

# Levitt Letter

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



Shocking. Readers get a window into a world entirely different from our own. —Jeffrey Seif

## Worshippers Of Death



Dershowitz

By Alan M. Dershowitz  
*The Wall Street Journal*

Zahra Maladan is an educated woman who edits a women's magazine in Lebanon. She is also a mother, who undoubtedly loves her son. She has ambitions for him, but they are different from those of most mothers in the West. *She wants her son to become a suicide bomber.*

At the recent funeral for the assassinated Hezbollah terrorist Imad Moughnaya—the mass murderer responsible for killing 241 Marines in 1983 and more than 100 women, children and men in Buenos Aires in 1992 and 1994—Ms. Maladan was quoted in *The New York Times* giving the following warning to her son: "If you're not going to follow the steps of the Islamic resistance martyrs, then I don't want you."

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## Israel Stands Alone

By Patrick Cox,  
Contributing Editor



Patrick Cox

There are times I dread with all my heart writing this column. Every month, I watch the same ongoing injustice visited on the tiny nation of Israel by its Muslim neighbors. Every month, we see international journalists and bureaucrats find new and dreary ways not to take Israel's side as it battles for its existence against tribal Islamic supremacists.

Unfortunately, this March brought more of the same. An Israeli Muslim walked into the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem and murdered seven teenaged students and one adult before being stopped. As painful as it is to tell this story, it embodies so perfectly the current absurdity that I have no choice but to submit myself, and you, to the details.

The killer, Alaa Abu Dhein, had known connections with Hezbollah, the terror group created and supported by Iran. He had been arrested but was released as a

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Zahra Maladan represents a dramatic shift in the way we must fight to protect our citizens against enemies who are sworn to kill them by killing themselves. The traditional paradigm was that mothers who love their children want them to live in peace, marry and produce grandchildren. Women in general, and mothers in particular, were seen as a counterweight to male belligerence. The picture of the mother weeping as her son is led off to battle—even a just battle—has been a constant and powerful image.

Now there is a new image of mothers urging their children to die, and then celebrating the martyrdom of their suicidal sons and daughters by distributing sweets and singing wedding songs. More and more young women—some married with infant children—are strapping bombs to their (sometimes pregnant) bellies, because they have been taught to love death rather than life. Look what is being preached by some influential Islamic leaders:

**“We are going to win, because they love life and we love death,”** said Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah. He has also said: **“[E]ach of us lives his days and nights hoping more than anything to be killed for the sake of Allah.”** Shortly after 9/11, Osama bin Laden told a reporter: **“We love death. The U.S. loves life. That is the big difference between us.”**

**“The Americans love Pepsi-Cola; we love death,”** explained Afghani al-Qaeda operative Maulana Inyadullah. Sheik Feiz Mohammed, leader of the Global Islamic Youth Center in Sydney, Australia, preached: **“We want to have children and offer them as soldiers defending Islam. Teach them this: There is nothing more beloved to me than wanting to die as a mujahid.”** Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a speech: **“It is the zenith of honor for a man, a young person, boy or girl, to be prepared to sacrifice his life in order to serve the interests of his nation and his religion.”**

How should Western democracies fight against an enemy whose leaders preach a preference for death?

The two basic premises of conventional warfare have long been that soldiers and civilians prefer living to dying and can thus be deterred from killing by the fear of being killed; and that combatants (soldiers) can easily be distinguished from noncombatants (women, children, the elderly, the infirm and other ordinary citizens). These premises are being challenged by women like Zahra Maladan. Neither she nor her son—if he listens to his mother—can be deterred from killing by the fear of being killed. They must be prevented from succeeding in their ghoulish quest for martyrdom.

Prevention, however, carries a high risk of error. The woman walking toward the group of soldiers or civilians might well be an innocent civilian. A moment’s hesitation may cost innocent lives. But a failure to hesitate may also have a price.



*Soldiers in Iraq stand guard against potential suicide bombers as church attending Believers make their exit.*

In February, a young female bomber was shot as she approached some shops in central Baghdad. The Iraqi soldier who drew his gun hesitated as the bomber, hands raised, insisted that she wasn’t armed. The soldier and a shop owner finally opened fire as she dashed for the stores; she was knocked to the ground but still managed to detonate the bomb, killing three and wounding eight. Had the soldier and other bystanders not called out a warning to others—and had they not shot her before she could enter the shops—the death toll certainly would have been higher. Had he not hesitated, it might have been lower.

As more women and children are recruited by their mothers and their religious leaders to become suicide bombers, more women and children will be shot at—some mistakenly. That too is part of the grand plan of our enemies. They want us to kill their civilians, who they also consider martyrs, because when we accidentally kill a civilian, they win in the court of public opinion. One Western diplomat called this the “harsh arithmetic of pain,” whereby civilian casualties on both sides “play in their favor.” Democracies lose, both politically and emotionally, when they kill civilians, even inadvertently. As Golda Meir once put it: “We can perhaps someday forgive you for killing our children, but we cannot forgive you for making us kill your children.”

Civilian casualties also increase when terrorists operate from within civilian enclaves and hide behind human shields. This relatively new phenomenon undercuts the second basic premise of conventional warfare: Combatants can easily be distinguished from noncombatants. Has Zahra Maladan become a combatant by

urging her son to blow himself up? Have the religious leaders who preach a culture of death lost their status as noncombatants? What about “civilians” who willingly allow themselves to be used as human shields? Or their homes as launching pads for terrorist rockets? The traditional sharp distinction between soldiers in uniform and civilians in nonmilitary garb has given way to a continuum. At the more civilian end are babies and true noncombatants; at the more military end are the religious leaders who incite mass murder; in the middle are ordinary citizens who facilitate, finance or encourage terrorism. There are no hard and fast lines of demarcation, and mistakes are inevitable—as the terrorists well understand.

We need new rules, strategies and tactics to deal effectively and fairly with these dangerous new realities. We cannot simply wait until the son of Zahra Maladan—and the sons and daughters of hundreds of others like her—decide to follow his mother’s demand. We must stop them before they export their sick and dangerous culture of death to our shores. ★

## Israel’s 60th Anniversary

On May 14, 1948, Israel declared its independence. The video “Reflections on the UN Partition Vote,” celebrates Israel’s birth in part with outtakes from the UN General Assembly Session on November 29, 1947.

David Harris, ED of the American Jewish Committee, commemorates the achievement of a Jewish nation against all odds, against wishes of the Arab world, against the backdrop of the Holocaust which ended just two years before. Israel was built with a flag and a national anthem, on an ingathering of exiles, on the ideas of democracy, peaceful co-existence with neighbors, the notion of a state becoming a light unto the nations, and the belief that Jewish people, as a new state, have something to contribute to world civilization.

Daniel Gillerman, Israeli Ambassador to the UN, observes that the Jewish nation has contributed to mankind and humanity more than most other UN members...that it:

- makes desserts bloom all over the world with its agriculture
- makes limbs move with its medicine
- makes the world a richer and better place with its art and music, innovations and patents

See this inspirational video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=f08Dnex0YJU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f08Dnex0YJU) and “Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.”



We Stand with Israel  
and Pray for the Peace  
of Jerusalem.

**Acts 1:7-8: “It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

# Shalom From Sandra



Yeshua’s instruction was to witness first in Jerusalem, then to all of Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the Earth. That was the plan of how and where we are to witness and carry God’s Word—one that we all should follow.

Last month, I spoke in some very small towns in Kansas. Normally, I speak mainly in the Florida area during the winter months, but thanks to some Kansas friends, I experienced oodles of snow. My plane landed at the beginning of a snowstorm. I’m a native Texan and have never driven in snow. When picking up my rental car, I learned that it was a hybrid.

Immediately, I foresaw plugging this car into some electrical outlet in a blizzard. The car rental rep assured me that that was not the case, but to conserve its electricity, I drove slowly across the street to my hotel.

After speaking Sunday morning, I drove four hours to Galena, Kansas and spoke at Pastor Dave and Mary Robinson’s church, called Tennessee Prairie Friends. Mary has been on our Israel tour, and she has a remarkably uplifting spirit. Pastor Dave has a very calming spirit, so they complement one another as an effective team for the Lord. Tennessee Prairie Friends hosted my second speaking engagement after Zola went to be with the Lord. Consequently, speaking there took me back to memories of how I first felt when continuing the Lord’s work without Zola.

**I share these thoughts with**

**you to share how much our walk with the Lord resembles traveling.** You think you’ll know the weather, roads, and route, but then surprises crop up, both good and bad. How we deal with such turns of events stems from the foundation of our belief. Our Lord is with us, even when we doubt, throughout this life’s sojourn. He always knows where we are going and guides us on the right road. May God bless you as you travel in His Word.

I am always ready to travel to Israel

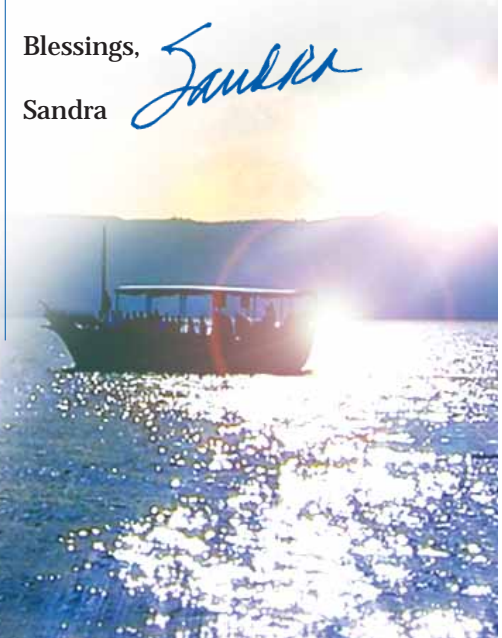


and would like to invite you to join Jeff and me on the trip of a lifetime. Come celebrate Israel’s 60th anniversary this June 9-19 or this October 14/19-October 29/November 2. For details and your tour brochure, contact Abel at (214) 696-9760 during office hours or email him at [travel@levitt.com](mailto:travel@levitt.com). Visiting the Land of the Bible will change your life.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Blessings,

Sandra



# END TIMES, ETC

By Zola Levitt (Levitt Letter, Aug. 1997)

Dear Friends,

*A few odds and ends of news caught my attention recently, and I'd like to share some commentary with you. Some current events have a bearing on prophecy and the approaching End Times.*

**Campaign funding has been an issue again lately.** The point here is not whether the officials of either political party are untrustworthy. The real issue in prophetic terms is the crisis of leadership in this country and so many others that will pave the way for the entrance of a new world leader. Americans, Western Europeans, Arabs and other Islamics, and virtually all of the third-world countries (including Russia) will possibly turn to the antiChrist out of utter frustration. His leadership will seem reasonable, spiritual, and peaceful compared to the borderline criminal leaders we are putting up with today in the majority of the nations of the world.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu said recently, **“Real progress toward peace would require the democratization of the Arab states.”** The fact is that all of the Palestinians, virtually all other Arabs, most of the American and Western European governments, and the United Nations are trying to force Netanyahu out of office. Could it be for such reasonable ideas as the one stated above that this intelligent and sensible man must be sacrificed?

The C-SPAN television network traveled all the way to Israel to cover a doomed no-confidence vote brought against Netanyahu in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. All they caught on tape were some officials arguing with each other. In Israel, as in America, legislators argue daily without the government toppling, and more than 99% of the people go to work and come home without incident.



The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee has attacked the new Jackie Chan film *Operation Condor* for its alleged stereotyping of Arab individuals. A recent news report stated, “Mr. Chan expels the two [Arab] men from a woman’s house they are robbing. As they leave, the two shout, “Soldiers of the Faith will not give up the holy battle!” The complaint is that Arabs don’t make such inflammatory statements, but the July 26 *Jerusalem Post* International Edition contained the following quote: “Allah shall take revenge on behalf of his Prophet against the colonialist settlers [the Israelis], who are sons of monkeys and pigs.”

**60 Minutes** recently ran a story on the **World War II cave killings in Italy, in which 335 Italians were shot in cold blood by German soldiers.** The report dwelt on the horrific nature of this crime. If you multiply that number by ten, and by ten again, and by ten again, and by ten again, and then double the sum, you will arrive at the six million Jews killed by the Germans in the Holocaust. But of course, most were not shot in the back of the head by a single bullet. They rode in train box cars for a thousand miles, were worked nearly to death, and were finally gassed and burned. But somehow this doesn’t merit the same outrage in the media as the deaths of the 335 innocent Italians.

**October is a perfect time to visit Israel,** after the heat of summer and before the rains of winter. Our Israel Tour offers you the major biblical sites in Israel. We have shown them to you on our program, but nothing can compare with seeing them yourself. How can mere words describe how it feels to stand on the Mount of Beatitudes as the Sea of Galilee sparkles beneath you, feeling the wind on your face as you listen to the stirring words of the Sermon on the Mount? Or climbing for yourself the very steps Jesus and His disciples used on their way into the Temple? Or pausing on the Mount of Olives to reflect on our Savior’s agony as He faced the crucifixion? ★

matter of due process—as the Israeli legal system demands. Compare his treatment with “due process” in Gaza. There, Palestinians even suspected of helping the IDF prevent terrorist attacks on Israel are pulled from their homes and publicly executed. The henchmen are never prosecuted.

**The very concept of an “Israeli Muslim” stands in stark contrast to the imaginary notion of a “Gazan Jew”—of which there are none.** Israeli Muslims like Alaa Abu Dhein enjoy full democratic rights with state health and social security benefits. If a Jewish family tried to return today to Gaza, which was part of the Land of Israel before Mohammed had even been born, they would probably not survive the night.

Following Alaa Abu Dhein’s murders, a picture of a Torah splattered with his victims’ blood spread around the world. The same Western press that has condemned American GIs for mishandling Korans of terrorist prisoners had nothing bad to say about the Hamas government that praised the murderer as a hero.

As I write this, reports are appearing that, yet again, more than a dozen rockets have been fired from Gaza into Israel. The AP report is typical in that it subtly pins the blame on Israel, painting the bombardment as retaliation for Israeli attacks on Palestinian terrorists. The second paragraph in the AP report states that, “The new violence highlighted the fragility of efforts to move Israel and Gaza’s Islamic Hamas rulers toward an informal truce.”

**There is, however, nothing new about the violence.** Nor is there any hope of a truce with people who swear they will accept no other result than the elimination of Israel and the submission of Jews to Islam. A dozen rockets from Gaza is a fairly typical day and it has been that way since the end of Israel’s defensive occupation of the area.

Remember, the Palestinian people elected Hamas knowing that the ruling party’s charter proclaims that “The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf (endowment) consecrated for future Muslim generations until Judgment Day. It, or any part of it, should not be squandered. It, or any part of it, should not be given up.”

Still, President Bush seems desperate for some sort of Camp David agreement.

Sources within the Israeli press report that the Bush administration pressured Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to make a statement, following the yeshiva attack, that it remained committed to the peace process. Both Olmert and U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice did, in fact, make such remarks.

My question is simply, “Why?” The answer is usually that Hamas does not represent the will of the Palestinian people, but this is dishonest. The promise to kill Jews was a major Hamas campaign platform. Even the Nazi party hid its “final solution” from the German voters. The Palestinians have endorsed, democratically, a second Holocaust.



**We hear that PA President Mahmoud Abbas is committed to peace.** Both Bush and Olmert want to negotiate with him despite the fact that he has no authority in Gaza. Abbas, however, made his intent clear in February, speaking to the Jordanian daily *al-Dustur*. In Arabic, he admitted he is against violence against Israel only when that violence does not help achieve Palestinian goals. “At this present juncture,” he said, “I am opposed to armed struggle because we cannot succeed in it, but maybe in the future things will be different.”

In the same interview, Abbas expressed pride in his and his party’s participation in armed “resistance” against Israel and said that he does not rule out returning to the path. Moreover, he bragged that he had been the first to fire on Israel and that his organization had trained Hezbollah. Hezbollah, like its Iranian backers, promises never to negotiate with, but to annihilate Israel.

**Both Bush and Olmert seem intent on turning over much of Jerusalem to Abbas and people like the yeshiva terrorist. Back on the home front, video has appeared in which Barack Obama’s pastor of twenty years says America deserved to suffer the 9/11 attacks because of U.S. support for Israel’s “state terrorism” against the Palestinian people. Israel needs our support now more than ever.** ★

# Back To Bloomington

By Mark Levitt



In 1938, Zola was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Peabody High School in 1955 and attended Pittsburgh University and then Duquesne University, where he earned his bachelor's in music in 1961. He went on to Miami University in Ohio and then completed his masters in music at Indiana University in Bloomington (IU) in 1963.

Zola made his living as an oboist and conductor, working for both the New Orleans Symphony and San Antonio Symphony until returning to Bloomington, where he completed all of his coursework for a doctorate in music. He learned to write well at the IU News Bureau, where he wrote press releases and eventually became Cultural Editor. He also moonlighted as a movie reviewer for the *Herald Telephone*.

He was born again on March 14, 1971, beginning his Christian walk at age 32, just over a year after my mother passed away. He had attended some Campus Crusade for Christ meetings and began reading the New Testament. To his surprise, it was as much of a Jewish book as the Old Testament.

Though he had grown up in a conservative Jewish home and attended Hebrew school, he had become an agnostic and never had done any serious Bible reading until some college kid gentiles invited him to crack "The Book."

Zola and I lived in a tear-down rent house that was a stone's throw from IU. As a ten-year-old, I had full access to most of the same facilities as the college students—from the Student Union,

to the athletic facilities to their Practice Hall with more than 300 baby grand pianos. In the opposite direction, I routinely walked to Bloomington's quaint downtown area. Losing my mother, seeing Zola become a Christian and then accepting Christ myself a few months later made my time there a most memorable period of transition. To experience some of Bloomington's charm, you might rent two wonderful movies: *Breaking Away* and *Hoosiers*.

Suddenly, Zola found his secular pursuits unfulfilling. He spent his spare afternoons sitting beneath a tree in "Peace Park," a large field in front of the IU Student Union, which happened to have a little creek named "The Jordan River." Shortly thereafter, he simply had to work full-time for the Lord. Consequently, became a public relations writer for Campus Crusade for Christ's Explo '72 project in Dallas.

Last December, I made a pilgrimage back to Bloomington, the town with the tree under which Zola's ministry began. He wasn't, in fact, just sitting there. He also stuck a little sign in the ground with a handwritten invitation: "Rap about Jesus." He read his Bible there, meditated and witnessed to passersby who opted to sit with him. As a weeks-old Believer, he was already a fisher of men. ★

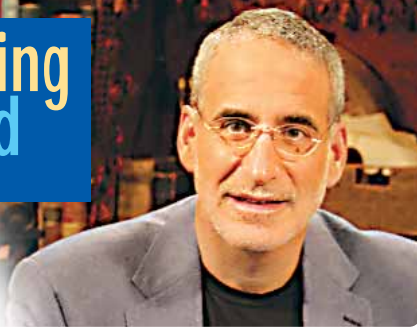


In December, 2007, Mark stood next to the Peace Park tree under which Zola's ministry began with a sign that invited, "Rap about Jesus."

Founded by Billy Graham, *Christianity Today* is one of American Evangelicalism's most respected periodicals. In February '08, "CT" ran an intriguing cover story, "The Future Lies in the Past." In the same issue, the magazine's senior editor, Mark Galli, offered an introductory piece called "A Ancient-Future People" (p. 7), noting that Evangelicals are "captivated" by Christian antiquity and are "engaged in a search for the church's past."

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



### SOUNDS GOOD, SO FAR.

Author Chris Armstrong noted on pp. 23-24 an "almost overnight popularity of bishops and monks" among Protestants. Last spring, the former president of the Evangelical Theological Society, Francis Beckwith, converted to Roman Catholicism. In the same issue, commenting on the trend, journalist Colleen Carroll Campbell added that: "'throng[s] of students and faculty' from the evangelical Gordon College... have become full blown converts to the liturgical style of the Episcopalians... despite the misgivings many share about the theological directions of the denomination" (p. 27). Might one "misgiving" come from the fact that the Episcopal Church in New England—where the "evangelical" Gordon College is located—has endorsed and seated a practicing homosexual bishop? It would seem.

At the risk of being misunderstood, I didn't write this piece to take issue with Beckwith, with Catholics, or with liturgy-loving Protestants, nor to cast aspersions on those in the non-denominational world who, as Kenneth Stewart noted on p. 28, "are now experimenting with advent candles, sampling practices associated with Lent," and [seem to now possess] a fascination with early liturgy."

I wrote this to ask why Christians only want to trace the Church back to 100-400AD and no further. Many prefer stopping short in their investigation, given their lack of interest in coming to terms with Jesus' Jewish origins, with Paul's rabbinic roots and with Christianity's myriad Jewish connections, generally. And why is that?

I reason that if memory of Christianity's Jewishness can be displaced in Christian consciousness, then it can be more easily replaced in Christian theology. Tragically, many of these fourth century churchmen

despised Jews personally, and rejected Jewish views outright. Sadly, the disdain continues unabated today, as does the Church's refusal to come to terms with its anti-Semitism.

Though I have a private opinion on ritual, I do not have any personal and professional stake in the argument. Instead of being overly infatuated with mystical traditions from the fourth century, **let's get excited about recovering biblical faith and virtues from the first century—New Testament faith.**

On America's airwaves I promote the New Testament's obvious Jewish connections and traditions. As a result, I am sometimes seen as an oddball and marginalized, occasionally construed as a misguided fanatic, and perceived as a religious anomaly that exists out there on the fringe of acceptable Christian voice and practice. This is not complaining, however. I love the work. I thank God for it as well as for His presence and the help that comes through His people.

Thank you for standing with me in underscoring Jesus' Jewish connections. Thanks for supporting the promotion of my recent series *In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus*, and for the rest you do. We did not receive an avalanche of support for the series, true; but happily the financials were up some in 2008—an indicator that you're with us. For this I am indeed pleased.

If you'd like to secure a copy of my *In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus* book, feel free to order it from page 18. I'd be pleased to get it into your hands, much as I would to visit your church and/or have you journey to Israel with us this year. Visit our website at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) and/or call us at 214.696.8844. ★

We're here for you. Thanks for being there for us.

Yours, Jeff



# “We Have Too Many Mosques In This Country”

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

An undercover survey of more than 100 mosques and Islamic schools in America has exposed widespread radicalism, including the alarming finding that 3 in 4 Islamic centers are hotbeds of anti-Western extremism, WND has learned.

The Mapping Sharia in America Project, sponsored by the Washington-based Center for Security Policy, has trained former counterintelligence and counterterrorism agents from the FBI, CIA and U.S. military, who are skilled in Arabic and Urdu, to conduct undercover reconnaissance at some 2,300 mosques and Islamic centers and schools across the country.

“So far, of 100 mapped, 75 should be on a watch list,” an official familiar with the project said.

Many of the Islamic centers are operating under the auspices of the Saudi Arabian government and U.S. front groups for the radical Muslim Brotherhood based in Egypt.

**Frank Gaffney**, a former Pentagon official who runs the Center for Security Policy, says the results of the survey have not yet been published. But he confirmed that “the vast majority” are inciting insurrection and jihad through sermons by Saudi-trained imams and anti-Western literature, videos and textbooks.



Some U.S. lawmakers want the U.S. to conduct its own investigation.

“We have too many mosques in this country,” said Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y. “There are too many people who are sympathetic to radical Islam. We should be looking at them more carefully.”



Zola always said, “A tour of Israel is worth 10 years of Sunday School.” See our tour ad on page 36. This year in Jerusalem?



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# Under Fire In Sderot

By Will King,  
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Will King

In the summer of 2005, Israel withdrew from the entire Gaza Strip, destroyed 21 settlements and uprooted some 8,000 Jews from their homes. The Disengagement was the brainchild of then Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and was meant to bring peace to Israel. However, since the Disengagement, Palestinian terrorists in Gaza have launched 2,411 rockets at Israeli communities.

In the first two months of 2008, the Israeli Foreign Ministry reports that 498 rockets and 364 mortars struck Israel, an average of just over 14 per day. However, most of the rockets are fired in barrages of several at a time, usually focused in the morning and early afternoon for when the children are coming to and going from school. These repeated attacks have made life in places like Sderot unbearable.

I traveled to Sderot to see firsthand what life was like there on a daily basis. While I was there, the “Color Red” system was activated six times—

that’s a siren and vocal warning telling residents that there’s an incoming rocket. Due to the city’s proximity to Gaza and the short flight times of the rockets, residents have, at best, 15 seconds to find shelter before impact.

The government doesn’t have the money to fortify adequately all the schools, hospitals, and other buildings in the rocket affected area. Whenever Israel takes military action to try to protect its citizens and stop the rockets, it is harshly condemned by the UN, EU, and of course, the Arab nations. For the 20,000 people of Sderot, it really is a no-win situation. ★



*A well-used bomb shelter in Sderot*

*The community of Sderot is the closest to the Gaza Strip, from where rockets stream into Israel.*





Living room of a house damaged in Sderot after a Kassam rocket direct hit. Remains of the rocket are seen in the foreground.

Two months...  
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Above:  
Entrance way  
to home recently hit  
by a Gaza rocket.



Left:  
An Israeli flag  
and other personal  
items mark  
where a fatality  
from a rocket attack  
occurred.

# Are Suicide Attacks Crimes Against Mankind?

By Michal Lando,  
*The Jerusalem Post*

The Simon Wiesenthal Center will hold a private meeting with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to urge the international body to address suicide bombing and declare it a “crime against humanity.” They will also call on Ban to cancel the “Durban II” conference slated for 2009, and address the “world’s amnesia” about rocket attacks on Sderot.

In a private meeting, representatives from the Wiesenthal Center asked Ban to advocate for a special session of the General Assembly on suicide bombing and terrorism and reverse the Assembly’s longstanding refusal to raise the issue in its halls.

**“The GA has had many special sessions on issues such as apartheid, drug smuggling, disarmament, but the greatest scourge—suicide terror—is being blocked,”** said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center. **“We know that 57 Muslim countries don’t want a meeting on it.”**

The center began campaigning to designate suicide bombings a “crime against humanity” six months after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, but progress has been slow.

Following the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, the center ran full-page advertisements in *The New York Times* and the *International Herald Tribune* reading: “Suicide terror. What more will it take for the world to act?” Attempts to get the ad placed in four Arab newspapers failed.

“The special sessions are supposed to deal with looming problems, but this is the one subject that’s never touched,”

said Hier, who will be among the delegation to meet Ban. “To allow a virtual veto power to 57 Muslim countries does not benefit the world.”

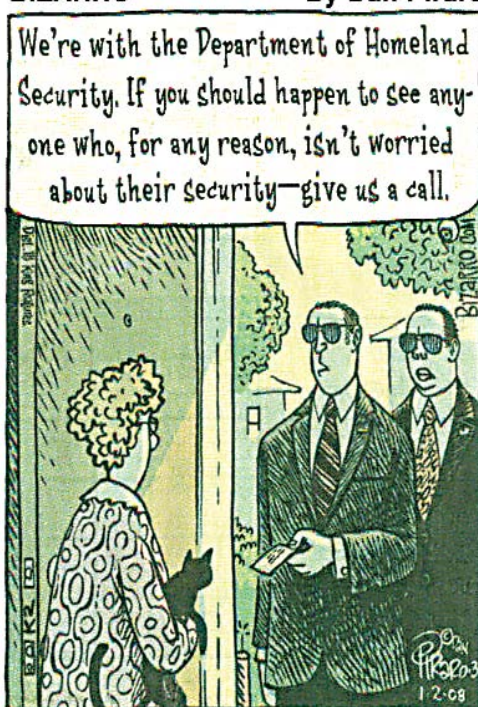
*“threatening the fabric of civilization”*

“We want the secretary general to force it on the agenda of the international community,” said Hier, who will also present Ban with a petition to designate suicide bombs a crime against humanity signed by over 10,000 people worldwide. “The truth is, if you want to take the world back from extremists, this is the best way to do it, not by hiding.”

Delegates from the Wiesenthal Center will likewise raise the issue of “the world’s amnesia” regarding rocket attacks on Sderot. “We want him [Ban] to clamp down on Hamas, and say ‘when you are elected, you have responsibilities to secure the borders,’ but instead they are giving tacit approval,” said Hier. “This is hypocrisy that the world has to expose and the UN has to say to Hamas—‘you are responsible.’” Will they? Will it matter? We’ll see. ★

**BIZARRO**

By Dan Piraro



# “There Has Not Been Much Desire To Learn”

By Michael Paulson, [www.boston.com](http://www.boston.com)

The library walls are lined with books about Judaism and Israel, but the dozen or so Jewish day school and Hebrew School teachers gathered around the table have copies of the New Testament at their elbows and Jesus on the brain.

Over the course of two hours, they ask questions that are simultaneously basic and profound: How can Christians say they believe in one God but also a Trinity? What exactly is salvation? If Jesus hadn't been crucified, would Christianity still be a religion? And are newborn babies really tainted by something called original sin?

The session is a reversal of the 16-year-old New Directions program, unique to eastern Massachusetts, which has been training Catholic school and religious education teachers about Judaism, in the hopes of countering centuries of Christian anti-Semitism.

Now, after years of one-way education, the sponsors of the program—the Archdiocese of Boston and the Anti-

Defamation League—are testing the possibility that Jewish teachers would be interested in, and could benefit from, knowing something about Christianity.

Previous attempts at engaging Jewish educators in learning about Christianity have failed. But interest in Christianity among Jewish educators has been growing.

**“It’s quite startling to see how little Jews know about Christianity, and I think the sense is there has not been much desire to learn,”** said Celia Sirois, the Catholic educator who, with Naomi Towvin, a Jewish educator, runs the program. “They’ve been very concerned that Catholics confront their own biases about Jews, and with good reasons, because those biases have been lethal.”

Jewish officials offer an identical analysis.

“What has struck me, and I include myself in this, is how little Jews know about Christianity,” said Diane Rosenbaum, the senior associate director of the Anti-Defamation League’s New England region. “As Jewish educators, it is important to know about other traditions so you can teach about them with the same respect you want Judaism taught with.” ★

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# Brainwashing Methodist Children

By Mark Tooley,  
www.FrontPageMagazine.com

Among the latest exploits of the United Methodist Women's Division is a children's book intended to instill anti-Israel themes among Methodist youngsters. Innocuously called, *From Palestine to Seattle; Becoming Neighbors and Friends*, the booklet portrays Israel as an oppressor of Palestinians while omitting all mention of terrorism. It was written by Mary Davis, a former United Methodist missionary in "Palestine," where she led "study tours," whose political content no doubt was predictable.

In the children's story, a Seattle Methodist pastor just returned from "Palestine" shares a letter from a young Arab boy in Bethlehem with his own children. The Arab boy, Tarek, has never been to McDonald's because the closest one is in Jerusalem, and travel there requires a pass by the Israelis. Naturally, the American children are disturbed. In an ongoing

pen-pal exchange, Tarek asks the American children why their country thinks all Palestinians are terrorists. The Americans are embarrassed. They summon up the nerve to ask Tarek why.

*"frightened American children surrounded by armed Israelis"*

Fascinated by what they have learned about all this injustice, the American children decide to accompany a Methodist missionary to "Palestine." They see for themselves the dreaded checkpoints. "Looking up, they saw a soldier with a gun sitting in a watch tower," the book records ominously. A helpful illustration shows the van full of frightened American children surrounded by armed Israeli soldiers and lots of barbed wire. With their missionary guide and a local Presbyterian minister, the children journey on to Jerusalem, where they visit Tarek's family—and experience more discrimination.

Sadly, left-wing activists at the Women's Division headquarters are funded by the dollars from ten thousand church bake sales throughout the UMC.



## “War Crimes” Lunacy at Heathrow

By Jonny Paul, *The Jerusalem Post*

British authorities attempted to arrest a former Israeli general on charges of “war crimes” following a recent arrival at London’s Heathrow Airport. Former OC Southern Command Major-Gen. (res.) Doron Almog evaded arrest at the London airport after he was warned not to disembark from an El Al flight, as British detectives were waiting to arrest him for allegedly ordering the demolition of Palestinian homes in Gaza in 2002.

Detective Superintendent John MacBrayne said: A “consideration was that El Al flights carried armed air marshals, which raised issues around public safety.” MacBrayne concluded there were “real risks” to the police and public and that he had concerns about the “international impact of a potentially armed police operation at an airport.” The Israeli Embassy in London tipped off Almog, who was in London working for the charity he represents, when news of the arrest warrant was leaked to it.

The incident was described an “outrage” by former foreign minister Silvan Shalom. His UK counterpart at the time, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, apologized for the embarrassment caused.

Using a loophole in Britain’s Universal Jurisdiction Legislation, Palestinian campaigners can file private criminal complaints of “war crimes” against military personnel, even if the military personnel are citizens of other countries and the alleged crimes were not committed on British soil.

In 2006, Gaza Division commander Brig-Gen Aviv Kochavi, who was scheduled to study at the Royal College of Defense Studies in London, was warned by an IDF judge that he could be arrested on arrival. Kochavi subsequently canceled his trip to the UK. Former Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) chief Avi Dichter also canceled a trip last year out of concern that a warrant might be issued for his arrest.

Israel’s new ambassador to London, Ron Prosor, said at a reception at the House of Commons earlier this year that the law was detrimental to relations between Israel and Britain.



# ZLM Bulletin Board

## Holocaust Remembrance Day

It has been over 60 years since six million Jews were murdered and hundreds of thousands of families decimated. Jews wanted a day to memorialize this tragedy. For two years, they debated the date. ("Where there are two Jews, there are three opinions!") On April 12, 1951, the Knesset (Israel's parliament) proclaimed Yom Hashoah U'Mered HaGetaot (Holocaust and Ghetto Revolt Remembrance Day) to be the 27th of Nissan. The name later became known as Yom Hashoah Ve Hagevurah (Devastation and Heroism Day) and even later simplified to Yom Hashoah. This year, the Yom Hashoah will be on Thursday, May 1. For more info, see <http://history1900s.about.com/cs/holocaust/a/yomhashoah.htm>.



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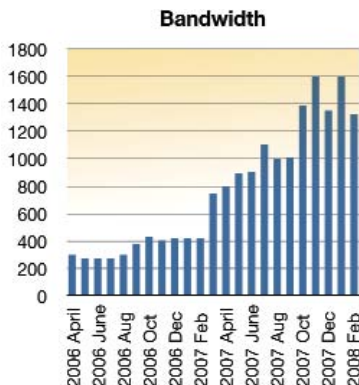
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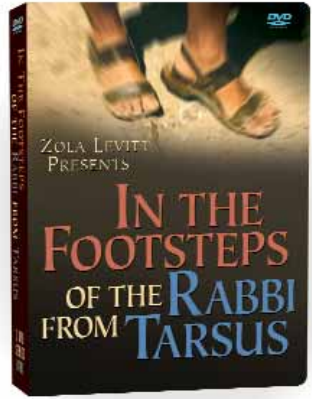




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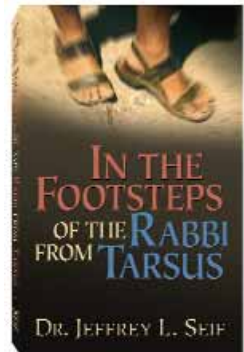


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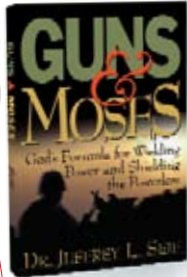
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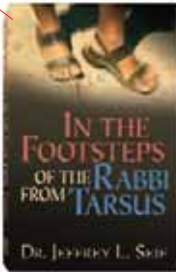
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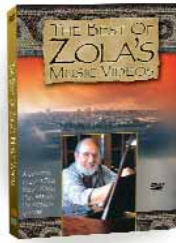


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## “Pregnant” Belly Bombers

By Sean Hennessey, [www.kdka.com](http://www.kdka.com)

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security are warning against a new type of terrorism carried out by women who appear to be pregnant.

It may be the newest wave in suicide attacks: a prosthetic pregnant belly serving as a compartment for explosives. The belly opens up from the front and the explosives are placed inside. “It’s not the first time we’ve had women involved before in one way or another,” says security expert Robert Strang. Strang tells CBS 2 he isn’t surprised at the new lows terrorists will stoop to.

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## Piggy Bank Hogwash

By David Charter, [www.timesonline.co.uk](http://www.timesonline.co.uk)

Knorbert the piglet has been dropped as the mascot of Fortis Bank after it decided to stop giving piggy banks to children for fear of offending Muslims.

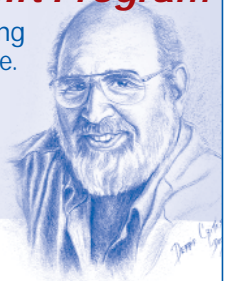


The decision has been viewed in the Netherlands as the ritual slaughter of a popular pig by political correctness. To some, it is the latest sign of uncertainty in Europe’s most tolerant country about how far it should go to accommodate the sensitivities of minorities. It comes as the country is braced for a backlash against the plans of Geert Wilders, a right-wing politician, to release a critical film about the Koran.

Pigs are considered an unclean animal by Muslims, and Knorbert was culled after seven years as the Fortis mascot. A spokesman told the Dutch media that “Knorbert does not meet the requirements that the multicultural society imposes on us.” The bank added that there had been “a number of reactions to the pig” and that a new gift and character were being developed that would be “fun for children of any persuasion.” Children who had received a Knorbert piggy bank for opening a EuroKids account will be given a junior encyclopedia instead. ★

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# Hebrew Lesson



## God's Vindicating Love By John J. Parsons

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*For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. (Job 19:25)*

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**Do you believe that you will rise from the dead?** The ancient prophet Job was faced with this question when he was crushed by seemingly inane and relentless suffering in his life. He was given a choice—as we all are—whether or not to believe that this ephemeral world, with all its sorrow and ambiguity, was essentially good or not. In light of his imminent return to dust, could he say “Amen!” to the hope of God’s ultimate vindication—or would he succumb to despair?

It sometimes seems as if death is ever-present and that the universe itself is a cosmic graveyard. We behold the flower’s bloom against the background of decay. “All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field” (Isa. 40:6). In the case of Job, God allowed the withering effect of death to occur in accelerated fashion: His words are the throes of the living-yet-already-dead.

Many of us walk through life in a state of denial over the ravages of time and the imminence of death. We catch glimpses only when we are jarred away from our everyday experiences, perhaps when we reencounter a long-forgotten friend or when someone we know gets terminally ill or dies.

Christians often recite Job’s statement as an affirmation of God’s ultimate redemption, though Job himself was seeking for vindication. He was a righteous man, after all, and he wrestled with his own personal exile in light of God’s goodness and love.

Job appealed to God as his *Go’el*, or Redeemer. In the social laws of the Torah, the *go’el* was a near kinsman who was obliged to rescue his family from difficulty or danger (this is beautifully depicted by Boaz in the book of Ruth). However, Job’s problem (as it is our own) is that such redemption (*ge’ulah*) means being liberated from the power of death itself. Job was in bondage to death and needed a Redeemer with the power to deliver him from the curse that hangs over the human condition.

The good news of redemption is that Jesus, who clothed Himself in the image and likeness of our dust (Rom. 8:3, Phil. 2:7), has rescued us from bondage to the “strong man” of death in order to restore us as the children of God. The Lord emptied Himself and suffered as our “Near Kinsman”—the Just for the unjust—as a ransom for our sinful condition (1 Pet. 3:18). God the Father vindicated Him by raising His body from the dust of death, thereby overcoming death’s grip on humanity. Now the “dead shall live and their bodies shall rise from the dust” to sing for joy (Isa. 26:19). God ultimately vindicates His children in the celebration of Jesus’ resurrected life. In the end, our flesh also shall rise to behold His glory. Amen. ★





# Letters to ZIM

## O?ama

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries:

I hope that this letter receives your attention and elicits a response. On an episode, one of your commentators said, “we have a candidate running for president whose name is Osama.” The other host then said, no, “Barack Hussein Obama.” The two hosts then went back and forth... [developing an Islamic connection all the while]... Shame on you. Shame on you for misinforming your public. Do not defame a person’s character without cause. Do not embarrass the cause of Christ. Unless you have a smoking gun that clearly links him to Osama bin Laden, you owe Barack Hussein Obama an apology. More importantly, you owe the Lord a confession of your sin.

D.

Dear D.:

I was the commentator, and here’s my explanation. When I mistakenly referred to “Osama” instead of “Obama,” Sandra caught the misfire and corrected the mistake. After the shoot, a consulting journalist commented that others had done the same—even Democrats like Ted Kennedy. He advised that our program would be okay with the correction. In truth, D., sometimes I trip over my words, misuse a pronoun, stumble as I walk, and the like. Viewers take me on for lack of content, poor delivery and supposedly dressing like a slob. Please know that we consciously opt to go less-than-perfect because we prefer being imperfect humans over coming across like characters manufactured in Hollywood. You want me to “confess my sins.” In my estimation, the blooper simply attests to my being human, and I fully confess that. — Jeff

**WAR BUDDIES** SAN DIEGO— Associated Press. A San Diego-based Marine Major was reunited recently with one of his closest war buddies—a 2-year-old dog named Nubs.

Nubs greeted Maj. Brian Dennis at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station when the fighter pilot returned from Iraq. It was the first time the two were together since Dennis’ family and close friends helped raise \$3,500 to fly the dog to San Diego.

Nubs wasn’t allowed to stay on base in Iraq. Dennis, 36, of St. Pete Beach, Florida, had spotted the mongrel dog while on patrol in Anbar province and later nursed the animal back to health after finding him stabbed with a screwdriver. He named the dog Nubs after learning someone cut the ears off believing it would make the dog more aggressive and alert.



**...and Have A Great Day**

Dear ZLM:

Please stop sending me your Jewish propaganda. Take me off your mailing list. You will never get a dime from me and you, just like Zola, will never get raptured... Dead human carcasses do not exit from graves at a rapture and become glorified. Study your Bible please. B. E.

Dear B.E.:

The only way to get on our mailing list is to request it. We honor requests to get off of it, much as we honor requests to get on. — Jeff



Dear Dr. Seif and Sandra:

I have enjoyed your recent series on the life of Paul. I've learned so much and am looking forward to the prophecy series on Ezekiel. Please give me your opinion. I regularly support Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein's "International Fellowship of Christians and Jews," and am wondering if my money could be better spent elsewhere. Sincerely, P.D.

Dear P.D.:

It is my understanding that Rabbi Eckstein does a good work. He assists Jews in the former USSR to make their way to Israel and does other good deeds as well. However, Rabbi Eckstein is neither a Messianic Jew, nor is he sympathetic toward us who are. He, in fact, opposes our sharing the Gospel from a Jewish perspective with Jewish people. Because he relies on Evangelical support, his attitudes in this regard are kept under wraps; but it's no secret to many of us in ministry. *(Page 11 of our July 2006 Levitt Letter, archived at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com), offers Moishe Rosen's [of Jews for Jesus] comments on this matter.)* — Jeff

**Hold the Sugar**

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries:

In a previous edition, one writer noted that their pastor didn't want your newsletter around the church, because it "takes a strong stand on hot button issues." The very same thing happened to me when I introduced your newsletter at my church six years ago. A goodly number of American church attendees suffer from what we might call Sugaratosis, which develops as a result of taking in sweet, syrupy but unmoving and irrelevant sermons over a long time. This type of spiritual stagnation and boredom can be cured by reality-based conversation. Blessings, B. S.



## Cheerful Venting

Dear Dr. Seif:

I have enjoyed reading the *Levitt Letter* and have supported this ministry for a good while now. I will admit that I did not care for one article you wrote about what General W. T. Sherman's men sang as they raped, robbed and killed my ancestors of the Confederate States of America. After that article, I had to rethink whether I wanted to give any more money. I have prayed about this matter and I think that maybe you learned your lesson. Thank you for allowing me to vent and please continue your great work on keeping the Zola Levitt Ministries going. S.W.

By the way, S. W., you keep the ministry going as much as I do. Thank you for that. As for "venting," twenty-three years of marriage has taught me that it is possible to disagree on certain issues but still get along. — Jeff

## Holidays

Shalom Sandra and Jeff:

I was really surprised to hear you say that it is OK to celebrate Christmas and Easter. We disagree. These are pagan celebrations! We also honor the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week... On a further note, we really enjoy the program "In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus." It's excellent. Thank you that I have the privilege to write to you about our concerns. H.H. and D. H.

Dear H.H. and D.H.:

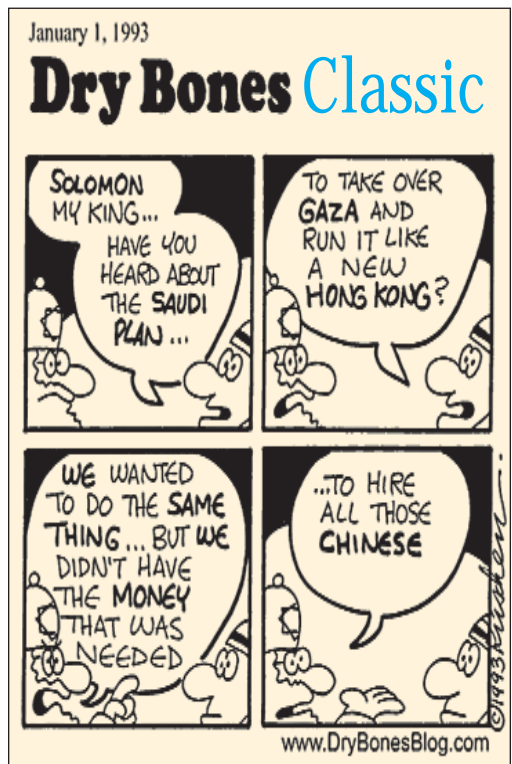
Write your concerns... Christmas and Easter do not resonate with me, personally. I prefer forcefully underscoring the Jewish roots of the faith, over being excessively critical of the church's standard holidays. — Jeff

Dear ZLM:

I have watched the TV series for years and have received the *Levitt Letter* for years, as well. I love the show and newsletter and look forward to receiving both. On thing puzzles me. I see the Star of David and Menorah in all of your literature but not the Cross. Could you kindly tell me why? Sincerely, A. R..

Dear A.R.:

For openers, we believe in the Cross and appreciate its purchasing power. Our literature, the TV set and the rest are designed to accentuate the Jewish roots of the faith. We teach from a Jewish perspective and aren't ashamed to preach Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Still, Jewish symbols remind viewers and readers of Christianity's roots. — Jeff





**“Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies” online order dialogue:**

**What has inspired you to pursue this course of study?**

I have always wanted to take Old Testament Survey. I saw one of your programs that talked about the studies. I logged on to your site and found how to enroll. Besides this “do-it-at-your-pace” fits my schedule as does the price of the course. I have found that as I learn more about Jewish customs, words etc. I have a better understanding of the Bible. Thank you for your program.



**Programs or Principles?**

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

**EAST ST. LOUIS** —A 77-year-old Illinois state representative is happy to be alive after a man with a gun pushed his way into her home and robbed her.

Wyvetter H. Younge was not injured in the robbery that occurred around noon on March 28th.

Younge said she thought her son had knocked on her door and opened it, but instead found an armed man. He told her to get on her hands and knees, then grabbed her purse and ran. Younge, a Democrat, said she didn't recognize the man, who wore a red hat, red jacket and dark pants. She said she's going to pray for him.

“This robbery and what's happening to this community is the result of a lack of a supportive system for our youth. We need jobs,” she said. “This happened in broad daylight at noon. We need a mental health support system. This is further evidence of that.”

I'm all for programs. But if we don't diagnose the problem correctly, there will be no remedy. This brazen disregard for life, property, elders and women is a result of sin. Lack of fatherhood contributes to this sort of activity, as does lack of discipline and education. I maintain that America needs stronger, Bible-believing churches, and not more social programs. —Jeffrey Seif



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## French Press Getting Pressed Over Biased Reporting

By Adi Schwartz, [www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com)

A report presented to a French court recently by an independent ballistics expert maintains that the death of Mohammed al-Dura, a Palestinian child seen being shot in the Gaza Strip during the first days of the intifada in September 2000, could not have been the result of Israeli gunfire, corroborating claims that the shocking footage was doctored.

The ballistics expert, Jean-Claude Schlinger, presented his conclusions after reviewing the footage, which shows Dura and his father cowering by a wall after being caught in the crossfire between Palestinian gunmen and Israel Defense Forces soldiers at the Netzarim junction.

The case revolves around a libel suit brought by the France 2 television channel and its Middle East correspondent, Charles Enderlin, against Phillipe Karsenty. On November 22, 2004 Karsenty wrote on his website, Media Ratings, that Dura's death had been staged and that France 2's con-

duct "disgraces France and its public broadcasting system."

A few weeks later, France 2 and Enderlin sued him for libel. In October 2006 Karsenty was found guilty and was required to pay symbolic damages of 1 Euro (and 3,000 euros in court costs).

Karsenty appealed. The judge asked to examine all of the film footage in the report of the shooting before rendering a verdict. Enderlin rejected Schlinger's findings, arguing that "only partial evidence was given to him for evaluation." Schlinger wrote, "In view of the general context, and in light of many instances of staged incidents, there is no objective evidence that the child was killed and his father injured. It is very possible, therefore, that it is a case [in which the incident was] staged." Regarding the injuries reportedly suffered by the father, Schlinger wrote that "If the injuries are genuine, they could not have occurred at the time of the events that television channel France 2 reported."

This is the first time that an independent ballistics expert, not representing the State of Israel, undertook to examine Karsenty's claims. ★

## "Grafted In" Gold Decal

What does this trio of symbols mean to you? Whether you put our unique golden decal on your Bible, car window, doorpost, or purse, you can be sure to stir curiosities and witnessing opportunities with this tribute to light, God and abundant love. The delicate, hand-cut, gold stencil measures 1.2" x 3"

This early Messianic symbol, has reportedly been discovered on pottery around Jerusalem. Experts have concluded that it was an identifying mark of early Jewish Believers in Yeshua (Jesus) that tied together their traditions and their faith. The Menorah (candelabra) at the top reminds us of God's Torah (the Law) and His promises to Abraham in calling out the Chosen People. The Magen David (Star of David) in the middle recalls the establishment of the Davidic monarchy in the Land of Israel. The Fish at the bottom, an early symbol for Yeshua (from the Greek, ichtys, an acronym for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior), shows that the gentile has been grafted into the Jewish root through faith in Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, the fulfiller of the Torah and the rightful king in the line of David. May this symbol inspire you and lead you to share these truths with others.

See page 19 to order.



# Incest Isn't Best

By Mark Steyn, *Maclean's* Magazine

A British government minister tentatively raised the matter of severe birth defects among the children of Pakistani Muslims. Some 57 percent of Pakistani Britons are married to their first cousins, and this places their progeny at increased risk of certain health problems. This is the only way a culturally relativist West can even raise some of these topics: nothing against cousin marriage, old boy, but it places a bit of a strain on the old health care budget. It's not the polygamy, it's the four welfare checks you're collecting for it.

But this is being penny-wise and pound-blasé. What does it mean when 57 per cent of Pakistani Britons are married to first cousins and 70 per cent

are married to relatives? At the very least, it tells you that this community is strongly resistant to traditional immigrant assimilation patterns. Of course, in any society, certain groups are self-segregating: the Amish, the Mennonites and whatnot. But when that group is not merely a curiosity on the fringe of the map but the principal source of population growth in all your major cities, the challenge posed by that self-segregation is of a different order. There are now towns in northern England where cousin marriage is the norm: Pakistanis aren't assimilating with "the host community;" the host community has assimilated with Pakistan. If you had told a Yorkshireman in 1970 that by the early 21st century it would be entirely normal for half the kindergarten class to be the children of first cousins, he would have found it posterous.



## Flirt Busters!

www.foxnews.com

*Flirting can be a distraction for prospective suicide bombers. —Ed.*

Saudi Arabia has interrogated 57 men who were arrested after allegedly flirting with women in front of a shopping mall in the holy city of Mecca, a local newspaper reported.

The country's religious police arrested the men, alleging behavior that included dancing to pop music blaring from their cars and wearing improper clothing, according to the *Okaz* newspaper, which is deemed close to the government.

The Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice runs the religious police, who are charged with enforcing Saudi Arabia's strict Islamic lifestyle. Its members patrol public places to make sure women are covered and not wearing makeup, the sexes don't mingle, shops close five times a day for Muslim prayers and men go to the mosque and worship.

The police—informally known as the *muttawa*, literally "enforcer"—don't wear uniforms. But they are recognizable by their long beards and their robes, shorter than the ones normally worn by Saudi men. They also shun the black cord that sits atop the headdress worn by most Saudi men.

Women in Saudi Arabia are required to wear a long, enveloping black cloak called an *abaya* and to cover their hair with a headscarf.

The newspaper report said the men who were arrested could be released if they could prove they did not flirt with any women. Otherwise, they will be transferred to court and forced to stand trial.



# "...Islamic Terrorists Would Still Be With Us."

By Bob Tyrrell

On March 6 in Jerusalem, a Palestinian terrorist from nearby East Jerusalem entered the Mercaz Harav yeshiva and opened fire on the unarmed teenage students studying there. Eight died, and 11 were badly wounded before another student and an off-duty soldier shot the terrorist. The atrocity ignited wild celebrations in Gaza.

If you thought that the celebrations were uncharacteristic, you might want to know about recent findings just published by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, an independent polling organization based on the West Bank. According to its polls, 84 percent of Palestinians approved of this attack. Moreover, 64 percent approve of Hamas randomly firing rockets and mortars from Gaza into Israeli communities.

In September 2005, Israel withdrew its military from Gaza, but since then, it has endured about 2,500 rocket attacks from Gaza and almost an equal number of mortar attacks. I wonder whether 64 percent of the Palestinians

would approve if Israel began reciprocal random attacks on Gaza. What is the old line, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"?

The Israel Defense Forces have attempted to counter Hamas' attacks with surgical strikes against their leaders and their rocket factories. However, Hamas' leaders nestle their headquarters and rocket factories in civilian neighborhoods, and civilians suffer collateral damage. That appears to have made Palestinians angry, and not at Hamas for its bellicosity but at Israel for responding to these cruel attacks.

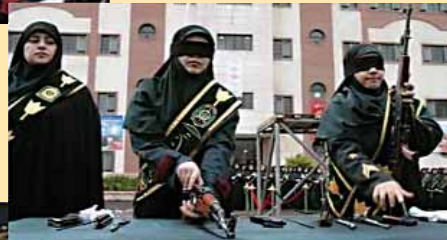
A recent report, "The Global War on Terrorism: An Assessment," by Robert C. Martinage of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, illuminates the problem that Israel faces with Hamas and that the West faces with Islamic terror in general. Says Martinage, "Since the death of Muhammad in 632, Islamic history has been punctuated by many periods in which various heterodox sects have emerged and clashed violently with mainstream Muslims, as well as with the West." We are living through one of those periods. Whether Israel existed or not, these Islamic terrorists still would be with us. ★



*These Iranian Policewomen will perform a civic responsibility despite the cumbersome dress code restrictions.*



*Internet screen capture*



*The photos may look like a bad Monty Python skit, but they are of the graduation ceremony of female cadets from the Iranian Police Academy.*



## The Future of Eurabia?

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

In the wake of U.S. recognition of the Islamist Republic of Kosovo, attention has once again been focused on Muslim persecution of Christian Serbs.

In 2005, CNSNews.com ran an article entitled “Persecution of Kosovo Christians Said to Reveal Larger Threat,” in which it aired a video of a Muslim mob destroying a Christian church. Note these revelations in that article, reflecting information from a congressional hearing in August 2005:

International intervention to halt the persecution of Christians in Kosovo is a “complete failure,” according to a former diplomat and other political analysts who briefed Capitol Hill staff late last week, pointing to the destruction of 150 churches and the simultaneous construction of 200 mosques.

The new mosques are funded by “Wahhabist nations,” the diplomats said, raising the specter of radical Islam incubating on the doorstep of Europe in a province rife with illegal arms and narcotics trafficking.

The religious persecution is also part of a political strategy of violence, which if rewarded in the granting of independence to Kosovo, could trigger similar violent secessionist movements throughout neighboring states and countries, they warned.

Note what former US Ambassador Thomas Patrick Melady, who testified on the rampant Jihad in Kosovo at the Congressional hearings in August 2005, said at a press conference that followed:

Those attending the Aug. 11 press conference, and a follow-up congressional briefing on Aug. 12, expressed disappointment over the lack of media coverage of the church destruction. “I’ve been quite disappointed,” Melady told *Cybercast*

*News Service*, “It wasn’t a major headline story.”

He compared the destruction to Kristallnacht, or “the Night of Broken Glass”—the Nazi-sponsored violent persecution against German Jews launched on Nov. 9, 1938. Gangs of Nazi youth fanned out into Jewish neighborhoods vandalizing and burning Jewish property and businesses, including 101 synagogues.

The official Nazi government response at the time was that such outbreaks were spontaneous, not organized. In the Kosovo situation, analysts are also expressing doubt over a similar line touted by the government.



Serbs protest the new Kosovo

Referring to the destruction of 34 churches in March of last year Melady said, “Thanks to a few amateur films that were made when the protests broke out, we can see how things unfolded. At all the scenes someone would climb to the top and tear down the cross, then stomp on it. Then they would set fire to the church.”

The bottom line comment of this CNS-News.com article was prescient then and very real now:

In the war against an expanding radical Islam, Defense analyst Frederick Peterson said, “We have three choices: convert, submit or die. But there’s a fourth choice and that’s to fight.

“What is going on in Kosovo today is the future of Europe tomorrow,” he added.



**TV AIRING SCHEDULE (below)**

**“Hill-Raiser”**

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The Clinton campaign says it has stopped accepting contributions from a Turkish American who financed a film deemed anti-Semitic and anti-American. Clinton senior adviser Ann Lewis told the Jewish wire agency JTA that the campaign recently learned that “Hill-raiser” Mehmet Celebi, (above center) who is also listed as one of Hillary Clinton’s delegates to the Democratic national convention in August, co-produced *Valley of the Wolves: Iraq*.

The 2006 film co-stars Gary Busey as a Jewish American doctor harvesting organs from prisoners in Abu Ghraib and selling them to wealthy transplant patients in the U.S., Israel and Great Britain. The film plays on anti-American and anti-Israel sentiment throughout the fictional story. “We were unaware of Mr. Celebi’s involvement in this film and we obviously do not agree with it,” Lewis told the wire service. “He is no longer raising money for this campaign.” The Clinton campaign did not immediately respond to FOX News inquiries as to whether any of the roughly \$100,000 already raised by Celebi would be returned. ★

**Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule**

**IONNetwork (PAX) Airing Day & Time by Zone**

Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

**DirecTV**—Channel 255      **Dish**—Channel 181

**ABC-FAM Airing Day & Time by Zone**

Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	10:00 pm Sun or 1:00 am Mon	11 pm Sun or 2 am Mon	12:00 am Mon	1:00 am Mon

**DirecTV**—Channel 311      **Dish**—Channel 180

**INSP Airing Day & Time by Zone**

Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	3:30 am Wed 5:30 pm	4:30 am Wed 6:30 pm	5:30 am Wed 7:30 pm	6:30 am Wed 8:30 pm

**Daystar Airing Day & Time by Zone**

Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	3:00 pm Fri	4:00 pm Fri	5:00 pm Fri	6:00 pm Fri

**DirecTV**—Channel 369      **Dish**—Channel 263

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Our entire TV Airing Schedule is posted at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com).



## "...A Dropping Confidence in Organized Religion..."

By Eric Gorski, Associated Press

The U.S. religious marketplace is extremely volatile, with nearly half of American adults leaving the faith tradition of their upbringing to either switch allegiances or abandon religious affiliation altogether, a new survey finds.

Much of the study confirms earlier findings—mainline Protestant churches are in decline, non-denominational churches are gaining and the ranks of the unaffiliated are growing. The U.S. Religious Landscape Survey estimates that the United States is about to lose its status as a majority Protestant nation.

More than one-quarter of American adults have left the faith of their childhood for another religion or no religion at all, the survey found. Factoring in moves from one stream or denomination of Protestantism to another, the number rises to 44 percent. One in four adults ages 18 to 29 claims no affiliation with a religious institution. Commenting on the above, Penn State University sociologist, Dr. Roger Finke, said: "Right now, there is a dropping confidence in organized religion, especially in the traditional religious forms."

The Roman Catholic Church has lost more members than any faith tradition because of affiliation swapping, the survey found. While nearly one in three Americans were raised Catholic, fewer than one in four say they're Catholic today. That means roughly 10 percent of all Americans are ex-Catholics.

On the Protestant side, changes in affiliation are swelling the ranks of nondenominational churches, while Baptist and Methodist traditions are showing net losses. Many Americans have vague denominational ties at best. People who call themselves "just a Protestant," in fact, account for nearly 10 percent of all Protestants. Although evangelical churches strive to win new Christian Believers from the "unchurched," the survey found most converts to evangelical churches were raised Protestant.

This short piece is an excerpt from the larger Associated Press article entitled, "Study: Nearly Half of All Americans Change Their Religious Beliefs." The implications are striking, as is the fact that, though the younger generation is presently abandoning church, they are not disregarding the television and the Internet. Meeting them where they are calls for creative avenues to reach them—on the air. Do pray for *Zola Levitt Ministries*, that we might feed the world God's Word and, increasingly, glean a harvest for Christ in the modern world. — Jeff



## British: "You Can't Foster If You Think It's Wrong To Be Gay"

By David Wilkes, [www.dailymail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk)

***The British, already steeped in wrongheaded political correctness, give the world yet another reason to ridicule them. — Ed.***

They are devoted foster parents with an unblemished record of caring for almost twenty vulnerable children. But Eunice and Owen Johns have been forced to abandon their good work because they refuse to tell children as young as ten that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. To do so, they say, would go against their Christian beliefs. The devastated couple withdrew an application to their council to continue as foster caregivers after being told they must condone homosexuality to adhere to gay rights laws.

The Equality Act (Sexual Orientation), which came into force last April, makes it illegal for any business or organization providing a public service to discriminate against anyone because of their sexuality.

The case has been taken up by the Christian Legal Centre, which is to seek a judicial review if the council does not reverse its decision. Religious campaigners say Mr. and Mrs. Johns are the victims of an equality drive which puts gay rights above religious beliefs.

Stephen Green, director of Christian Voice said: "The fostering service is in danger of losing an experienced Christian couple all for the sake of worshipping at the altar of diversity."

## Israeli Woman Wins Science Award

The Weizmann Institute of Science's Professor Ada Yonath is one of five women researchers in the world to

win the L'Oréal-UNESCO's 2008 Women in Science Award, each worth \$100,000.

One of the world's leading structural biologists, Yonath represented Israel and the entire continent of Europe at the sparkling award event held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

Yonath, whose research was scoffed at for years by Israeli and foreign scientists but which has won her the Israel Prize, the Wolf Prize and many others, spent most of her career unraveling the structure of the ribosome, a complex of many components that functions as the cell's "protein factory." She was the first in the world to pioneer ribosomal crystallography against all odds and single-handedly, when others couldn't even conceive its possibility.



Ada Yonath

This basic scientific work is being implemented to develop antibiotics to replace those that have lost their potency against increasingly resistant strains of bacteria.



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



## Israel Tourism Jump

*Reuters*

Tourism to Israel jumped 25 percent in 2007 to its highest level in seven years, led by a record number of visitors from the United States, the Central Bureau of Statistics has reported.

Some 2.3 million people visited Israel last year compared with 1.8 million in 2006, when tourism suffered in the second half of the year after the outbreak of Israel's war with Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas. Tourism fell 4.5 percent in 2006.

The statistics bureau said that 24 percent of tourists, or 542,000, came from the United States for a 10 percent rise over 2006. France was second with 246,000.

Tourists crossing over the Egyptian border jumped 137 percent in 2007, while those coming from Jordan rose 40 percent.

Tourism—a key economic sector in Israel—hit a record with more than 2.5 million in 2000 but Israeli-Palestinian violence kept visitors away in droves in from 2001 to 2003. With attacks and suicide bombings by Palestinian militants sharply lower, tourism has recovered in the past few years.

Officials expect a record year for tourism in 2008, when Israel celebrates 60 years of statehood. The bureau also reported a 12 percent rise in the number of departures of Israelis abroad to an all-time high of 4.1 million.

## Attracting Tourists with Medicine

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich  
*The Jerusalem Post*

Israel offers many pluses to foreigners who want to undergo operations or rehabilitation, receive medical treatment or get diagnosed—excellent medical facilities, staff who speak a wide variety of languages, significantly

lower prices than in Western countries, a welcoming climate and high-level tourist facilities. But busy as they are with taking care of Israelis, many hospitals, clinics and other facilities haven't paid much attention to the profitable overseas market.

Now the Health and Tourism Ministries have produced *Meditour*, a colorful 40-page English-language guide to medical tourism in Israel. It is being distributed directly by the ministries to travel agencies, journalists and hospitals, and at international medical conferences held in Israel.

The first issue, with a cover featuring photos of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, personal connections between doctor and patient and a heart shaped by four hands, gives contact information about all the country's medical centers, both public and private, and information about services such as *Yad Sarah* available to tourists with special needs.



One article stresses that Israeli experts have more experience performing fertility treatment (in-vitro fertilization) than those in almost any other country, and charge much less. In the US, for example, a single IVF treatment cycle can cost between \$16,000 and \$20,000, Israeli rates range around \$3,250. Israeli plastic surgeons also offer relatively inexpensive surgery. Then there are the incomparable Dead Sea spas and medical centers for treating a variety of skin disorders such as psoriasis, and to relieve heart, joint and respiratory diseases. The magazine also lists tourist sites where patients can go during breaks in their treatments. ★

# Real Global Warming Is Billions of Years Away

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Scientists have nailed down how and when the Earth will cease to exist.

The sun will slowly expand into a red giant, pushing the Earth farther out into space. Our home planet will be snagged by the sun's outer atmosphere, gradually plunging to its doom inside the fiery stellar furnace.

"The drag caused by this low-density gas is enough to cause the Earth to drift inwards, and finally to be captured and vaporized by the sun," explains astronomer Robert Smith of the University of Sussex in southern England.

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The good news: This won't happen for another 7.6 billion years. The bad news: Life on Earth will end long before then. In fact, we've only got a billion years left before the slowly expanding sun boils off the oceans

and reduces our planet to an uninhabitable cinder, says Smith.

Is there any way our future descendants can save themselves? Why, yes, explains Smith.

He cites a recent study emanating from the University of California, Santa Cruz. It proposes taming an asteroid to swing by the Earth every few thousand years, slowly nudging the Earth into higher solar orbit, enough to outpace the sun's own outward growth. "This sounds like science fiction," says Smith. "But it seems that the energy requirements are just about possible, and the technology could be developed over the next few centuries."

Ok. You heard the man. We have only a billion years left, so we better get to work to save the planet. Taming asteroids to swing by the earth to change our orbit doesn't resonate with me. Instead, let's remind the people of the Earth that the Messiah will come again from the heavens and inaugurate a new Heaven and a new Earth. Given the belief that this is not a billion years off, let's tell people to save themselves, by getting saved, and remind them that God will take care of the planet. —Jeff



# The Very Predictable United Nations

*The Wall Street Journal*



Kofi Annan

When it comes to the U.N. Human Rights Council, is there anything left to say? Well, yes. In a break with precedent, this product of former Secretary General Kofi Annan's "reforms" has found a country other than Israel to criticize. The United States.

Two Council "experts"—an American lawyer and an Indian architect—accused the Department of Housing and Urban Development of denying the "internationally recognized human rights" of New Orleans residents whose former homes in public housing complexes are scheduled for demolition. The demolitions, say the experts, "could effectively deny thousands of African-American residents their right to return to housing from which they were displaced by the hurricane."

The public housing in question includes the notorious 1930s-era St. Bernard complex, which was already in a bad state before Katrina hit and an even worse state after it. The local housing authority intends to replace

the complex with mixed-income housing developments, and in the meantime is granting housing vouchers to former tenants. But some of the new housing will be offered at—horrors!—a "market rate," to which the U.N. naturally objects. We don't remember the U.N.'s human-rights czars being quite so vocal when Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe evicted 200,000 people from their homes in 2005.



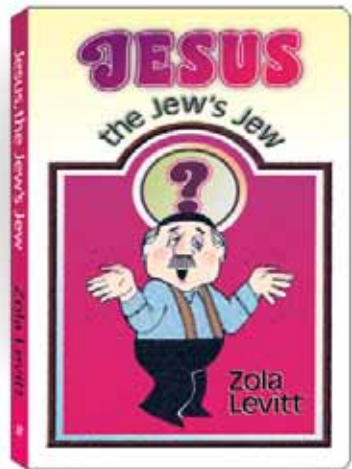
John Dugard

Meanwhile, the Council will soon re-release a 25-page report by South African "investigator" John Dugard that is its most comprehensive defense yet of Palestinian terrorism. "Common sense," Mr. Dugard writes, "dictates that a distinction must be drawn between acts of mindless terror, such as acts committed by al-Qaeda, and acts committed in the course of a war of national liberation against colonialism, apartheid or military occupation." Mr. Dugard goes on to lament the "Judaization" of Jerusalem, which if nothing else is a revealing use of language.

We doubt Mr. Dugard's words provide much solace to the relatives of Israelis blown up on buses, in cafes and discotheques. But at least we now know what passes for "common sense" at the United Nations. ★

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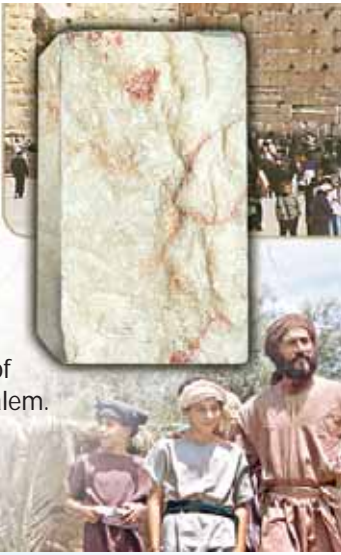
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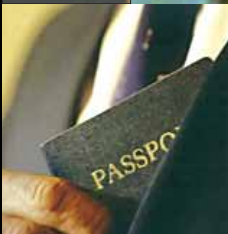
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