

# Levitt Letter

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



I interviewed Mr. Hahn for our upcoming TV series, "Dark Prince: When The Devil Has His Day." This economist's view should encourage you.—Jeff

## A Global Financial Apocalypse Now?

By Wilfred Hahn



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Much of the high-income region of the world has been gripped in a growing and fearsome anxiety. Lately, the entire world has been swept into this calamitous vortex. Global financial systems and markets have encountered unsettling declines. In fact, at one point, the entire global stock market (measured in U.S. dollars) had more than halved in value. To date, financial institutions at large—whether smaller or greater—have sustained enormous losses.

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## Ahmadinejad vs. Netanyahu

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The global stage is set for a confrontation reminiscent of Churchill vs. Hitler and Reagan vs. Gorbachev. How long will Benjamin Netanyahu tolerate an Iranian nuclear threat before acting?



Winston Churchill

Netanyahu

**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad clearly wants to do something with the olive branch President Barack Obama has extended to him. But whatever grand Barack/Mahmoud summits lie ahead may have recently been dealt a pre-emptive strike, courtesy of the Israeli electorate.**

**Netanyahu used his first statement as prime minister-presumptive to send a powerful message to**

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There is real fear that a global financial meltdown might yet ensue that will thrust the entire world back to the Dark Ages. Could this happen? In North America, such fears are understandable. **The “perfect storm” of falling real estate and financial asset prices**, higher energy prices (*though down now*), the high debt-servicing costs of many households due to over-indebtedness, and now an economic slowdown compounded by a reluctance to lend, has the doomsayers in full bloom. Indeed, housing markets are falling the fastest since the Great Depression.

**The questions beckon:** Will there yet be a total financial collapse? If so, just what will happen to America’s economic position in the world? And, surely a question on the lips of many: Is the financial security of our very households at risk?

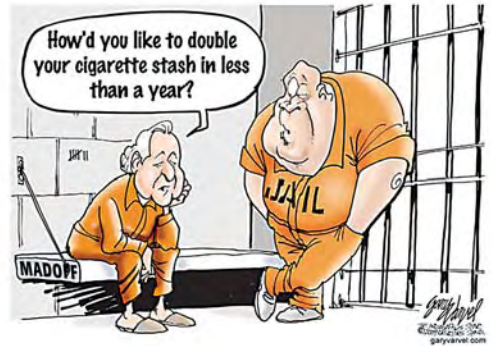
**My basic view is that the great global collapse (and its various subsidiary judgments) that is prophesied in the Bible is not yet unfolding at present.** The Bible has the final say as to when this collapse occurs, and that is in the future, as we will show in detail. That said, it remains true that at this time, globalism and the vulnerabilities of the world’s systems continue to build toward that ultimate outcome (*and in that way could be viewed as prophetic fulfillment*). But the final collapse is not yet here.

A functioning global financial and trading system is essential to bring the world to the apex of the antiChrist’s reign inside the Tribulation period. As prophetic events of the Great Tribulation are yet to occur, a widespread global collapse now would be before its time. As such, *we can know that a crippling and terminal global financial collapse is not going to unfold at present.*

The world’s systems are certainly and indelibly proceeding to an endpoint. In that sense, many of the trends that

we are witnessing today (*e.g., globalism and globalization*) could be viewed as prophetic preparation, in that they play a role in the continuing process towards the ultimate and literal events that are yet to come.

Overall world financial systems will not “melt down” before their time. They may suffer tremors, hair-raising crises, temporary panics and so on, but not incapacitating terminal meltdown. Why? It stands to reason that they must remain operational for at least the early stages of the Tribulation period.



Over the years there have been recessions, even world-shaking depressions (*as in the 1930s*), and countless currency crises and individual country disasters. Yet, the world’s systems, though battered, were patched together only to advance to a more heightened state of globalization. It does not counter Scripture nor violate the immediacy of Christ’s return to conclude that this pattern will continue. Even should the U.S. experience near calamitous conditions, an analytical argument can be made to support this view.

Fearful? With Scripture, I say, “Do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread, and He will be a sanctuary” (Isaiah 8:12-14). ★

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## Arab-Muslim Israeli Speaks Out For Israel

By Ishmael Khaldi, *San Francisco Chronicle*, [www.SFGate.com](http://www.SFGate.com)

On American campuses, organizing committees are planning happenings to once again castigate Israel as the lone responsible party for all that maligns the Middle East.



Ishmael Khaldi

Last year, at UC Berkeley, I had the opportunity to “dialogue” with some of the organizers of these events. My perspective is unique, both as the vice consul for Israel in San Francisco, and as a Bedouin and the highest-ranking Muslim representing Israel in the United States. I was born into a Bedouin tribe in Northern Israel, one of 11 children, and began life as a shepherd living in our family tent. I went on to serve in the Israeli border police, and later earned a master’s degree in

political science from Tel Aviv University before joining the Israel Foreign Ministry.

I am a proud Israeli—along with many other non-Jewish Israelis such as Druze, Bahai, Bedouin, Christians, and Muslims, who live in one of the most culturally diversified societies and the only true democracy in the Middle East. Like America, Israeli society is far from perfect, but let us deal honestly. By any yardstick you choose— educational opportunity, economic development, women’s rights, freedom of speech and assembly, legislative representation— Israel’s minorities fare far better than in any other country in the Middle East.

If Israel were an apartheid state, I would not have been appointed here, nor would I have chosen to take upon myself this duty. There are many Arabs, both within Israel and in the Palestinian territories, who have taken great courage to walk the path of peace. You should stand with us, rather than against us. ★

## Ahmadinejad vs. Netanyahu continued from cover

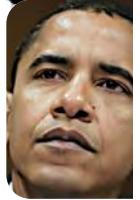
both Iran and the Obama administration. To the shock of many, he pointedly refused even to mention the Palestinian peace process, which has been going nowhere of late. Nor was there any reference made to the so-called two-state solution, which those negotiations had been aiming to find.

Instead, the new prime minister of the State of Israel spoke of “the gravest threat to our existence since the war of independence”—Teheran’s Islamofascist regime, which for years now has been pursuing a uranium enrichment program it claims to be peaceful, but which even the United Nations diplomats who seek to appease Iran know to be an unprecedented danger to the free world.

Just as Netanyahu’s rise back to power was announced, the U.N.’s International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)—the self-styled nuclear proliferation watchdog—announced the surprise discovery that the fanatical Iranian regime has reached “nuclear breakout” and possesses enough fissile material for a bomb.

The IAEA doesn’t even know how many centrifuges Iran is manufacturing. And considering the urgency of the Iranian nuclear threat, it is incomprehensible and outrageous that the rest of the world stands for its inspections taking place only once a year.

It all spells the deadliest of challenges ahead for the United States and the rest of the civilized governments of the world. It seems, however, that only one leader fully appreciates the threat. Like Churchill, Benjamin Netanyahu called on his political rivals to unite in a broad “national unity” coalition government. **In nullifying the Islamist nuclear threat, it should not be only Israel that unites, but all of us.** ★



# Can The West Survive Without Israel?

**The American Jewish Committee recently honored Rupert Murdoch, CEO of News Corporation. This is the last part of his thank you speech:**

For Hamas, the images of Palestinian suffering create sympathy for their cause. And these deaths have led some to call for Israel to be charged with war crimes.

But I am curious: Why do we never hear calls for Hamas leaders to be charged with war crimes? Why, for example, do we hear no calls for human rights investigations into Hamas gunmen using Palestinian children as human shields? Why so few stories on the reports of Hamas assassins going to hospitals to hunt down their fellow Palestinians? And where are the international human rights groups demanding that Hamas stop blurring the most fundamental line in warfare: the distinction between civilian and combatant?

I suspect the answer has to do with the same grim logic that leads Hamas to provoke a military battle it knows it cannot win: Hamas gets a propaganda win simply by having the charge made often and loudly enough.

**In the West, we are used to thinking that Israel cannot survive without the help of Europe and the United States. I say to you: Maybe we should start wondering whether we in Europe and the United States can survive if we allow the terrorists to succeed in Israel.**

In this new century, the "West" is no longer a matter of geography. The West is defined by societies committed to freedom and democracy. That at least is how the terrorists see it. And if we are serious about meeting this challenge, we would expand the only military alliance committed to the defense of the West to include those on the front

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Murdoch

lines of this war. That means bringing countries such as Israel into NATO.

My friends, I do not pretend to have all the answers to Gaza this evening. But I do know this: The free world makes a terrible mistake if we deceive ourselves into thinking this is not our fight.

In the end, the Israeli people are fighting the same enemy we are: cold-blooded killers who reject peace, who reject freedom, and who rule by the suicide vest, the car bomb, and the human shield.

Against such an enemy, I will not second-guess the decisions of a free Israel defending its citizens. And I would ask all those who support peace and freedom to do the same. ★

**Annoyed with the Golden Rule?  
Irritated by the tolerance of others?  
Opposed to independent women?  
Ticked when the rest of the world  
won't climb on board with your  
failure to join the 21st century?  
Don't Get Mad...GO MAD!  
C'mon over to our side and join our  
peaceful, freedom-loving comrades as  
we remake the world as it should be!**



**ISLAM**

"We're a religion of peace, and we'll kill you to prove it!"

Internet video capture

# Israel—Under a Microscope

By Zola Levitt

Our December (1998) tour found Israel peaceful as usual even during a time of “war” between the U.S. and Iraq. Our tourists discovered firsthand the sort of hype being perpetrated by CNN and other American media. The newsrooms now act like sports writers or crime reporters trying desperately to dramatize everyday news into matters of extreme world importance. They reported gas masks being passed out in Israel and Palestinian uprisings in support of Iraq. Neither of those things happened to any degree anyone would notice. *The Dallas Morning News*, a constant critic of Israel, goes to the extreme of accepting news releases about Israel from a reporter in Cairo which are reliably denigrating to that nation.

**\*David Bar-Illan said it best when he spoke to our tour group.** He said everything Israel does is scrutinized under a microscope by the rest of the world, for some reason, and when you’re under a microscope it is hard to behave to everyone’s specifications. The only reason for Israel’s inflated importance in world news is Biblical. It is being prepared to take its place as the head of the nations in the Kingdom to come.

**The government “fell” while we were in Israel also, but this bears some explaining.** Netanyahu may not have let the government “fall” so much as

he “dropped it,” so to speak. If he is reelected, it will be a new vote of confidence and a new mandate to continue his policies of which I, for one, approve very much. While he did give away some land in accordance with previous agreements with the Palestinians, he basically is insisting that they perform their side of the agreement—something unheard of in the previous Israeli administration. I won’t say “I told you so,” but if you read the *Levitt Letter*, you will see the \*\*Wye agreement came out as predicted—it equaled nothing. No peace has been exchanged, no good will has occurred, and the entire exercise simply made for some dramatic photographs of ineffective government leaders in beautiful suits. There will be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinians stop murdering the Israelis and that is all there is to that.



**The pretense that the Palestinians, under a regime of corrupt gangsters, are a real country is very misleading.** There is nothing wrong with those people, taken one by one, but the leadership they have “elected” is a total disaster. Arafat is a terrorist—he always was and he is today—and he knows little beyond killing people. ★

**Ten years later and there’s no progress.**  
—Editor

\*Please see page 36 for a description of *Jerusalem: The Truth*, the book that Zola asked David Bar-Illan to write exclusively for this ministry.

\*\*This agreement was signed by Netanyahu and Arafat at the White House, with President Clinton playing a key role as the official witness. Since the outbreak of the Al-Aqsa Intifada in September 2000, the Wye goals remain in limbo.



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# Cruel and Usual Punishment— Book Review

By David Forsmark  
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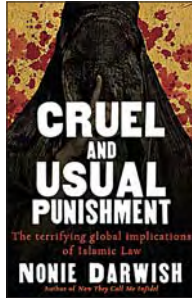
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*Cruel and Usual Punishment: The Terrifying Global Implications of Islamic Law*— By Nonie Darwish, Nelson, \$24.99, 272 pp.

Those who try to argue Islamic theology with jihadists find there is a reason why no Muslim countries have developed democracies or human rights from within. The undeniable fact is that the so-called “extremists” have a better textual basis in the Koran for their methods and beliefs than do the “moderates.” The Koran, after all, simply does not give reasonable Muslims a textual leg to stand on, and in her book, *Cruel and Usual Punishment*, Darwish uses passages from the Koran and other teachings to prove her point.

As Darwish explores the whole of Sharia law, she uncovers a pyramid of tyranny: From ayatollahs to secular dictators, Muslim leaders rule with an iron fist, with the men feeling the illusion of power by their control over women. Islamic law and theology are defined at every level by master-servant relationships.

Of course, the center of oppression in the Muslim world is the treatment of women. Darwish includes a marriage contract from “moderate” Egypt that should have feminists



screaming. She quotes from laws and hadiths that allow a man to not only beat a “rebellious” wife but also withhold food and medical care.

Furthermore, Darwish shows that the various forms of formal and informal polygamy practiced in Sharia states poison the relationship between husband and wife and feed jihad by limiting the marriage choices of low-income men.

Sharia law only restricts *women* in their sexual activities; men—those of means, at least—are allowed a “wife buffet” of sexual choices. And there is no prohibition in the Koran for men with authority over them to sexually exploit very young female children—though you’ll be relieved to know that Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini wrote that penetration of an infant is not recommended.

*Cruel and Usual Punishment* is a searing indictment of the politically correct stance adopted by Western Europe that is creeping into American life. It’s jam packed with overwhelming evidence about the clash of Eastern and Western civilizations, presented in a clear and readable manner. ★

To read the full review with excerpts from the book, visit [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).



# Netanyahu's Agenda— Then and Now



David Dolan

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I first met Benjamin Netanyahu at Likud party headquarters in Tel Aviv on November 1, 1988. It was Election Day in Israel, and his party had just narrowly won the national vote, gaining 40 Knesset seats to the rival Labor party's 39. Among first-time members of the Likud's parliamentary candidate list was the handsome and articulate politician who was born in Tel Aviv in 1949, but spent his high school and college years in the United States where his father taught at Cornell University.

Normally, a debuting Knesset member would not draw the attention of the foreign press (I was a Jerusalem-based reporter for CBS). But it wasn't just because Netanyahu was fluent in American-accented English that caused me and several other radio and TV journalists to seek him out for an election night interview. It was the fact that he had just ended a successful four year stint as Israel's United Nations ambassador—a post he filled with great aplomb. Bibi—as he is known to both supporters and critics in Israel—was already a well known figure on television screens and was apparently destined to play an important role in the new Likud-led government.

Having spent so much time in the United States, Netanyahu readily accepted my request for a CBS interview. I was immediately impressed by his cool self-confidence and wide-ranging knowledge as he answered my questions. This man will one day be prime minister I

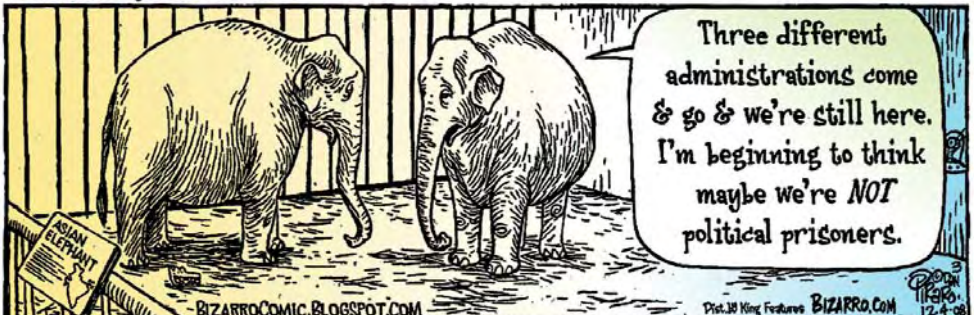
thought to myself—and so he would be, a mere eight years later. He led his Likud party to triumph in the June 1996 elections, beating the incumbent, veteran Labor leader Shimon Peres (Israel's current President), in an upset victory.

The surprise outcome was largely the result of resurging Palestinian violence as the 1993 Oslo peace accord between Israel and Yasser Arafat's PLO struggled to survive. The extremist Lebanese Hezbollah movement also contributed to Netanyahu's triumph by lobbing a series of rockets into northern Israel just weeks before the vote.

But the veteran Likud party leader lost a reelection bid in May 1999, this time to Ehud Barak. Netanyahu's coalition had fallen apart due to strong pressure from then-President Bill Clinton to pull Israeli troops out of most of Hebron, Judaism's second holiest city. When the Likud leader reluctantly caved in to the White House arm twisting, some conservative and religious allies jumped off his ship, causing it to sink.

**Analysts say that this time around, Bibi will undoubtedly choose his own political and national self-interests over pressure from America (or anyone else) to allow the creation of a Palestinian state that would probably feature the re-division of Jerusalem.** Ironically, such pressure will apparently come from Bill's wife Hillary, now serving as Secretary of State. But Netanyahu will likely stick to his declared position that setting up such a state now is premature, given that Hamas is still a major player on the Palestinian stage where all players work for Israel's destruction. ★

**BIZARRO** By Dan Piraro



**I'd like to call your attention to two recent events that I found unsettling.** David

Wilkerson, lauded pastor of the Times Square Church, uttered a fearful prophecy that major riots are just about to erupt in cities across America. On the very same day, I watched a video in which Dr. J. R. Church correlated Barack Obama's rise with that of the dreaded antiChrist. What is the Lord saying to us Believers?

Though I deeply respect these men, *I do not see America falling apart any time soon. It doesn't seem prudent to cast incessant aspersions on our newly elected president.*

We have all heard our president say that he wants to be president for all people, not just for Judeo-Christians. He stands outside the conservative, evangelical world and thus gains a strong standing with non-Christians. Representing "all" Americans, for this president, includes supporting some social and economic issues, such as abortion and same-sex unions, that don't agree with my thinking, and probably some that don't agree with yours.

**Will the country collapse under the weight of these economic programs and morally bankrupt policies?**

Probably not. Is this all a signal of the end of our country or of human history as we know it? Probably not. Though this is a tense era for Bible Believers, I don't believe we should attack Obama as if he is instigating the Apocalypse.

I remain more optimistic about our country than many. Unlike those who denigrate our president and give up on our country's greatness, I think it's better to pray for our leaders. I pray that cooler heads and warmer hearts will prevail and that, if dissatisfied, we can make changes when we gather at the polls in three short years.

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



The principal reason I differ is because *I do not get my cues from presidents or policies.* I get my signals from the biblical Text, and *based on biblical vision I say we should watch Israel.* While good men and women debate this or that president or policy, the significance of Israel's emergence as a nation-state in these biblically prophesied days simply cannot be overstated. I cast my gaze in that direction—and direct the gaze of millions who watch our TV program, shot in Israel.

**While we watch God working in Israel, please send me your vote of confidence.**

Keeping watch by myself is easy. However, the cost associated with keeping millions focused on and informed about Israel is enormous, and I must ask for your help.

If Bill Gates happens to be reading this, let me encourage him to just send ten million dollars and take this outreach to new heights. On the assumption that he is not reading, let me remind you that *if each of us does a little, together we can do a lot.* I realize that you probably can't send in a fortune. But if you have been blessed with a little extra, please send something. Write a letter and place a check in it to help us with this magazine and with our weekly TV Bible program that reaches millions—most of whom will never send a dime. ★

Blessings,



# Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif

**Jeff, Do you think America is going to be crushed by its financial woes? Are we hopelessly doomed? Is God judging us for our sins? Will this be the end of our way of life?**

First, I am not an economist and I can barely get my arms around the sources of our nation's financial problems. I have trouble justifying the magnitude of the debt being incurred as a supposed solution. Second, my faith-prompted optimism distances me from words like "hopeless" and "doom." Third, I have always understood change to be the norm in life—along with a resistance to it. While aspects of these questions belong to the discipline of economics, the theological aspect—the one related to God's judgment—is one that I can address as a Bible teacher, along with its eschatological (end-times) implications.

Israel's Old Testament constitution embraced the understanding that judgments of blessing and cursing would be visited upon Hebrews, here and now. According to Deut. 28:1-14, for example, obedience to God's ways came with the promise of many blessings. Conversely, according to vv. 15-68, dreaded curses of disobedience were spelled out for the non-compliant. The point is that judgment—good or bad—was understood as being experienced in the moment, here and now.

The New Testament, by contrast, places more of a premium on God's ultimate judgment being more futuristic—with the better part of rewards and punishments doled out on the other side of the grave. Punishment for sin, for example, is noted with the unfortunates eventually being consigned to an abyss where they'll get their just deserts. In Matthew 25:46,

Jesus notes that some "will go to everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Paul described the reward for the righteous at days' end saying, "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:8).

With the better part of humanity's rewards and punishment still futuristic and facilitated by "His appearing," the question is: Is America receiving God's judgment now—in advance of the ultimate judgment to come later?

Because America is not mentioned in Scripture, I can't answer that question with certainty. On a personal and pastoral note, let me remind you that a triumphant and loving God "preserves the souls of His saints" and that He "delivers them out of the hand of the wicked" (Ps. 97:10).



## What's my humble suggestion to you?

Love God and serve Him, and do so with the expectation that, as with the psalmist in 121:8, "the Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in." Lastly, like Zola, I can assure you that our program ends deliberately with Ps. 122:6—"pray for the peace of Jerusalem"—with a promise on the other side of that verse that says: "May they prosper who love you." We do this based on our belief in a good God and His promise that there is a good future for those who serve Him. ★

# Libyan Set to Succeed Anti-Semitic, Communist Priest As UN President

By Patrick Goodenough  
www.CNSNews.com



**Ibrahim Dabbashi** addresses a Security Council meeting discussing Iran's nuclear program, at the U.N. in New York. (UN Photo by Evan Schneider)

The chilly atmosphere Israel faces in the United Nations General Assembly could drop a few more degrees later this year when a veteran diplomat from Muammar Kaddafi's Libya is expected to take up the gavel.

The African Union (A.U.) has endorsed the candidacy of **Ali Triki** to become the next president of the 192-member assembly.



If confirmed, Triki will succeed Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, a Nicaraguan

Roman Catholic priest who served as foreign minister in the left-wing Sandinista government in the 1980s.

D'Escoto's term, which began last September and runs for one year, has been marked by some controversy, given his public criticism of U.S. policies ("wars of aggression that kill hundreds of thousands of people with the purported aim of supporting democracy") and of Israel (an "apartheid state" that should be targeted for sanctions).

Then-U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Zalmay Khalilzad reproached him, saying the General Assembly president's role was to unify members, not to side with some against others.

While it is too early to know how a Libyan at the helm would carry out his functions, Libya's recent record at the world body has drawn some criticism.

Libya has occupied a non-permanent Security Council seat since January 2008. In that position, it has called Israel a "terrorist regime" and likened its policies to those of the Nazis; objected to the use in a council statement of the term "terrorism" to describe rocket attacks launched against Israel from Gaza; and blocked moves to adopt a council statement criticizing Sudan for actions in Darfur. ★

## Dry Bones THE WAY IT HAS BECOME



# Secure Borders

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

President Obama is considering whether to grant emergency requests for National Guard troops along the U.S.-Mexico border, as drug-related violence spirals out of control in the country's southern neighbor.

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said, "The president has committed to reviewing those requests."

The comments came after Texas Governor Rick Perry made an urgent call for 1,000 more "boots on the ground" to deal with the growing violence.

"We're going to examine whether and if National Guard deployments would make sense and under what circumstances they would make sense," Obama said. "I don't have a particular tipping point in mind. I think it's unacceptable if you've got drug gangs crossing our borders and killing U.S. citizens."

Thousands were killed last year and more than one thousand people have been killed in Mexico in drug-related violence this year alone, and some officials warn the violence is spilling into some U.S. cities, such as Atlanta, Phoenix, and Birmingham.

Homeland Security official Roger Rufe said that Mexican drug cartels are the biggest organized crime threat to the United States. Rufe said a department plan to respond to escalating violence on the southwest border includes— as a last resort— deploying military personnel and equipment to the region if homeland security agencies become overwhelmed.

Of course our president says that it is "unacceptable" for Mexican drug gangs to cross our borders and kill U.S. citizens! Why doesn't that same logic apply when Israel defends its borders from ravaging gangs of madmen bent on killing Israeli citizens and, ultimately, Israel? The right to secure borders belongs to every state!

— Jeff ★



# Jewish Evangelism

By Erin Roach & Art Toalston  
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A leading proponent of Jewish Evangelism has issued a declaration calling for Christian Zionist ministries to disclose whether they believe Evangelicals should share the Gospel message with Jewish people.

The North American chapter of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism, a network of organizations, congregations, and individuals involved in Jewish ministry, held its 26th annual meeting in March in Phoenix with the theme “Jewish Evangelism Against All Odds.”

Jim Sibley, the North American coordinator for LCJE and director of the Pasche Institute of Jewish Studies at Criswell College in Dallas, said, “One of the papers that was presented was by David Brickner, who is the executive director of Jews for Jesus. His paper was titled ‘How Christian is Christian Zionism?’ In response to his paper, the group decided that we needed to issue a statement.”

In his paper, Brickner mentioned one of the largest Christian Zionist organizations in the world, the International

Fellowship of Christians and Jews founded by **Yecheiel Eckstein**. “While Eckstein himself is not a Believer, many of those who donate to his cause believe that he is,” Sibley said. “Something like 98 percent of his donors are Christians and are unaware that he is diametrically opposed to Jewish Evangelism, to Jewish Believers, and to those who support Jewish Evangelism.”

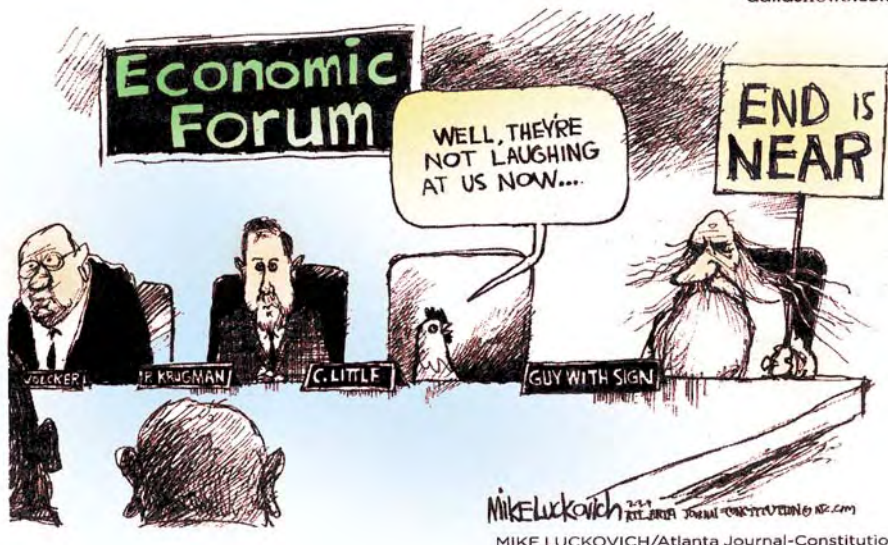


“Effectively, what he is doing is taking money that otherwise might be channeled to support missions and Evangelism [and giving it] to social causes and in some cases, actual support for anti-missionary organizations,” Sibley said.

Sibley, a former Southern Baptist representative to Israel with the then-Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board), was appointed in 1996 by the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) as a home missionary to develop evangelistic ministries among Jews. He joined Criswell College’s faculty in 2006. ★

Note: For more commentary about the IFCJ and *On Wings of Eagles*, see page 28 of the September 2008 *Levitt Letter*, at [www.levitt.com/newsletters/2008-09.pdf](http://www.levitt.com/newsletters/2008-09.pdf)

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# Return Offensive Leadership To The Church

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For thousands of years, prophets, priests, and pastors have served as the voice of spiritual, moral, cultural, and governmental accountability to the laws and sovereignty of God. The clergy during the colonial era were known as the “Black Regiment” and were feared by the British for their role in birthing the fire of freedom. Pastors like Lyman Beecher, Charles Finney, and hundreds of others among their peers stirred the flames of abolition, temperance, and racial justice.

We could list columns of names and situations of those filling pulpits who took responsibility for the condition of their flock, their community, and their nation. However, beginning sometime in the last 100 years, a new “Gnosticism” asserted itself, an old heresy asserting that only the spiritual has value and that all things physical are evil. As Christian historian Timothy Paul Jones describes the distinction exposing the lie of Gnosticism, “For Christians, salvation isn’t a spiritual retreat from the physical realm; it is a renewal that unites and restores both realms.” **Our salvation brings hope for redemption to every aspect of the physical creation and created order.**

From the first-century Christians on, the Cultural Mandate given by God to his stewards in Genesis was accepted to mean that everything on earth is under God’s sovereignty, under our stewardship, and therefore “our business.” As false teachings crept in over the last century, the Church moved into a sacred-versus-secular separation that opened the door wide for many kinds of evil to triumph.

In *The Late, Great Evangelical Church*, by C. Vaughn Doner, nationally renowned

theologian, and biblical scholar Dr. Jay Grimstead, the authors state, “The studied creedlessness of American Protestantism... its ignorance of the teaching of Scripture, its preoccupation with millennialism, its anti-sacramental and anti-ecclesiastical bias are all indicators of an essentially Gnostic worldview.”

## Does it really matter as long as we “preach Jesus crucified and rose again”?

Thankfully, there are many pastors and theologians who would say there is much more to Christianity than just preaching the salvation message, doing Bible studies, and waiting for the Rapture. Among them was legendary evangelist of the first Great Awakening, **Charles G. Finney**, who wrote in *The Decay of Conscience* in 1873:



“Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation.”

We are at a point where thousands of pastors across America must take the challenge, honestly assess whether we are accepting the full mandate in every area shown above and providing the “offensive” leadership that the Church so desperately needs. The cost of not doing so can already be measured in broken lives and a weak nation. Our God demands more and our people deserve better, so bring it on! ★



Below is an article from one of the great Jewish-loving churches that I encountered as a guest speaker. —Jeff

## Teaching Jewish Roots

By Rev. David McGee, Senior Pastor,  
Calvary Chapel of the Triad, NC

We live in one of the most scripturally illiterate generations in the history of the Church. Many pastors don't teach the Bible. Christians aren't reading their Bibles, and lack a grasp of even basic theology. Understanding God and His Word is seen as unnecessary. I disagree; I think we need to get to know the Word of God and get to know the God of the Word.

**I have had Christians tell me that only the back (New Testament) applies to gentiles. Realizing now that the whole Bible reveals the character and mind of God, I feel robbed of the years I didn't understand the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) or the Jewish roots of Christianity.**

Having been a Christian and a Bible teacher for years, I was amazed at how much I didn't understand about these Jewish roots. I am shocked when I hear people say it is not necessary to understand these things. God has a covenant relationship with a people for 3,500 years and we don't want to know more? Why not?

My study of Israel has revealed more fully the character and nature of God. My study of the seven biblical feasts revealed much about the timetable of God. Studying the Passover opened up Communion deeper than I had ever experienced.\* Who would want to keep us so woefully ignorant about these things? It has to be the enemy.

You may be a pastor and wonder if your people would be interested in these subjects. About seven years ago, I started a home Bible study that has grown into a church of around 1,800 in weekly attendance. I took an expositional approach—verse by verse—

and shared my passion for Israel. I have found that people are hungry for the Word of God and are hungry to explore their Jewish roots.

We are being lied to by the media and even by other Christians regarding these subjects. We have a duty to speak out against the ignorance, misinformation, and darkness that the enemy operates in. Growing up in church, for example, I was told that the Jews killed Jesus. That really is inaccurate, isn't it? Technically it was the Romans who executed Him, and spiritually it was our sins that caused His death. When I say that Jesus was a Jew, some people reply: "Well He was, but He converted." We obviously need to understand better the Old Testament's covenants and feasts and the Jewish Messiah.

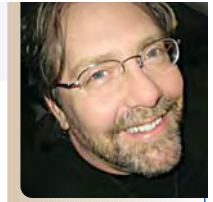
Though I'm not Jewish, I sincerely hope that people get to know their Jewish roots. What I have discovered is this: It is impossible to get to know your Jewish roots and not learn more about your Bible. More importantly, as you get to know the Jewish roots of your faith you will get to know your Jewish Messiah more and more. He is worth getting to know better, isn't He? Spread the Word. ★

### Dry Bones TWO HOLIDAYS, TWO MIRACLES.



\*Note: For a description of this ministry's DVDs, study booklet, and CD entitled *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, please see page 17.

# Hebrew Lesson



## Be Not Afraid...

By John J. Parsons

אֶל-תִּירָא כִּי עִמָּךְ-אֲנִי

*Be not afraid, for I am with you (Isa. 41:10)*

Most of us understand that loving God is our essential obligation, the end or “goal” of all the other commandments, the very reason why God has spoken and why we exist. Jesus plainly taught that this was the point of “the law and the prophets,” the rest being commentary (Matt. 7:12, Matt. 22:36-40). However, while love is the greatest commandment, you might be surprised to learn

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ani imekha ki al-tirah  
I am with you for fear not

that the most frequent commandment is simply *al-tirah*, “Be not afraid.” Over and over again in the Scriptures we hear the LORD saying to those who trust in Him, *al-tirah*, “be not afraid.”

Of course this doesn’t mean that we should pretend that evil doesn’t exist or that there’s no real danger in this world. No, the Scriptures are clear that such things are indeed real. There are spiritual enemies in the world and we are engaged in a genuine spiritual war. The devil walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8). But despite these things—or rather, in light of them—*al-tirah*, “Be not afraid.”

“There is no fear in perfect love,” as the Apostle John wrote (1 John 4:18). If we love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19), then we find courage because of the heart He imparts to us. This was part of the very mission of the Messiah, to “deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery” (Heb. 2:15). A midrash says that the Ten Plagues were needed—not to convince Pharaoh that the LORD was God—but rather to convince the children of Israel of God’s love! After all, without faith in that, Israel would never have ventured to leave Egypt. The same could be said of the greater Exodus given through the Cross: the suffering of Jesus was not only payment for sin but also the means to be recreated in God’s love.



Rabbi Nachman of Breslov once said that “The whole earth is a very narrow bridge, and the point of life is never to be afraid.” Likewise we understand Jesus to be the Bridge to the Father, the narrow way of passage that leads to life. He calls out to us in the storm of this world, “Take heart. It is I; be not afraid” (Matt. 14:27). When Peter answered the call and attempted to walk across the stormy waters, he lost courage and began to sink, but Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying, “O you of little faith, why did you *doubt* (literally, think twice)?” Matt. 14:31

We must be careful not to let the light in us become darkness (Luke 11:35). The love and acceptance of God is the answer to our fear, not the thought of being judged by Him or attempting to merit his favor. God’s love is our hope, and this hope gives us courage to persevere the

storms of the day... **May God help us to hear Him saying, *al-tirah*, “Be not afraid.”** ★



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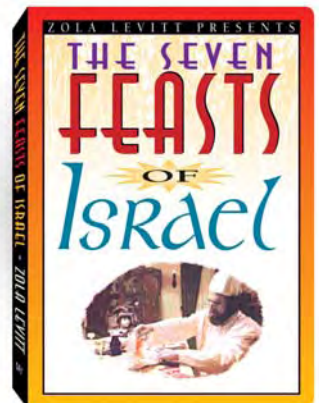
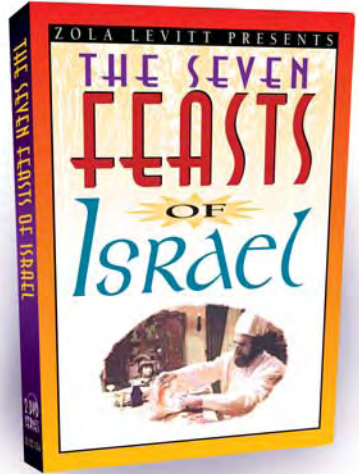
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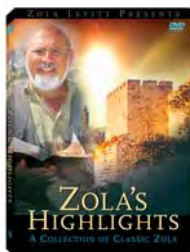
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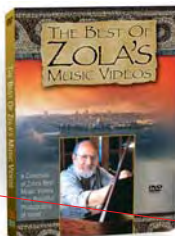


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# ZLM Bulletin Board

## Holocaust Remembrance Day

**Yom HaShoah**, on April 21 this year, commemorates the Jews who perished in the Holocaust. In Israel, the state holds a ceremony at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Authority. At 10:00 am throughout Israel, air-raid sirens sound for two minutes. People stop and stand at attention; cars stop—even on the highways—and the whole country comes to a standstill as people pay silent tribute to the dead. Places of public entertainment are closed by law. Israeli television airs Holocaust documentaries and Holocaust-related talk shows, and low-key songs are played on the radio. Flags on public buildings are flown at half-staff.

Pray for  
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## Good News From A Far Country

The "something special" that our Israel tour passengers experience with our guides is simply that the Israelis know we love them. They develop an affection during each tour's fellowship that they seem to carry and intensify from one tour to the next. We want our friends there to know that they're in our prayers, so we have established a benevolence fund called *Good News From A Far Country*. Please consider designating a \$10 or \$20 gift to help our Israeli friends during this time of economic hardship.



## Pamphlet of the Month

***When Should a Woman Have a Will?*** is the title of our featured pamphlet. Its 11 enumerated answers include: when she is single or married, when she has children—minors or adults, or when she owns property. It suggests reviewing estate plans when her marital status changes, when she wants to name her own personal representative, or when she has charitable wishes. Reason #8 explains, "A properly drafted will or trust can reduce estate taxes, probate expense, and other costs—even for modest estates."

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“Come Home!”

Zola's  
Tours to  
Israel:



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Below is an excerpt from a *Dallas Morning News* article that is posted in full at [www.levitt/news](http://www.levitt/news). It tells a familiar tale of what Zola dubbed in the early '80s as "The Tour Cancellation Business." The scheme involves collecting months ahead for group tours to the Holy Land, cancelling the tours, and then not refunding the payments. -Mark



Mark Levitt

## A Troubled Tour Operator

By Brooks Egerton

Beginning a decade ago, a member of the flock was collecting money for international religious tours that didn't always happen.

By 2003, the Texas attorney general sued tour operator Robert Grove to recover several hundred thousand dollars for Catholics around the country. A state civil court judge ruled that Grove had deceived them and fined his company more than \$2 million.

Grove denies any wrongdoing, and has not paid. In fact, he still sells religious tours and cancels some of them without making promised refunds. He has found refuge in federal bankruptcy courts three times. His case raises a number of troubling larger issues, including diocesan indifference, limited state vigilance and bankruptcy courts' easy forgiveness.

Dallas County state District Judge Mary Murphy ordered Grove in 2005

to disavow any church sponsorship in future advertising. More than 100 consumers were left holding the bag then, according to court records.

Court records say that Grove's company ran short of cash in 2002. But Grove kept booking tours, taking prepayments months in advance, and putting the funds into his company's general operating account. By the time he canceled some trips—typically because too few people signed up to make it economical, he said—the money had been spent.

The attorney general won subsequent lawsuits. Grove and his wife filed for personal bankruptcy liquidation in 2005, shortly after the state's litigation ended. Tom Kelley, the AG's spokesman, said at least some of Grove's personal debts to the state were not discharged in bankruptcy. They total more than \$500,000 in restitution and fines.

Grove did not respond to questions about the discrepancies. But he did tell *The News* that he owes roughly \$30,000 to about 10 people for trips he canceled in recent months. ★

In 1983, Zola began conducting independent tours for this ministry. Since then we've hosted nearly a hundred tours with no cancellations. We know the tricks of the trade and don't use them. Our specialty is all-inclusive tours with experienced Jewish Israeli guides and drivers that we've worked with for decades. For a list of Israel Tour Comparison Tips, visit [www.levitt.com/tourhelp.html](http://www.levitt.com/tourhelp.html). Please see our tour announcement on page 36.





# Letters to ZIM

## Prayers For Our President

Dear Mr. Seif,

I've been a regular watcher of your show for approx. 2 years and enjoy it, although I don't agree with everything. But I have learned much.

A 2nd year seminarian and African-American, I voted for President Obama, and was able to see that he is a Christian, but not a Christian Conservative. Regularly, I pray for his increased faith and submission to Jesus Christ as Lord. His presidency could go very well or very badly. I hope that as a part of your ministry and *Zola Levitt Presents* you will pray for our new president as well. God uses our prayers to accomplish His will. As a poor student, I hope that I can join one of your future trips to the Holy Land.

Respectfully Submitted, S. R.



Dear S. R.—

In the wake of your exhortation, I am beseeching *Levitt Letter* readers to pray for our president.

—Jeff

*The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

PROVERBS 21:1 NKJV

## Loved Being In Israel

Dear Jeff,

I was on Zola's and your tour in 1983 and 1984 and remember your lessons in the Tomb and Upper Room very well. I love Israel and cried when I returned to the States. Just saying thanks.

Love, T. M.

Dear T. M.—

And thank you. Going to Israel is a win-win for everyone. Israel wins because it makes new friends and gets some business. The Gospel wins because people fall in love with the Bible's Land and come back energized. I win because I make new friends like you, who also win with an enriched spiritual life and understanding.

—Jeff



*Dibujo realizado por un niño afgano.*

*Muslim child's drawing depicts violence and oppression.*

## Good Teaching Tools

Dear Jeff,

We shared the *Seven Feasts* DVD with our church small group, and everyone liked it and asked about the Ministry. *The Warrior King: David-like Leadership for Goliath-like Times* is super! Thank you for teaching us in such a wonderful and informative way. We are sharing the *Guns and Moses* book with our small group leader—he is a sheriff. Thanks for loving and serving the Lord!

Blessings, R. and D.



## Message Really Needed

Dear ZLM,

I am e-mailing to encourage you to remain on the new networks mentioned in your February 2009 “Holy Airwaves” [p. 26] article. It is now more important than ever that your message reach the masses.

Currently I support the ministry by automatic monthly withdrawal and the To the Jew First Fund. I hope when I come up for my annual review at work in March that I will be able to increase my monthly contribution.

Because of Him, C. P.

Dear C. P.—

It's people like you who keep this ministry going. May God bless you!  
—Jeff

## Get The Internet At The Library

Friends,

I am sorry I don't get to watch *Zola Levitt Presents* anymore. I used to watch it on TBN. My income has dropped considerably in the last year. I pray that God will continue to provide for you. I loved your programs and appreciate what you do. Thank you for keeping the ministry of Zola going. —J. T.

Dear J. T.—

If you have access to the Internet, you can watch our television program at [www.levitt.tv](http://www.levitt.tv). You'll have access to recent programs and archives with the following categories: Jews, Christians, Muslims/Arabs, Zola, current events, prophecy, Bible, Israel, feasts, holidays, history, musicals/music videos, government, special topics, specials, and, on Internet radio, audio programs. Plus here's a bonus: [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) has a search box in the upper-right-hand corner, which allows you to research your favorite topics. —Mark



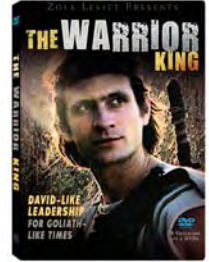
## Zola Would Be Proud Of Jeff

Dear Jeff,

I have been very remiss in not contacting you sooner to tell you how much I love your teaching ministry on ZLM, and for that I sincerely apologize. I was very worried about ZLM when our beloved Zola was called home, but I knew that Zola had made the perfect choice in choosing you to replace him as the new teacher and minister. You are doing an exceptional job...just as Zola knew you would.

You are an awesome teacher, Jeff, and we thank God for you. Keep up the good fight.

With love in Yeshua, N. P.



## “WARRIOR KING” Provides Just What I Need

Dear Dr. Seif and the Zola Levitt Staff,

I enjoy the “David Warrior King” series very much. Each week it is addressing concerns and challenges I am facing. Today I was becoming overwhelmed with a growing challenge in my life. It seems that just when one circumstance becomes resolved, the storm clouds begin to develop for the next one. I found myself worrying. And since I know that fretting only leads to evil doing, I decided to distract myself from worry and to watch last week’s program again. I was pleasantly surprised to see the fourth program was available. It was exactly what I needed to hear. The music also was exactly what I needed: It lifted my spirit. I pray for you and the staff and for the peace of Jerusalem. May Yeshua bless you in every possible way, D. (*Offered on page 18*)

## 3 Years Late And Still Doesn’t Get It

Levitt dead?

So, I take it Zola died of cancer. Maybe God didn’t heal him, after all. He was a nice old guy, but totally deluded.

Jesus is no more a god than you or I. The Jewish messiah [sic] is only a human, nothing more.

Just read your torah [sic]. —sk



Dear S. K.—

You seem to be on the right track in the sense that you acknowledge Jesus to be the Jewish Messiah. Now, if you would get to know Him better, you’d probably humbly accept Him as your Lord and Savior. Please consider ordering *The Prophesied Messiah* book that is offered on page 18. If you send a SASE to our office, we’ll send you the Messiah bookmark for free. Its OT prophesies and their NT fulfillments might breathe new life into your dying soul. —Mark

Dear S. K.—

I am glad you wrote, really I am. I can’t help but wonder: Where’s your feeling, S.K.? You sound heartless. Yes, someone died; but, for you, it appears to be only something to degrade. I have read the Torah. Therein I learned about love, grace—and a Son-of-God “Messiah.” If you can’t find the Messiah, that’s one thing; surely, though, you must know that your response is unacceptable to the Torah you apparently want to commend. —Jeff



## Sabbath Is Good, Zealots Are Not

Dear Dr. Seif,

Your taking the position that we do not need to keep the Sabbath disturbed me profoundly. Saying that “Messianic Jews who observe the Sabbath do a disservice to the Messianic Jewish experience” is unfounded. I hope you’ll reconsider your opinion of the Messianic Jewish movement.

Yours, B.M.K.

Dear B.M.K.—

I have no problem with Messianic Jews keeping the Sabbath. I am very engaged in one of the largest Messianic Jewish congregations in the world, live a Messianic Jewish life, and speak at Messianic congregations. Like Zola, however, I do have a problem with zealots who marginalize the non-Jewish experience of faith in Jesus and insist that everyone must keep the Sabbath.

—Jeff

## Man-to-Man Love Needn’t Be Homosexual

Jeff Seif,

I’ve been watching your series on David from the prison where I am incarcerated, and was particularly interested in the episode on Jonathan and David. In the Scripture it says that “David loved Jonathan with more love than for a woman,” evidence of their homosexual relationship. People say that Sodom was overrun because people were sexually obsessed homosexuals, when, in fact, the city of Sodom was doomed to destruction long before, and not because of sexual immorality. You’re a scholar, so please rethink your position on homosexuality and take serious consideration of the things you say before you allow them to come out. Pray and ask God to guide you.

Yours, K.D.

Dear K. D.—

The legitimized relationships in biblical literature are between Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. This is the clear rendering of the Bible. Your twisting narrative to give credence to your own misguided impulses says more about you than about the meaning of the Text. I don’t want to be harsh in my response. As a Bible teacher and a guardian of its message, I assure you that no serious student of Scripture is going to agree with your misinformed renderings.

—Jeff



## If Only Someone Would Write It Down

Zola Levitt,

I read the *Levitt Letter* from cover to cover and with appreciation. I have been looking for a history between 65-70AD and the present, and would appreciate any source, person, or direction on this search, believing that this record would show proof of the ownership of the Land of Israel.

Yours, J.D.

Dear J. D.—

Trying to use reason with someone who refuses to reason is like trying to give medicine to a dead man. I am not as optimistic as you that a book on the subject would settle everything. Many have been written. According to Islam's dictates and books, once a land has been overtaken by Islam—as Judea was some time after Mohammed's death—the real estate belongs to Islam in perpetuity, irrespective of changes in a historical record. —Jeff

Dear J. D.—

Author Joan Peters was assigned to research and substantiate the supposedly bogus nature of Israel's claim to its land. Her in-depth investigation forced her to abandon her original bias and become a turncoat of sorts. It's all in the book she wrote a quarter century ago, *From Time Immemorial: The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict over Palestine*. As Jeff astutely observed, no book—not even one so authoritatively researched as this one—could settle everything, let alone an issue so simple as God's right to give the Holy Land to His Chosen People. To see Joan Peters's timeless interviews with Zola, please visit [www.levitt.tv](http://www.levitt.tv) and find "Joan Peters" under "Muslims/Arabs." —Mark

## God's Purpose For Muslims?

Dear Jeff,

There is too much criticism going on in your ministry. Remember, those Muslims are there because Jewish people did not listen to God in the first place. Secondly, they are there to confront you and turn you guys to Christ the Lord. If you can, use some love.

In Christ, K.M.H.

Dear K.M.H.—

It must be fulfilling to have such a command of world history that you can ascertain with ease the meaning and purpose behind its ebb and flow. The Apostle Paul, however, disagrees with you. According to him, it is the life and testimony of non-Jewish Christians that are supposed to make Jews jealous and prompt their turning to God. I doubt that your ideas are going to have that effect. —Jeff ★

## SOUP TO NUTZ © by Howie Schneider



# New Liver, New Life

## Miracle from God

*Miriam Kisishvili, her brother, and Prof. Eitan Mor of the Rabin Medical Center in Israel.*

By Hillel Fendel  
[www.IsraelNationalNews.com](http://www.IsraelNationalNews.com)

A 19-year-old girl from Georgia, of the former Soviet Union, who was visiting Israel on a Birthright Tour with her brother, was found to have a fatal genetic liver disease, was told that she could die if she returned home, became an Israeli citizen, underwent an emergency liver transplant, and now plans to remain in Israel forever.



The otherwise healthy girl began to feel sudden severe stomach pains and swelling of limbs. She was brought to Rabin Medical Center, where dozens of people began working on two emergency fronts simultaneously. “We first began medical tests,” Hospital Director Dr. Boaz Tadmor told Army Radio, “and found that she had a genetic liver disease of which she had no previous knowledge. Only later was it found out that her grandmother’s brother had died young because of a liver problem. We had to prepare her for a transplant, even though we had no idea if a donor would be found, nor how it would be paid for.”

At this point, the second front began working: “There is no procedure for transplant operations for foreign citizens. And to fly her back to Georgia was also not an option, because she was likely not to survive the flight, and in any case, liver transplants are not done in Georgia—so it would have been a death sentence. We called the Prime Minister’s Office, and they immediately understood the situation, and with the help of Netiv—the Russian Desk of Israel’s Foreign Ministry—they rushed through citizenship for the girl within two days!”

Meanwhile, her mother had offered to donate part of her liver if necessary, and she was flown to Israel to be with her daughter. All the while, the girl’s brother was at her side as well.

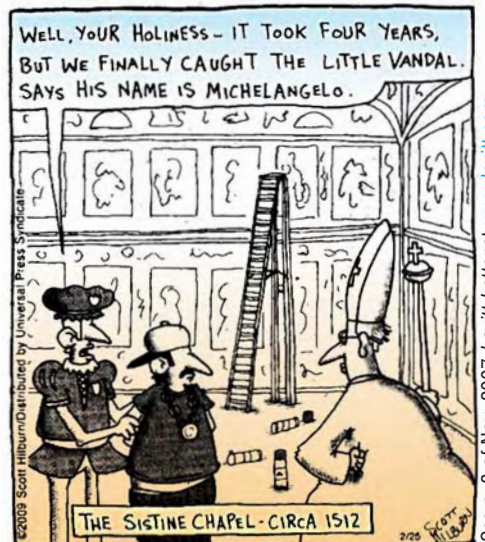
Then, someone died—and was found to have a matching liver. The Klalit Health Fund agreed to sign the girl up

as a member, footing the \$203,600 bill, and within hours, the girl had a new, healthy liver.

Emotions and adrenaline were running high throughout the few days of the incident, Tadmor acknowledged. He said the girl is already feeling better and is walking around. She told Army Radio that she “received her life as a gift, thanks to all the doctors, nurses and everyone else,” and that she wants to remain in Israel forever. Her brother also has requested citizenship.

Dr. Tadmor thanked the people in the Prime Minister’s Office and in Netiv for grasping the situation quickly and overcoming the bureaucratic hurdles, the Klalit Health Fund, and the “dozens of people inside and outside the hospital who got the job done.” ★

### ARGYLE SWEATER By Scott Hilburn



See p. 8 of Nov. 2007 Levitt Letter at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

# Oil To Fight Pests

By Karin Kloosterman, [www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org)

The chemical pesticides used in modern agriculture and in the home are poisoning our planet's animal life, waterways, and ecosystems. They enter our bodies, and can even affect unborn children. Helping humanity break from this nasty cycle of destruction is an Israeli company, BotanoCap. The company envisions a future where organic produce will be the norm, and its toxic-free pesticide delivery solution the standard.



The company, based in Ashkelon, has developed an environmentally friendly pesticide release system in order to take advantage of naturally occurring essential oils such as citronella. Especially selective, essential oils have been used by ancient societies such as the Egyptians, the Chinese, and the Incas for therapeutic reasons, but they also used oils as pesticides, says Yigal Gezundhait, the CEO of BotanoCap.

Essential oils are used today by “boutique” organic farms as a novelty, he explains, but are not used widely in the agriculture industry, mainly for one reason: efficacy. Essential oils degrade quickly as they oxidize, rendering them ineffective not long after

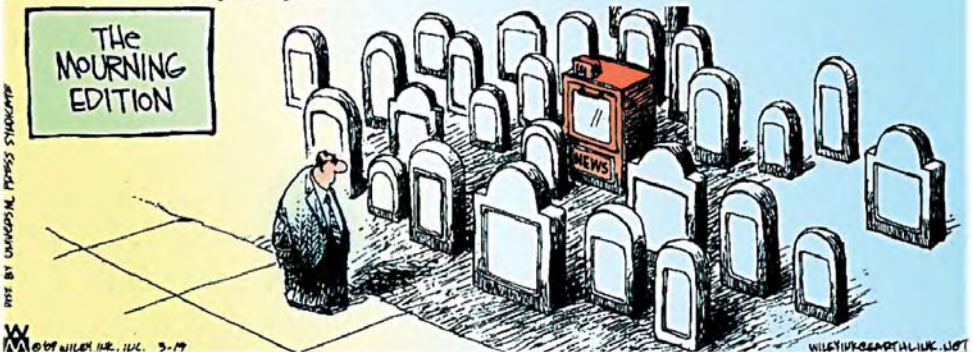
application. “It’s the same principle you find in perfumes. At first when you spray it, the smell is strong, but within seconds it already starts to weaken.”

Gezundhait knew there could be an effective way for keeping the potency of the oil in check. The key was simplicity, he says. Working with chemists from Ben Gurion University to develop a new encapsulation polymer, the company of eight has a solution that could help the agriculture-rich U.S. sometime this year.

BotanoCap has developed a patented method for emulsifying (or suspending) essential oils in a water-based solution so that natural, essential-oil based pesticides, can be applied in a traditional manner. The oils in BotanoCap’s suspension are then released through a slow diffusion, over time, for maximum efficacy.

While the knowledge in the power of essential oils used by BotanoCap may not be a revolution—in fact much of the recipes are common knowledge in the natural chemicals industry today—it was important for Gezundhait that the technology “resembled” what the industry uses today. He didn’t want to have to change the behavior of the industry, or ask them to buy new tools. His solutions are a natural choice, applied in the same method as the old pesticides, with a tank, or aerial applications. ★

## NON SEQUITUR By Wiley



# Cancer Breakthrough

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

Treatment of breast cancer today tends to be standard, but as doctors know only too well, not all breast cancers are the same. Some are life-threatening, some are not.

Now, Israeli scientists have developed a new way of identifying malignant cancer cells at an earlier stage to help physicians create effective customized treatments for every individual patient, potentially saving thousands of lives.

Using a combination of MRI and ultrasound imaging, researchers at Tel Aviv University (TAU) have discovered a way to measure the metabolic changes that occur during cancer metastasis. Increased blood flow (which can be sensed by ultrasound) and an increase of oxygen consumption (measured with an MRI) can indicate cancer metastasis with unprecedented levels of sensitivity.

Normally scientists look for structural changes in the body, such as the presence of a tumor. But using this method, the researchers led by Dr. Ilan Tsarfaty, from TAU's Faculty of Medicine, are actually able to "see" cancer metastasis within a small group of cells long

before the cancer spreads to other organs in the body.

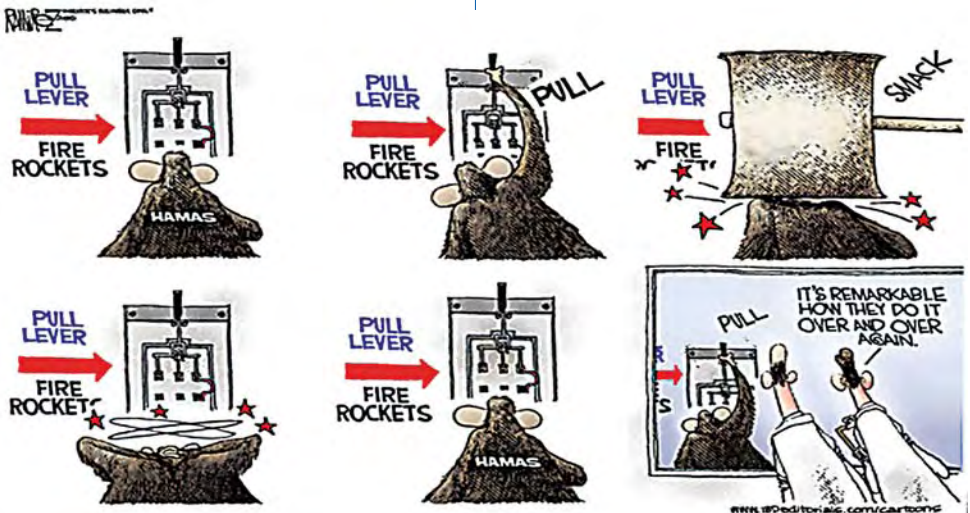
This approach, which is supported by the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of America, helps determine, at an earlier stage than ever before, which cells are metastasizing, and how they should be treated.

"We have developed a non-intrusive way of studying the metabolism of breast cancer in real time," says Tsarfaty, whose wife—a radiologist—is part of his research team. "It's an invaluable tool. By the time results are in from a traditional biopsy, the cancer can already be radically different. But **using our technique, we can map the tumor and its borders and determine with high levels of certainty—right away—which patients should be treated aggressively.** Our approach to profiling individual tumors will not only help save lives today, it will provide the basic research for developing cancer drugs of the future," he says.



Dr. Ilan Tsarfaty, Tel Aviv University

The new research can be applied to all solid tumors, including those resulting from lung and brain cancer, and could also be used to respond to a wide spectrum of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Tsarfaty reports. ★



**May Is Jewish Heritage Month** [www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org)



In 2007, President George W. Bush proclaimed May to be **Jewish American Heritage Month.**

“The faith and hard work of Jewish Americans have played an integral role in shaping the cultural fabric of America,” Bush said in the proclamation. “Throughout our history, Jewish Americans have contributed to the strength of our country and the preservation of our values. The talent and imagination of these citizens have helped our nation prosper, and their efforts continue to remind us of America’s gift of religious freedom and the blessings of God’s steadfast love. Jewish Americans have worked to promote civil rights and build bridges of mutual understanding among the world’s religions. Their deep commitment to faith and strong ties to family enrich our country and set a positive example for others.”

**Google “Jewish Heritage May 2009” to see what’s happening in your area. Here are some other sites for information:**

- [www.JewishHeritage.gov](http://www.JewishHeritage.gov)
- <http://jewishheritage.ujcweb.org> — Links to multiple organizations and events
- [www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org) — Museum of Jewish Heritage — New York City
- [www.visitoxford.org](http://www.visitoxford.org) — Oxford University in England
- [www.jhwcw.org](http://www.jhwcw.org) — Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada
- [www.jhfsac.com](http://www.jhfsac.com) — Jewish Heritage Festival May 3, 2009 (Sacramento, CA)
- [www.nmajmh.org](http://www.nmajmh.org) — National Museum of American Jewish Military History

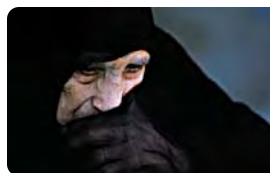
**QuoteWorthy:**

**“If you don’t read the newspaper you are uninformed; if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.”**  
— *Mark Twain*

**Saudi Widow, 75, Sentenced For Accepting Bread From Nephew**

By Maggie Michael, Associated Press

The sentencing of a 75-year-old widow to 40 lashes and four months in prison for mingling with two young men who were reportedly bringing her bread has sparked new criticism of Saudi Arabia’s ultraconservative religious police and judiciary.



**Khamisa Sawadi,**

who is Syrian but was married to a Saudi, was convicted and sentenced in March for meeting with men who were not her immediate relatives. The two men, including one who was Sawadi’s late husband’s nephew, were also found guilty and sentenced to prison terms and lashes.

The woman’s lawyer plans to appeal the verdict, which also demands that Sawadi be deported after serving her prison term.

A special police unit called the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice enforces these laws, patrolling public places to make sure women are covered and not wearing makeup, sexes don’t mix, shops close five times a day for Muslim prayers, and men go to the mosque to worship.

But criticism of the religious police and judiciary has been growing in Arabia, where many say they exploit their broad mandate to interfere in people’s lives.

“How can a verdict be issued based on suspicion?” Saudi doctor and columnist Laila Ahmed al-Ahdab wrote in the Saudi newspaper *Al-Watan*. “A group of people are misusing religion to serve their own interests.”

## Rare 1,800-Year-Old Figurine (shown right) Found in Jerusalem

By Karen Zolka, Associated Press  
www.FrontPageMagazine.com

An 1,800-year-old figurine believed to have originated from the eastern stretches of the Roman Empire has been discovered by archaeologists outside the walls of Old Jerusalem, the Israeli Antiquities Authority said. The 2-inch marble bust depicts the head of a man with a short curly beard and almond-shaped eyes who may portray a boxer.

“The high level of finish on the figurine is extraordinary, while meticulously adhering to the tiniest of details,” Doron Ben-Ami and Yana Tchekhanovets, directors of the excavation, said. Nothing similar has ever been uncovered in Israel, they said, calling it a “unique find.”

Carved from pale yellow marble, archaeologists think the figurine was most likely carried to Jerusalem by a merchant.

Archaeologists believe the figurine was used as a weight for a hanging scale of a type common in the Roman period. Tiny holes drilled in its neck were likely used to attach it to the scale, and remnants of metal remain.

The miniature bust was found in the ruins of a building destroyed by an earthquake in the fourth or fifth century.



The same dig outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City also recently yielded a well-preserved gold earring inlaid with pearls and a trove of more than 250 gold coins.

The dig is in a former parking lot in east Jerusalem. It is part of broader archaeological excavations at the site, known to Israeli scholars as the City of David, after the biblical monarch who ruled from there some 3,000 years ago.

## Famous Last Words....

“The recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India highlight the dangerously vulnerable situation of India's Muslims...”

**The November 2008 Mumbai attacks were carried out by members of the Pakistan-based group Lashkar Taiba whose objective is to introduce an Islamic state in South Asia and to “liberate” Muslims residing in Indian administered Kashmir. With this fact in mind, read what Mohamed Elmasry of the Canadian Islamic Congress (the Canadian equivalent of CAIR) wrote following those attacks (above). Can he really be unaware of the perpetrators? Or is he simply practicing what many politicians know: if you repeat a lie often enough, it is eventually perceived as truth. —Editor**



## Arab Professor Urges White House Attack

By Bob Unruh, [www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)



A professor from Kuwait, the country liberated from Saddam Hussein's attack squads by the United States in the first Gulf War, has called Islamic terrorists "the most honorable people in the world." He has outlined on Arab television a potential terror attack that would involve smuggling anthrax from Mexico into the U.S. and killing 330,000 people in 60 minutes.

The plan was described by Abdallah Al-Nafisi in a speech that aired on Al-Jazeera television in February, according to MEMRI, the Middle East Media Research Institute, an independent nonprofit that provides translations and analyses of media reports.

Al-Nafisi says: "Four pounds of anthrax—in a suitcase this big—carried by a fighter through tunnels from Mexico into the U.S., are guaranteed to kill 330,000 Americans within a single hour, if it is properly spread in population centers there."

**He calls the plan "horrifying," but says, "9/11 will be small change in comparison. Am I right?"**

The plan is simple to carry out, he emphasized.

"There is no need for airplanes, conspiracies, timings, and so on. One person, with the courage to carry four pounds of anthrax, will go to the White House lawn, and will spread this

'confetti' all over them, and then will do these cries of joy. It will turn into a real 'celebration,'" Al-Nafisi said.

## Clinton: There Will Be A Palestinian State, Jerusalem Will Be Its Capital

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

U.S. Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** signaled that the Obama Administration will press for the rapid creation of a Palestinian Arab state.



Clinton told reporters in Jerusalem that she and President Barack Obama plan to be "vigorously engaged" in bringing about the birth of "Palestine," adding that "there is no time to waste."

That is likely to put Clinton and Obama at odds with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has refused to commit to the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state. Instead, Netanyahu wants to focus on bettering the economic conditions under which the Palestinian Arabs live.

Netanyahu met with Clinton and indicated in remarks to the press that the two had found some common ground.

However, few expect relations between the Obama and Netanyahu governments to be smooth. Clinton all but guaranteed that her government will clash with Netanyahu's when she suggested in a joint press conference with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas that for Washington, the division of Jerusalem is a foregone conclusion.



Clinton with Mahmoud Abbas





**A Jewish man walked into a bank in New York City** one day and asked for the loan officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Israel on business for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan.



The Jewish man handed over the keys to a new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the Jewish man for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parked it there.

Two weeks later, the Jewish man returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest, which came to \$15.41.

The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?" The Jewish man replied: **"Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"**



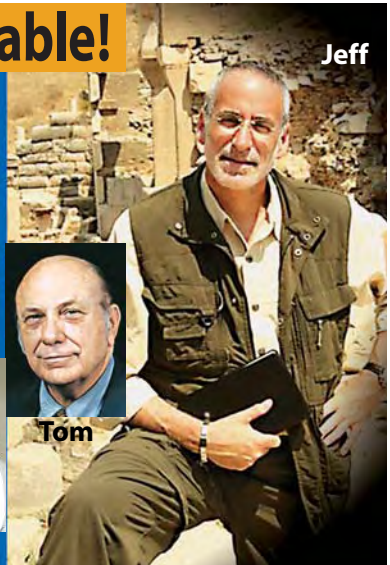
### Whose Homeland Is It?

In the years before the Balfour Declaration, a member of the House of Lords asked **Chaim Weizmann**, "Why do you Jews insist on Palestine when there are so many undeveloped countries you could settle in more conveniently?"

Weizmann replied, "That is like my asking you why you drove 20 miles to visit your mother last Sunday when there are so many old ladies living on your street."

## Messianic Speakers Available!

Want a Messianic Jewish message delivered in your church? Arrange it! **Drs. Jeffrey Seif, Tom McCall, and Todd Baker** can do pulpit supply and address a wide range of subjects such as: The Gospel from a Jewish perspective, Why the Jews matter to Jesus and Christians, How the Old and New Testaments connect, Jews and today's news in prophecy, and more. You already know Jeff. Tom McCall grounded Zola's theology and co-authored eight books with him. Todd Baker founded ZLM's Missions to Israel. Please contact our office at [speakers@levitt.com](mailto:speakers@levitt.com) to invite Zola Levitt Ministries to your Church.



# Arab Men Seek Israeli Brides

By Itamar Eichner  
[www.YNetNews.com](http://www.YNetNews.com)

"I'm asking for your help. I would like to meet an Israeli woman for marriage purposes," Abdullah, a resident of Saudi Arabia, said in a recent letter to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

"I have heard that the Israeli women are very smart and beautiful," he added. "I'm ready to pay a dowry of camels, herds, or even money. Please help me."

Dozens of such appeals are received every year by the Foreign Ministry's department for Arab media. Emails have been arriving from people in Iraq, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt.

According to Foreign Ministry official Adel Hino, almost all men identify themselves by their full name and are not afraid to leave their telephone number and address as contact details.

The Foreign Ministry recently received a letter from a resident of the United Arab Emirates in the Persian Gulf, who introduced himself as a wealthy man with a fleet of automobiles, looking for a Jewish bride from Israel.



*Willing to pay a dowry of camels*

Many appeals have also been received from Iraqi men, who say their dream is to marry an Israeli woman. One of them, a Baghdad resident, even said he is married to four women and would like the Israeli Foreign Ministry to introduce him to another woman, this time an Israeli one.

"I promise you that she will fit in well with the rest of my wives," he wrote.

"The Israeli woman must have a remarkable image in the Arab world," says Hino. "The Arab men reiterate in their letters that the Israeli women are beautiful and smart, but we politely answer all of them that with all due respect, the Foreign Ministry is not a matchmaking agency."



## U.S. Academics Boycott Israel

usacbi.wordpress.com



Responding to the call of Palestinian civil society to join the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction movement against Israel, [the U.S. Campaign for the Academic & Cultural Boycott of Israel is] focused specifically on a boycott of Israeli academic and cultural institutions until Israel ends its [alleged] “occupation and colonization of all Arab lands” and allows “Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties” [which they claim to have been stolen by the Jews].

There is a list of university professors in the States denouncing Israel and calling for boycotts. Many have Muslim names, which attests to Islam’s penetration into positions to influence our young. —Jeff **The list is growing. Check it out for yourself at:** <http://usacbi.wordpress.com/endorsers>.

### Proposal In Congress: No Gilad Shalit, No Gaza Aid

By Natasha Mozgovaya, [www.Haaretz.com](http://www.Haaretz.com)

A new initiative by members of the United States Congress seeks to condition the transfer of the \$900 million for the Palestinians on an end to rocket fire on Israel from Gaza, and the release of Israeli soldier **Gilad Shalit**, held captive in Gaza since June 2006.

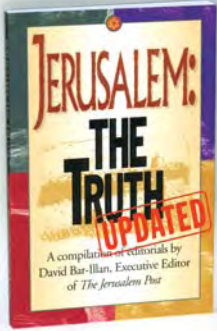


The proposal followed a meeting on Capitol Hill between Noam Badin, the director of the communications center in Kassam-battered Sderot and several Congress members and their advisors.

After the meeting, Rep. Shelley Berkley of Nevada drafted a petition to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that demanded that the financial aid be delayed for as long as the rocket fire continues and Gilad Shalit remains in captivity.

Berkley, a Jewish politician well known in Congress for her support of Israel, backed the Israeli operation in Gaza during December and January, and even told *Haaretz* that maybe Israel had been too tolerant. ★





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