

# Levitt Letter

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



**Life and Love will always triumph over Murder and Hate. —Jeff**

## A Window Into Israel's Soul

By David Harris [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

If all we knew about Israel came from the media, how would the country be portrayed? Images of war, conflict, corruption, and domestic fault lines would dominate.

And if all we knew about Israel came from international organizations, which make a habit of singling it out for vilification—especially when Israel's very creation becomes an annual target for its enemies at the UN [see story on p. 30] — what would we see? A nonstop litany of accusations of every conceivable evil known to humankind.

For many, these are the only sources of information about Israel. But anyone who's been to Israel understands that the real place, seen up close, is quite different. That's why there's no substitute for a first-hand look.

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*Israeli Flying Aid provides relief and fun after Indonesia earthquake.*



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## The Global Meltdown and Anti-Semitism

By Aviel Schneider *Israel Today*



The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported a sharp upsurge in anti-Semitism in the wake of the global economic crisis. It said hundreds of anti-Semitic messages were found on neo-Nazi and white-supremacist websites, as well as Arab and mainstream forums, reviving conspiracy theories about a Jewish plot to control the world's economy, banking, and government. Some examples follow:

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Okay, Israel isn't perfect. It has its share of problems. But what country—even among the most highly developed in the world—doesn't have its shortcomings? And no one else faces the unique security challenges, with all the stresses and strains, which are Israel's daily fare.

That said, Israel's got an awful lot going for it—robust democracy, cutting-edge innovation, thriving arts, astonishing diversity, and no-holds-barred debate.

**Above all, it has a zest for life.**

You don't have to believe me. Confirmation comes from an unlikely source, Sheik Nasrallah, Hezbollah's leader, although he draws rather different conclusions.



He declared, **“We have discovered how to hit the Jews where they are the most vulnerable. The Jews love life, so that is what we shall take away from them. We are going to win, because they love life and we love death.”**

This love of life isn't just about hedonism or narcissism, though, of course, Israelis aren't immune.

It's about something more. The Israeli zest for life derives from the Jewish interpretation of the meaning of life—namely, inspired by a higher authority, to be agents of change for a more humane and compassionate planet. It's about the oft-cited Jewish notion of *tikkun olam*, or healing the world.

Some have argued that Israelis would be justified if they turned inward, circled the wagons, and said to hell with a world that hasn't always treated either Jews or Israel fairly. And they argue that Israel, as the only UN member nation targeted with annihilation by both state and non-state actors, could be excused if it succumbed to total self-preoccupation in the interest of self-preservation.

Yet these views don't prevail. There's an irrepressible Israeli yearning to engage the world and make it better.

And herein lies a window into Israel's soul, which may not be the stuff of media coverage or UN resolutions, but reveals an all-too-rare inner truth.

[Visit [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news) to read the author's examples such as Israeli Flying Aid, which responds to disasters, often working under the radar because countries want the quality of help it offers, but want to keep quiet about it being provided by Israelis.

Or Save A Child's Heart (see February '07 *Levitt Letter*, p. 1), Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, Hebrew University, and the Israeli policy of helping *anyone* who asks.] Article continues...

One particularly striking example. Remember the two Israeli soldiers, Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser, who were kidnapped across an international border by Hezbollah in 2006, triggering a war that summer? They were wounded when abducted, but very much alive. In 2008, their corpses were returned to Israel in a so-called swap.

In contrast, among the prisoners sent back to Lebanon was Samir Kuntar, a Hezbollah terrorist captured by Israel after he killed a four-year-old Israeli



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Thanks. — Jeffrey Seif

girl and her father in 1978. The details of the murders, according to *Newsweek*, were “so sickening they give pause even to some of Israel’s enemies.” These barbaric acts, for which he has never apologized, earned him a hero’s welcome upon his arrival to Beirut.

Not only was Kuntar returned alive—Israel has no capital punishment, even in such grisly cases—but he came back to Lebanon with a bachelor’s degree in hand, courtesy of the Open University in Israel!

Yes, Sheik Nasrallah is right in one respect—Jews love life, and not just for themselves. With its humanitarian spirit and pioneering medical research and technology, Israel is a small country making an outsized difference on the world stage in advancing the quality of life.

But Nasrallah also believes that the cult of death has the upper hand. Here, he couldn’t be more wrong.

In truth, the affirmation of life, as embodied by Israel, will always triumph over an ideology grounded in murder and mayhem. ★

“Jews have infiltrated Wall Street and government and have ruined our country.”

“Jews are greedy, rotten slime balls. They love money and nothing else. No faith or religion can be so heartless to their victims.”

One website spoke about the “Jew World Order.”

ADL director **Abraham Foxman** said, “Age-old canards” about Jews and money “are always just beneath the surface.”

“We know from modern history that whenever there is a downturn in the global economy, there will be an upturn in the level of anti-Semitism and bigotry, and that is what we are seeing now,” Foxman said. “As we witnessed after 9/11, whenever there is trouble or uncertainty in the economy or world events, Jews become the scapegoats, and ugly anti-Semitic canards are given new life.” ★



Director Foxman



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# The Mumbai Parallel

Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor



Patrick Cox

A few years ago, as my wife flew across the country from a tech conference in the Silicon Valley, she sat next to a dark-skinned man with a strong Asian accent. During the flight, she grew increasingly aware that he was staring at her. Just at the point where she became concerned, he asked her bluntly if she was Jewish. The question, out of the blue and in that setting, did nothing to calm her.

Frankly, I don't think my wife looks Jewish; she could pass easily for Italian or Spanish. She has neither a New York nor Israeli accent and she wasn't doing anything to peg her as a descendant of Russian Ashkenazi Jews.

Despite her trepidations, she answered "yes." Before she could ask about the motive behind his question, the foreign visitor poured out his appreciation of meeting her, the first Jew he had ever spoken to. He told her about the early invasion of the Indian subcontinent by Muslims in the seventh century. He talked about the brutal conquests launched in the early 11th century by Mahmud of Ghazni, as well as recent attacks.

Estimates of the numbers of Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists killed are difficult to verify but they range as high as 100 million. With a few breaks, Muslim imperialism has continued unabated. Currently, the region of hottest contention is Kashmir.

Following Mahatma Gandhi's successful expulsion of the British, India divided into three regions: Hindu India, Muslim Pakistan, and Kashmir. The governor of Kashmir had the authority to choose which of the two nations his regions would join. He opted for India, but Pakistan refused to accept that decision because the majority population of Kashmir was nominally

Muslim. I say "nominally" because Pakistan is Sunni Muslim while Kashmir was Sufi.

Many mainstream Muslims deny that the Sufi are truly Muslim. In fact, modern Sufi scholars say that their monotheistic religion predates the birth of Mohammed and the rise of traditional Islam. Sufi Islam is deeply influenced by its coexistence with Hinduism and Buddhism. As such, the Sufi have historically valued pluralism and tolerance. Europe's Kosovo Muslims, known for their support of both America and Israel, are heavily Sufi.

As a result, the Sufi have long suffered at the hands of Asia's Sunni and Shia Muslims. Not surprisingly, Kashmir's Sufi have never wanted to be ruled by Pakistan's Sunni government and have consistently polled in favor of an independent nation of Kashmir.

Hindu India has shown far more tolerance. Today, almost 20 percent of Indians are non-Hindu. Over 13 percent are Muslim. In 1947, when Pakistan was founded, Hindus made up about 18 percent of that population. Today, the persecuted Hindu are a tiny minority of little more than a percentage point.

## Dry Bones A "PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN GROUP"



India and Pakistan have fought a series of bloody wars over Kashmir. Today, parts are governed by India, Pakistan, and China. The once-dominant Sufi have fled mostly to the Indian-ruled areas. Terrorists from the Pakistani region of Kashmir continue to target Sufi Muslims as well as Hindus.

Remember, the Taliban government of Afghanistan that hosted al-Qaeda was the creation of Pakistan's intelligence agency. Lashkar-e-Taiba, the terror group behind the recent Mumbai massacre, has worked as an unofficial arm of Pakistani intelligence. Leaders of the group admit their goal is not simply a Muslim Kashmir, but a Muslim India.

Until it was shut down by U.S. intelligence, Pakistan was actively distributing nuclear weapons technologies to both Islamic governments and North Korea. While some Pakistani leaders want peace with India and the West, powerful forces in the government and the military are bent on one goal: the imposition of Islamist rule in Kashmir, Afghanistan, and India.

India's problem clearly parallels Israel's. The original Balfour Declaration proposed that all of "Palestine" be given to Jews while Muslims would have what is now Jordan. Jews agreed, but Muslims refused, and the size of Israel continually shrank. Eventually, Jews were driven completely from the Muslim ruled regions.

In Israel, over 20 percent of the population is Muslim—living peacefully as Israeli citizens. There are no Jews living peacefully in the Palestinian areas. Israelis support overwhelmingly the creation of a Palestinian nation, the "two-state solution." The Palestinian government rejects any outcome but Islamic rule of Israel. The majority of Palestinians endorse this position. Nevertheless, the UN and much of the world cling to the pathetic "cycle of violence" interpretation of events.

This is the parallel that the Indian gentleman seated next to my wife so earnestly wanted her to understand. She did, and thanked him sincerely for his and his country's support of Israel's fight against their common enemy.



Psalm 18:2 *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my Deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

# Shalom From Sandra



Psalm 18:2 is my Bible life verse. I trust God to be my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer in whom I shall trust. This verse has comforted me in many times of trouble *and* in much gladness. There is nothing else I want but for my salvation and my stronghold to be in the Lord.

I always promised myself that when I reached that magic age, I would think about retiring. Well, that age has arrived. I have thought about it, prayed about it, and I am going to do it. Plainly and simply, it is time for me to retire!

Honestly, I am tired and I feel God energizing me in a different direction. I stayed at the helm of Zola Levitt Ministries (ZLM) as long as I thought God wanted me to be here. I watched as God brought great miracles not only into my life, but also into the life of the Ministry, which reaches increasing numbers of viewers and readers.

**ZLM's programs are now shown in Russia and are translated into Arabic.**

We were one of the first ministries to film and broadcast in High Definition. *Zola Levitt Presents* is viewed all over the world! Zola would be proud—and he would also understand my need to retire.

The Ministry is in great shape: Jeff has been a wonderful leader/teacher/friend to follow Zola's vision and will continue to lead ZLM to new heights. The new *David* series is one of the best in years.

Mark continues to lead the ministry in a positive direction and ensures that we are good stewards of your donations. For that I am grateful. God has used all our gifts to His glory. Our staff has some of the most dedicated Christian people I have ever had the privilege

to know, much less work with, and the Berg team's production is unbeatable!

So, now what? My plans include leading the Bless Israel tour each year, writing an occasional piece for the *Levitt Letter* and, of course, being available whenever ZLM needs me. Mostly, I want to do some volunteer work and, in general, catch up on some rest.

God is in control. My new journey promises excitement and fulfillment, and I look forward to serving God in all that I do. After all, He is my strength.

One more time I thank you for all of your prayers and for your continued support of the Ministry. I ask God to bless you all.

And as you go, please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

## Dry Bones

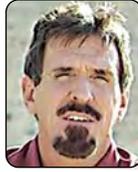
*Golda Meir, Israel's tough grandmother of a Prime Minister passed away 30 years ago. A Yahrzeit Candle is lit to mark the anniversary of the death of a loved one.*



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# Shalom!

By David Dolan  
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David Dolan



It was a tremendous compliment when Zola's son Mark asked me to write this monthly column, following in the ample footsteps of Will King, who did a wonderful job keeping readers informed of important developments in the Lord's special Land.

Like Will, I have also been blessed to call Israel my home—in my case, since 1980. I actually celebrated my seventh anniversary as a born-again Believer in Yeshua the Messiah during my first year in the Promised Land. At the time, I was living and working on a beautiful *kibbutz* in the upper Galilee region, just a couple of miles south of the volatile border with Lebanon. Along with a dozen other believing volunteers from around the world who served with me that year, I spent many days and nights in a bomb shelter as Yasser Arafat's PLO terrorists lobbed rockets into our area on a regular basis.

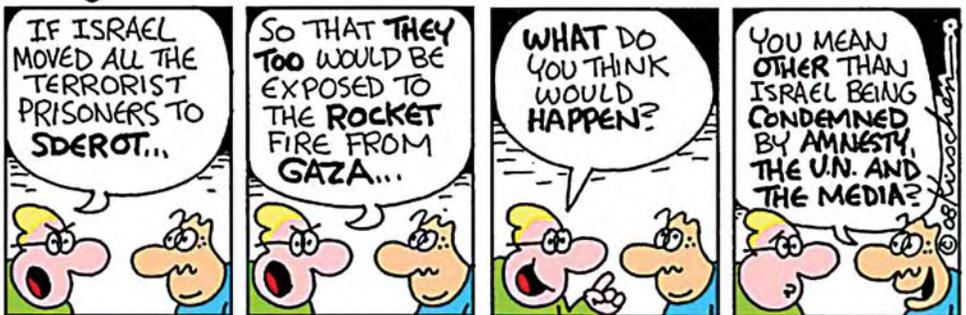
We all realized that neighboring Syria—then heavily backed by the menacing Soviet Union—was actively aiding Arafat in his violent attempt to “liberate” “Palestine” from detested Zionist “occupation.” And we felt it was entirely possible that the invasion of the Lord's precious Land by the powerful bear located to the far north of Israel—as prophesied in the book of Ezekiel—might occur in the not-too-distant future.

I first became aware of that pivotal end-time prophecy via one of the very first books I read as a born-again Believer in early 1974. *The Coming Russian Invasion of Israel* (updated as *Coming: The End! Russia & Israel in Prophecy*) was co-authored by a man I later came to know and admire and respect very much—Zola Levitt.

Although that particular prophecy was not fulfilled in the late 20th century, the book made me aware that “last days” prophecies are a major component of the sacred Scriptures that I quickly came to revere. As Zola often pointed out, prophecies attest to the Bible's truth because they accurately predicted events in their future that we look back on in our history, including Yeshua's death and resurrection (Isaiah 53) and the subsequent Roman destruction of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (Daniel 9).

While working as a Jerusalem-based radio journalist for CBS, CBN, Moody Radio, and other media outlets, as well as authoring three books and many magazine articles, I have always kept the Bible's prophecies very much in mind. In the 1990s, I reported on the mass migration of Soviet Jews to Israel—itself a fulfillment of several prophecies (Isaiah 43, Jeremiah 31). I would not be surprised at all to report in this column the fulfillment of additional prophecies in the coming months. ★

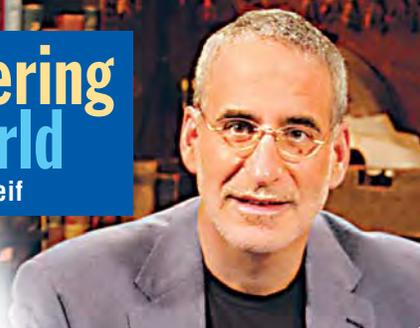
## Dry Bones WHAT IF?...



**If ever there was a time to write a column like this, it is now!**

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



By definition, a title that speaks of “deciphering”—of which my “DeSeifering” is but a play on words—implies that the author will offer sage interpretation and decode what’s really happening—thus a deciphering.

People ask, “What is going on in the world?” and “Is it in prophecy?” I have endeavored to keep abreast of what’s being said on the major American, Israeli, and Arab news wires. I’ve been reading my Bible too. Consider this:

What do you get when you team up bestselling authors like Joel Rosenberg and Dr. Tim LaHaye? Add some:

- lauded theologians, such as Liberty University’s Dr. Thomas Ice;
- authors and professors like Dr. H. Wayne House, Dr. Chuck Missler, Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum, and Dr. Paul Wilkinson;
- former Wall Street banker and Royal Bank of Scotland key financial strategist Wilfred J. Hahn;
- and acclaimed White House correspondent William Koenig.

**Now you have the phenomenal interview line-up for our new series, *When The Devil Has His Day*.** I have filmed interviews with all those esteemed men! Soon this ministry will deliver their most current teachings to you—and to the world at large—all in a single series of TV programs.

Collecting these interviews was overwhelming because we were still wrapping up the TV series *Warrior King: David-like Leadership for Goliath-like Times*. We filmed the teaching and music segments during our last tour to Israel. *Warrior King’s eight-week run was timed to coincide with the change in presidential administrations.* While the country is evaluating our new president, *Zola Levitt Presents* is teaching about biblical leadership.

The music, actors, action dramas, and on-location sets are all first rate. Beyond the made-for-TV cosmetics, however, there is timeliness to this series. Though extremely well produced—kudos to our production team—its value is in its message. Because we are living in Goliath-like times, this is TV worth watching. This series will reach millions, making it well worth the money we spent on it.

After we look at what the Bible says about Godly leadership, we turn to see what it warns about the antiChrist and how to recognize his emergence onto the world’s political stage. Such is our intention in the follow-up series, *When The Devil Has His Day*.

Did you know that “evil” is “live” spelled backwards, and that “devil” is “lived” spelled backwards? Weird, isn’t it? There’s a lot to know. There are lots of interesting stories at play in our changing world. Watch *Zola Levitt Presents* as I open up a Bible and explore passages that have direct bearing on our world.

Our supporters get to be a part of that. If you feel led to contribute, consider this new series as a good time to jump on board with our ministry. You’ll read this newsletter and watch our TV programs with a sense of ownership, knowing that you’re helping us spread God’s Word to the many others who want to contribute but can’t, for whatever reason. It’s a nice way to feel.

Your messenger,

Jeff Seif

# Scott Burns Answers Two Questions

By Mark Levitt



Mark Levitt

**“Should I sell now, before all my money is gone?”**

**“If I fire my money manager, as you suggest, what do I do next?”**

Financial columnist Scott Burns responded to these questions in the excerpt below, taken from his November 27, 2008 article that you can read in full (along with others) at [www.dallasnews.com](http://www.dallasnews.com) by clicking on “Columnists” under the “Business” tab.

Also, you may wish to refer to earlier “Wise as a Serpent” installments, published in every other month’s *Levitt Letter* beginning February 2007. —Mark

**First, should you sell now? I don’t think so.**

For one thing, most of the damage has been done. We’ve already experienced one of the worst declines in history. It could get worse, but the odds are against it. [Famous investor] Jeremy Grantham believes we’re near a bottom but not quite there. [Vanguard Founder] John Bogle makes a good case that stocks could return 10 percent a year over the next 10 years.

That doesn’t mean you can’t change investments. If you hold a domestic stock fund, you can exchange one domestic stock fund for another. Ditto international and emerging markets. I suggest that you sell your expensive managed funds and move to an inexpensive index fund in the same category or asset class.

**Remember, the money you save will be your own.**

For most people, leaving a financial adviser is very difficult. You either find another one (think: frying pan/fire) or you become your own adviser (worry: more frying pan/fire).

This is why I believe that absolutely every investor should start with an “escape road” account. This is an account with a firm that provides low-cost index funds or a low-commission brokerage account, possibly both, that will give you access to an entire universe of low-cost exchange-traded index funds. The account can be very small—as little as \$3,000. Or it can be a percentage of your financial assets, say, 10 percent.

Once the account is created, you will always have the security of knowing where you can move your money. Better still, the firm that has the account will help you with the moving process. Even better, your new account will have a return that you can compare with the return of your more expensive managed account.

**What do you put in your escape road account?**

For the smallest accounts that desire extreme simplicity, I suggest Vanguard Balanced Index fund. It’s one-stop shopping and has done better than 86 percent, 81 percent, 76 percent, and 71 percent of its managed competition over the last 12 months, three years, five years, and 10 years. Those are pretty good numbers. According to Morningstar [investment research firm], the fund has a current yield of 3.82 percent—enough to meet the income needs of some seniors.

**Remember, this is just money. It is nothing compared to the gift of life.**



# The Bankruptcy of Islamic Law

By Joseph Klein

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Some Islamic leaders have proclaimed that the current economic crisis proves the superiority of their religion and way of life over capitalism and liberal democracy. As usual, they are in denial about the moral, intellectual, and economic bankruptcy of the fundamentalist worldview they hold, which is rooted in Islamic law. Here are a couple of examples of their empty boasts.

“The collapse of the capitalist system, which is based on usury and securities rather than commodities in markets, shows us that it is undergoing a crisis and that our integrated Islamic philosophy can replace the Western capitalism,” Qatar’s *Gulf Times* quoted a spiritual leader of the jihadist Muslim Brotherhood.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that the current financial crisis is a form of divine retribution that marks “the end of capitalism.”

The irony in such rants is that the fortunes of the oil-producing countries in the Muslim world are tied directly to the health of the global economy,

which drives demand for their oil. Today’s global economy is largely based on capitalist principles.

If capitalism falters and demand for Muslim oil dries up as a consequence, most Muslim economies as they exist today will die. That is because they are derivative economies, completely dependent for their economic health on the health of the industrialized Western countries and of fast-growing China and India—none of which is predominantly Muslim.

Without the oil resources that Western oil companies helped them develop in the first place, these Muslim countries would have retained their primitive, tribal-based economies. And once alternative sources of energy replace oil on a significant scale, their economies will sink to the bottom like dead weights.

Take the Islamic Republic of Iran as an example. It is now facing a precipitous drop in oil prices to below \$50 a barrel due to declining world consumption when it needs at least \$95 a barrel just to keep its head above water.

Iran’s problems run deeper than the oil price decline. Its rigid theocracy has extinguished any spark of individual initiative and innovation that lie at the heart of successful growing economies. Iran had an estimated gross domestic product of \$11,700 per capita in 2007. By contrast, technologically advanced



Israel had an estimated GDP of \$28,800 per capita in 2007 with *no* oil resources of its own. It is no wonder that an increasing number of educated Iranians have voted with their feet, seeking a new life and employment overseas and resulting in a significant “brain drain.”

For those who remain behind, political dissent is met with brutal repression—political imprisonments and executions. Women have been singled out for especially harsh treatment when they do not toe the fundamentalist line of submission to the will of their male “protectors.” Iran’s misogynist mullahs have forced educated women out of the labor force and universities, and ordered the execution and imprisonment of women who dare to protest their inferior status.

In short, Iran is already a bankrupt society because of its adherence to fanatical Islamic principles. Its leaders cannot see beyond their twisted projections of an Islamic paradise where they can wield absolute power in the name of Allah. Their claim of victory over capitalism is a cruel joke against their own people.

Where fundamentalist Islamic law governs, we witness nothing but dysfunctional and stagnant societies. They have nothing to teach us. As long as our freedoms remain intact, our economy will rebound. It always does.



## Mumbai: Jews Tortured Before Execution

By Damien McElroy [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)

Jewish victims made up a disproportionate number of the foreigners killed after 10 Muslim fanatics stormed a series of sites in the Indian financial capital last November.

Members of the beleaguered Jewish community in Mumbai gathered at a crumbling synagogue for a memorial for Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg and his wife Rivka, who ran the cultural center targeted by the Deccan Mujahedin.

The couple’s son, Moshe, survived after his nanny, Sandra Samuel, escaped with him in her arms 10 hours after the hostage incident started. [See related stories on pages 12 and 13.]

Israeli officials confirmed six Jews were dead. The total number of foreigners killed in the attacks: 30.

Forensic team doctors expressed horror at the condition of the bodies recovered from the building that housed the Orthodox Chabad-Lubavitch retreat.



Ultra-Orthodox at the Holtzbergs’ funeral

“I have seen many dead bodies in my life, and was traumatized,” a mortician said. “It was apparent that most of the dead were tortured. What shocked me were the telltale signs showing clearly how the hostages were executed in cold blood.”

The group that stormed Mumbai’s most famous institutions displayed unrestrained brutality throughout the mission. The captain of a fishing trawler hijacked by the group in the Arabian Sea was found with his throat cut. Police said 17 victims were pushed against a wall in the corridor of the Oberoi Hotel and executed in a line. One man who served a glass of water to a terrorist at Mumbai’s main railway station was shot in the forehead.



# Nanny and Mumbai Orphan Move to Israel

By Amy Teibel Associated Press

After hiding for hours in the besieged Jewish center in Mumbai, **Sandra Samuel** suddenly heard a cry that made her forget all fear for her own safety: 2-year-old Moshe was calling his nanny's name.

Today, the 44-year-old Indian woman, a Christian, is the Orthodox Jewish toddler's only remaining link to the life he once knew. Moshe Holtzberg's Israeli parents died in the assault. Samuel, a recent widow, has left her two grown sons and her homeland to move with the child to Israel, where she says she will stay "as long as my baby needs me."

Moshe's great-uncle, Yitzhak David Grossman, the chief rabbi of Migdal HaEmek, the small northern Israeli town where they are staying, was able to get Samuel a one-year passport and a three-month tourist visa to Israel so the boy would have a familiar face as he recovered from the trauma.

A spokeswoman for Israel's Interior Ministry said that Interior Minister Meir Sheerit wants to grant Samuel the status of "Righteous Among the Nations," an honor bestowed upon non-Jews who save the lives of Jews. It would allow her to stay in Israel as long as she wished.

Samuel, who has taken care of Moshe since he was born, worked for more than five years for the child's parents, Rabbi Gabriel Noach Holtzberg and his wife, Rivkah, in the Mumbai headquarters of the Orthodox Chabad-Lubavitch movement. It was to have been a temporary job, she said, but she was so captivated by their generous, courageous spirits that she stayed on.

The day of the attack, Nov. 26, had been like any other at the Mumbai Jewish center, the nanny recalled. She had just put the baby to sleep and the dining

room was being cleaned up when "suddenly the noise starts. Boom, boom, boom."

At first, she thought it was children playing outside the house. She came out of the kitchen to scold them when she saw a man with a gun take aim at her. She slammed the door shut, still not sure if the gun was real or a toy—until she saw the bullet hole in the door.



Sandra Samuel and Moshe

She dialed the rabbi's cell phone, heard a mix of voices, but still didn't understand that the house was under attack. There was no screaming from upstairs, where the hostages were, though she said she did hear Rivkah Holtzberg cry and call out her husband's name, as well as things being thrown and shoved.

Gunfire and grenade explosions followed. The house was under siege—a takeover that would end only after Indian commandos, some rappelling onto the roof from a helicopter, stormed it 36 hours later.

Samuel hid between two refrigerators for hours, leaving her hiding place the next morning only "when I heard my baby cry." She found Moshe standing by his mother's body in a corridor; his father lay nearby, sprawled on his stomach. She also saw the bloody legs of another man.

Cradling the child in her arms, she sprinted out of the house to safety.



# The Rabbi and the Terrorists

By Dennis Prager  
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It was obvious to observers around the world that one of the designated targets of the Pakistani Islamist terrorists was the Mumbai Chabad House, the one Jewish center in Mumbai. The 10 Islamic terrorists who came from Pakistan to India chose their targets with great care.

If one assumes that the terrorists' primary goals were to destabilize India, weaken growing Indian-Pakistani cooperation in fighting terrorism, and greatly increase Indian-Pakistani tension, hopefully to the point of military war between the two countries, every one of the targets made strategic sense. Slaughtering as many people as possible in India's major economic center, including as many foreign tourists as possible at Mumbai's finest hotels, also made sense.

But one target seemed to make little sense. In fact, until the attack was over, people were uncertain whether the terrorists' attack on the Jewish center known as the Chabad House was part of the original plan or chosen spontaneously. Only when the lone terrorist who was captured told his interrogators that the Chabad House was planned a year earlier was it indisputable that killing the rabbi, his wife, their children, and any other Jews present was part of the plan.

The question is why? Why would a terrorist group of Islamists from Pakistan whose primary goal is to destabilize India's major city devote so much of its efforts to killing a rabbi and any Jews with him? The question echoes from World War II: Why did Hitler weaken the Nazi war effort by diverting money, troops, and military vehicles from fighting the Allies to rounding up Jews and shipping them to death camps?

The answer to these questions is not rational. But the non-rationality of an answer is not synonymous with its non-validity. **For the Islamists, as for the Nazis, the destruction of the Jews—and since 1948, the Jewish state—is central to their worldview.**

With all the Pakistani Islamists' hatred of Hindus, they did not attack one Hindu temple in India's major city. As *Newsweek* reported during the siege, "Given that Orthodox Jews were being held at gunpoint by mujahideen (sic), it seemed unlikely there would be survivors." *Newsweek*, like everyone else, simply assumes Islamists will murder Jews whenever possible. They are right.

For years I have warned that great evils often begin with the murder of Jews, and therefore non-Jews who dismiss Jew-hatred (aka anti-Semitism, aka anti-Zionism), will learn too late that **Jew- and Israel-haters only begin with Jews but never end with them.**

It is fitting that the same week the murders in Mumbai were taking place, the United Nations General Assembly passed six more anti-Israel resolutions. As it has for decades, the UN has again sanctioned hatred for a good and decent country as small on the map of the world as the Chabad House is on the map of Mumbai. ★



# A Muslim Reflects on Jews and Power

By Dr. Farrukh Saleem

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

Why are Jews so powerful?

There are only 13.3 million Jews in the world: 5.55 million in Israel, 5.3 million in the U.S.A., and 2.45 million in the rest of the world. For every single Jew in the world there are 100 Muslims. Yet, Jews are more than a hundred times more powerful than all the Muslims put together. Ever wonder why?

Jesus of Nazareth was Jewish. Albert Einstein, the most influential scientist of all time and *TIME* magazine's "Person of the Century," was a Jew. Here are a few other Jews whose intellectual output has enriched the whole humanity:

[The author lists many, many well known names in science, medicine, media, education, as well as inventors, entrepreneurs, statesmen, and athletes. See his full list at [www.levitt.com/news/](http://www.levitt.com/news/)]

William James Sidis, with an IQ of 250-300, is the brightest human who ever existed. Guess what faith he belonged to.

So, why are Jews so powerful?  
Answer: Education.

Ever wonder why Muslims are so powerless?

Here is why: There are 57 member-countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), and all of them put together have around 500 universities; one university for every 3 million Muslims. The United States has 5,758 universities and India has 8,407. In 2004, Shanghai Jiao Tong University compiled an "Academic Ranking of World Universities," and intriguingly, not one university from Muslim-majority states was in the top-500.

As per data collected by the UN, literacy in the Christian world stands at nearly 90 percent and 15 Christian-majority states have a literacy rate of 100 percent. A Muslim-majority state, as a sharp contrast, has an average literacy rate of around 40 percent and there is no Muslim-majority state with a literacy rate of 100 percent.

Some 98 percent of the "literate" in the Christian world had completed primary school, while less than 50 percent of the "literate" in the Muslim world did the same. Around 40 percent of the "literate" in the Christian world attended university while no more than 2 percent of the "literate" in the Muslim world did the same.



Muslim-majority countries have 230 scientists per one million Muslims. The U.S. has 4,000 scientists per million and Japan has 5,000 per million. In the entire Arab world, the total number of full-time researchers is 35,000 and there are only 50 technicians per one million Arabs. In the Christian world there are up to 1,000 technicians per one million.

Furthermore, the Muslim world spends 0.2 percent of its GDP on research and development, while the Christian world spends around 5 percent of its GDP.

**Conclusion: The Muslim world lacks the capacity to produce knowledge.**

Daily newspapers per 1,000 people and number of book titles per million are two indicators of whether knowledge is being diffused in a society. In Pakistan, there are 23 daily newspapers sold per 1,000 Pakistanis while the same ratio in Singapore is 360. In the UK, the number of book titles per million stands at 2,000 while the same in Egypt is 20.

**Conclusion: The Muslim world is failing to diffuse knowledge.**

Exports of high technology products as a percentage of total exports are an important indicator of knowledge application. Pakistan's exports of high technology products as a percentage of total exports stands at one percent.

The same for Saudi Arabia is 0.3 percent; Kuwait, Morocco, and Algeria are all at 0.3 percent, while Singapore is at 58 percent.

**Conclusion: The Muslim world is failing to apply knowledge.**

Why are Muslims powerless? Because we aren't producing knowledge. Because we aren't diffusing knowledge. Because we aren't applying knowledge. And, the future belongs to knowledge-based societies.

Interestingly, the combined annual GDP of 57 OIC (Organization of the Islamic Conference) countries is under \$2 trillion. America, just by itself, produces goods and services worth \$14 trillion; China \$8 trillion; Japan \$4.3 trillion; and Germany \$2.8 trillion (purchasing power parity basis).

Oil-rich Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar collectively produce goods and services (mostly oil) worth \$500 billion; Spain alone produces goods and services worth over \$1 trillion, Catholic Poland \$489 billion, and Buddhist Thailand \$545 billion.

(Muslim GDP as a percentage of world GDP is fast declining).

**So, why are Muslims so powerless? Answer: Lack of education!**

All we do is shout to Allah all day and blame everyone else for our multiple failures. ★

AND FOR BRAVELY THROWING ACID IN THE FACES OF YOUNG SCHOOL GIRLS, THEN FRANTICALLY RUNNING AWAY, I RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS 'FLYING CHICKEN OF VALOR AWARD' BY THE TALIBAN...



# ZLM Bulletin Board

## “Bless Israel” Tour

Join Sandra on a tour of Israel that focuses on serving God’s Chosen. You will volunteer in soup kitchens, food and clothing banks, and at other charitable projects in Israel. (She shares her most recent tour in next month’s *Levitt Letter*.) Because this differs from our customary study tour, we recommend the Bless Israel Tour for Believers who already have toured Israel. The dates are October 10-21, and the cost will be around \$3,950 departing from Newark, NJ. For more information, please contact Abel at (214) 696-9760 or [travel@levitt.com](mailto:travel@levitt.com). Also see page 36 for an announcement about our traditional Holy Land tours.



## Zola’s Bible Exchange

If you have an extra Bible in good condition to pass on to someone less fortunate, such as an inmate or someone on fixed income, please send it to us to forward. On the other hand, if you need a Bible and can’t afford one, please send us your address and mention any preferences you might have. There will be no charge. (ZLM consulting theologian Dr. Tom McCall refers to a New Testament without the Old Testament as *The Amputated Bible*.)

## Pamphlet of the Month

Whether you contribute to your church, our ministry, or another worthy charity, this free pamphlet may enable you to derive more bang from your donation buck. *7 Ways to Give in 2009* discusses giving the right *property* at the right *time* in the right *way*. Suppose you want to contribute cash, securities, other property, retirement funds, or life insurance. How about future gifts or temporary gifts? What about donating assets while retaining income? This pamphlet touches briefly on concepts that might help you render unto God *before* you render too much unto Caesar (Luke 20:25). To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com) or write to our P.O. Box.

## \$50 Billion Ponzi Scheme

**Question:** Where were the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) when Bernard Madoff’s investment firm defrauded its investors of *billions*?



**Answer:** Asleep at the switch, *obviously*. For insights on managing your finances, read the “Wise as a Serpent” series of *Levitt Letter* articles archived at [www.levitt.com/essays](http://www.levitt.com/essays). Here’s a quote from the **June 2007** article: “...the SEC is about as effective in protecting the individual investor as the Department of Homeland Security is in securing this country’s borders.”

## “Come Home!”

Zola’s  
Tours to  
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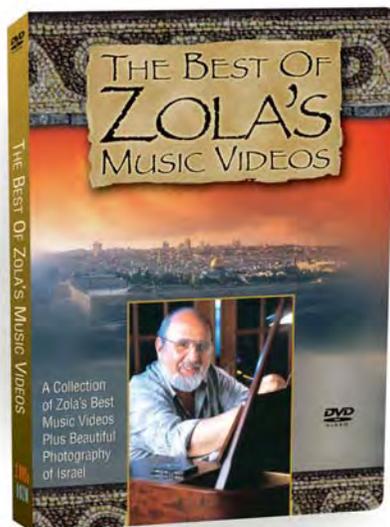


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36 for details



## ***The Best of Zola's Music Videos*** On Two DVDs

This collection combines all of the music television that our ministry used to offer on three separately packaged VHS tapes. Don't confuse these productions with the music programs that we included over the years at the end of various television series. Instead, our production team made a special effort to pair on-location video footage with Zola's favorite music selections for viewing pleasure, presented here uninterrupted by our TV programs' customary announcements and travel spots. *Please order from page 18.*



### **DVD I**

#### **ZOLA'S MUSIC VIDEO I – 53 MINUTES**

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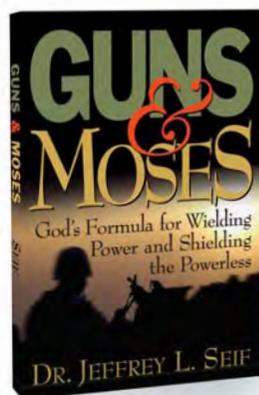
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## ***Guns & Moses* book**

In his recent book *Guns & Moses*, Jeff draws on his experience as both a police officer and theologian to walk readers through the Law of Moses, the biblical foundation of our Judeo-Christian culture. He describes God's specific instructions on how to use power to secure justice for all and protection for the weak. Anyone wielding any measure of power and influence—parents, professionals, police, presidents, pastors—can benefit from exposure to the writings of Moses: familiarity with God's principles guides Bible Believers to the Godly use of power in times of war and peace.

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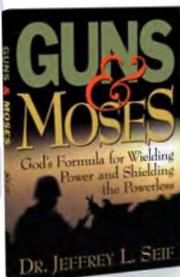
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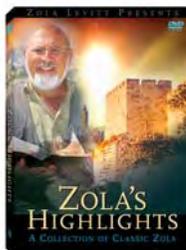
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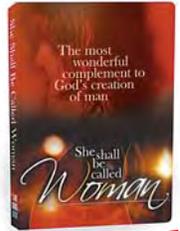
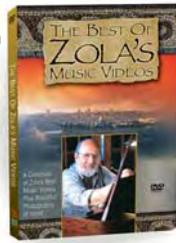
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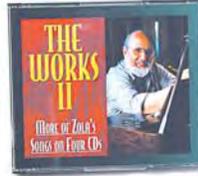
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## God's Lovingkindness Draws Us By John J. Parsons

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Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. (Jeremiah 31:3b)

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in kindness	I have drawn you	therefore	I have loved you	with everlasting love	

### Hebraic Insight

“Why go on living?” I pondered. “Why get up in the morning? Why go through the daily ritual of fecklessly seeking an answer to the hunger I always feel inside? Why keep thirsting for the draught that never seems to satisfy?”

Before I accepted Jesus as my Savior, I was spiritually dead. I wanted life, but I wanted to be in control—to be the “Lord of the Ring” and find satisfaction my own way. So I sought “life” through romance, through drugs and food, through desire for power and recognition.

Above all, I wanted to feel alive and significant—to escape the nagging thought that my life was nothing but a “useless passion.” In the end, my self-styled search for life ended in utter despair and vanity.

The Lord created us with a built-in need to be loved unconditionally, but we seem hell-bent on “playing God.” We try to get our heart’s needs met through all sorts of false loves, false promises, and idols. We “hew broken cisterns that can hold no water” and forsake the Fountain of Living Waters (see Jeremiah 2:13).

The Lord can meet the need for unconditional love within our hearts. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He can draw us to Himself and be the answer to our heart’s cry for significance, meaning, and complete acceptance. The love of Jesus can set us free from the fear of a love-starved existence.

But it takes faith to be healed. We must personally decide to trust God to meet our need for love, regardless of the current circumstances of our lives. We must soften our hearts and confess our need for His healing and *chesed* (lovingkindness).

This passage of Scripture is clear: God everlastingly loves *you* (the Hebrew verb *ahavteekh* uses the singular “you” ending rather than the plural) and wants you (singular “you” again) to love Him in return. In His *chesed*, God is drawing you close to Him.

**Listen to the wooing whisper of the Holy Spirit, and, if you hear it, ask the Lord Jesus to meet your heart’s need for love today.**

**Amen.**



## Fuel-Efficient Car Engines

By Danielle Kubes [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

The Israeli air-conditioning company, Agam Energy Systems Ltd., is expanding its energy conservation technology to develop fuel-efficient technology for car engines.

“Cars are very inefficient,” said Ofer Spottheim, Agam’s business development manager. “It’s the same idea that has been used for the past 100 years. When I took my driving lessons 25 years ago, it drove at 10 km/liter. It still drives at 10km/liter.”

With the new engine, cars will get 45 km/liter. The engine is more efficient, even in stop and go city driving, because the car stores recoverable kinetic energy.

Compared to a piston engine, Agam uses a turbine that allows for an 80 percent gas reduction and a 90% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Previous attempts at creating a turbine engine have failed mainly because of the extremely high amount of energy required to move the compressors. Since cold air is compressed more easily, Agam devised a water-ring compressor that cools the air by spraying cold water.

The engine can also be used as a small- to medium-size electricity generator, eliminating the need for coal. Up to 22% more efficient than typical electricity generators of the same size, the price will be lower per kilowatt.

So far, Agam’s prototype has lived up to expectations and the product is expected to be implemented in 2011 in power plants and in 2012 for cars.

Run by Reserve Colonel Moshe Maroko, a former commander of the IDF technology unit who was twice awarded the “Israel Defense Award,” Agam was able to leap from air conditioners to engines because both technologies are based on the laws of physics.

Agam added that the company has not neglected original products and is developing an air-conditioning system at double efficiency that is entirely devoid of Freon—a destroyer of the ozone layer.

The mind behind these efficient products is a former senior scientist at the Weizmann Institute, Dr. Gad Assaf, who is a specialist in energy and thermodynamics. ★



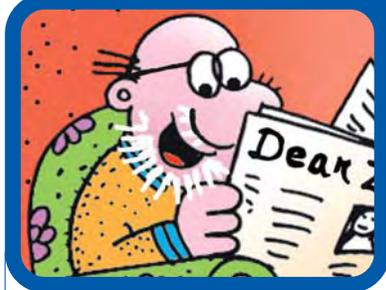
## Israel Gives India Tips On Tackling Terror

[www.TimesofIndia.IndiaTimes.com](http://www.TimesofIndia.IndiaTimes.com)

A known “softie,” India could now take some tips from the battle-hardy Israel to tackle the rising menace of aviation security threats. Following the Mumbai incident, a joint working group of India and Israel discussed counterterror strategies. Israel has also offered help in combating civil aviation-related terror.

Since Israel has been able to operate almost foolproof operations from its Tel Aviv airport despite being surrounded by hostile neighbors, India could take lessons from it.

An Indian senior aviation official said Israel had four main reasons because of which its airline and airport remain foolproof. “They rely majorly on gathering ground intelligence that can nip in the bud any nefarious plan of a terror group to attack their aviation industry. They have a strict no entry into cockpit policy and deploy highly specialized sky marshals. Their crew is trained to handle such situations,” he said. ★



# Letters to ZIM

## A Prayer for Our Nation

Dear Zola Staff,  
Thank you all for taking the torch and illuminating the world to God's teachings and promises.

I know there has been a lot of concern surrounding the changing of our national administrations. My prayer as we head into this new era of leadership is that our leaders seek God's counsel and are given the wisdom they need to make the most important decisions in the world; that the United States continues to stand with Israel and that both nations remain strong and steadfast against the evils that try to destroy us. And that your ministry—and others that selflessly work through God's love—will continue to seek out the lost souls in this world and bring back the ones who may have wandered off along the way.  
Sincerely, —C.T.

## Let No Man Judge You

Dear Jeff,  
In the November issue, you printed an old Zola letter to a past reader. Are you saying that you all don't keep or teach the eternal Sabbath? Please answer your audience on this. I won't take a silent response FYI. In Yeshua's Name & by His Authority, —Y.Q.

Dear Y.Q.—  
I think we were pretty clear about this issue in the edition you mention, and at other times in the past. My hunch is that you don't like our answer, rather than you can't understand it. Personally, I love teaching, experiencing, and celebrating Jesus' Jewish roots. However, I do not subscribe to the positions of those at the Messianic Jewish fringes who develop a fanatic affection for things Jewish, to the point where they do a disservice to Messianic Jewish experience as with the New Testament generally. —Jeff



### **MOWING THE GRASS—PRICELESS**

*Here is a soldier stationed in Iraq, living in a big sand box, with his tiny 'plot' of grass in front of his tent. He asked his wife to send him dirt (U.S. soil), fertilizer, and some grass seed so that he can have the sweet aroma, and feel the grass grow beneath his feet. When the men of the squadron have a mission that they are going on, they take turns walking through the grass and the American soil—to bring them good luck. If you notice, he is even cutting the grass with a pair of scissors.*

Dear Y.Q.—

Zola periodically quoted Col 2:16—“Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days.”—Mark

## A Worthy Cause?

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

I am a subscriber who is unable to contribute at this time. In fact, I myself am in need and would appreciate it if you would send me some money. In the meantime, please remove my name from your mailing list and refrain from sending me any more of your material. Anyone that is dumb enough to vote for John McCain, well, why would I trust your judgment on a damned thing! Go fly a kite,  
M.S.

Dear M.S.—

The ministry's editor preferred I not talk about politics in the December *Personal Letter*. Now you express disdain and slam another door in my face. For what it's worth, I'm aware that millions of virtuous, intelligent citizens voted on both sides of the election. To say that only “dumb” people voted for McCain reveals more about you than about other voters. —Jeff

## God Is Not a Socialist

Jeff,

I read the article in your recent *Levitt Letter* about how the Pilgrims didn't accept socialism. Tell me if I'm wrong, but I get the impression that when God sets up His government it will be something like socialism.  
Respectfully, R.S.

Dear R.S.—

Socialism seems to work better in theory than in practice. In any case, when God sets up His government, its saints will not be slackers, socialized into indolence, but rejuvenated and enabled souls. These women and men will have regenerated natures to be industrious, creative, and virtuous. They'll do just fine and won't need socialism to get them a meal when Jesus is in charge of the kitchen.  
—Jeff

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## Respect The Office

Dear Jeff,

In a recent letter you said, "I hope we'll respect the new president as if he's our own." When Christ sets up his government, we will see perfect government. Until then, refer to Romans 13:1 where it says, "The powers that be are ordained by God." They are our own.

Yours,

C. and G.C.

Dear C. and G.C.—

I agree with you and I'll clarify. I believe that we should respect our president as if he were our own pick for president, even if he was not our personal choice. Anything less strikes me as unAmerican, unChristian, and unbiblical. Those displeased by the recent election's results can invest their energies as they please when the new election cycle begins in three years. —Jeff

## ZLM Not Politically Correct

Levitt Ministries,

Pay more attention to loving and caring and less to judging—and please keep out of my politics. You have cast overwhelming doubt for me about your organization and I ask not to be contacted by you again. C.B.

Dear C.B.—

Please don't equate the exercise of free speech in a non-politically correct free press with being uncaring and unloving. When the exercise of this constitutional and biblical liberty is forbidden, look out: for uncaring and unkind forces are silencing constructive dissent. As for me, C.B., it is my calling to speak about the Bible, the Church, the culture, the nation of Israel, about world politics, and about ethical, moral, and political issues on the national home front.

—Jeff



*Two years ago, the Levitt Letter began a series of articles to help readers improve their stewardship and become as "wise as serpents" – Matt 10:16. See pages 9 and 16. For Madoff scandal-related stories, visit [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).*

# Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



**Q.** Will the antiChrist be a real person, or simply some sort of wicked cosmic force? If a real person, do you think the antiChrist is alive today? Where will he be from? Will he be Jewish as some say? From where will he rule? With the world heating up, I am wondering if you have any ideas.

**A.** Good questions all. Every now and again, sincere enthusiasts accuse this or that living person of being the antiChrist.

I do believe that the antiChrist will be a person and not just an impersonal force. Daniel notes his being a “vile person” (11:21), particularly, one who by means of stealthy political intrigue gains unprecedented power, which he then uses to his own advantage. Based on a belief that he will “not regard the gods of his fathers”—note “gods” plural, not “God” singular—I don’t think he will be Jewish.

The classical position states that this nefarious and blasphemous leader will emerge out of a European confederacy of nations (Dan. 7:24-25). This is something of a one-world federation referenced as a “revived Roman empire.” The argument is that his initial and principal headquarters will be in Europe. Later though, it is believed that he will betray his violent tendencies and in vile fashion enter Israel and finally rule from Jerusalem. There he’ll “take his seat in the Temple of God and proclaim himself that he is God” (2 Thess. 2:4; Dan. 8:23-25). From there, he will be defeated when the Lord returns with His saints at what Believers call the “Second Coming.”

Most of the prophecy scholars I recently consulted believe that the antiChrist will be European. I am not inclined to see the antiChrist as an Arab or a Muslim.

Regarding the antiChrist’s emergence, you and many others have expressed enough interest that we plan to film a new TV series called *When The Devil Has His Day* in which we’ll visit the most well-known antiChrist passages in the Bible and offer perspective on *Zola Levitt Presents*. ★



## Buying TV Airtime for ZOLA LEVITT PRESENTS

By Jerry Hodges, ZLM's TV Buyer

Our ministry carries a unique message to the world. When Zola started this ministry, he was a lone voice in the wilderness of Christian broadcasting giants because his Bible-based ministry always supported Israel. The TV production team and I are eternally grateful for your faithful support of this ministry. It has been my personal goal to use your tithes and offerings efficiently to distribute the weekly television program.

In my ten years of purchasing television airtime for Zola Levitt Ministries, I have always sought the most cost-effective timeslots. The ministry's first major outlet was what is now called ABC Family Channel. This is *not* an inexpensive network, but through cable and satellite, it reaches 90 million households.

Many of our supporters and viewers do not have cable or satellite. Therefore, we also need to broadcast *Zola Levitt Presents* into homes through full-power, local TV stations. We initially accomplished this through TBN and later added the ION network. Our Thursday morning ION broadcast (9:30 both coasts, 8:30 CT and MT) reaches America's top 60 markets. ION covers three times as many homes as TBN, and never pre-empts our program.

Our other major networks and independent stations include INSP, TCT, CTN, and Cornerstone. (Please see our network times on the following page and our complete schedule at [www.levitt.com/airsch.html](http://www.levitt.com/airsch.html)—or we can mail you a copy.)

Today, just about every household in America can see *Zola Levitt Presents* at a variety of times and days. DISH and DirecTV have recently acquired some of the cable-only networks that carry our program. The TCT Network has begun broadcasting on DirecTV and soon will appear on DISH. CTN, Cornerstone, and INSP all have added DISH and DirecTV. Adding these two national home satellite networks has significantly broadened our coverage, times and dates, but this expansion comes at a price. Each of these networks is paying extra to be carried. Soon they must either pass those costs on to us or drop us from their satellite coverage.

It is up to this ministry's supporters to determine whether or not we can remain on these additional network feeds. DISH Satellite adds about 11 million households to our viewing audience with each network that they acquire, and DirecTV adds about 17 million. Nowhere else can we add new viewers on a scale this dramatic. If you believe that we should continue to broadcast on these new networks, please let us know. You can either send an email to [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com) or include a note along with your regular support. But please help by including a little extra if you wish to support these valuable expansions. ★



**U.S. Jews, Muslims Against Anti-Semitism** [www.myrtus.typepad.com](http://www.myrtus.typepad.com)



Imams and rabbis in the U.S. and Canada hosted their first “Weekend of Twinning” event to raise awareness against “the politics of fear,” focus on common grounds between Muslims and Jews, and set aside their differences.

Jews and Muslims gathered as part of a national effort to breach the barriers of division. The first “Weekend of Twinning” event was held in November at Detroit’s Temple Kol Ami with another at the American Muslim Center in Dearborn. The nationwide effort, sponsored by the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, the Islamic Society of North America, the World Jewish Congress, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council, included events at 50 mosques and 50 synagogues in 20 states and Ontario.

There was nothing unusual about some 20 devout Muslims from the King Fahd Mosque in Los Angeles bowing and prostrating themselves as they recited the *Isha*, or night prayer. Only, the site was Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, and the worshipers were outnumbered by about 80 Jews watching the unfamiliar ritual. At the same time, in another room of the Reform temple, Jewish congregants were participating in the *Ma’ariv* evening prayer, watched respectfully by a group of Muslims. ★

**Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule**

**ION (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 305      **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

**DirecTV**—Channel 372      **Dish**—Channel 260

**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

**TCT on DirecTV-Channel 377 - Sundays**  
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**CTN on DirecTV-Channel 376 - Tuesdays**  
8pm ET [www.ctnonline.com](http://www.ctnonline.com)

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



## Most Americans Pray Every Day

By Jennifer Harper  
www.WashingtonTimes.com

Politicians come and go, fashions evolve and the culture shifts with alarming frequency. One thing remains constant, though.

Americans pray. A lot.

Ninety percent have a spiritual interlude with God every day, according to a study released recently by Brandeis University. Half pray several times a day, in fact.

“Most prayer writers imagine a God who is accessible, listening, and a source of emotional and psychological support, who at least sometimes answers back,” said Wendy Cadge, a sociologist who directed the research.

The experience is intensely personal, with eight out of 10 beginning their prayers with a familiar greeting, like “Dear Lord” or “Hello, Jesus.”

Three quarters pray for themselves, families and friends—with about a quarter praying for themselves alone. We pray for the big stuff, like health and employment. And we pray for the small stuff, too, like a good parking spot, or finding lost car keys. We ask God to guard loved ones who are airborne, or watch over children left alone for a spell.

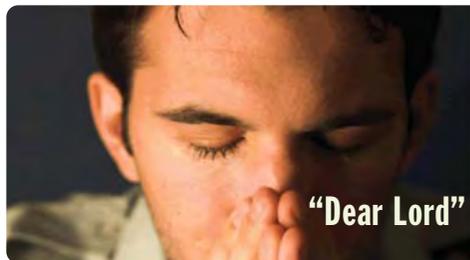
Ms. Cadge and her colleagues based their findings on a very direct source—683 prayers gleaned from four journals handwritten by hundreds of hopeful, grateful or worried patients and visitors at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore. The volumes had been placed near the main lobby over the years and are part of a collection of 40 books; hospital chaplains routinely have set out a blank book every two months since the 1990s.

The pages are filled with the often straightforward thanksgivings and petitions of the passing public:

“Dear Jesus, thanks for staying by my side. I love you,” one person wrote.

“Dear Lord: I leave it in your hands,” noted another.

A third simply declared, “Love U.”



Most of the prayers were improvised and followed similar patterns, the researchers found. Twenty-eight percent were requests of God, 28 percent were prayers to both thank God and ask for help, while another 22 percent were thank yous.

“Prayer writers also tend to frame their prayers broadly,” Ms. Cadge said, adding that the prayers helped people reflect on and “reframe” difficult events in the context of their own beliefs.

Other research has revealed a link between better health and the spiritual life. A 2006 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center study that analyzed actuarial death rates found that weekly worship service attendance could add up to three years to a person’s life.

Prayer is the most commonly used “alternative medicine,” according to a survey of more than 31,000 adults released by the National Institutes of Health in 2004—more popular than acupuncture, chiropractic, yoga and vitamins.

According to the agency, prayer is considered a “mind-body therapy.”



# Enough is Enough of Radical Islam

By Benjamin Shapiro  
[www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)

## Enough with the pseudonyms.

Western civilization isn't at war with terrorism any more than it is at war with grenades. Western civilization is at war with militant Islam, which dominates Muslim communities all over the world. Militant Islam isn't a tiny minority of otherwise goodhearted Muslims. It's a dominant strain of evil that runs rampant in a population of well over 1 billion.

## Enough with the psychoanalysis.

They don't hate us because of Israel. They don't hate us because we deposed Saddam Hussein. They don't hate us because of Britney Spears. They hate us because we are infidels, and because we don't plan on surrendering or providing them material aid in their war of aggressive expansion.

## Enough with the niceties.

We don't lose our souls when we treat our enemies as enemies. We don't undermine our principles when we post more police officers in vulnerable areas, or when we send Marines to kill bad guys.

## Enough with the words.

Talking with Iran without wielding the threat of force, either economic or military, won't help. Appealing to the United Nations is an exercise in pathetic futility. Evil countries don't suddenly decide to abandon their evil goals—they are forced to do so by pressure and circumstance.

## Enough with the faux allies.

We don't gain anything by pretending that Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are true allies. They aren't. We should be backing India to the hilt in its current conflict with Pakistan: Unless Pakistan can destroy its terrorist element, India should be given full leeway to do what it needs to do. Russia and China,

meanwhile, are facilitating anti-Western terrorism. Treating them as friends in this global war is simply begging for a backstabbing.

## Enough with the myths.

Not everyone on Earth is crying out for freedom. There are plenty of people who are happy in their misery, believing that their suffering is part and parcel of a correct religious system. We cannot simply knock off dictators and expect indoctrinated populations to rise to the liberal democratic challenge. Look at Gaza.

## Enough with the lies.

Stop telling us that Islam is a religion of peace. If it is, prove it through action.

**Enough.** After the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the plane downed in Pennsylvania, the endless suicide bombings, shootings and rocket attacks in Israel, [the list goes on *ad nauseum*]—it's about time that the West got the point: We're in a war. Our enemies are determined. They will not quit just because we offer them Big Macs, Christina Aguilera CDs, or even the freedom to vote. They will not quit just because we ensure that they have Korans in their prison cells, or because we offer to ban "The Satanic Verses" (as India did). They will only quit when they are dead. It is our job to make them so, and to eliminate every obstacle to their destruction. ★





*Brockmann*

## UN President: Israel “Crucifying the Palestinians”

By Stan Goodenough [www.jnewswire.com](http://www.jnewswire.com)

United Nations General Assembly President, Nicaraguan national, and Roman Catholic Priest Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann leveled a broadside laced with anti-Semitism at the State of Israel, accusing the Jews of “crucifying” the Palestinian Arabs, libeling Israel as an “apartheid” state, and calling for global trade and economic sanctions to be imposed on Israel.

Brockmann’s tirade was delivered on the UN’s “International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People,” which is held annually to mark the 1947 United Nations vote to partition the ancient Jewish national home—then known as Palestine—between Arabs and Jews.

Instead of applauding the outcome of its vote, the UN gathering condemns the Jews—who accepted dividing up THEIR land—and supports the Arabs—who through war and terrorism have rejected the partition even though it offered them a homeland for the first time in history.

During the two-day event, a variety of anti-Israel exhibits were posted to showcase the “suffering of the Palestinian people” at the hands of the Jews. Films attempting to parallel Israeli actions with Nazi practices were screened, and speaker after speaker stood to denounce Israel.

Speaking from the podium, Brockmann said Israel was responsible for “crucifying the Palestinians.” His choice of phrase echoed such enemies of Israel as the Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, a Palestinian Christian and former Anglican canon who founded and heads up the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem.

Ateek has compared Israel’s “abuse” of the Palestinian Arabs to Herod’s mass-murder of Bethlehem’s baby boys in an effort to kill Jesus Christ.



## Train to the Western Wall

By Danny Adino Ababa [www.YNetNews.com](http://www.YNetNews.com)

Jerusalem’s new light train may reach the Western Wall, according to a meeting held by the capital’s municipality in the civil engineer’s office. The meeting was kept under wraps for fear that its subject could enrage representatives of the three faiths in the city.

Jerusalem’s leaders fear that the close proximity of the train’s path to the Old City and the cemetery nearby may destabilize the delicate balance between the religions, and invoke a protest fueled by local aggravation.

The proposal for the train’s new path was offered as a solution to the Old City’s chronic traffic congestion, specifically near the Western Wall. Jerusalem Municipality’s transportation department prepared a plan for the limitation of traffic within the Old City, in addition to a plan for the improvement of public transport in the area.

However it didn't take long to rule out all options other than the train, which would circle the city's walls until reaching the Dung Gate, which is just a one-minute walk from the Western Wall. Architects have planned for the train to pass through Mt. Zion, and an underground tunnel has been planned for this purpose.

Construction on the new plan, which is to extend the route of the already-approved tracks, may last two to three years, and some of the residents living close to the route may have to evacuate the area in return for compensation.

The meeting was kept secret, but participants planned to announce its conclusions before the media, once the plans had been completed and approved, in a press conference with the participation of representatives of the Old City's four quarters—Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Armenian.

## Children As Human Bombs

By Brooke Goldstein & Danielle Goldstein  
[www.spectator.org](http://www.spectator.org)

Recently, a 13-year-old girl blew herself up in central Baghdad, killing 28 and wounding 68. Suicide-homicide attacks by female bombers, the handicapped, and children—the last often detonated by remote control—are an increasing trend.

Inciting and recruiting innocent Muslim children to become child soldiers, human bombs, and human shields is occurring in varying degrees throughout the Muslim world where children are being systematically targeted through school textbooks, television programs, music videos, cartoons, the Internet, by their teachers and imams, with hate propaganda aimed at building the next generation of jihadis.

These children are being harvested by terrorist groups like ripe fruit, driven across borders and detonated by adults as deadly political pawns.

U.S. intelligence analysts recently reported that Islamic terrorist groups are enlisting growing numbers of teenagers for their most violent and deadliest of missions. The Taliban is recruiting children as young as seven for their suicide missions, while approximately 20% of all Palestinian suicide bombings since the second intifada have been aged 18 and younger.

Islamic terrorist groups turn to children and the handicapped, in part, to thwart security checks, but the phenomenon may be a sign that they are losing support among adult males, who may be realizing the futility of the act.

Children also prove cheaper recruits than adults who demand significant payments for their surviving family members.

Unfortunately, the systematic and intentional state-sponsored mass infanticide of Muslim children remains largely under-reported by the media and under-condemned by human rights groups. The U.S. has a moral duty to address the international problem of hate education aimed at Muslim children, a nonpartisan and central issue in the war on Islamist terror. ★



# Hip Replacement Mimics Nature

By Sharon Kanon [www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org)

Did you know that jogging puts five-and-a-half times the body weight on your hip joints? And stumbling puts a peak load of eight times the body weight on the hips. Any high impact activity that repeatedly puts an extra load on the hip joints can eventually cause major damage and the need for hip surgery.

Today, the elderly are not the only patients. A growing percentage of patients are younger than ever before, and are paying the price for high impact sports. Both groups would like to know that their hip surgery will last and that they can return to an active life of walking and jogging.

Now, Active Implants, an Israeli company, has developed a new solution for hip reconstruction that mimics nature and promises to provide patients with the long-term solution they are searching for.

Active Implants's TriboFit Buffer is a pliable, resilient cap that fits snugly in the socket in the hipbone that connects with the head of the femur to form the hip joint.

Made of a soft, pliable polycarbonate-urethane material invented only in the mid-1990s and already used successfully for cardiac surgery, it provides the same elasticity and cushioning as human cartilage. In addition it mimics the stress distribution functions of a healthy joint, and induces lubrication.

"A healthy hip joint comes with a shock absorber, a layer of cartilage and fluid, that helps to buffer the impact of significant loads and to establish normal stress distribution," Stephen Bradshaw, president and CEO of Active Implants tells Israel21c. "With optimum lubrication, you can essentially eliminate wear."



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The technology of Active Implants, founded in 2004, is based on the research of Avraham Steinberg, an Israeli engineer, who studied at the University of Michigan. Steinberg first applied advanced polymers for the Israeli navy, to increase boat speed and payload. He began developing orthopedic devices in 1995, and is credited with 200 inventions in pliable implants.

Most current hip systems use polyethylene plastic that is 70 times more rigid than cartilage and discourages lubrication. Ceramic or metal-on-metal systems are cumbersome. "The TriboFit Buffer is a less invasive, bone conserving implant that is designed to improve function and extend implant life" said Bradshaw.

The company hopes to gain FDA clearance in the U.S. soon. Meanwhile, Active Implants is moving ahead with a pliable, structured artificial meniscus for the knee. It expects to introduce its implant solution this year.



During the first days of creation, God turned to the angels and said, "I am now going to create a land called Israel. It will be a land of mountains full of snow, sparkly lakes, forests full of all kinds of trees, and high cliffs overlooking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life."

God continued, "I shall make the land rich so to make the inhabitants prosper. I shall call these inhabitants Israelis, and they shall be known to most people on Earth."

"But Lord," asked the angels, "Don't you think you are being too generous to these Israelis?"

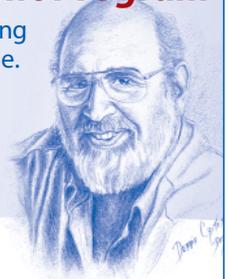
"Not really," God replied, "Wait and see the neighbors I am going to give them." ★



Tel Aviv by the sea

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# Some Signs of Time Running Out

By Zola Levitt



## The Palestinians

built a casino called The Oasis outside Jericho in order to raise a lot of cash. Israelis and visitors are cordially invited to gamble, but some of the Palestinians themselves disapprove. Hamas, whose usual specialty is blowing people up, were religiously wounded. They said the place reminded them of Rahab, harlot of Jericho, who said to Joshua and his men, "I know that the Lord hath given you the land." Hamas thinks that the casino owners are playing into the hands of the Israelis.

I'm afraid the casino is an example of what the Palestinians do with the land when they acquire it. They are not an advanced culture, and they have never founded an indigenous economy. As a matter of fact, they are dependent on Israel for their livelihood, as witnessed by the fact that they protest so strongly whenever Israel closes the borders in answer to some terrorist action. As we reported last month, the fact that monies are "wasted, looted, or misused...inspires foreign investment to stay far, far away from Gaza," the Palestinian headquarters. Will Palestine really be a viable new country if it is totally dependent on its next-door neighbor for its financial health? [The casino closed after the intifada erupted in 2000, depriving it of Israeli visitors.]

**Jordan** is struggling with another age-old Islamic problem. Young women are volunteering to go to prison to be safe from their own families. Honor killings run amok there; young girls caught kissing on a date, etc., etc., may be killed by a father or brother to "protect the family honor." The problem has been endemic to Egypt and, of course, Iran and the other radical Muslim regimes.

Such excesses on the part of Islam are in keeping with the approaching End Times. This world is becoming a variety of radical, tribal groups whom only the antiChrist could unite. The calming influence of Christianity and democracy will be lost to the upcoming End Times, when the Rapture of the Church and the New World Order utterly change the societies of the world. The times between now and the start of the Tribulation promise to be difficult, forcing a lot of people to make eternal choices.

And that's where we, the Church, come in. Prophecy is in the Bible so that we can demonstrate that time is running out on free salvation. As one after another prophecy fulfillment becomes apparent, we can show that the Scripture is supernaturally written, and that it requires a decision on the part of each and every soul. In some ways it should be easier to witness in this troublesome world than it ever has been before. We can virtually say, "Don't be a fool!" We are almost in the position of Noah when it started to rain.



## To The Jew First: Mission Report

By Deborah Ventimigliar

I am grateful to Zola Levitt Ministries for sending me to Israel as an ambassador to the Jewish people. This was my first time in Israel and our To The Jew First missionary team was unified in vision.

I discovered that Israel has awakened. Nowhere else have I found people so hungry for the truth about Messiah. After I shared with them, God opened their hearts and I was able to plant seeds in an open heart. The Lord was powerfully with us as we went into towns and communities to share the Gospel and love of Yeshua.

**In a mall in Herzliya**, we shared with an Orthodox Jewish youth who was very closed to us at first. When I talked to him as a Jew, explaining the love of Messiah, he looked down with sadness and asked, “Where is *Mashiach*?” I explained how and why He came before and that He is coming back, and how he could know Him now in his heart. With teary eyes he said, “Yes, I want to know.” We parted with tears of joy in our eyes.

**In another encounter**, a Russian Jewish youth named Demia was open to hear about Yeshua after I spoke to him about my love for Israel and the Jewish people. I gave him a Russian Jewish tract. I asked him to read it and to ask *HaShem* (God) if Yeshua is truly the Messiah. When I asked, “Will you read it for a Jewish mama?” he laughed and said, “For you, yes, I will read it.”

His friend standing behind him was appalled, so I took him by the hand and told him about Messiah’s love for him. He took a tract as well, and

“pinky squared” with my hand that he would study it. Walking away, I looked back and saw both of them reading. (*Baruch HaShem!* Blessed is God!)

**Another divine encounter occurred with Mira**, a beautiful, Jewish *sabra* (native-born Israeli) who was working in a shoe store. I know God arranged our meeting because no one else was in the store.



*Four TTJF Missionaries at the Jerusalem Promenade: Harvey, Deborah, Anette, and Kathleen.*

We began to talk and I shared with her my deep love for Israel and the Jewish people. After twenty minutes of conversation, she wanted to know more about Messiah Yeshua. I gave her a Hebrew tract. She was so deeply touched that she hugged me and cried saying, “*Todah*, thank you.” She asked me to come back next year to see her. I was humbled that our Messiah would use me as a vessel to love and draw His ancient People to Him.

I could go on and on with the many contacts, more than I could have imagined. Yeshua did this, and I am thankful. Not only did I fall in love with the Land, but mostly with the people. Israelis are so loving and open to hear about Messiah. Showing them Messiah’s love is what opens their hearts, making them ready to receive the Good News of their Messiah. I have never been so blessed in my life as while sharing the love of Yeshua with the Jewish people.

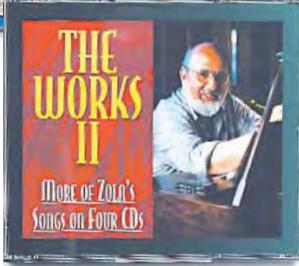




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