

# Levitt Letter

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



This first story bothers me because it is all too true.—Jeff

## Why I Am A Bad Jew

By Rami Kaminski, MD  
www.FrontPageMag.com



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During their two millennia in the Diaspora [the scattering of the Jews outside Israel], Jews were not known to resist. There are few recorded instances in which Jews turned against their host nations or retaliated against their murderers. Instead, the survivors, if there were any, were expelled or else left for another place. The murdered were regarded as good Jews.

This narrative of the Jews has played out on the historical stage with boring monotony: Jews get killed because they are Jews. Nothing novel about it.

Media commentary about the recent Gaza War reveals the world perspective: the only good Jew is a powerless Jew willing to become a dead one. But the Zionist Revolution is to "blame." It changed everything. Jews re-created their own country.

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## Dear Citizen of Gaza

By Yishai G (Israeli reserve soldier)  
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I am the soldier who slept in your home. I decided to write you this letter specifically because I stayed in your home.

I can surmise that you are intelligent and educated and there are those in your household that are university students. Your children learn English, and you are connected to the Internet. You are not ignorant; you know what is going on around you.

Therefore, I am sure you know that Kassam rockets were launched from your neighborhood into Israeli towns and cities.

How could you see these weekly launches and not think that one day we would say "enough!"? Did you ever consider that it is perhaps wrong to launch rockets at innocent civilians trying to lead a normal life, much like you? How long did you think we would sit back without reacting?

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The Arabs attacked the new Jewish State the day after independence and promised to complete Hitler's genocide. In succeeding decades, the Arabs attacked again and again. With Zionism, the Jews stubbornly refused to follow the centuries-old script. They refused to be killed without resistance. As a result, the world has become increasingly enraged at their impertinence.

The Gaza Palestinians elected Hamas to lead them, and its leaders were unabashed in clearly stating their aims:

**they will not stop until they achieve their "final solution," KILL ALL THE JEWS, take all the land of Israel, and establish a theocracy governed by Islamic law.**

As killing Jews for being Jews has been a national sport for centuries, Islamic militants are justified in believing they are merely fulfilling historical tradition in Argentina, India, and Gaza. Surely the Jews in Mumbai did not occupy Gaza. They were tortured and killed just for being Jews. And predictably, in the eyes of the world, they immediately became good Jews.

Those enraged by Israel's most recent defensive military action insist Hamas uses only crude rockets, as if Kassams were BB guns, and military inferiority were somehow equivalent with moral superiority. In fact, Hamas now has Iranian-supplied Grad missiles which have landed on Beer Sheva and the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

Westerners have had only sporadic exposure to the indiscriminate killing in the name of holy war which Israel has lived with for years. This is not because the Islamic militants made a careful choice of weapons. They simply have not yet acquired nuclear bombs. Once they do, the West will develop a less detached view about the Islamists' professed intentions for the infidels.

The only enlightened people in the civilized world who actually get it are the Israelis. They've not had time for detached philosophical pondering. They've been too busy confronting the reality of Islamic fundamentalism.

Soon, Iran will have nuclear weapons. It will give them to Hezbollah and Hamas.

Today, Jews must take a position: either be "good" Jews willing to be slaughtered without resistance, or be bad Jews who defend themselves at the cost of being pariahs of our enlightened world. Good Jews would wait for another six million to be murdered. The bad ones refuse to go calmly into the ditch.

I confess: I'm a bad Jew! ★

January 30, 1994

## Dry Bones Classic



DryBonesBlog.com

**QUESTION:** If Israel were to be nuked and then (with their secret post-destruction capabilities) were to *sh smear* their attackers out of existence (after all Israelis were dead), would the media and the UN condemn Israel for a disproportionate use of force?

**I can hear you saying “it’s not me, it’s Hamas.”** My intuition tells me you are not their most avid supporter. If you look closely at the sad reality in which your people live, and you do not try to deceive yourself or make excuses about “occupation,” you must certainly reach the conclusion that Hamas is your real enemy.

The reality is so simple, even a seven-year-old can understand: Israel withdrew from the Gaza strip, removing military bases and its citizens from Gush Katif. Nonetheless, we continued to provide you with electricity, water, and goods (and this I know very well as during my reserve duty I guarded the border crossings more than once, and witnessed hundreds of trucks full of goods entering a blockade-free Gaza every day).

Despite all this, for reasons that cannot be understood and with a lack of any rational logic, Hamas launched rockets on Israeli towns. For three years we clenched our teeth and restrained ourselves. In the end, we could not take it anymore and entered the Gaza strip, into your neighborhood, in order to remove those who want to kill us.

A painful reality, but very easy to explain.

As soon as you agree with me that Hamas is your enemy and because of them, your people are miserable, you will also understand that the change must come from within. I am acutely aware of the fact that what I say is easier to write than to do, but I do not see any other way. You, who are connected to the world and concerned about your children’s education, must lead, together with your friends, a civil uprising against Hamas.

I swear to you, that **if the citizens of Gaza were busy paving roads, building schools, opening factories and cultural institutions instead of dwelling in self-pity, smuggling arms, and nurturing a hatred for your Israeli neighbors, your homes would not be in ruins right now.** If your leaders were not corrupt and motivated by hatred, your home would not have been harmed. If someone had stood up and shouted that there is no point in launching rockets on innocent civilians, I would not have had to stand in your kitchen as a soldier. ★

Read the full letter at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).

## On U.S. Soil: Muslim TV Boss Beheads Wife

[news.bbc.co.uk](http://news.bbc.co.uk)

The founder of a U.S. Muslim TV network has been charged over the beheading of his wife, media reports say.

Muzzammil Hassan, 44, is accused of second-degree murder of Aasiya Hassan, whose body was found in February at the TV station in New York state.



*The Hassans during better times.*

Both Mr. Hassan and his wife worked at Bridges TV, a station aimed at countering stereotypes of Muslims.

Authorities said Mrs. Hassan, 37, had recently filed for divorce. The couple had two children, aged four and six.

Bridges TV, a satellite-distributed news and opinion channel, was founded by Mr. Hassan in 2004 and was based in a suburb in Buffalo, in upstate New York.

Mrs. Hassan had filed for divorce after enduring previous incidents of domestic violence, her lawyer said. ★

# Prophesied Cashless Society

By Hal Lindsey  
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Lindsey

The elimination of cash as a medium of exchange is a step that governments and banks have been trying to take for almost two decades without success. There are good and logical reasons for eliminating cash. It will essentially wipe out the cash-dependent drug trade; remove the incentive behind most petty crimes; and paper money is dirty, spreads diseases, and it is expensive to print and handle.

Electronic money addresses all of these issues in a single stroke. The difficulty rests in overcoming public resistance to the idea.

**The Book of the Revelation foretells the events that will take place during the final seven years of human government before the Second Coming of Christ. It records the judgments of what popular culture has come to call the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.**

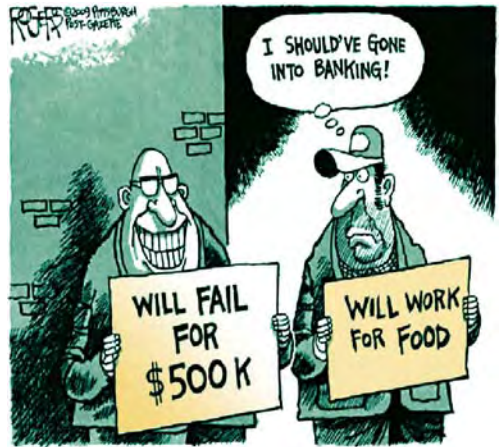
One of these judgments is symbolized by the rider on the black horse: "Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, 'A quart of wheat for a day's wages and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!'" (Revelation 6:6 NIV)

The symbols of wheat and barley represent a day's food and a denari was a day's wage. The oil and the wine symbolize a wealthy man's food. So in that day, it will cost all of a working-man's wages to buy a day's food. However, the wealthy will be unaffected during this judgment. This is a textbook description of a modern economic depression.

During Revelation's predicted Tribulation period, the global system will be presided over by a single political authority in the person of the antiChrist.

The Apostle John forewarns that his control over the economy will be absolute: "He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name." (Revelation 13:16-17 NIV)

In 1969, when I wrote my book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, it was difficult to understand how such control over every individual on Earth could be accomplished. However, in the light of the exponential leap in today's technology, this crucial end-time prophecy can be fully comprehended.



If the present economic crisis spirals into a world depression, it could force the world to accept a totally centralized control of a cashless society. All that remains, then, is for the antiChrist to step forward and take over. The Apostle John, under the inspiration of God's Spirit, predicted these things 2,000 years ago. Now what seemed impossible for nearly 20 centuries is developing right before our eyes.

It is important to remember that all of these predictions were linked with a series of events that lead to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It is time for everyone to receive the gift of pardon He died to purchase for us. "Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." (John 3:18 NIV) ★

# Every Christian Should Learn This

By Zola Levitt

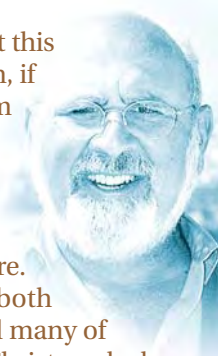
Christians aren't aware that a long time ago our Lord and our faith were noticed by an unbeliever who wrote a detailed paragraph that should be read aloud in every church.

Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian, went to Rome and became a close friend of the Emperors Vespasian and Titus. He wrote the history of the Jews for Rome until his death in 100 AD.

*The Antiquities of the Jews*, a comprehensive history of the Jewish people from the beginnings of Biblical history to the outbreak of the war in 66 A.D., in twenty books, was completed in 94 A.D.

In Book 18/Chapter 3/section 3 Josephus wrote:

“Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the gentiles. He was Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.”



**References are also made about:**

James, brother of Jesus, in Book 20/Chapter 9/section 1

John the Baptist in Book 18/Chapter 5/section 2 ★

## Methodists Commemorate the “Nakba”

By Mark Tooley [www.WeeklyStandard.com](http://www.WeeklyStandard.com)

Having rejected anti-Israel divestment of its pension funds, the 7.9 million-member United Methodist Church is courting new controversy involving anti-Israel bias again this year. In February, the Methodist Building on Capitol Hill, from which the denomination conducts its political lobbying, kicked off a three-week exhibition in the lobby called “Our Story: A Photo Exhibit Commemorating 60 Years of Dispossession,” commemorating the *nakba*, as Palestinians refer to the “catastrophe” of Israel’s creation.

Friends of Sabeel Canada, an advocate of Palestinian Liberation Theology among left-leaning Christians, produced the latest version of the traveling photo show. The reception was hosted by the Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace, a small group of various religious adherents that advocates “divesting from or boycotting those companies” that “profit from

the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem.”

According to an announcement from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), which owns and occupies the Methodist Building, the exhibit “marks the annual observance of the *nakba*, the 1948 mass deportation of Palestinians, massacres of civilians, and the razing to the ground of hundreds of Palestinian villages following the creation of Israel.”

Across recent decades, the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill has hosted rallies and lobby events for groups supporting the Sandinistas in Nicaragua and the Marxist guerillas in El Salvador, for front groups of the North Korean regime, for advocates of Fidel Castro’s misrule, for apologists of the Soviet empire, and for countless other tyrannies that have plagued the modern era. By portraying Israel’s founding as a “catastrophe” that can only be redeemed through the gradual eradication of the Middle East’s only longstanding democracy, the Methodist lobbyists are at least faithful to a decades-long tradition. ★

# Society's Projection

By Patrick Cox  
Contributing Editor



Patrick Cox

The term “projection” was coined by Sigmund Freud to describe the tendency to see one’s own undesirable traits in others, particularly where they don’t exist.

I don’t necessarily subscribe to the doctrines of psychoanalysis, but the basic concept helps us understand human behavior—on both an individual and societal level. On the individual level, we see it demonstrated when the person most likely to betray a trust is the quickest to accuse others of treachery. On the societal level, where projections become nationalist and cultural, they become extremely dangerous.

**One of the most consequential examples in history was the Germanic delusion of an Aryan master race.**

Now largely forgotten, except in white supremacist circles, this movement openly bragged that it was genetically and intellectually destined to rule the world. Then, in a case of mass projection, the movement’s proponents attributed those very motives to the Jewish people. Moreover, they embraced an entire mythology to justify hating the Jews by blaming them for the fact that their own Aryan master race was not already ruling the world.

Many of these same anti-Jewish myths and slanders grip the Muslim world, which is engaged in its own group projection. Both Hamas and the supposedly moderate Fatah officially endorse *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The book, similarly embraced by the Nazis, is an obviously altered form of *The Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu*, written in 1864 by Maurice Joly to protest the international campaign of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The irony is that Hamas and Fatah support the international campaign of Islam, the view that Muslims are destined by the will of Allah to rule

over the infidel. Jihad is the prescribed method; deceit and violence are openly celebrated when used to accomplish this subjugation of the “inferior.”

This stated goal is transformed to a great evil, again, when projected to the Jews. Muslims see no sense of hypocrisy in this double standard.

However, even more dangerous is projecting, not undesirable characteristics, but rather positive, desirable characteristics onto others.

Many in the West, and the media in particular, ascribe Western civilized values to Palestinians and others who believe wholeheartedly that the extermination of Jews is a fine thing. For most people in the West, such an attitude is simply unimaginable. As a result, Westerners project elaborate justifications onto these jihadists, excusing their barbaric and superstitious behaviors.



**This is the flip side of projection. In practice, it produces an inability to recognize evil for what it is.** We saw it clearly in anti-Israel demonstrations that protested the Israeli military invading Gaza to stop the incessant rocket attacks on Israeli citizens.

Those who view the conflict in the Middle East as between two parties with equally valid perspectives are projecting their own moral values onto people who believe the murder of Jews will be rewarded in heaven. Unless more Westerners recognize the battle between Israel and its enemies for what it is—a battle between good and evil—that same evil will continue to grow like a cancer in our midst. ★

# Israel: Made Of Steel

By David Dolan



David Dolan

The three-week winter conflict between Israeli military forces and Hamas's gunmen and rockets in the Gaza Strip did much to repair the damage done to Israel's fighting image during the inconclusive 2006 Second Lebanon War. After that conflict ended in stalemate, Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah declared the once mighty Israel now a mere "spider's web" that could be torn apart easily by regional Muslim forces. But, the Gaza war proved that Israel's vaunted defense forces remain among the best fighting machines on Earth.

Military analysts had said, before the Gaza Strip battle began, that restoring Israel's deterrent credibility was crucial if future conflicts with Hezbollah, Syria, and Iran were to be avoided. Now, regional bullies—consumed with the spirit of jihad against Jewish "infidels" and determined to restore Islamic control to the Lord's special land—will have to think twice before launching an assault on Israel.

Of course, Hamas and its allies declared the three-week dustup a great victory for them. Celebration rallies were staged around the rubble of buildings that clearly testified to the opposite: that Hamas had gotten pummeled by the mighty IDF, with one of the best air forces in the world.

Hezbollah and Iran joined in hailing the supposed triumph, which made them look ridiculous not only in the eyes of the Israeli public, but also to the many Palestinians who watched in disgust as hundreds of trained Hamas fighters literally tore off their military uniforms and melted into civilian neighborhoods in order to save themselves.

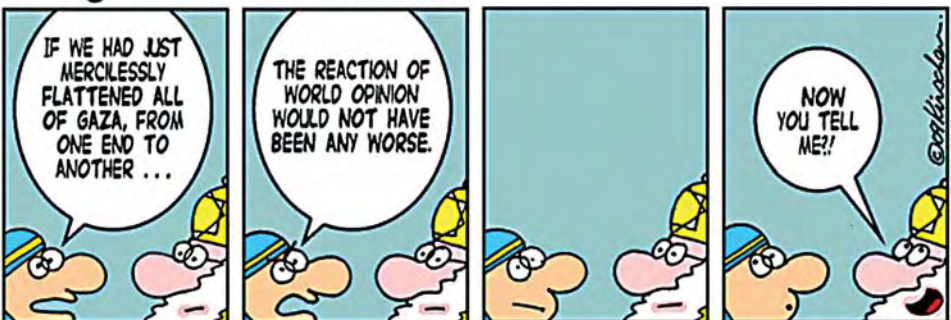
The best news was that pre-war estimates that over 100 soldiers might be killed in a Gaza land operation did not pan out. Instead, **just 10 Israeli soldiers perished**. The most miraculous outcome was the low Israeli civilian death toll—held to just three people.

Most importantly, the Israeli public demonstrated during the Gaza battle that they are willing to sacrifice when necessary to survive as a viable nation in the mostly Muslim Middle East. And their fighting men and women proved once again that they are more than capable of defending their land, whatever the cost.

Israel's many enemies have been freshly reminded that the world's only Jewish State is not a weak spider's web, but a tightly spun net of steel. And maybe they will begin to realize that it is Israel's God who rules the universe in awesome power and majesty!



## Dry Bones KING SOLOMON AND HIS ADVISER



**It has been three years since Zola Levitt's passing.** With his Messianic Jewish insights, delivered in no-nonsense, straight-talking manners, he became one of the best-known media ministers in Christian broadcasting history. That the legacy continues, and that you have stayed with us after he left us for glory, is a testimony to your appreciation for the ministry. Thank you for enabling us to carry on in these interesting times.

# DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



you'll read them carefully and prayerfully, and benefit personally.

This ministry is getting rave reviews about our current television series *The Warrior King: David-like Leadership for Goliath-like Times*. And I anticipate great responses for the follow-up series presently in the works, *When The Devil Has His Day*. As in the days of our founder, we produce Bible-based programming with a mission to inform and transform. It seems to be working. Our mail volume was up in 2008. The many thousands of letters that we receive monthly attest to our impact. The many checks enable us to make headway in our culture, and for that I thank you.



Our TV program, [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com), and the *Levitt Letter* are designed to deliver good information to you—the sort not typically available through mass media. Please feel free to use our news sources when forming your opinions about these modern times.

In this issue, we have reproduced an article from Hal Lindsey (on p. 4) in which he opens up the Book of Revelation and offers a correlation to modern times. In the upcoming *Devil* series, other Bible scholars—like Joel Rosenberg, Tim LaHaye, and Chuck Missler—will share their views about current happenings.

Since this is a good time to work together, we are taking the time and expense to expose readers and viewers to the ideas of like-minded ministers. I believe it is God's will for us to pull together and respond to today's needs.

This magazine draws from a variety of electronic and print news sources. Some of our contributors are religious—Christian, Jewish, Muslim—and some secular. I hope

We recently aired a prophecy update with Rabbi Jamie Cowen, past president of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations. (View "Prophecy Update, Part 2" at [www.levitt.tv/media/watch/1656](http://www.levitt.tv/media/watch/1656).)

Educated as a lawyer as well as an economist, Rabbi Cowen believes the Jews likely will get blamed in tightening economic times.

Concerns about the shifting economic and political climate prompt me to be more aggressive with our publishing—though not with our fundraising. I want to write articles and books, and produce television. By so doing, I can offer biblical accountings with evangelistic edges. While I was at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville in February, the president and CEO of the Christian Broadcasting Network, Michael Little, commended me on the good job this ministry is doing.

Our CEO Mark Levitt has declared to me that this ministry won't ever sound like the many hucksters who forever press for donations. Our fundraising on television is minimal, as is our appeal here.

**Please join me on one of the two June 7th Holy Land tours.** The ten-day **Discovery** (Israel only) **Tour** returns on the 17th. The **Am Israel Chai Extension**, which includes volunteer work, travels through the 21st. Our four fall tours depart on October 13th and 18th and return on October 28th and November 1st. **You can choose Israel only, or add Petra, Athens, or both.** If you want to experience Israel's sacred spots, please call Abel at (214) 696-9760 and reserve your slot now. The lull in Middle East tensions and world economy make this an optimal year to go.

Your messenger,



# 60 MINUTES Smears Israel

Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America [www.CAMERA.org](http://www.CAMERA.org)

In the January 25th episode of CBS's *60 Minutes* entitled "Is Peace Out of Reach?" correspondent **Bob Simon** teamed up with Palestinian politician and partisan **Mustafa Barghouti** to promote the Palestinian view of the Arab-Israeli conflict, heaping blame on Israel and exculpating the Palestinians for the absence of peace. In a caricature of Israeli villainy and Palestinian victimhood, Simon presented a simple fable: a two-state solution, the key to peace, is thwarted by stubborn Israeli settlers.



Palestinian speakers were joined by a like-minded Israeli critic, while an Israeli settler leader whose views represent neither the Israeli mainstream, the Israeli government, nor even most settlers was cast as the primary obstacle to peace. But the program itself was much more lopsided than even the imbalance of speakers indicates, since correspondent Bob Simon—whose voice dominates the segment—clearly and continuously joined the “blame Israel” chorus.

While echoing Palestinian talking points and repeating without challenge anti-Israel propaganda—including the slur that Israel practices apartheid and that settlements are like “Crusader fortresses”—Simon overlooked recent history and even heckled an Israeli soldier as if in a schoolyard argument. (“Have you lost your voice?” he contemptuously asked an Israeli soldier who was seemingly not authorized or prepared to speak with the press.)

Simon laid down his distorted storyline at the outset of the segment, declaring: “A lasting peace really depends on the West Bank, where

Palestinians had hoped to create their state.”

Actually, most Israelis would say—given recent experience with peace-making attempts—that “lasting peace really depends” on Palestinians accepting Israel as a legitimate and permanent neighbor and not continuing to hope for and seek Israel’s elimination from the region. But this view held by Israelis was absent from the program.

Nor, in this vein, was there any mention that Palestinians were offered the two-state solution sixty years ago, and again eight years ago when they not only rejected the Camp David/Taba peace offer, but rather chose a terror war against Israel. Had they accepted the offer, Palestinians would have a state, settlements deep inside the West Bank would be gone, and the hope was, Palestinian terrorism would have ceased. Instead, the eruption of unprecedented Palestinian terrorism prompted Israeli defensive measures that altered the face of the West Bank.



Mustafa Barghouti

None of this crucial information appeared in the segment.

Simon also failed to remind viewers of the other recent Israeli effort to reduce violence and enhance peace—the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. Israel removed every citizen and dismantled every settlement and got, in return, not peace but more rockets and mortars than ever. ★

Visit [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news) to read specific examples of the faulty reporting, and a transcript of the broadcast.

# Bless Israel Tour Report

By Sandra Levitt

Sandra announced her retirement in the February *Levitt Letter*. Below is her report on the Bless Israel tour that she led last November. — Mark

I finally created my dream tour to Israel—a focus on volunteer work while still visiting some key sites. Last November, 20 of us flew to Israel to donate our time and talents. The “Bless Israel” banner across the front of our bus: \$25. Double takes and smiles from onlookers: priceless.

We volunteered first in Meir Panim, a soup kitchen in Jerusalem. Most soup kitchens offer a buffet line, but Meir Panim volunteers provide sit-down service. It looks like a café—from the street and inside—not a soup kitchen. About fifteen of these “cafés” serve the needy around Jerusalem. They also offer vocational classes, after-school care, and Hebrew lessons.

We served a constant stream of people from the time the café opened at noon until two in the afternoon. We also got to smile and let them know we love them and Israel!



One of our group suggested we take an offering, and we purchased an entire section of chicken wings at the grocery store, plus three carts full of carrots, sodas, rice, and potatoes.

Next we volunteered to “sift” at the Temple Mount archaeological site. Volunteers sift through rubble that has accumulated during the several years the Muslims have been “renovating” on the Temple Mount. During

their excavations, the *Waqf* (the Muslim equivalent of the National Park Service) dumped historic treasures without efforts to identify or preserve them.

It will take four to five years to sift through rubble, some of which dates to before the First Temple Period. Sifting in sight of the Temple Mount made the memory all the more precious. We found mosaics, Roman glass, metal, and lots of pottery shards.



In Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, we worked at a Bridges for Peace clothing bank. Imagine a warehouse scattered with clothes, shoes, books, and furniture. We took up an offering to buy ten large shelving units. Our team worked for half-a-day on *Shabbat* Friday, then returned on Sunday for a full day of cleaning, painting, folding, sorting, and tidying. The managers were overwhelmed by what we had accomplished and thanked us profusely.

I want to thank the Bless Israel pilgrims for their time, energy, and contributions. We embarked on the journey thinking we would bless Israel, but in the end, it was we who were blessed.



If you feel called to volunteer in Israel, we offer two options: you can add the June 17-21 *Am Israel Chai* (The People of Israel Live) Extension to the ministry's June 7-17 Discovery Tour. Or you can join my Bless Israel group this October 24-November 4. For more information, contact the ministry's travel manager Abel at (214) 696-9760 during office hours. ★

## Degrees in Jewish Studies

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



A few months ago I spoke at the Denver Seminary to help kick off their Master of Divinity in Messianic Judaism program.

Recently, Dr. Ray Gannon had me teach a module for Kings Seminary in California. It, in conjunction with Jewish Voice Ministries and the Messianic Jewish Bible Institute, is also offering a degree track leading to a Master of Divinity degree and/or a Doctor of Ministry degree in Messianic Jewish Studies. Faculty members include Dr. Jack Hayford, Rabbi Jonathan Bernis, Seminary Director Dr. Ray Gannon, Dr. Michael Brown, Dr. Daniel Juster, and Rabbi Chaim Urbach.

I enthusiastically commend this program. Interested persons should contact Program Director Dr. Ray Gannon at [RayGannon@theKingsJewishVoice.org](mailto:RayGannon@theKingsJewishVoice.org), or at 417-886-7622. The website is [www.TheKingsJewishVoice.org](http://www.TheKingsJewishVoice.org).

## Eradicating the “Little Satan”

By Ze'ev Maghen  
www.CommentaryMagazine.com

The vast majority of Germans in World War II did not personally and passionately hate the Jews: they had never even met the men, women, children, and infants whom they would eventually butcher en masse. It was, for the most part, a methodically drilled-in ideology that powered the genocide machine, a machine that killed six million Jews *despite* the fact that the Germans did not hate them.

Similarly with the events of September 11, 2001. Did **Muhammad Atta**, the ringleader of the terrorists who brought down the Twin Towers, genuinely and fervently hate every single individual working there on that fateful day, let alone all of the passengers on the plane he commandeered? How could he? He had never met them, and they had never personally done anything to him. What is more, Atta had spent many years in the United States preparing for his mission, during which time he rubbed elbows with all types of Americans. Is it plausible that he managed to maintain a constant boiling rage all day every day toward every one of these acquaintances and their fellow countrymen? How could such a creature survive, or master the self-control to carry out his assigned role?

What is true for Nazi storm troopers and al-Qaeda operatives is true for today's fundamentalist Shiites. It is not their genuine, vehement hatred that we have to fear; it is their endless, drone-like training. ★

**This is an excerpt from an essay by a lecturer in Islamic history and Persian language and chair of the department of Middle East Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Israel.**



## Israel's Jews Sever Ties With Wishy-Washy Vatican

By Ian Deitch Associated Press

Israel's chief rabbinate severed ties with the Vatican in late January to protest a papal decision to reinstate a bishop who publicly denied that 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust.

The Jewish state's highest religious authority sent a letter to the Holy See expressing “sorrow and pain” at the papal decision. The rabbinate and the State of Israel have separate ties with the Vatican, and the move does not affect state relations.

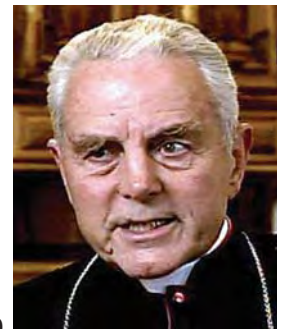
Pope Benedict XVI, faced with an uproar over the bishop, said he feels “full and indisputable solidarity” with Jews and warned against any denial of the full horror of the Nazi genocide. The director general of the chief rabbinate's office welcomed the pope's remarks, calling them “a big step toward reconciliation.”

With his comments, the pope reached out to Jews angered by his decision to rehabilitate Bishop **Richard Williamson**, who told

Swedish TV in a recent broadcast interview that evidence “is hugely against 6 million Jews being deliberately gassed.” He said 300,000

Jews were killed at most, “but not one of them by gassing in a gas chamber.”

The German-born Benedict recalled his visits to the Auschwitz death camp—including as pope in May 2006—and the “brutal massacre of millions of Jews, innocent victims of blind racial and religious hatred.”



## What The Holy See Says It's Seeing

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

*Inside the Vatican* is favored by many Roman Catholic clergy and laity alike. Edited by Dr. Robert Moynihan, the periodical is full of awe-inspiring photographs and an assortment of timely and insightful articles. The January 2009 edition of *Inside the Vatican* ran a cover story that went inside Israel—not the Vatican—and was printed under the title “The War in Gaza: Peace Under Fire.”

The article referred to the war in Gaza as the “Israeli ground invasion.” It noted that “economic and social injustices are what foment violence” within Israel. And it referred to the problem as the “continual massacre in the Holy Land” and to Gaza as “more and more a big concentration camp.” These statements blamed the Jews for the region’s troubles—an old and enduring Christian habit.

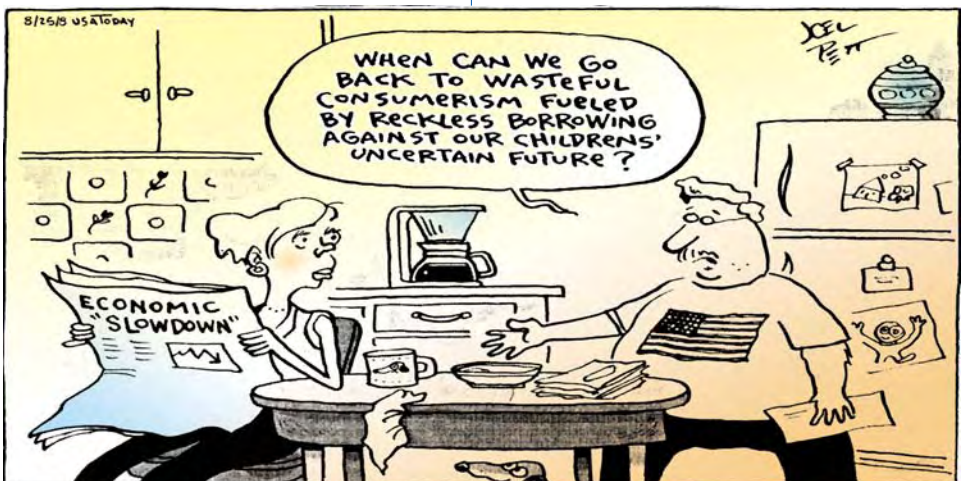
Disturbed by this anti-Jewish assessment, I wrote Dr. Moynihan about publishing my response. He has yet to reply. It seems the magazine does a better job of getting inside the Vatican than inside what’s really happening in Israel. However, an article two years earlier, in the August-September 2006 edition, entitled “Hope in Time of War” was different: It took readers inside Israel in a reasonably responsible manner.

Its author, Edward Pentin, leaned upon the assessment of Father David Jaeger. Jaeger is a priest and lecturer in canon law at the Pontifical Antonianum University in Rome who fared originally from Judaism. His background seemed to give him a more balanced perspective.

In the 2006 article, *Inside the Vatican* quoted Jaeger’s warning about the consequences of Hamas’s rise and the rise of “a Palestinian Islamist theocracy.” Jaeger said that it “jeopardizes the chances of peace” and noted that “Palestinian Christians cannot prosper under such a regime.” Sensing trouble and relying on Father Jaeger, Pentin concluded that “it is impossible to foresee what may happen tomorrow.”

Pentin’s “tomorrow” came—just recently—and with it came the unleashing of the dogs of war. My concern is that *Inside the Vatican*’s most recent reporting conflicts with its previous report. It opted, instead, to resort to castigating the Jews.

The Roman Catholic Church is a big institution and still exerts considerable influence in this world. If only the rational voices within it would rise up from within it and overcome the shallow maligning of God’s Chosen who are living in their God-given, ancestral homeland.



## The Story of “Alfred the Great” (849-899)

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In the winter of 887, King Alfred of Wessex, having fought off pagan, Viking invaders, sat in his royal apartments studying Scripture with his tutor, trusted advisor and “muse,” the Welsh priest Asser. As Asser read from the Text, Alfred listened intently, determined to master the ancient tongue in which the Scriptures were available to him.

There were, of course, pressing matters of state, but Alfred believed none so important that it warranted neglecting the study of God’s Word. He had, in fact, taken an oath to spend half of his time in the political governance of his kingdom and half in devotion to the spiritual affairs of his Christian faith. He was motivated by the conviction that England’s vulnerability to Viking attack was, in large measure, God’s punishment for the decline of education in his country and that “a personal interest in wisdom was a facet of true Christian kingship.” Thus his goal was to have “a well-peopled land” including “men of prayer, men of war, and men of work,” a goal which he knew would require his commitment to learning as a lifelong spiritual discipline.

As he neared 40, when most men had their years of greatest learning behind them, Alfred sent word to Wales of his need for a minister, one who could teach him to read and interpret the language of the Church. Upon Asser’s arrival, Alfred spent much of his time cloistered with his new tutor, who soon thanked God that the king was enthusiastic about learning from the Scriptures. (The priest compared him to “the busy bee, wandering far and wide . . . in his quest, eagerly and relentlessly assembling many various flowers of Holy Scripture.”)

As they studied, Alfred compiled a handbook of Scripture and commentary, his “enchiridion” [handbook]. This he carried with him at all times



as a source of devotion and comfort. The king was an apt student and was even able to translate many of the Psalms as well as works by Augustine, Boethius, and Gregory the Great into his own native Anglo-Saxon tongue. This proved of

great spiritual benefit to his fellow Englishmen. (For instance, he sent a copy of his translation of Gregory the Great’s *Pastoral Care* to each bishop in the land.)

Alfred’s devotion to the discipline of learning allowed him to lead Wessex to become the “the spiritual heart of . . . Christian England.” His ethical reforms, based upon the Ten Commandments, allowed him to begin the establishment of a nation of relative peace and light in a world of darkness. It was his commitment to learning that ultimately led to his becoming the only king of England to be given the title “the Great.”

Alfred was a king during a difficult era, yet he found the time to devote himself to the spiritual discipline of learning from God’s Word. Can modern Christians have any excuses greater than those Alfred could have used to avoid study? Believers must love the Lord not only with heart and soul but also with the mind (Mark 12:29-30). They should agree with Alfred when he says, “he seems to me a very foolish man and very wretched who will not increase his understanding while he is in this world and ever wish and long to reach that endless life where all shall be made clear.” ★

Would that our political leaders were moved by similar inclinations. —Jeff

## Victory for Suspended Christian Nurse

By Ruth Gledhill [www.TimesOnline.co.uk](http://www.TimesOnline.co.uk)

The British nurse who was suspended without pay for offering to pray for a patient's recovery has been reinstated and will return to work.



**Caroline Petrie**, an evangelical Christian from Weston-super-Mare, was subjected to disciplinary action by the local NHS [National Health Service] trust even though the patient was not offended and made no complaint.

Petrie, who was supported by the Christian Legal Centre, was summoned to a disciplinary hearing in January on the charge that she had failed to demonstrate a “personal and professional commitment to equality and diversity.”

The trust said that it recognized Petrie, a mother of two, had been acting in the “best interests of her patients” and that nurses did not have to “set aside their faith” in the workplace and could “continue to offer high-quality care for patients while remaining committed to their beliefs.”

It also conceded that for some people, prayer was an “integral part of health care and the healing process.”

Sir Patrick Cormack, the Tory MP for South Staffordshire and a committed Anglican, told Parliament that the case illustrated the “utter absurdities” of political correctness.

“This is a great victory for Petrie, and for common sense,” Andrea Williams, director of the Christian Legal Centre, said. “Today’s decision highlights the importance of being able to take personal faith into the workplace rather than being forced to leave it at the

door for fear of being silenced by equality and diversity policies.”

The turnaround by the trust comes amid a tightening up by government on how far public sector workers can go in communicating their faith.

According to a recent document published by the Department of Health, any attempt by a doctor or nurse to proselytize during the course of their work is to be considered harassment or intimidation and will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

Hazel Blears, the Communities Secretary, said that the government was working on a charter that would change the rules on the funding of faith-based charity work. “The charter would mean faith groups who are paid public money to provide services promising to provide those services to everyone, regardless of their background. And promising not to use public money to proselytize.

“It’s not about trying to stop the people manning the soup kitchens or making the home visits talking about their faith if people ask, or being open about what motivates them. It is about making sure that services funded by public money are unconditional—clearly and unequivocally so—with no strings attached.” ★



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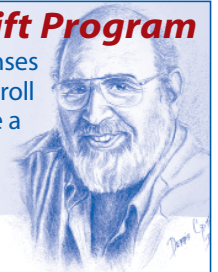
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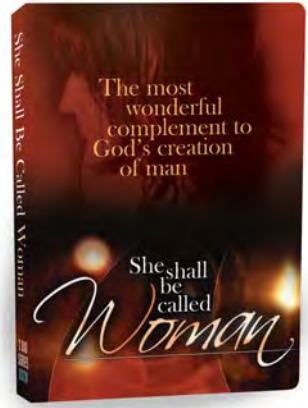
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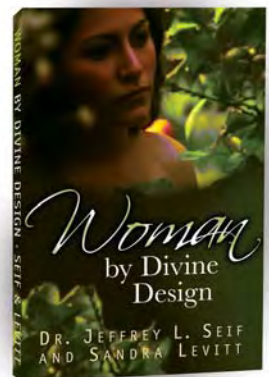
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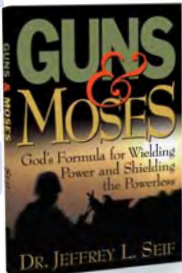
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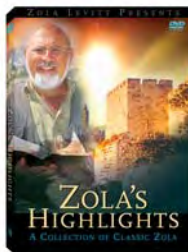
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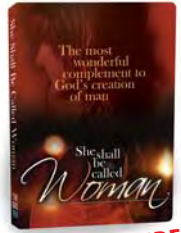
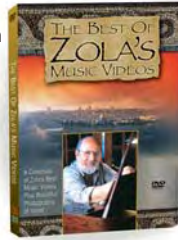


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Paul has ministered in more than 30 nations and recorded music in several languages. You've probably recently seen him performing his music on our television program, *Zola Levitt Presents*. Soon he will join Jeff during studio segments of our TV serial presentations. Paul grew up with a Jewish father and a Baptist mother. But, just as with Zola, he was called to the Lord's work at the Indiana University music school in Bloomington. For more about Paul, visit [www.wilburministries.com](http://www.wilburministries.com).



## Duplicates? Moving?

Are you receiving two or more copies of our newsletters? Please let us know so that we can unclutter your mailbox and cut costs. And maybe pass that extra copy on to a friend. Also, please let us know a month or more ahead if you're moving so that you won't miss any *Letters*. Thanks.

## Pamphlet of the Month

This month's pamphlet, "**Questions & Answers about Estate Planning**," discusses embracing the future by taking time to plan for it. After briefly explaining what estate planning is and what occurs in the absence of an estate plan, the pamphlet suggests how to begin creating an estate plan. It also touches on ways to complement a will, such as trusts, joint ownership arrangements, powers of attorney, and beneficiary designations. Finally, it suggests ways to make charitable gifts within estate plans and enjoy immediate tax savings plus other benefits. To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com) or write to our P.O. Box.

## Can Stock Brokers Erase the Past Too Easily? Apparently so.

According to a *Wall Street Journal* article from December 21, 2007, "Arbitration panels have approved requests to wipe out 98% of alleged misdeeds." A study by the PIABA (Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association) "indicates the arbitration panels are rubber-stamping many expungement requests without a thorough review.

Neither FINRA nor the NASD, described on page 29, disputed these findings. For the complete article, visit [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).

## "Come Home!"

Zola's  
Tours to  
Israel:



See page  
36 for details



## Israeli Invention Lets Paraplegics Walk

By Dr. Itay Gal [www.YNetNews.com](http://www.YNetNews.com)

In what is probably one of the most important Israeli medical breakthroughs of recent times, Haifa-based Argo Medical Technologies has developed the ReWalk, a sort of exoskeleton that may promise to rid paraplegics of their wheelchairs.

One of the first people to get to try out the new invention is **Radi Kaiof**, a former IDF soldier who was crippled in his service. Kaiof has been bound to his wheelchair for the past 20 years, and while he still lacks all feeling in his legs, he is now able to walk with the use of the robotic suit.

This innovative device is the brain-child of engineer Amit Goffer, founder of the Argo company. Goffer got the inspiration to create such a suit over a decade ago after being paralyzed in a road accident.

And here's how it works: The robotic suit is strapped onto the body at the legs, and the user wears a backpack that holds a lightweight computerized control box.



Upon command the robotic control lifts the user out of his seat, and at the push of a button, the user starts taking first steps. Another button allows the user to be seated.

Development of this product is still in experimental stages in Israel, and wider experiments are planned to follow in the United States and Europe. If all the relevant permits are granted as expected, developers believe the ReWalk will be on sale as early as next year.

Developers promise that while the device's price is yet to be set, it will be affordable even for those who are not wealthy. ★

## Arabs Want Their Kids To Stay In Israel

[www.IsraelToday.co.il](http://www.IsraelToday.co.il)

A poll conducted in late January 2009 revealed that the overwhelming majority of Israeli Arabs want their children to remain in the Jewish state, further debunking the myth that Arab citizens of Israel suffer severe discrimination and persecution.

The survey is conducted yearly by Midgam Consulting [an Israeli firm] for use at an annual policy strategy conference, and focuses on the level of patriotism among Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens.



With the Gaza war only recently ended, the numbers were somewhat skewed, though as expected the vast majority of Jewish respondents expressed strong patriotic feelings toward their country, while less than half of Arab respondents said they felt the same.

However, 81 percent of Arab respondents said they would encourage their children to remain in Israel, rather than seek residence in an Arab country or in the West (as many have done in the past).

That number was up from just 56 percent last year. ★



# Letters to ZLM

## Comments from [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

From E.B.J.—

You people are RIGHT ON! We don't have enough proclaiming the truth as you do. May GOD richly bless you and your ministry. Psalm 122:6

## Letters about Sandra's Retirement

### Picking Up Zola's Sword

Dear Sandra,

When Zola took ill and then went home to be with our Lord and Savior, you stepped up. You picked up Zola's Sword. I know that he must be very proud of you. I am grateful that you all worked hard to keep the ministry as when Zola was there. I appreciate Jeff and all he does. Your *Levitt Letter* still has the sound and spirit of Zola, yet it remains fresh and relevant...alive! You have done a good job, Sandra. I know it must have taken a lot out of you to set yourself aside to carry on what God called Zola to do. The Ministry has done a wonderful job, and I will continue to contribute. Zola Levitt Ministries is good soil to plant seed in.

I look forward to seeing your occasional newsletter article [\[there is one on p. 10-11\]](#) and will remember you in prayer. Starting out doing something new is courageous. May God bless you in your endeavors for Him.

A fellow servant,  
Rev. W.S.

### Wonderful Examples

I just read that Sandra is retiring and will miss her very much. She is special—beautiful—and an example of *She Shall Be Called Woman* for all of us. I also had a special feeling in my heart for Jeff's wife when she came on the program. I know she is a loving mom and wife. Thank you for such wonderful programs to watch each week and for your newsletter.  
C. H.

*A big thank you to all who have written. Retirement is great! In fact, I think I'm busier than when I had a "real job." God bless you all.*  
—Sandra

**PRAY FOR THE TROOPS.** *Afghanistan can be tough but this soldier finds time to smile and bear it.*



## ZLM's Goals Remain Unchanged

Dear Jeff,

I was sad to hear Sandra was leaving. I used to live in Florida. My sister-in-law and I used to go anytime Zola was in the neighborhood. Sandra is a very sweet lady. But you can carry on, and hopefully she will come back and visit on occasion. She will be missed. Keep up the good work. —B.B.

Dear B.B.—

Did we anticipate Sandra's retirement? No. Will Sandra's presence be missed? Yes. Will her absence change the nature of what we do? No. As long as Ken Berg is our producer, Mark Levitt is our executive director, and I am a spiritual leader, preacher, and teacher, we'll keep the focus that you have come to love and expect. —Jeff

Please see *She Shall Be Called Woman and Woman By Divine Design* on page 17.



## God's Grace Works Wonders

Dear Jeff,

Seventeen years ago I was arrested for first degree robbery. My Christian journey in the maximum state prison was the greatest opportunity for me to work out my own salvation. After reading "Letters to ZLM" in the February edition, I was disturbed by how casually authors disparaged you in such an unsavory manner. The presumptuous, callous, and mean-spirited tone of the letters was childish and did not reflect Jesus Christ. I am grateful that you did not capitulate to such a contemptuous exchange, Jeff. Keep holding the torch high. —M.J.L.

Dear M.J.L.—

You're writing from where!? You sound like a professor writing from Harvard, not from a correctional facility. As for your closing comment about holding my peace, I confess that an editor tones down my passion now and then. Your kind disposition shows that the Lord has done a gracious work in your heart—you've gone from armed robbery to extending your arms toward me and your fellow inmates. Thanks.

Blessings. —Jeff



## What Was Zola Thinking?

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

I enjoyed watching Zola Levitt. I believe he has made a grave error in not training someone to take over the program. Zola's lack of foresight, selfishness or stubbornness has caused a real crisis/problem. The Lord knows all about it, but sadly the program suffers now. As for me, I'll probably give my support now to Hal Lindsay [sic] from now on. In Christ, E.K.R.

Dear Readers,

I saved E.K.R.'s letter that arrived not long after Zola journeyed Heavenward in April 2006. It was tempting to respond with promises about Jeff's potential as this ministry's new messenger. But now I am honored and blessed to let our twelve new television series and four new books speak to the Glory of God. And, as you can read in the DeSeifering article on page 8, our powerful outreach is not slowing down one iota.

"What was Zola thinking?" E.K.R. asked several years ago. Probably that, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" and that "God will provide" (Matt 6:33-34). -Mark

## Get Over It, Already!

Dear Sir or Madam,

My pastor gave me your magazine. I am sick to death of hearing every other day about “The Holocaust.” As an Irish-American, I think that it would be quite silly to keep on about the Potato Famine that killed over six million Irish people while the English laughed. I see in your magazine that you sell lots of merchandise. No surprise there—to the Jews, money is always the key factor. I never, EVER had a Jew give me anything, there is always a price tag attached. Feel free to print my letter. Kindest personal regards,  
M.J.M.

Dear M.J.M.—

As for Jews never giving you anything—if you have received salvation, you got it free from a Jew named Jesus. Our magazine was free to you, as is the television program if you care to watch it. It costs millions of dollars to offer it to you, all paid for by people (many of them Jewish) who love, care, and share.  
Yours, Jeff

## Seeds of Intolerance in Islam

Dear Levitt Ministries,

I have been a Muslim all of my life, and now see the seeds of violence and intolerance that are sown in the literature of Islam, including the “holy” Koran. My Christian friends at work tell me about Jesus and His message of love. I want to learn more. I haven’t become a Christian yet—my family would disown me. I will do it soon, however, and tell my family to leave that hateful religion.  
Yours, R.S.

Dear R.S.—

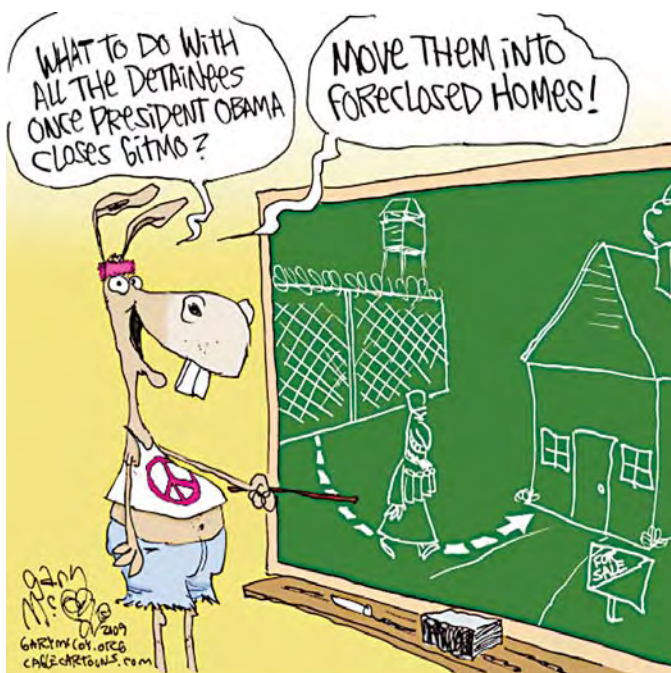
I’d love to talk to you. Feel free to contact me through email at [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com).  
Yours, Jeff

## No Politics, Please

Dear ZLM,  
Please drop the politics in the *Levitt Letter* and stay on what you do best: praise God and promote His Kingdom. Remember: the putrid far-right is as corrupt as the putrid far-left.  
Yours,  
B.P.

Dear B.P.—

I intend to speak about politics when it bears on Bible issues.  
—Jeff





## My Favorite Is John Parsons

Dear Staff,

I want to be placed on your mailing list. I am doing hard time in a woman's prison and your magazine renews me in my walk with God. My new favorite is the Hebrew Lesson by John Parsons; I absorb every word. And thanks for updating me on world events. God bless all of you. Your devoted reader now, K.N.

## Forgive Me For Being A Jew?

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

You said Jeffrey Seif was a "Jew." I believe you meant a "converted Jew." I hope this can be a helpful reminder so the ministry can accomplish God's purposes for it. In Christ, C.S.

Dear C.S.—

I know you mean well. However, I am a converted sinner and not a converted Jew. I asked God to forgive my sins, not my heritage. —Jeff

## The False Rapture

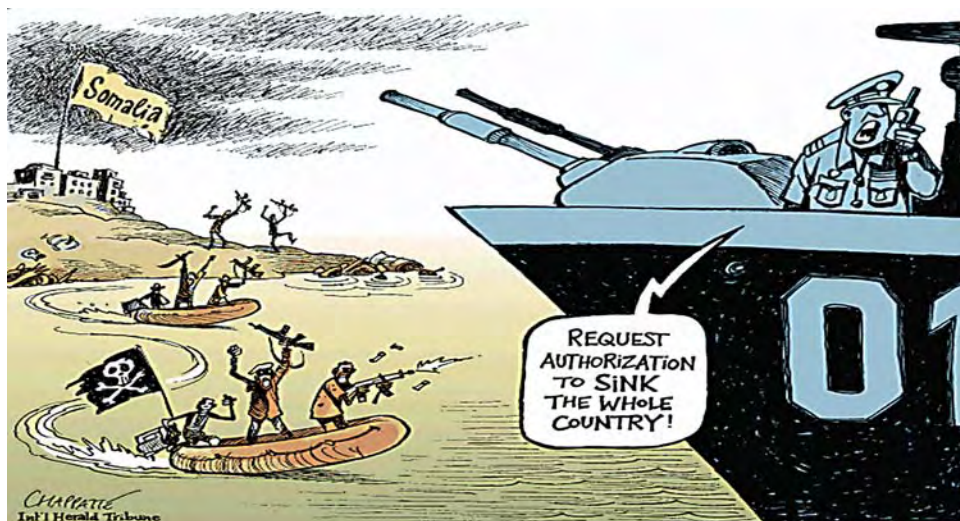
Mr. Seif,

Remove me from your mailing list ASAP! There will be no Rapture. The real truth is that the 6th trump, the 6th vial, and 6th seal equal "666"—the "Mark of the Beast." The Rapture will catch many off guard when Christ comes after these experiences. I really admire you Messiah-Hebrew types, but you need to rethink your position about the false Rapture teaching. Please send me your thoughts on this.

In His Service, B. H.

Dear Mister "Remove me..."—

Regarding indignant sorts who slam the door in my face, Jesus said, "Do not cast your pearls before swine" (Matt. 7:6). I don't know exactly what the "Mark of the Beast" is—as you seem to; I do know when people act like beasts, however, and so I will "shake off the dust from my feet" (Matt 10:14) and move on. —Jeff



## Don't Let 'Em Get You Down

Dear Dr. Seif,

As a former student of yours, I am not comfortable referring to you as “Jeff.” I received my much-anticipated *Levitt Letter* and happily sat down to read it from cover to cover.

I appreciate that you are not afraid to publish letters from people who are adamantly against truths for which ZLM stands, specifically letters from Y.Q. (Let No Man Judge You), M.S. (A Worthy Cause?), and C.B. (ZLM Not Politically Correct), from pages 22-24 of the February *Levitt Letter*. Letters such as these simply make me want to stand up straighter and proclaim in a thunderous voice, “We *will* make known the truth!”

I love the fact that you are a no-holds-barred teacher; that you communicate the truth plainly and clearly. Time is much too short to tiptoe around the truth, trying to avoid offending some “politically correct” protocol. Isaiah 5:13 tells us that people perish because they lack knowledge. Well, someone has to *declare* that knowledge if the people are to learn it. You, Dr. Seif, are doing precisely that, and I thank you for it!

I hope that this letter encourages you and the rest of ZLM to continue fighting the good fight (1Timothy 6:12; 2Timothy 4:7).

Yours, D.R.W.

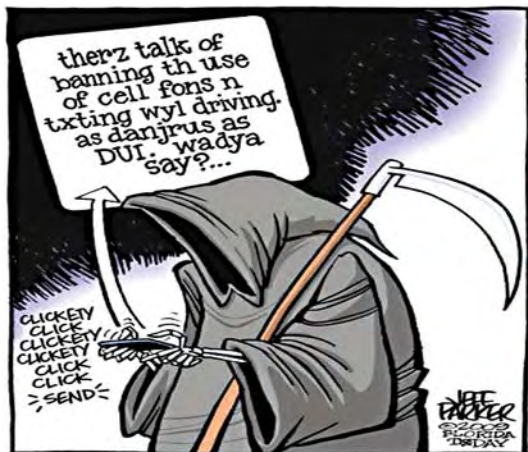
## Another Slippery Slope

Dear ZLM Staff,

I must tell you—I am SOOOO excited, I am beside myself. Yesterday, I received an email stating that a HUGE natural gas field has been discovered approx. 90 km west of Haifa. They estimate 4 to 5 TRILLION cubic feet of natural gas deep under the Med! I firmly believe that there is a vast oil field under northern Israel, as do all the people of Zion Oil & Gas. I believe that they will find it very soon. Won't that shake things up in the Middle East! —F.A.D.

Dear F.A.D.—

Please refer to “A Slippery Idea” on page 30 of the October 2006 *Levitt Letter*, archived at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com). And a June 23, 2006 *Business Week* article, “Land of Milk, Honey—and Oil?” Deuteronomy 33:24 prophesies that Asher was to dip his foot into olive oil, not petroleum. —Mark



## First Bake a Little Cake

Jeff,

In time past, I donated regularly. My financial situation changed so I stopped. This morning as I read about the widow of Zarephath (1Kings 17:8-16), I felt the need to “first bake a little cake” for you. So, I’m sending a small donation in faith. Yours is a worthy ministry and this donation is very small, but I know God can bless it. —B.McD.

## Where’s My Bible?!

To Whom It May Concern:

Four times I’ve read in *Levitt Letters* that you send Bibles for free to prisoners if we send our preference of what kind of Bible we want. Four times I’ve written to ask for a free Hebrew-English Bilingual/ Interlinear Bible (*Tanach* and *Brit Hadasha*), which I read you have plenty of due to business in Israel. Four times my request has gone unanswered and ignored. I wonder how ZLM donors would feel about ZLM ignoring repeated requests at ZLM’s (and ultimately their) expense, when a simple response or a Bible send would quell the issue.

Sincerely, N.B.

Dear N.B.—

It sounds like you want your miracle and you want it now! Our ministry staff, who all pray for you, asked that I forewarn those who request Bibles to lower their expectations just a bit. We get more requests than we have donors, the Bibles aren’t brand new, and Hebrew Bibles are extremely rare. We’re doing the best we can to distribute them when they come in. We can work with the resources only as they become available. —Mark

## What’s The Next Step?

Dear ZLM,

I am an inmate in Pennsylvania. I receive your newsletter and let me tell you, I love it! It’s nice to get the news without the sugarcoating that the media puts on it. Please keep sending it. I share it with anyone who wants to read it.

I got *Zola’s Introduction to Hebrew* earlier this year and have gone through it. Could you recommend a good Hebrew grammar book?

God bless, T.F.

Dear T.F.—

You should request a free catalog from Hebrew World, 800-998-5698, 6929 N. Hayden Rd. Suite C4-505, Scottsdale, AZ 85250, [www.hebrewworld.com](http://www.hebrewworld.com). They have a tremendous assortment of materials to complement your studies, especially once you’ve worked through *Zola’s Introduction to Hebrew*, offered on page 18. — Mark ★

Thanks, Lord.





## Loving God

By John J. Parsons

וְאַהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart (Deut. 6:5)*

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### LOVING GOD

How is it possible to “command” someone to love you? Doesn’t it seem absurd to even suggest such a thing? For instance, can you “order” your children to love you? What about your spouse? Your friend? Your pet? And yet the LORD commands this very thing, insisting that we make Him the primary passion of our lives, before all other competing loves or interests. Only God can rightfully make such a demand because He knows that loving other things more than Him leads to “disordered love,” moral evil, and eventual madness. We were made for God’s love, but substituting finite things for this infinite need will never suffice to bring lasting healing to our souls.



God doesn’t *need* us to worship Him. He’s not insecure or threatened if we do not love Him. No, it’s the other way around. God “demands” our love because He knows how much we need Him. The essence of God is love itself (1 John 4:8) and therefore it is for our infinite good to join His celebration of life. Indeed, we were created—the very cosmos itself was created—for the sake of being in a love relationship with God. This is the reason for everything that exists. Living in denial of God’s love is a form of spiritual insanity and despair.

There is “no fear in love” (1 John 4:18), though God forewarns fearful things if we will disregard reality. Hell is therefore the rejection of love, the shock of discovering that reality is based on God’s love. Jesus’ life and sacrifice constitute the radiance of God’s essence, the “exact imprint of His nature” (Heb. 1:3), and therefore rejecting Jesus is rejecting God. On the other hand, a saint, a *tzaddik*, is one who genuinely responds to God’s love by *abiding* in it. Jesus used the metaphor of a vine and branches to illustrate this union. If you look closely at a vine, it’s difficult to see where the vine ends and the branches begin. The expression of our hope, the life we live in God’s love, bears fruit that draws sustenance from the life of the true Vine. This is the communion of love as it works itself out in our daily life.

**May God help us meet our need for Him today—and always!**



# The Fiduciary Myth

By Mark Levitt



Mark Levitt

**Fiduciary** (fih-DOO-shee-er-ee) n. *Law.* One who manages investments for the benefit of others—legally obligated to act in their best interest.

The biggest whopper I heard at a recent retirement seminar was that stockbrokers are afraid to act against the investor’s best interests when dealing with their IRAs and 401Ks. Why? Supposedly because they have vowed to act as “fiduciary agents.”

This is a sad joke. Perhaps my explanation will save you a bundle.

To be fair, the seminar’s leader seemed to mean well. Of course, to earn commissions as a salesman, he must at least *appear* to mean well. And he may have believed what he implied: that salesmen who manipulate investors into purchasing unsuitable investments typically face serious consequences.

Perhaps he has never seen the inside of an \*NASD or \*FINRA arbitration. Well, I have.

It is a viper pit. And, in that scheme of things, the aggrieved investors are mice. Frankly, I have seen friendlier faces in TV lynch mob scenes than on NASD panels, whose members knew good and well that if they wanted to serve on more panels, they had better remember that the brokerages butter their bread.

To bring yourself up to speed on my campaign to warn you against stock brokerages, please see my series of *Serpent* articles, particularly installments 3-7 and 11, posted at [www.levitt.com/essays](http://www.levitt.com/essays).

What you must understand is that the investment industry is not geared to strategically foster your long-term goals. Instead, it is devised to exploit your short-term inclinations toward fear and greed.

Are you afraid of missing surefire opportunities to outpace inflation’s erosion of your purchasing power? Are you greedy enough to suppose you can earn double-digit returns without risk?

The fiduciary’s vow to act with your best interests at heart does not mean, “I work for free.” He must feed his family even when doing so means shoehorning you into a less-than-optimal investment.

And his brethren at FINRA and the NASD care more about him than about you—all while the bumbler at the SEC ignore the feeding frenzy.

## Experts like Scott Burns and Daniel Solin agree that:

- There’s no better financial investment than paying off your debts.
- You should have six months worth of income in the bank before investing.
- Paying interest while trying to earn money by investing is full of folly.

In his recent article, “Passivity Wins in Meltdown,” Burns observes, “It has been painfully demonstrated that Wall Street is populated by witless greed freaks.” It is mandatory that you become well informed rather than trusting blindly.

\*From [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org):

1. NASD: Being an industry organization, the National Association of Securities Dealers has been accused of turning a blind eye to broker/dealers’ biggest abuses.
2. FINRA: The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority is a self-regulatory organization... successor to the NASD.

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## Antibiotic Breakthrough

[www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org)

As bacteria become increasingly resistant to antibiotics, creating indestructible superbugs, bacterial infection has become the number one killer in hospitals. Now, new research from Israeli scientists could give drug developers the upper hand in outsmarting bacteria—by using their own protective system against them.

Prof. Eshel Ben-Jacob, a scientist at Tel Aviv University, discovered that if he exposed a colony of bacteria to the same chemical signals that the bacteria produce to fight off competition, they would end up killing each other.

“Our studies suggest this is a new way to fight off bacteria,” says Ben-Jacob, an award-winning scientist from TAU’s School of Physics and Astronomy. “This strategy seems very promising—it’s highly unlikely that the bacteria will develop resistance to a compound that they themselves produce.”

## FBI Cuts Ties With CAIR

By Joseph Abrams [www.FOXNews.com](http://www.FOXNews.com)

The FBI is severing its once-close ties with the nation’s largest Muslim advocacy group, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, amid mounting evidence that it has links to a support network for Hamas.

All local chapters of CAIR have been shunned in the wake of a 15-year FBI investigation that culminated with the conviction in December of Hamas fundraisers at a trial where CAIR itself was

listed as an unindicted co-conspirator. The U.S. government has designated Hamas as a terrorist organization.

In Oklahoma, FBI officials had worked with CAIR’s local branch from its founding in 2007 and attended the fundraising banquet that launched the office. But just over a year later, the local FBI froze all its programs involving CAIR.

The new policy marks a major shift for the FBI, which has long been close to CAIR. The agency has previously invited CAIR to give training sessions for agents and used it as a liaison with the American Muslim community.



## Tourists Flock to Israel’s 60th Birthday

By Steven Scheer [Reuters](http://Reuters)

A record 3.03 million people visited Israel in 2008, up 32 percent from 2007, according to the country’s Tourism Ministry.

“The tourism industry represents one of the most important growth engines in the Israeli economy,” said Tourism Minister Ruhama Avraham-Balila in a statement.

She noted that she plans to request more state spending on overseas tourism marketing budgets to “successfully confront tough competition arising from the global economic crisis.”

The largest number of tourists last year came from the United States at 617,000, a record level. Some 356,000 entered from Russia for an 84 percent jump. Tourism from Germany rose 40 percent.

## Israel's Fight For Survival

By Bruce Thornton  
[www.FrontPageMagazine.com](http://www.FrontPageMagazine.com)

Israel's fight for survival is against not only Hamas, Hezbollah, and their state sponsors Syria and Iran. Equally formidable, if more insidious, are those in the West whose virulent hatred of Israel imperils its existence. This antipathy among Western academics, commentators, and reporters is itself a reflection of the larger moral and intellectual corruption that endangers not just Israel but Western civilization. The media coverage of the recent Israeli offensive against Hamas and its rockets in Gaza bears all the signs of this irrational and incoherent hatred of the only country in the Middle East in which the rule of law, human rights, and political freedom—all the boons we Westerners take for granted—are respected in ways impossible to duplicate in any Muslim Arab country.

The author goes on to explain the history behind the term “Palestinian,” the creation of the modern countries in the Middle East, and the standards placed on the West and Israel as compared to the standards placed on Muslim Arabs. Visit our website at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news) to read this complete article.

## Lovely Church, Shame About The Cross

By Russell Jenkins [www.TimesOnline.co.uk](http://www.TimesOnline.co.uk)

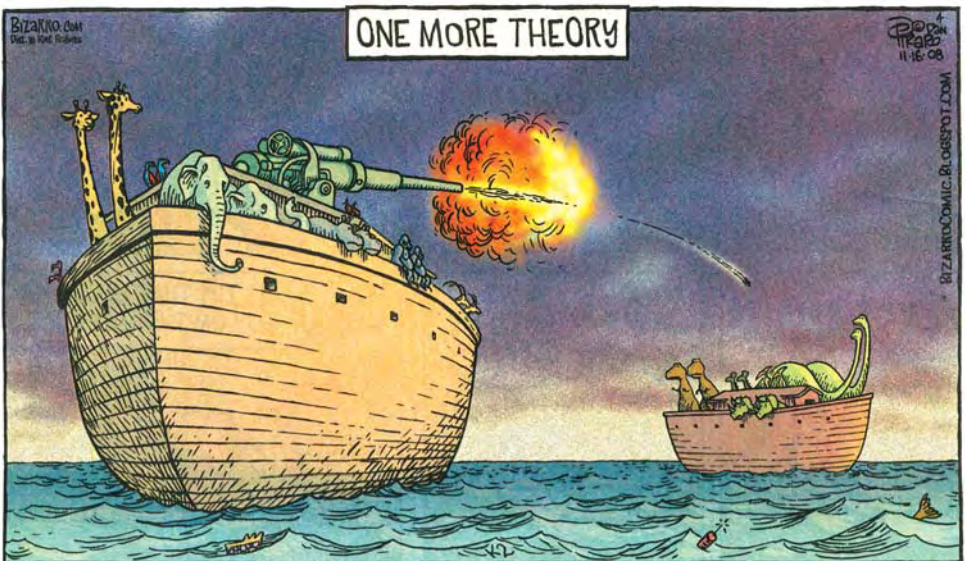
When millions of viewers tuned in to view the wedding scene on *Coronation Street* (TV series), they probably did not notice anything amiss with the beautiful 14th-century church. The rector was not among them.

It was not the absurd storyline that so incensed the Rev. James Milnes, of St. Mary's Church, Nether Alderley, Cheshire. Nor was it the ornate horse-drawn carriage, the dry-ice machine used to create atmosphere, or even the harpist in the nave.

The clergyman was furious that the show's producers had decided to hide the solid brass cross that formed the centerpiece of the altar for fear that it would cause offense to viewers.

Denouncing the decision to hide the cross behind a garish candelabra and artificial flowers, Rev. Milnes wrote in his monthly parish magazine that Granada Television had “emptied the church of the very thing that makes it a church.”

More and more Christians, I've noticed, are omitting “in Jesus' Name” at the end of prayers. —Jeff



## Turning Olive Waste Into Fuel

By Aryeh Dean Cohen [www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org)

The olive branch, a symbol of peace since the time of Noah, is poised to become the harbinger of a new era in energy and ecological awareness, thanks to an effort that not only benefits the environment and lowers heating bills, but also provides an important boost to a group of disadvantaged Israeli youth.

In the shadow of Herodion, a group of youngsters—many of whom were homeless until they were gathered together at the Sde Bar farm, a kibbutz-like framework that's turned their lives around—are changing the face of energy production. Their work is to help create Olivebar's rolls to heat homes in wood-burning stoves—which general manager Eli Karniel describes as “ecologically perfect.”

The rolls are made from the waste produced after olives are pressed at Israeli olive presses, known in Hebrew as *gefet*. The material is rich in oil and superb for heating, but if left behind at the presses to seep into the soil, will destroy ground water and render the soil infertile. The simple act of collecting it is the product's first ecological benefit.

But the huge piles of *gefet* trucked to the factory aren't enough. Avi Lerber recognized the potential and, after experimenting with more than 100 substances, found the right one to allow the material to solidify. From there, he developed a method to make the resulting product into convenient rolls, which have many advantages over wood for heating purposes.

Chief among them is the energy component, with a cube of the Olivebar rolls producing almost 2.5 times the energy as a cube of wood. No mice or worms come with the rolls, which are

aesthetically wrapped in paper that is recyclable and can be used to light the oven. The smoke released has no negative impact on neighbors or the environment, and the ash left in the stove can be used for fertilizing gardens and plants. Using the rolls will also fit into recent moves both in Israel and abroad to avoid cutting down trees for energy use. “It's a totally green product, all natural, without any glues or chemicals,” Karniel says.



## 48 Gaza Orphans Invited for Israel R&R

[www.IsraelNews.ChameleonsEye.com](http://www.IsraelNews.ChameleonsEye.com)

A Palestinian child who became an orphan from the recent war between Israel and Hamas, crossed through to Israel from Gaza at the Erez border crossing on January 28, 2009. Hamas allowed only one out of forty-eight children to cross through to Israel. Kibbutz Movement initiative, in cooperation with Haifa, Kibbutz Sasa, and Kfar Qassem, planned to host Gaza children orphaned during Operation Cast Lead in hopes of creating a more peaceful future.



Forty-eight Palestinian orphans whose parents were killed in bombings during Operation Cast Lead were scheduled to arrive in Israel for two weeks of rest and recovery from their grim reality at home.





**An army of Syrian soldiers**, comprising tanks, mortar, and infantry are traveling down the Golan Heights to attack Israel. They come over the top of a hill, and down below is a small Jew yelling at them. “Hey Abdul, I’m here and waiting. *Nu* [so], send me a few of your best.”

The Syrian commander angrily orders a group of infantry to attack.

After the dust settles, there’s the Jew laughing. “That’s the best you’ve got? I’ve seen tougher soldiers by the Hadassah ladies’ bazaar.”

Enraged, the Syrian commander turns to his top colonel and tells him to take a platoon of tanks and kill the pest. Again the dust settles, and again only the little Jew is left standing. “That’s it?” he yells. “That’s the best you could do? With this you’ll be lucky if you could defeat a Girl Scout troop.”

The Syrian commander is beside himself with anger. He’s about to take his entire army to attack. Just then, one of the wounded Syrian soldiers lying on the battlefield lifts his head and yells to his commander, “Go back, go back! It’s a trap—there are two of them!”

**Dry Bones** VOTING IN ISRAEL



**INSIDE VIEW**

by Yaakov Kirschen

For you non-Israelis I thought you might like an “Inside View.” This is a photo of the inside of an Israeli voting booth. On the table is a tray of the little slips of paper that serve as our ballots. A cubbyhole for each. And each represents a different political party. Notice the blank slip of paper on the bottom left corner of the tray. To its right is the blue envelope into which you put your choice. ★



**Muslim Child Abuse**

On the holiday *Tu B'Shvat*, the New Year of the Trees, Israeli kids plant trees. The holiday is one of healing and hope for the future. On that holiday this year, Palestinian children saw Assud the bunny die on TV. What a difference in how we educate our kids!

**Assud the bunny’s dying words (as translated by MEMRI):**

“We should teach our children that we have a land to which we must return: Jaffa, Acre, Haifa, and Tel Aviv. We will return to all these cities, Allah willing.



“Saraa, I implore you. . . I entrust you with the legacy of protecting Jerusalem, the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the blessed land of Palestine. Listen to me, Saraa: I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and the Muhammad. . .” . . . **blah, blah, blah.**

# A Precursor To Russia's Invasion Of Israel?

By Mike Eckel Associated Press

**The dead loom over the morning editorial meeting at Russia's leading investigative newspaper.** *Novaya Gazeta's* staff is trying to plan the next issue, and Editor-in-chief Dmitry Muratov is in an understandably foul mood.

In a corner hang photos of four reporters he has lost in the past eight years—one beaten to death, one allegedly poisoned, two shot—the most recent on January 19.

“There’s usually a lot of jokes, laughing, talk about ideas. But our batteries are totally spent,” says Muratov, 47, billows of pipe smoke filling the long pauses. “How can there be any sort of (normal) frame of mind when a journalist is being buried?”

That journalist is **Anastasia Baburova**, a 25-year-old cub reporter. She and a human rights lawyer were shot execution-style by a masked man with a silenced pistol as they walked together a few blocks from the Kremlin.



In a country considered one of the most dangerous for journalists, no Russian newspaper has suffered like *Novaya Gazeta*. In a country where most media have been cowed into submission, no other newspaper publishes such probing investigative articles and acid commentary about government corruption, police-state politics, and Chechnya war abuses.

“Every two or three years, we lose someone,” says Elena Kostyuchenko, a 21-year-old investigative writer for the paper. “But you just have to write, write, write and keep writing. You have to.”

Some 16 journalists have died in contract-style slayings or under suspicious circumstances in Russia since



Muratov at memorial service

2000. Many more have been assaulted or threatened.

Under Vladimir Putin, who became president in 2000 and now is prime minister, the TV networks watched by most Russians were taken over by the state, their news operations highly sanitized. Big-selling newspapers are either sympathetic to the Kremlin or owned by Kremlin-allied business groups.

Of the many free-spirited papers that sprang up when the Soviet Union collapsed, *Novaya Gazeta*—meaning New Newspaper—is a rare survivor.

Many at *Novaya Gazeta* are convinced that nationalist or fascist groups are behind the latest attacks, and the paper’s own blog is full of anonymous postings celebrating the killings. Others suspect the involvement of security agencies, citing past incidents when *Novaya Gazeta's* phones were tapped or in 2000, when its computer hard drives were stolen.

Alexander Lebedev, a billionaire ex-lawmaker who is a part-owner of the paper, is demanding that authorities allow its reporters to carry guns.

Not all the paper’s staff support the idea. Muratov, the editor, does.

“Either we defend ourselves or we go write about nature and birds...and all positive things. We become a tabloid,” he says. “And then we don’t write about the security services. We don’t write about corruption. We don’t write about fascism.” ★

# The Pope To Visit Israel

By Victor L. Simpson Associated Press

The 81-year-old pope's trip, talked about since the start of the German pope's papacy in 2005 and now scheduled for May, has been up in the air for some time. The latest jolt came in January when **Benedict** lifted the excommunications of four ultraconservative bishops—one of whom denied that Jews were gassed by the Nazis during World War II.

Protests by Jews, the pope's own bishops in Germany, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel led the Vatican to demand the bishop recant, easing tensions and leading to a meeting with more than 60 representatives of American Jewish organizations.

Addressing the group in English as they sat in chairs before him, Benedict called the slaughter of 6 million Jews a crime against God.

"The hatred and contempt for men, women, and children that was manifested in the *Shoah* was a crime against God and against humanity," Benedict told the visiting leaders, using the Hebrew term for the Holocaust.

**"This should be clear to everyone, especially to those standing in the tradition of the Holy Scriptures."**

Pope John Paul II made the first official visit in 2000, moving many when he prayed at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. The only other visit by a pope, in 1964, reflected the strained nature of the relationship in those years. Pope Paul VI spent only part of one day in Israel, never ventured into Jewish west Jerusalem, nor uttered the word "Israel" in public.

Benedict visited Israel when he was a cardinal in 1994. ★



## Priest: Holocaust Gas Chambers Were For Disinfection

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Conservative Catholic priest **Floriano Abrahamowicz** of



Treviso in northern Italy said recently that "the only thing certain" about the gas chambers "was that they were used for disinfection."

Another priest who denied the Holocaust altogether was rehabilitated by the pope. (See story on page 12.)

The Treviso priest said he could not say for sure that people were murdered in the gas chambers because he had not investigated the claim.

He said he did not doubt six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust, but compared the Nazi murder of the Jews to "other genocides" that did not receive similar publicity, including Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip and the Allies' bombing of German cities during WW II.

"The Israelis cannot say that the genocide they suffered at the hands of the Nazis was graver than that occurring in Gaza just because they killed several thousand people while the Nazis killed six million," Abrahamowicz was quoted as saying. ★



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