muslims defend their beliefs by burning down churches, killing people and destroying embassies. This path will not yield any results.

The Muslims must ask themselves what they can do for mankind before they demand that mankind respect them.



From the Ministry Staff

I saw in Zola Levitt a modern-day example of the Lord's teaching on the talents in Matthew 25. When Zola became a believer in Jesus as the Messiah, he chose not to dig a hole and hide his talents (or use his gifts and talents for selfish gain), but he sent them forth and watched God multiply them. Zola Levitt Ministries is the visible multiplication of those talents in use for God. *His master replied, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!* (Matthew 25:21 NIV)

Tony Derrick



Dear Sandra, Mark and the Levitt Family:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know what an extreme honor and privilege it has been working for Zola and the ministry over the past twenty months. To all of you, Zola was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, stepfather, grandfather, etc., but to the rest of the world and me, he was a present-day messenger of *Yahweh* and a prophetic "watchman on the wall"!

From the time that Zola realized *Yeshua* was the Messiah for which he and the rest of the world was looking, he became a bold and courageous witness on behalf of our Lord and Savior. My husband and I began watching Zola in the early 80s and we were always impressed with his honest, straightforward and unashamed approach when it came to teaching the Gospel of *Yeshua*, just as the Bible exhorts all Believers to do. Nevertheless, as most born-again Christians will agree, many people throughout history, and especially in today's times, have tended to sugarcoat the Gospel message, and/or shy away from moral issues in the name of "political correctness." Zola, however, always fearlessly and blatantly spoke what the Lord laid on his heart and mind, not out of hatred or anger, as a few people tended to misinterpret at times, but rather in truth and out of a deep love and concern for his Messiah, Israel, the Jewish people and the eternal salvation of his fellow man.

Zola's primary mission was that of Romans 1:16, to take the Gospel message *to the Jew first and also to the Gentile*, proving through both Old and New Testament Scriptures that *Yeshua* is indeed the true Jewish Messiah, and the only way to eternal salvation. His secondary mission from day one was to always bless Israel by teaching about the special place both it and the Jewish people hold in *Yahweh's* heart, and warning us about

the role they will play in the End Times. His greatest gift was to be able to relate to us all in terms and a demeanor that we could easily understand and embrace. He was courageously faithful to both of his missions to the very end and I am confident that when he saw *Yeshua* face to face, he most deservedly heard those words that we all hope and long to hear, *Well done, good and faithful servant.*

When Zola went home to be with the Lord, we lost an irreplaceable family member, friend, employer, teacher, mentor, and most of all *a voice crying out in the wilderness.* But may we all find comfort in knowing that our tremendous loss was most assuredly one of Heaven's greatest gains.

I count it an extraordinary opportunity and privilege to have worked for and with Zola as well as the rest of the staff here at ZLM, and I eagerly look forward to our continued efforts to accomplish Zola's missions of taking the Gospel message to the world and to bless Israel on behalf of our Lord and Savior, *Yeshua* the Christ!

In His love,

Sandra Luttrell



I wasn't looking for work in mail processing when I saw the ad, but the line "send resume to Zola" grabbed my attention. I told my husband, "That has to be Zola Levitt — there is only one Zola!"

From the beginning it was clear that the Lord was in charge of Zola Levitt Ministries, providing inspiration, direction and resources, and especially people: Zola, Sandra, the staff, extended staff, and the many faithful Partners of the ministry.

My own faith has grown immeasurably just from seeing how brilliantly God has brought it all together and worked through it (Sandra always says, "I'm amazed that I'm amazed").

The Lord couldn't have made a better choice than Zola to reach thousands who may otherwise never have come to know Him. It goes beyond Zola's many gifts and abilities, his warm and witty personality, his spontaneous style. It even goes beyond his passion for Israel. It is his genuine irrepressible love for *Yeshua*.

Again, there is only one Zola and the work he started goes on.

Dahlia Glasscock



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This ministry certainly has a heart and love for the Jewish people. After all, the ministry's mission is Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved." From giving Holocaust survivors a free Israel trip to composing the beautiful Jewish-flavored music, Zola Levitt showed his love for *Eretz Yisrael*. It was through this love that my eyes were opened and from that, eagerness to learn more about my Savior's homeland and His people and a desire to see them accept *Yeshua* as their Messiah.

Since Zola worked largely from his home, he would, on occasion, stop by the office. Sticking his head in my doorway, he would ask, "How's everything on this end?" (Mail Processing Department) and I would update him on maybe a letter from a supporter that just came across my desk. Without fail, he would encourage me with "You know, what you do here will be rewarded with treasures in Heaven" (Matthew 6:20). Just the pick-me-up needed from a fellow brother in Christ. And then he would tell a joke—maybe a new one, maybe a "rerun." It didn't matter which, because it was funny just to hear him tell it.

Working at Zola Levitt Ministries has given me opportunities to see firsthand God's Land for His Chosen People, strengthen my knowledge of the Bible and exercise my spiritual gifts.

Jane Derrick
Supervisor of Operations
1989-present



Working for Zola Levitt has meant such an extraordinary experience and adventure that it's going to be difficult for me to express without some raving euphoria. That's because joining the ministry staff was an answered prayer scenario beyond my wildest dreams.

You see, working for Zola was truly the manifestation of something God had put in my heart, I guess from my beginning, which is an innate love and loyalty to the Jewish people and to Israel, and a heart-wrenching desire for them to know their Messiah...the very One Who brought atonement to those who believe and their reconciliation to the Almighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

I was privileged to work for a man I consider to be an anointed genius...so gifted by God to communicate the Holy Scriptures to me in a fashion

of a beloved uncle keeping me enthralled on every word always wanting to hear more while being so satisfied with the truth.

Zola was a prolific writer, journalist, author, composer of glorious music and lyrics to praise and exalt our Heavenly Father; yet a man of humility—no pretense and no hypocrisy. He was known all over the world, yet he'd say, "Oh, just call me Zola."

Zola, you enabled me to go to Israel three unforgettably wonderful times. Thank you, thank you! And thank you also for being the vessel and messenger of our Lord that you were.

Nobody did it better. There will be no one to take your place in my heart. Thank you for filling my heart so full.

Missing you,
Tonette



When I was in high school, I thought to myself that the Bible wouldn't make sense to read because of all the Jewish culture in there that I wouldn't understand. Well, then Zola came along and I no longer had that excuse anymore.

My parents have been watching Zola on TV for something like twenty years. My mother would call us all into the family room every Sunday evening to watch. He didn't wear a suit and didn't scream at the TV to try to convince the audience of something. He just taught Bible, calmly and matter-of-factly. And that's what really set him apart to me.

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I learned about the Jewish roots of Christianity and about the meaning of Passover. We went on tour with Zola around 1997. A few years later, I started maintaining Zola's website.

In 1999, Zola's son Mark asked if I wanted to attend Zola's newly-formed messianic congregation. Well, the last thing I wanted to do on a Friday evening was drive into Dallas during rush hour. But I went, and after that one time I was hooked and have been attending weekly ever since.

In the past few years, the Levitts have invited me to join them for dinner frequently and I've spent many evenings watching TV with Zola after everyone had gone to bed. I also helped him with his computer and other electronics that would sometimes baffle him ("If I were in solitary confinement for 100 years, I still would never have figured out how to get that thing to work!").

Zola was just like he was on TV except he laughed more. Of course, he would get irritated sometimes but it was short-lived. He had an ongoing battle with the thermostats in the house, for example, but he was someone that always seemed happy. Even after he came down with the disease, he remained happy. He was a bit frustrated at how weak he was getting, but he never complained about it. What a witness.

What a privilege it's been to have had contact with Zola through his congregation and then even more in the past few years to have called him my friend. I was so fortunate to be able to ask him questions and discuss current events with him. And right now, that's the greatest void in my life. I just miss talking with my friend.

Greg Hartwig
Webmaster for levitt.com



Working at Zola Levitt Ministries over the past three years has opened my eyes to so many things concerning our Lord and His Kingdom. My heart has been set aflame with love for God's chosen people, the Jews. The opportunity given me to be one of the ministry's "Ambassadors to Israel" has been one of the highlights of my life.

I look forward to what God has in store for this ministry and believe in my heart that he has things planned that we cannot even begin to think of.

Scott Phillips
Engagement Scheduler
Shipping Manager



Jewish Cowboy Runs for Texas Governor

Israel Today

Candidates for Texas governor have already begun campaigning, and one candidate riding on everybody's heels is none other than a Jewish cowboy.



Richard "Kinky" Friedman, a former country singer, is running as an independent candidate and believes he can win with his 13-inch talking action figure and campaign slogans such as, "Trust me, I'm a Jew — I'll hire good people," and "My governor is a Jewish cowboy."

While these slogans may be a bit unusual, they're catching on with Texans, already known for their state pride. "In terms of his slogans, I have to say that I love them," Gaia Maullem, a Jew from Houston, told *Israel Today*. "It makes me feel like he's keeping with Texas tradition but making it his own."

A Jewish governor is not a new phenomenon for the United States, but his prospective politician makes no bones about mixing "synagogue and state." He plans to place a *mezuzah* [protective scroll] on the governor's mansion and pardon Max Soffar, the only Jew on death row.

Friedman's songs contain a country Jewish twang and titles such as *Ride em' Jewboy*, a song about the Holocaust, and *They Don't Make Jews Like Jesus Anymore*.

Choices and Consequences

Israel Today

The Palestinian people voted for Hamas. It was their choice, let them live with their choice. There are consequences to everyone's choices. Why should the Palestinians be any different?

Members of the Quartet (European Union, United States, the United Nations and Russia) agreed recently on an "international mechanism" to directly transfer funds to the Palestinians. This channeling of aid will be a three-month trial period. United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said she was concerned about the situation because while governments don't want to see Palestinians suffer, they don't want to deal with a government responsible for terror attacks.

The US announced that it would transfer \$10 million to the PA as part of a health care program. The European Union suggested transferring funds directly to Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas in order to bypass Hamas and serve humanitarian needs.

Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni supports Quartet aid if it serves PA humanitarian needs. He approved of the Quartet's decision as long as the money reached the Palestinian population. "The big question is, where will the money go? Israel was always in favor of giving money to the Palestinian population but not via the Palestinian Authority," she said. Livni also conveyed that they must decide how these funds will operate as she believes it is important to keep the Hamas-led Palestinian Authority an illegitimate entity. The US and EU have cut off direct aid to the PA government, but are bending over backwards to meet humanitarian needs. Israel has refused to transfer \$55 million in monthly tax revenues to the Hamas-led government.

News from a Dead Society

By Nathan Guttman, *The Jerusalem Post*

Several thousand Hamas supporters gathered recently to collect money and jewelry for the cash-strapped Palestinian government, criticizing Western economic pressure on the Islamic group.

Some 5,000 people joined the demonstration, most of them wearing green Hamas hats and clothing. People announced over megaphones how much participants were donating. Some said they were donating their entire paychecks.

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Joni Arden, one of our tour guides tells about Korczak and the Ghetto Children sculpture at Yad Vashem.

“These donations are our way of telling the world that we can live without them, and our children are paying what the Europeans should be paying,” said Bassam al-Shaqaa, a former mayor of Nablus.

Concerned about the worsening situation, Western donors have agreed to restore some humanitarian aid to the Palestinians. But it remains unclear when the money will start flowing.

Representatives of the US, UN, EU and Russia began to discuss requests of the PA to renew financial support in light of its inability to pay salaries or provide services. In the first part of the discussion, Quartet members were joined by the foreign ministers of Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that “the one thing that we cannot do is to let Hamas continue to pretend that it’s the international community’s fault that there’s a health care problem in the Palestinian territories.”

“Remarkable Resiliency”

By Susan Lerner, *The Jerusalem Post*

Moody’s Investors Service recently raised to “positive” from “stable” the outlook on Israel’s key foreign-currency ratings, saying the country has shown “remarkable resiliency” in meeting the numerous challenges of the last few years. “Israeli institutions have proved to be extremely robust in the face of considerable external and internal shocks, including global recession, the incapacitation of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the reformulation of the political spectrum, and repeated terrorist threats and actions.

“When combined with the unusual sources of financial assistance afforded by various programs of the US government and Israelis and Jews living outside Israel, the result over time may imply a diminution of credit risk,” the ratings agency said.

The outlook change affects Israel’s foreign-currency ceiling, its foreign-currency government bonds (not guaranteed by the US government), its foreign-currency bank deposit ceiling, and its local-currency bonds (all currently rated “A2”). Israel’s local-currency bank deposit ceiling (“Aa2”) and its local currency guideline (“Aa1”) have a “stable” outlook and were not affected by the rating action.

Moody’s also noted that Israel was exhibiting considerable growth of gross domestic product per capita (purchasing power parity basis), moving towards a level more often associated with advanced economies than with developing ones.

Opposing Israel—Again

www.cnsnews.com

Former President Jimmy Carter says Israel’s unilateral plan to establish its own geographical borders is an “illegal action” that must not be accepted as a permanent solution to a longstanding problem. In an op-ed published in *USA Today*, Carter said Olmert’s plan would effectively divide the Palestinian West Bank into three parts.



“This confiscation of land is to be carried out without resorting to peace talks with the Palestinians, and in direct contravention of the ‘road map for peace,’ which President Bush helped to initiate and has strongly supported,” Carter wrote.

“What is the alternative to this ill-advised move toward the unilateral confiscation and colonization of a major portion of the West Bank?” Carter asked, answering his own question: “Good-faith negotiations should be initiated under the auspices of the international Quartet with President Abbas.” Presumably, these talks would be monitored and orchestrated by the United States, and any successfully negotiated terms of the road map would subsequently be approved by both Israelis and Palestinians. Carter said although it will be difficult to come up with a mutually acceptable agreement, the final document must include “reasonable border compromises based on the swapping of land, which could leave a substantial number of Israeli settlers undisturbed on Palestinian land.”

Such an agreement would also result in Arab nations fully recognizing Israel, and “permanent peace and justice for the Palestinians.” Carter said realization of such an agreement would eliminate a major cause of international terrorism — “and greatly ease tensions that could precipitate a regional or even global conflict.”

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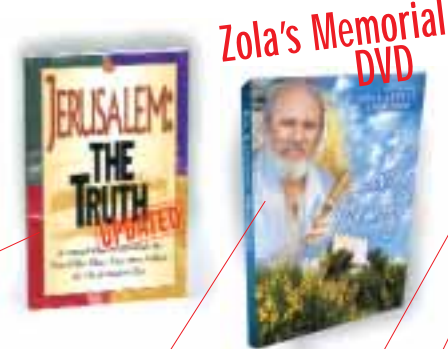
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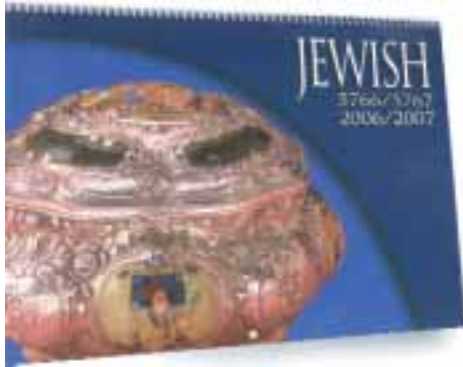
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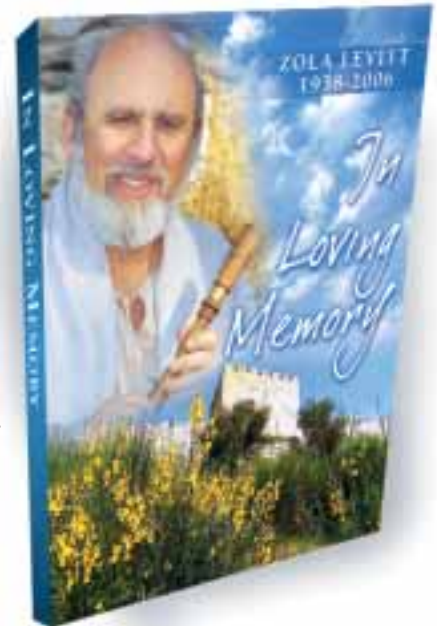
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"Remembering Zola" is a one-hour television special that was recorded at Zola's memorial service in Dallas, Texas on May 7, 2006. This retrospect of Zola and his ministry includes video highlights of past telecasts and special music as well as testimonials of tribute to a never-to-be-forgotten warrior of the faith.

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