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



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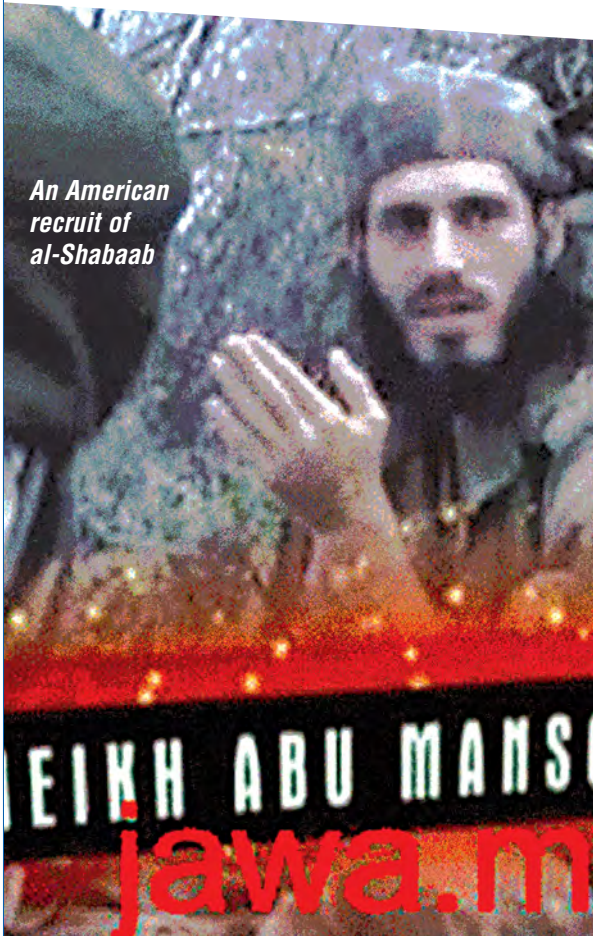
A modern way for fanatics to prey upon the gullible. —Jeff

## Homegrown Muslim Extremism A Rising And Real Threat

By Sebastian Rotella, [www.LATimes.com](http://www.LATimes.com)

Anti-terrorism officials and experts see signs of accelerated radicalization among American Muslims, driven by a wave of English-language online propaganda and reflected in aspiring fighters' recent trips to hot spots such as Pakistan and Somalia.

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An American recruit of al-Shabaab

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## U.S. Recognition of Jerusalem as Capital

By Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu  
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U.S. Embassy Seal

Seven United States senators have sponsored a bill that would abolish the "security" waiver that American presidents have used to prevent implementing a 1995 law declaring that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.

Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), a long-time supporter of Israel, introduced the bill and said, "It is long overdue for America to recognize the sovereign right of Israel to choose Jerusalem as its capital city."

A proposed Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act law, number S. 2737, is "a bill to relocate to Jerusalem the United States

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Europe had been the front line, the target of successive attacks and major plots, while the U.S. remained relatively calm. But the number, variety, and scale of recent U.S. cases suggest **2009 was the most dangerous year domestically since 2001**, anti-terrorism experts said.

- There were major arrests of Americans accused of plotting with al-Qaeda and its allies, including an Afghan-American charged in a New York bomb plot described as the most serious threat in this country since the Sept. 11 attacks.
- Authorities tracked other extremism suspects joining foreign networks, including Somali-Americans going to the battlegrounds of their ancestral homeland and an Albanian-American from Brooklyn who was arrested in Kosovo.
- The FBI rounded up homegrown terrorism suspects in Dallas, Detroit, and Raleigh (N.C.) saying that it had broken up plots targeting a synagogue, government buildings, and military facilities.

Recently, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano issued her strongest public comments yet on the homegrown threat. “We’ve seen an increased number of arrests here in the U.S. of individuals suspected of plotting terrorist attacks, or supporting terror groups abroad such as al-Qaeda. Home-based terrorism is here. And, like violent extremism abroad, it will be part of the threat picture that we must now confront.”

In contrast to the heightened extremist activity in the United States, Europe remained relatively calm last year. But the West needs to keep up its guard on both sides of the Atlantic, said Farhad Khosrokhavar, an Iranian French scholar who interviewed jailed extremists for his book *Inside Jihadism*. “You can be middle-class and have bright

prospects but become a jihadist,” he said. “We have to broaden the analysis. This idea of American exceptionalism, the comparison with Europe, should not blind us to the fact that we are going toward a broader participation in jihad.” ★

## U.S. Recognition of Jerusalem as Capital (continued from cover)

Embassy in Israel” and has six co-sponsors—five Republicans and one Independent.

It would remove the current waiver, which gives the president authority to delay recognition of Jerusalem as the capital on the premise that doing so would endanger the security of the United States. Previous presidents vowed during their election campaigns that they would recognize Jerusalem as the Jewish State’s capital but failed to carry out that election promise.

The senators introduced the bill following a visit to the United States by Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, who said, “I believe moving the American embassy to Jerusalem will be the first step towards other embassies moving to the capital, as in every other country in the world.” ★

## Dry Bones PROFILING



## Why Won't We Face Iran's Evil?

By Mona Charen

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



When tens of thousands of Iranians took to the streets in spring 2009 and braved the most brutal repression the regime could inflict, Michael Ledeen was the least surprised man in Washington. Ledeen has chronicled the profound weakness of the mullahocracy and its deep unpopularity with the Iranian people. Impatiently, year after year, he has identified opportunities for the United States to help the people of Iran replace their sinister and menacing rulers.

In *Accomplice to Evil*, Ledeen seems almost out of patience. The failure to grapple with the challenge of Iran is more than a strategic failure, he argues; it's a moral failure. Just as few in the democratic countries took Adolf Hitler at his word when he repeatedly promised to dominate the world and kill all Jews, and few could squarely acknowledge the genocidal lengths to which the communists would go, so today the threat from the radical Islamists is minimized, whitewashed, or wished away.

Of the Carter administration, Ledeen writes, "The failure to comprehend what Khomeini was all about contributed mightily to the American debacle in Iran, and to subsequent failure of American policy, for the policy makers—from Carter down—did not take seriously the possibility that Khomeini might be worse than the shah." Incomparably worse as it turned out. During the war with Iraq, Iran sent tens of thousands of children to their deaths "clearing" minefields. Before departure, they were issued plastic keys—to open the gates of paradise.

But Americans have doggedly refused to recognize the nature of the regime or the Islamist movement it spearheads. Even after the regime had held our

diplomats hostage in Iran for more than a year, the Carter administration "approved a series of humiliating concessions" in the hope of securing their release. It was that way to the bitter end. On the day before he left office, Carter issued Executive Order 12283, which immunized the Iranian government from lawsuits arising from the seizure of the embassy.

President Obama deludes himself that "outreach" to the mullahs represents some sort of new departure in American policy. In fact, every administration since Carter's has repeatedly attempted to "engage" the mullahs. Even the Bush administration "pursued accommodation... as vigorously as any of the others."

Ledeen thinks it's expedient that we destroy the assembly sites for the weapons Iran is providing to the Taliban, Mahdi Army, and al-Qaeda. Defeating those he has elsewhere called the "terror masters" in Tehran would drive a stake through the heart of radical Islam. "The defeat of the principal sponsor sends shock waves through the movement and discredits the ideology." But only if we can overcome our self-delusions about the enemy first. ★



# Israel's Title To Palestine, Under International Law

By Richard Shulman, [www.Examiner.com](http://www.Examiner.com)

(From *The Legal Foundation and Borders of Israel Under International Law* by Howard Grief, international lawyer.)

Jewish sovereignty over the Land of Israel did not arise from the UN's 1947 partition plan (which was merely advisory) or from British abandonment of the Mandate over Palestine in 1948. Rather, Jewish sovereignty was recognized in 1920 when the post-World War I Allied Supreme Council (Britain, France, Italy, and Japan), meeting in San Remo, Italy "converted the 1917 'Balfour Declaration' into a binding legal document."

"Binding?" "...its wording gave effect to the provisions of Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and became incorporated into the Mandate for Palestine." The Jewish people retained sovereignty despite the British acting as their agents by running the Mandate.

The end of the Mandate did not terminate the Jewish people's rights to all of Palestine as it had been defined, to also include northwestern Golan and Jordan. Under the doctrine of estoppel, **those rights cannot be abrogated** by countries that formerly had recognized them.

For example, "The U.S. endorsed Jewish sovereignty over Palestine in all its 'historical parts and dimensions.' The U.S. cannot now declare Israel's presence in Judea and Samaria as an illegal 'occupation' of lands upon which it favors the creation of a Palestinian State. The 1924 Anglo-American Convention on Palestine made the U.S. a 'contracting party' to the Mandate, further reinforcing a unanimously

passed Joint Resolution of the 67th Congress two years earlier, signed by President Warren G. Harding, recognizing a future Jewish State in 'the whole of Palestine.'"

The "...Mandate for Palestine that was ceremoniously incorporated into U.S. law in 1924 'was a constitution for the projected Jewish state that made no provision for an Arab state and which especially prohibited the partition of the country.' Thus, he concludes, the fierce exception the U.S. has taken to Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria and its unremitting pressure for creation of a "Palestinian State" amount to a repudiation of its signature to the Anglo-American Convention on Palestine. It is in violation of American law and America's obligations under international law."

If PM Begin had annexed Judea, Samaria, and Gaza right away, they would not have gone through stages in the popular mind from non-allocated to disputed to "occupied." ★



# Burka Barbie

By Alexandra Sandels, [www.LATimes.com](http://www.LATimes.com)

From Pilot Barbie to Hard Rock Barbie, the glamorous and iconic doll has undergone many makeovers since her creation 50 years ago, but none of her previous outfits has probably stirred as much buzz as her latest Islamic look.

It's Barbie in a *burka*.

In her new look, Barbie wears both the traditional Islamic dress with a mesh eyehole—appearing in a line of stylish turquoise, lime-green, orange-colored *burkas*—and regular head-covering Muslim veil, known as *hijab*.

Opinion has been divided on Burka Barbie.

Fan Angela Ellis thought it was a good idea to introduce a veiled Barbie so children living in conservative Islamic countries would have a doll they could identify with.

Critics such as Barbara Kay in Canada slammed Barbie's Muslim dress as a “symbol of oppression. What's next in dolls that are important for girls to play with? ‘Illiterate Barbie’? ‘Forced-Marriage Barbie’?” she wrote.

Instead, Kay branded Burka Barbie a “mockery of disempowered women” who, she said, have been “stripped of human dignity.” She felt the doll had no place in Mattel's line of “diversity” Barbies. “There can be no parallel between these travesties of multiculturalism and other ‘diversity’ Barbies—brown Barbies, native-dress Barbies, pilot Barbies—avatars that reflect the natural appearance and truly traditional garb and career choices of free women,” she wrote.

Burka Barbie is not the first Islamic-styled doll for girls. Back in 2003, a United Arab Emirates-based company launched the Muslim doll **Fulla**, (bottom) resulting in some fierce competition



Burka Barbie  
Credit: AFP

for Barbie. Also in 2003, Saudi Arabia called Barbie a “symbol of decadence to the perverted West” and banned the doll. In 2008, Barbie came under fire in Iran when Iranian prosecutor Ghorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi said the dolls were “destructive culturally and a social danger.”

Barbie's veiled rival has become a smash hit in the Middle East, with more than 1.5 million dolls sold in the first two years of its making. ★

*Barbie's veiled rival Fulla has become a bestseller in the Arab world.*



# First Jesus-Era House Uncovered In Nazareth

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

Last December, Israeli archaeologists said that they had uncovered remains of the first dwelling in the northern city of Nazareth that can be dated back to the time of Jesus.

The find sheds a new light on what Nazareth might have been like in Jesus' time, said the archaeologists, indicating that it was probably a small hamlet with about 50 houses populated by poor Jews.



1. Remains of the Jesus-era Nazareth dwelling. (IAA)

The remains of a wall, a hideout, and a cistern were found after builders dug up an old convent courtyard in the northern Israeli city, said archaeologist Yardenna Alexandre of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Alexandre told reporters that archaeologists also found clay and chalk vessels used by Galilean Jews of the time—an indication the home belonged to a simple Jewish family. “It is likely Jesus and his childhood friends would have known the house,” said Alexandre.

“From the little written evidence available, we know that first-century A.D. Nazareth was a small Jewish village located in a valley,” Alexandre said, adding that “until now, a few Jesus-era graves were revealed, but never have we unearthed the remains of contemporary residences.”

A pit made in the rock, the entrance to which was likely hidden, was also found; contemporary clay work was inside. Alexandre estimated that the pit was made as part of the Jews' preparations ahead of the Great Rebellion against the Romans, in 67 A.D.



2. Father Jacques Icaram walks in remains of dwelling (AP)



3. Israel Antiquities Authority workers at excavation (AP)

4. The Church of the Annunciation seen alongside excavation site (AP)



5. Father Jacques Icaram (below) stands near IAA workers at the excavation site (Getty)



6. Father Jacques Icaram at the excavation site (Getty)



## Excuses, Excuses: Method To Their Madness

By Barry Rubin, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

**If the Palestinians are suffering so much, why won't they make peace?**

**The answer:** The Palestinian leadership wants total victory and Israel's elimination. It is willing to go on letting its people suffer for a century in pursuit of that goal. It hopes that the world will give it everything it wants without having to make any concessions. It realizes that saying "no" and letting the conflict continue gives it more—not less—leverage internationally because this makes Israel look like the guilty party and, consequently, is punished through European policies.

The calculation goes something like this: The longer the Palestinians refuse to make peace, the more people will blame Israel, turn away from it, and pressure it into unilateral concessions. This is a **masochistic-based approach**, a willingness to suffer in exchange for gain, and a gain that partly comes from many onlookers' inability to believe that anyone could use such tactics. ★

## Arabs See Iran As Greater Threat Than Israel

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

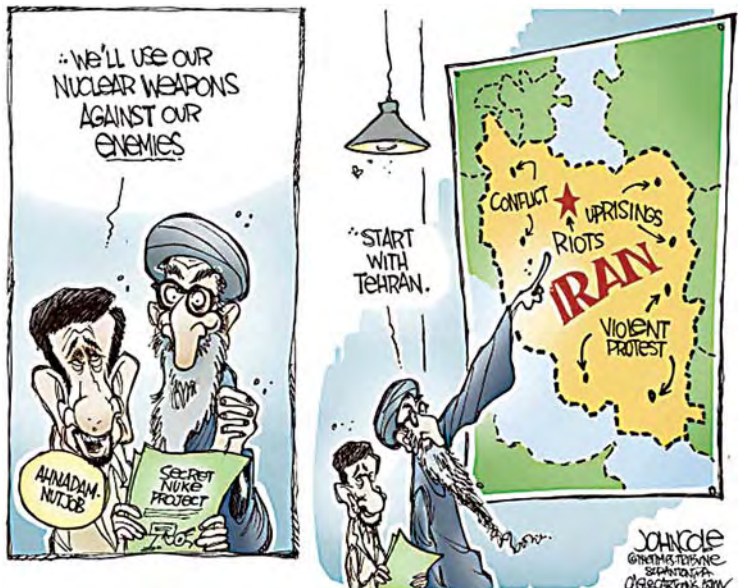
For the first time in decades, the Arab world is not viewing Israel's existence as its greatest strategic threat. That honor has now been given to Iran, which is pushing forward with a defiant nuclear program.

According to a poll conducted by the Doha Debates group throughout the Arab Middle East, a firm majority of Arabs living in the region view Iran as a greater threat than Israel. One-third of respondents said that **a nuclear-armed Iran was as likely to target them as Israel.**

Curiously, despite their wariness of Iran and its nuclear program, 80 percent of respondents said they don't believe Iran is trying to build a nuclear weapon.

Foreign analysts noted that the poll's results are a reminder that while the Israeli-Arab conflict has today taken center stage, there remains strong animosity between the Arabs and Persians, whose feud goes back centuries to the Arab Muslim conquest of pre-modern Iran.

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Though many issues concern Americans both at home and abroad, the world's eyes are turning eastward, anticipating a showdown with Iran. Western politicians may leave David-like Israel to contend with Goliath-like Iran by itself—aided by the prayers of Bible-Believers the world over.

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Ezekiel, Daniel, and Revelation indicate that tensions precede eschatological wars, culminating in Christ's return. Now I am called to head to Israel with our film crew to open up the prophetic story with a much needed look at the Book of Esther.

### For Such A Time As This

Esther tells of an anti-Semitic Persian aristocrat, Haman, who schemed to destroy the Jews in the realm—an oft-repeated theme in history. He might have succeeded had not a well-placed Esther (2:1-18) used her influence to thwart him. Esther's cousin and mentor, Mordecai, urged the initially sheepish queen to take a stand, saying: you have come to power *"for such a time as this"* (4:14).

With Islamic, secular, and religious worlds lining up against Israel at this time—yes, *I mean right now!*—Queen Esther's rags-to-riches elevation prompts Believers to wonder whether anyone today has been placed *"for such a time as this."* We're right up against the midnight hour with Iran, and I am praying *the Lord has positioned thousands of Esthers to stand up at such a time as this.* Are you one? Can you discern the moment, take an inventory of God's hand in your life, and take action at *"such a time as this"*?

Last year, Zola Levitt Ministries brought cutting edge, Gospel-proclaiming TV programming to the world. Though we haven't recovered from last year's financial circumstances, we're gearing up to produce a major television series that

(1) takes a fresh look at Persia/Iran in prophecy,

(2) considers where we are on God's prophetic timetable, and

(3) challenges individuals to take a stand for God and for the Jews, at such a time as this.

If everyone will help a little we will accomplish a lot. It would be remarkably helpful to receive a donation of \$100,000; \$10,000 or even \$1,000. Truth is, if everyone on our mailing list would donate \$25-\$100, we'd be well on our way to filming the Esther series. Fund-raising is my least favorite responsibility, but economics demands it.

### Let's Go To Israel Together!

Now for the fun part: *I invite you to go with me to Israel—now, in June, or in October.* Come walk where Jesus walked, and minister the love of God at a time when Israel needs to feel your friendship. Please see the particular dates on page 36 and call Tracie at 214-696-9760. Because we go three times per year, every year, our groups stay small enough to be intimate. Some national ministries go every other year and take hundreds of pilgrims. If we did that, we'd fill ten buses, but I'd never get to know everybody. I like getting to know you, our friends and supporters. So I encourage you to go—and go now. Call Tracie and participate in the drama of the ages.

Your messenger,



# To The Jew First Missionary Report

By Ralph A. Conn

During last fall's To The Jew First missionary trip to Israel, we shared the Gospel of Jesus throughout the country, from Mt. Hermon far north to Eilat at the very southern tip, planting seeds of understanding everywhere we went. What a blessing! We handed out *Brit Hadashahs* (New Testaments in Hebrew) and tracts to everyone the Lord sent to us. We met a



*Ralph Conn with female Israeli soldiers*

group of women soldiers in Jerusalem —about 25 or so—who gathered around asking questions about our sharing God's love, curious about our support and prayers for them. Yeshua is the answer, I proclaimed; and they listened!

Kenny Gee and I were in a mall in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit told me to go outside as we were going to be approached by a soldier. When I shared this with Kenny, he exclaimed, "There he is," pointing to a young man, far off, getting off a bus. He walked straight to us and was very interested in hearing about God's love for him. We spoke at length with him and gave him a Brit Hadashah as two young women approached and greeted him. They claimed to be atheists but admitted that they did believe in a god but were unsure who that god was. They are now wondering about Yeshua and God's love for them and the Land they live in.



*Nov 2009 Ambassador team (l to r): Kenny Gee, Ralph and Deborah Conn, and Dr. Todd Baker*

Words can never express the love of God we experienced traveling from one town to another. I want you to know that your support helped make it possible for us to be used by the Lord. You will be blessed, as you were there with us.

*Please see p. 20 for information about the To The Jew First Fund.*



*Ralph Conn praising Yeshua in Israel*



*TJF founder Dr. Todd Baker teaching by the Sea of Galilee*



# Can We Blame The Swiss?



By Tawfik Hamid  
www.JPost.com

**Last November, Swiss voters supported a referendum proposal to ban the building of minarets in their country. Official results show more than 57 percent of voters and 22 out of 26 cantons—or provinces—voted in favor of the ban. Building more minarets—in addition to the four existing ones—was seen by many Swiss as a sign of Islamization of their free country. The government opposed the ban, saying it would harm Switzerland's image, particularly in the Muslim world.**

**Several points must be raised in relation to this issue:**

1. Can Muslims blame the Swiss people for being afraid of Islamization in their country? No, especially while the entire world sees the inhumane applications of Islamic law (*sharia*) wherever it is implemented. It should come as no surprise that the Swiss people don't want a system that even today practices discrimination in the name of religion. The vivid images of stoning women in the Muslim world should make any sane individual inclined not to allow such an intolerant system to grow in his country under the banner of freedom of religion.

2. The Swiss people who rejected building minarets may be sending a message that their tolerance did not change the Muslim world and is not reciprocated. For several decades Muslims have been allowed to build mosques in Europe, wear their traditional symbols such as the hijab, and preach Islam to non-Muslims. Despite such high levels of tolerance in the West, non-Muslims are not permitted to practice similar rights in several parts of the Islamic world. Preaching Christianity is criminalized in a number of Muslim countries. Furthermore, non-Muslims are not permitted to have their holy books or to build their religious temples in many *sharia*-controlled areas. This lack of reciprocity of Western tolerance will

naturally make many Westerners feel that showing tolerance to Muslims is not effective.

3. It seems strange that Muslims would insist on building minarets for mosques in Switzerland while thousands of mosques exist inside the Muslim world without minarets. The minarets are seen by many as representing the superiority of Islam, especially when they are taller than the churches; this sheds some light on the hidden intentions of Muslims who insist on building minarets in the heart of Europe. It is important that Muslims in Switzerland explain why they insist on using such historical symbols of Muslim superiority when it is neither mentioned in the Koran nor considered vital to building a mosque.



Minaret under construction

4. It seems too hypocritical that Muslims demand minarets in Europe while many non-Muslims in the Muslim world are denied basic and fundamental religious rights. The more important problem Muslims in Switzerland should address is the lack of basic religious rights for non-Muslim minorities, not these unnecessary minarets.

*The writer is an Islamic thinker and reformer, and one-time Islamic extremist from Egypt. He is currently a senior fellow and chairman of the study of Islamic radicalism at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies.* ★

## Accurate Bible Teaching

Our present subject is Progressive Dispensationalism, a doctrine which has now infected any number of formerly fine, trustworthy Bible-teaching institutions. Some of the formerly Dispensational seminaries, teaching the very logical system of spiritual economies given in the Bible, have departed into this strange teaching which takes a negative view of modern Israel, and that is our chief objection. Like Amillennialism, a doctrine which holds that there will be no future Kingdom on Earth, Progressive Dispensationalism considers modern Israel to be the work of man and not of God. It rejects the concept of God's covenant with an unsaved Israel such as we have today.

Despite the teachings of the Dry Bones vision (Ezekiel 37) and any number of other passages, Progressive Dispensationalists demand a believing Israel before they will accept it as a nation re-gathered by divine miracle.

In fact, these theologians have adopted the politically correct view that Israel is oppressing the Palestinians. They apparently are convinced by the media's negative reports despite the plain evidence of the eyes of any pilgrim who goes to the Land.

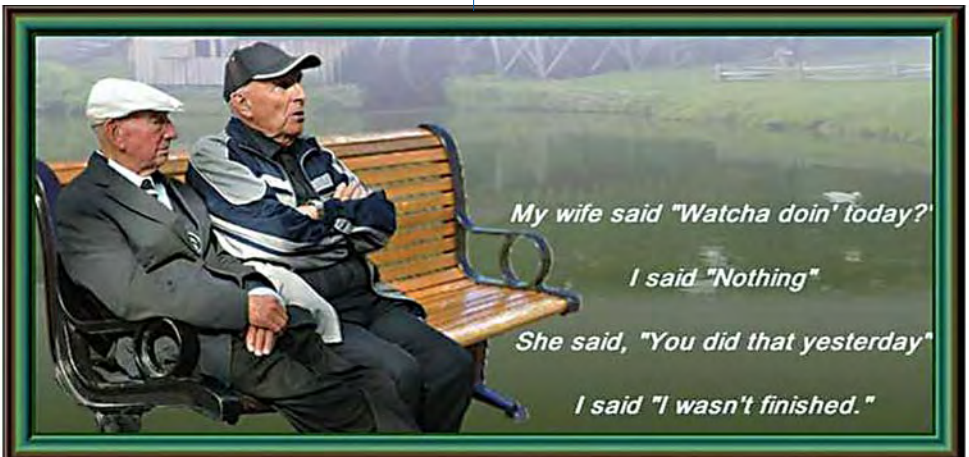
The Progressive Dispensationalism teachers ignore the resurgence of the

Messianic movement in Israel and even the heartening spread of faith in *Yeshua* (Jesus) among the Jews in this country. They seem not to understand how the situation in modern Israel leads to the Tribulation and the Millennium, which is very clear even to Sunday school teachers everywhere. They seem embarrassed about the idea of Israel becoming the head of the nations, and they think that an emphasis on Israel somehow diminishes the Church.

They seem to de-emphasize the study of eschatology—or prophecy—entirely. There has been a decline of prophecy conferences nationwide and little teaching of Revelation going on these days in the pulpits or classrooms. There is, in particular, a reduced teaching of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture which is arguably the doctrine of prime importance to the Church today. The fact that the Lord can come at any moment should have a profound influence on every Christian.

Dr. Thomas S. McCall, our senior theologian, has proposed a four-question test for choosing a seminary or Bible school, "A Proper Biblical D.I.E.T."

See "A Proper Biblical D.I.E.T." in the February 2000 *Levitt Letter* archived at [levitt.com/newsletters/2000-02](http://levitt.com/newsletters/2000-02). ★



## Computer Geeks Go To War



The term “battlefield” has traditionally referred to the actual ground where armies meet to engage in active combat. Israel has sent soldiers to many battlefields over the past six decades, including inside and around the holy city of Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights adjacent to Syria, southern Lebanon, the Sinai Peninsula, and the Jordan Valley.

However in recent years, the term has expanded to include something that was totally unknown before the 1990s—cyber-space. Although the worldwide computer Web network is mainly designed to connect users to manifold information, shopping, and entertainment Internet sites, it is increasingly also the place where hackers, thieves, and Web warriors engage in their nefarious activities.

Being the recipient of hostile attention by Muslim jihad warriors located all over the planet, websites connected to the Jewish State are frequently targeted for attack. Social network sites like Facebook and YouTube are also increasingly utilized by anti-Israel bloggers and activists to launch verbal and video assaults upon the Jewish State and People.

**The Israeli army is now forming a special military unit to fight back.**

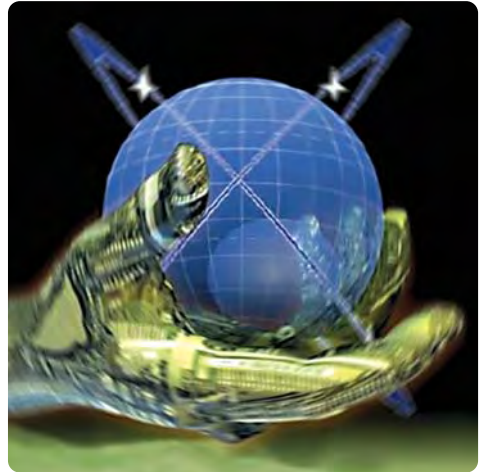
Battles waged not on the ground, but in cyberspace, obviously require a different kind of soldier equipped in a unique manner.

To meet the fresh challenge, the IDF brass has now established an “Internet Department” to actively engage in cyber conflict. The new department—recently unveiled by the army’s senior spokesman, Brigadier General Avi Benayahu—will feature a military unit comprising carefully selected “computer geeks” who are already steeped in the required high level Internet skills.

The new unit is partially the result of strong criticism leveled by many against the Israeli government and army for allegedly being slow to respond to the escalating

cyber war that is constantly waged against the country.

The pressing need for such a unit became especially clear when cyber attacks directed at Israel reached a new zenith during the “Cast Lead” IDF military operation against Hamas forces in the Gaza Strip one year ago. At the time, the army spokesman’s office fought back by uploading footage of the conflict to YouTube, illustrating that Israeli military personnel were doing everything possible to prevent Palestinian civilian casualties and unnecessary property damage. The IDF videos were viewed by millions of Internet users.



General Benayahu said the new military unit will entirely bypass the regular media, focusing instead on directly reaching the huge, mainly young, international community that frequents popular social network websites. Already dubbed the “geek unit” by some Israeli pundits, it will comprise around ten carefully selected recruits who display advanced computer and communications skills before joining the army. Scouts will scour high schools around the country to find the right young men and women for the special job.

Although some might regard the new unit as a cushy assignment, army leaders say it could prove to be one of the most important military assets in the future as cyber battles become more frequent and intense. ★

# Cultural Divide: Male Medics, Police, and Muslim Women

By David J. Rustin, [IslamistWatch.org](http://IslamistWatch.org)

Islamists would not be Islamists without demanding that Muslims live by separate rules and that the rest of us modify our behavior to suit them. Male-female interactions form a common battleground in this respect, with even neighborly hellos to Muslim women known to stir trouble.

Whether hypnotized by multiculturalism or simply hoping to avoid conflict, some Westerners clearly have internalized the view that female Muslims are to be kept off limits to unrelated men, regardless of the specific circumstances and context—including car crashes and police raids.

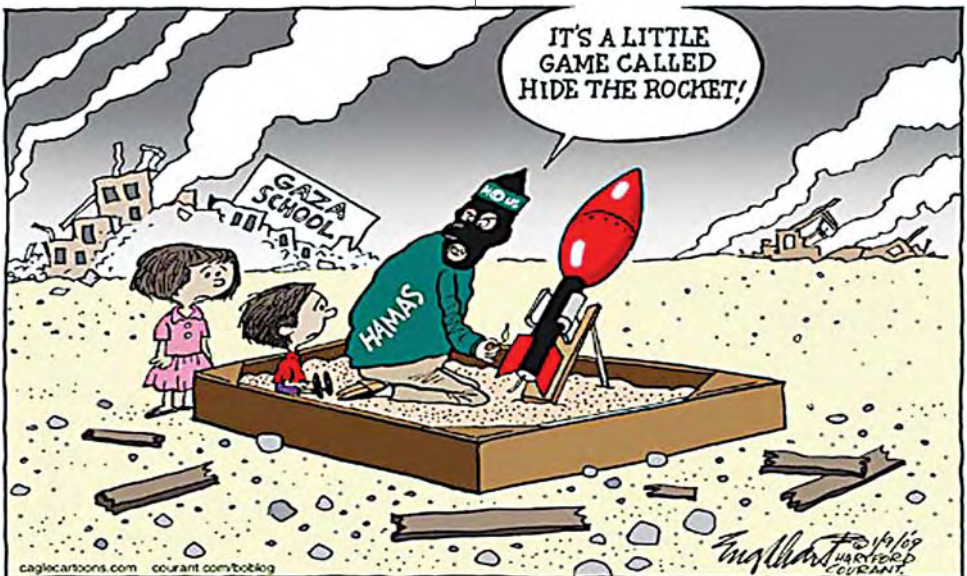
September 2009, a private Australian ambulance happened upon an accident and offered to assist an Ambulance Victoria (AV) crew already on the scene. Problems began when private operator Rian Holden checked the blood pressure and pulse of one of the victims, a “Muslim woman in traditional dress.” Alert to the insult of a male medic touching her, members of the AV unit

“abused” Holden and his partner and ordered them to depart. The news story reported that police assured the departure of Holden from the area.

A more troubling incident took place following the October 30 arrest in Canada of a pair of men linked to Luqman Ameen Abdullah, the radical imam who was shot to death after firing at FBI agents during an October 28 raid near Detroit. Two weeks later, Gary Smith, chief of Windsor, Ontario police force issued an unprecedented public apology for his male officers having removed women from the house and pat-searched the wife of one of the suspects. “The actions taken did cause embarrassment and did offend their religious beliefs,” Smith said. “I sincerely apologize to the families and the Islamic community.”

Lamenting that “the training received by service members was insufficient,” Smith assured that “more thorough” sessions have been scheduled. Meanwhile, Ed Parent, president of the police union, insisted that “nothing went wrong here.”

Behold the new and not-quite-improved West, where the treatment of crash victims and the safety of cops come second to assuaging Islamist egos. ★



# The Man Who Smuggled Himself Into Auschwitz

By Rob Broomby, [www.News.bbc.co.uk](http://www.News.bbc.co.uk)

When millions would have done anything to get out, one remarkable British soldier smuggled himself into Auschwitz to witness the horror so he could tell others the truth.



**Denis Avey** is a remarkable man by any measure. A courageous and determined soldier in World War II, he was captured by the Germans and imprisoned in a camp connected to the Germans' largest concentration camp, Auschwitz.

But his actions while in the camp—which he has never spoken about until now—are truly extraordinary. When millions would have done anything to get out, Avey repeatedly smuggled himself into the camp.

He arranged to swap for one night at a time with a Jewish inmate he had come to trust. He exchanged his uniform for the filthy, stripy garments the man had to wear. For the Auschwitz inmate it meant valuable food and rest in the British camp, while for Denis it was a chance to gather facts on the inside.

He describes Auschwitz as "hell on earth" and says he would lie awake at night listening to the

ramblings and screams of prisoners.

"It was pretty ghastly at night; you got this terrible stench," he says.

"There were nearly three million human beings worked to death in different factories," says Avey. "They knew at that rate they'd last about five months. He would ask where people he'd met previously had gone, and he would be told they'd "gone up the chimney."

He also witnessed the brutality meted out to the prisoners, saying people were shot daily.

Avey suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder when he came back from the war and has only recently been able to speak about what he did and what he saw. He admits some may find it hard to believe and acknowledges it was "foolhardy." "But that's how I was," he simply says.

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# Boy Scouts Shout “Kill The Jews” At Veterans

By **Matthew Weaver**,  
[www.Guardian.co.uk](http://www.Guardian.co.uk)



A scout troop is being investigated by the police after its members shouted death threats and racist abuse at Jewish war veterans during a remembrance parade. Dressed in full uniform, the explorer scouts, who were taking part in the Remembrance Sunday service in Romford, Essex, were heard to repeatedly shout “Let’s kill the Jews” at Jewish World War II veterans.

The Rev. Lee Sunderland, who was taking part in the service, expressed shock after hearing the scouts shout: “Here come the Jews; let’s kill the Jews.” Other witnesses said the racist chants were started by a boy believed to be 15 years old. One of the troop has since come forward and been interviewed by police. He has been ordered by the Scout Association to visit the rabbi of the Romford and district synagogue to apologize in person.

**Paul Freedman, an 84-year-old Jewish former RAF pilot who laid a wreath at the service, challenged the scouts. “I was absolutely fuming . . . I told them I was a Jew and I’d spent four and a half years in the RAF during the second world war, and that Jewish people had sacrificed very much for freedom.”**

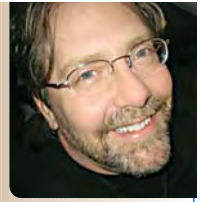
The county commissioner of greater London north-east scouts, Dean Jefferys, issued a letter of apology to the synagogue. He said he was “shocked and appalled” and that all scout members offered their “most sincere and profound apologies”.

“I understand that a senior police officer spoke to all of the explorer scouts at the time of the incident. All the young people were left in no doubt as to the seriousness of the remarks and the consequence of further such behavior.”

Simon Carter, a spokesman of the Scout Association, said the scout who confessed to starting the chant flouted the scouting ethos. “As scouts we promise to do our duty and to help other people. Clearly this child has not lived up to this promise.” ★



*Laying of the Remembrance Day wreath*



## The Reciprocity of Prayer

By John J. Parsons

שׁוֹחֵר טוֹב יִבְקֶשׁ רְצוֹן וְרֵשׁ רָעָה תְּבוֹאֵנוּ

*Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,  
but evil comes to him who searches for it. (Proverbs 11:27, ESV)*

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tc'vo-e-nu	ra-ah	ve'do-resh	ra-tzon	yc'va-kesh	tov	sho-chcr				
it will come to him	but the one who searches for evil		desires favor		the one who seeks good					

**The one who seeks good is called *shocher tov*, “a seeker of good.”** The *shocher tov* has a good eye (*ayin ha-tovah*) that constantly sees the worth and potential in others. The one who searches out evil is *doresh ra'ah*, “a searcher of evil.” The *doresh ra'ah* has an evil eye (*ayin hara*) that is critical and faultfinding. The principle may be stated this way: When you seek the good of others, you find God’s favor (*ratzon*), but when you search for evil in others, the very evil you find becomes your own.

Note that the word for “seeking” (*shocher*) comes from the word for “dawn” or “morning” (*shachar*), suggesting an “early” or irrepressible seeking (as the dawn continually follows night). The parallel term “searching” (*doresh*), on the other hand, comes from the verb *darash*, from which the word *midrash* (interpretation) derives. The sages therefore note that it is easier to be *doresh ra'ah* than it is to be *shocher tov*. Assuming the worst in others is relatively effortless, but seeking their good requires compassion and the willingness to bear their burdens.

The “law of Messiah” (Gal. 6:2) is to bear one another’s burdens (the Greek word for burden is βαρος (“weight,” from which we derive the word barometer)). This same word is used in 2 Cor. 4:17 to refer to the “weight of glory” that we will experience in the world to come. Bearing one another’s burdens reveals the glory of the One who willingly bore our sin and shame at Calvary (1 Pet. 2:24).

Bearing one another’s burdens means caring enough to pray for them. The sages remark that he who prays for another and is in need of the same thing is answered *first* (Talmud, Bava Kamma). For example, when the prophet Job prayed for his friends, God restored Job’s own fortunes (Job 42:10). There is a shared blessing when we pray for others, as King David said in Psalm 35:13: “may what I prayed for happen to me!” (literally, *tefillati al-cheiki tashuv*—“may it return upon my own breast”).

“May what I prayed for happen to me...” Some of our prayers are conscious words spoken to God, whereas others are unconscious expressions of our inner heart attitudes. When we harbor indifference, ill will, or unforgiveness toward others, we are only hurting ourselves. When we seek the good of others we find God’s favor, healing and life. A midrash states that if someone speaks well of another, the angels above will then speak well of him before the Holy One.

**We should always, therefore, seek the welfare of others, since as Jesus said, “the measure you use will be measured back to you” (Luce 6:38).**





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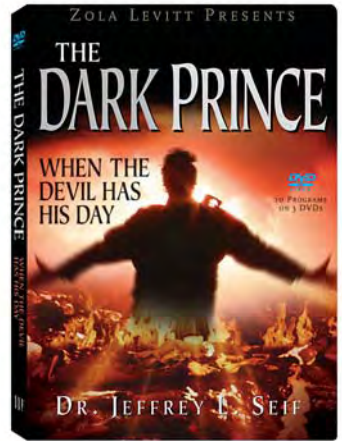
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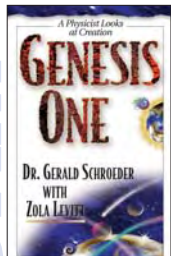
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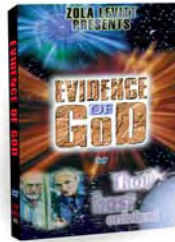


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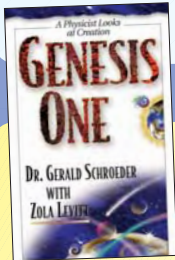
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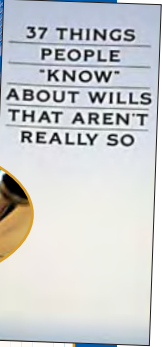
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Since March 2001, this ministry's *To The Jew First (TJF) Fund* has sent 79 volunteer missionaries to Israel. **See their latest report on page 9.** During 2007, we sent 12 missionaries, 8 in 2008, and 14 in 2009. Understandably, the *TJF Fund* is depleted.

Would you kindly designate contributions to the *To The Jew First Fund* to help us catch up on the budget for these trips? Thanks in advance for your assistance.

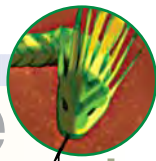
## "Come Home!"

Zola's Tours to Israel:



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# Securing Social Security Benefits

When my mother died in 1970, my father, Zola, knew nothing about the survivors' benefits that were available to us from the Social Security Administration. Since I was a minor child of a deceased parent, my remaining parent (or guardian) was entitled to receive monthly benefits until I turned 22 (the maximum age has since fallen to 18).

Five years passed before Zola filed such a claim and began receiving hundreds of dollars per month. During these five years of financial hardship, he became a Believer and took a considerable cut in pay to begin his ministerial work. To his disappointment, the retroactive payments went back only six months. Being unaware cost my father, in today's dollars, nearly \$100,000!

Most of you readers are already aware that Social Security benefits for widows and widowers begin at age 60, even if the recipient has other income—unless they remarry prior to age 60. Word to the wise: a widow who is about to remarry at age 59 might enjoy a more secure retirement if she prolongs the engagement.

If a divorce occurs after ten years of marriage, those two ex-spouses remain eligible for widow/widower benefits on each other so long as (a) their ex passes away and (b) they're single at or above the age of 60. In fact, a groom could entitle multiple brides to full widow benefits by marrying each of them for ten years, divorcing them, and then meeting his demise.

Remarriage before age 60 actually *suspends* such eligibility, but only until the subsequent marriage ends. To say it another way, a widow can claim benefits on her first husband's

wise  
as a serpent

Social Security, even if she remarries, once her second marriage ends.

It is a necessary step toward good stewardship to become wise as a serpent about Social Security. I have provided only the basics here. For more complete information, **contact the Social Security Administration (1-800-772-1213)**. They are typically courteous, and they allow a family member or friend to assist you during the conversation. Since you may have to wait on hold for awhile, it is helpful to write down your questions before calling.

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) is user friendly. You can do quite a bit online, including:

- Locate a nearby Social Security office
- Apply for benefits, including *Supplemental* Security Income to help the aged, blind, and disabled people who have little or no income
- Find your full retirement age
- Estimate your future benefits
- Calculate retirement, disability, and survivors' benefits

Searching "social security" at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) will take you to helpful articles such as:

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Please consider enrolling to receive automated Social Security statements each year. Even though entitlements may change, it's wise to keep up with this potentially sizable asset, informing our loved ones as well as ourselves.





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Dear ZLM,

Please add our name to your *Levitt Letter* mailing list. I read one of your newsletters in the waiting room at my doctor's office and found it very interesting. One does not often receive favorable news concerning Israel through the media and it was a refreshing change for me to read your *Letter*. Thank you very much, K.H. (ID)

Dear K.H.—

Thank you for writing and inspiring our subscribers to leave their old *Levitt Letters* where others can find and read them. —Mark

**From S.F. (Australia):** I love the broadcast (which I watch from iTunes) and I get the *Levitt Letter* from the website. It's nice to have somewhere to go where you can get the truth. God Bless. And keep up the great work.

**From K.O'N. (UK):** I love the Ministry—it's wonderful to hear all about the Jewish Jesus. Praise His Name and thanks for all your work at ZLM. God bless you.

**From R.J. (TN):** You have an excellent, user-friendly, well laid out website. A friend told me about the *Levitt Letter* and I just read *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, which encouraged me to learn more.

**From I.C. (WA):** I heard a sermon on Messianic teachings at a Romanian church and was blessed to find your website. I learned a lot from your videos. Thank you!

**From H.M. (OH):** Love your materials and show. I previously bought music and now am buying teaching material. Shalom & God Bless!



## The Backbone of Our Ministry



Dear Jeff,

Thanks for all you and everyone at ZLM do to keep us informed and encouraged in these last of the Last Days. I will continue as long as possible to be one of the 3% that support your ministry financially. So many prophecies being fulfilled so quickly—I depend on your newsletter to keep me informed. God bless your efforts. Love, D.W. (FL)

Dear ZLM,

In your last newsletter, a couple of people stated they were dropping their donations to ZLM for one excuse and another. I am sending MY donation for this month and extra to cover the loss for this. Thank you and God bless. A.G.H. (MT)

Dear D.W. and A.G.H.—

Your letters warm me and touch my heart. Stalwart Believers are the backbone of our ministry and we thank God for you. —Mark

## A Very Good Place To Start

Dear ZLM,

I just spent the last two hours reading the *Levitt Letter* from cover to cover. I have not been so enriched for a long time. My eyes are being opened to a Middle East perspective I never—or vaguely—knew about. I am a librarian at this correctional institution and know we have some of Zola's and your classic 12-book *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*. I would love to receive the *Levitt Letters* to keep me up to date. Being a new inmate, though, I cannot provide any financial support, but I will keep your ministry in my daily prayers. I will start reading the 12-book *Institute* study course as well.

A brother in Christ, J.L.C. (MI)



**Amazing American Pilots—CH-47 Chinook someplace in Afghanistan**

# Islam Loses Millions As Many Convert To Christianity!

By Joel C. Rosenberg  
www.MovingEdge.org



More Muslims converted to faith in Jesus Christ over the past decade than at any other time in human history. A spiritual revolution is underway throughout North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia.

As a result, a record number of ex-Muslims celebrated Christmas last year, despite intense persecution, arrests, assassinations, and widespread church bombings.

**Egypt:** some reports say 1 million Egyptians have trusted Christ over the past decade or so. The Egyptian Bible Society told me they used to sell about 3,000 copies of the *Jesus* film a year in the early 1990s. But now they sell 600,000 copies, plus 750,000 copies of the Bible on tape (in Arabic), and about a half million copies of the Arabic New Testament. "Egyptians are increasingly hungry for God's Word," an Egyptian Christian leader told me. For a recent Christmas, I had the privilege of visiting the largest Christian congregation in the Middle East, which meets in an enormous cave on the outskirts of Cairo. Some 10,000 Believers worship there every weekend. A prayer conference the church held in May 2005 drew some 20,000 Believers.

**Afghanistan:** only 17 Muslim converts to Christianity before 9/11/01, now more than 10,000. Dozens of baptisms weekly.

**Kazakhstan:** only 3 known Christians in 1990, but now more than 15,000.

**Uzbekistan:** no known Christians in 1990, but now more than 30,000.

**Sudan:** more than 1 million Sudanese have converted to Christianity just since 2000, and some 5 million have become Christians since the early 1990s, despite a radical Islamic regime and an ongoing genocide that has killed more than 200,000. Seminaries are being held in caves to train pastors to shepherd the huge numbers of people coming to Christ. Why such a dramatic spiritual awakening? "People have seen real Islam, and they want Jesus instead," one Sudanese evangelical leader told me.

**Iran:** in 1979, there were only 500 known Muslim converts to Christianity, but today Iranian pastors and Evangelical leaders tell me there are more than 1 million Iranian Believers in Jesus Christ, most of whom meet in underground house churches.

This is in fulfillment of biblical prophecy. The Hebrew prophet Joel told us that "in the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. ...And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Joel 2:28-32) ★

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By Dan Piraro





## Christians Suffer Under the Palestinian Authority

By Joseph Puder, [www.PajamasMedia.com](http://www.PajamasMedia.com)

Rev. Bill Harter is a charismatic and well-respected Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor who has taken forty church missions to Israel and the Palestinian Authority territories. On various occasions at meetings with State Department officials, Rev. Harter revealed to them that Christian Palestinians say one thing in public and the opposite in private. He requested that the State Department appoint a human rights officer and station him at the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem in order to monitor, record, and redress the abuses that Christian Palestinians are undergoing at the hands of the PA and Hamas-sponsored gangs.



PA President Abbas

Rev. Harter was told in the privacy of Christian Palestinian families' homes about the fears they have of remaining in their towns and living under the control of a Palestinian state. During Harter's earlier trips, members of the Arab Christian community had expressed great fear for their safety as Israel withdrew from the Bethlehem area and handed it over to the Palestinian Authority (PA). According to Harter, Christians under PA control are intimidated into speaking out against Israel and abused if they seem to accuse the PA of any wrongdoing.

Palestinian Christians, according to researcher Justus Reid Weiner of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, have faced uninterrupted persecution since the Oslo Accords when Israel handed over the territories to the PA. Weiner asserts that the "very existence of the 2000-year-old Christian community" is in doubt. As a minority in a society governed by strict adherence to Islamic religious law, their leadership has also been intimidated and has abandoned them—choosing to curry favor with the PA leadership

rather than acknowledge and speak out against the ever-increasing suffering of Christians under the PA and the more militant Hamas in Gaza.

Christian Palestinians have also been abandoned by the international community—by NGOs [non-governmental organizations] and human rights organizations. On its own, this educated Christian community has had to endure anarchy and lawlessness, widespread corruption in the PA security and police forces, and a xenophobic and intolerant Muslim majority.

William Murray, chairman of the Religious Freedom Coalition, speaks of the PA school curriculum as deadly: "I have talked to Christian families about what is taught in the PA schools. From what they say, there is indeed a 'culture of death' that includes the glorification of suicide bombers and training to kill Jews and Americans."

Attempts by recent and current U.S. administrations to prop up the Palestinian Authority in general and Mahmoud Abbas in particular have resulted in greater human rights abuses that have been grossly overlooked purely for political reasons. The U.S. State Department's annual report on International Religious Freedom regularly ignores the abuses by the PA for political expediency as well. All of this further endangers the future of the Christian community in the Palestinian-held territories. ★

### Perceptions of Jews By Renowned Gentiles

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"It was in vain that we locked them up for several hundred years behind the walls of the Ghetto. No sooner were their prison gates unbarred than they easily caught up with us, even on those paths which we opened up without their aid."

—A. A. LEROY BEAULIEU,  
FRENCH PUBLICIST, 1842



# Strike Iran's Nuclear Facilities?

By James Hider  
TimesOnline.co.uk



The moment is fast approaching when Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, may have to make the most difficult decision of his career—whether to launch a military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities and risk triggering a conflagration that could spread across the Middle East.

Israeli experts believe **the point of no return may be only six months away** when Iran's nuclear program will have—if it has not already—metastasized into a multitude of smaller, difficult-to-trace facilities in deserts and mountains, while its main reactor at Bushehr will have come online and bombing it would send a radioactive cloud over the Gulf nations.

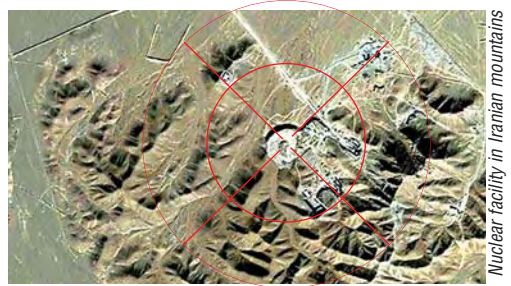
Netanyahu has consistently called Iran the most serious threat Israel faces. President Ahmadinejad of Iran has called for Israel to be obliterated and his Revolutionary Guards supply training, money, and weapons to both Hezbollah in Lebanon (on Israel's northern border) and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, whose missiles are believed to be capable of reaching Tel Aviv.

In the run-up to his election last year, Netanyahu promised that “under my government, Iran will not be allowed to go nuclear.” Yet, Ahmadinejad has promised to produce 20 percent enriched uranium: a big step towards weapons-grade fuel.

In 2007, in what is often seen as a trial run for an attack on Iran, an Israeli squadron flew undetected through Turkish airspace and over Syria's unprotected border to destroy what was thought to be a nuclear facility under construction with Iranian and North Korean support.

In June 2008, the air force staged exercises over the Mediterranean. In early 2009, Israeli jets again carried out a long-range bombing mission, hitting trucks in Sudan that were believed to be bringing Iranian weapons to Hamas via Egypt.

In the immediate term, the threat of a strike has receded. Israel is satisfied that Iran's hostile stance towards the international community has increased the chances of serious, crippling sanctions. Officials noted that for the first time Russia seemed to be serious about isolating Tehran.



But that international front could easily crack, and then Netanyahu would be faced with the decision on whether to order his bombers into action. Iran has already threatened to bomb Israel's cities with its long-range missiles should its nuclear facilities come under attack.

It could also, in stages, order Hezbollah to launch rockets across the northern border. The attack could come in conjunction with a Hamas assault from the Gaza Strip.

Alternatively both sides may choose to do nothing. Some analysts believe that Israel might tolerate Iran as a “threshold nuclear state,” capable of building a bomb but not testing it.

Iran could opt for the path chosen by Syria in 2007, if Israel strikes at isolated facilities miles from any urban areas, where the only casualties would be technicians and guards. After the strike against Syria, neither side admitted what had happened, thereby avoiding a war and saving face. ★

# Iran's Day of Reckoning

By Nissan Ratzlav-Katz  
IsraelNationalNews.com



An Iranian pro-democracy activist provided Israel National News with impressions from a visit to Tehran just before the widespread student protests in December. The report, by an Iranian who currently lives in the West, begins with a clear declaration: "Let me make one thing completely [clear], most everyone hates, with a capital H, this murderous regime."

The Iranian expatriate, who goes by the pen-name Mehdi2009, claims to have spoken with "ordinary people" throughout all sectors of the Iranian capital over a two-day period. "Make no mistake about it, at least nine out of ten people that I was able to talk with hate Khomeini, Khamenei, and, above all, Ahmadinejad," he said.

"Even people whom I could trust that are on government payroll or are current members of either Basij [the regime's private militia] or the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps dislike or hate this tyrannical regime," the activist continued.

The significance of dissatisfaction within the IRGC, if accurate, cannot be overestimated. Along with the Basij forces, the IRGC is believed to be in charge of Iran's chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons programs, as well as controlling nearly a third of the nation's economy.

Mehdi2009 suggests that "the regime has lost every ounce of legitimacy that it had, among even its own supporters, and the regime knows it very well." It is not just political oppression and corruption driving the dissatisfaction, according to the activist: "The economy is even in worse shape than three months ago; young and old are stressed out and fear for the future. ... The regime is eating its own people." Internal battles among factions of the Islamic Republic's elite are also raging apparently, and as Mehdi2009 noted, the "Khamenei/Ahmadinejad Gang is arresting and humiliating the members of Rafsanjani Gang on a daily basis."

The current situation in Iran is "beyond explosive, and even the mullahs and the higher-ups in the IRGC command structure know that they are sitting on top of a raging volcano," the activist said.

"As I told to both the young men and women in Iran, the current situation for this regime is not sustainable, and hence the Day of Reckoning is fast approaching. Simply said: People are mad as hell, and are not going to take it any more." ★

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# Regrowing Blood Vessels

**Israeli researchers have developed a protein-based injection that can spark the regrowth of tiny blood vessels, offering hope of an alternative treatment to the hundreds of thousands of people undergoing open-heart surgery every year.**

In heart disease, blood vessels are either clogged or die off, starving the heart of oxygen and leaving it highly vulnerable to a cardiac attack. Open-heart surgery, though it carries many risks, is now a frequent treatment for heart disease.

In their groundbreaking research, Dr. Britta Hardy and her partner Prof. Alexander Battler of Tel Aviv University developed a protein that can be injected straight into the muscles of the body, triggering the regrowth of tiny blood vessels in just a few weeks.

Hardy first began exploring this field in the hope of preventing leg amputations. She believed that proteins from the human body could be used to trigger the growth of new blood vessels. Experiments on diabetic mice proved that her theory was correct. In mice with limited blood circulation, she was able to completely restore blood vessels and save their legs. It was then a short step to studying the applicability of the research to cardiac patients.

Hardy anticipates toxicity studies and Phase I trials could be complete within two years. She is confident that a new therapy could become commercially available relatively quickly as clinical results are almost immediate.

“Our technology promises to regrow blood vessels like a net, and a heart that grows more blood vessels becomes stronger. It’s now imaginable that, in the distant future, peptide injections may be able to replace bypass surgeries,” she says.



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Photo: Nati Shohat/Flash90

## Detecting Skin Cancer At An Earlier Stage

Detection of skin cancer is usually done by the eye alone. Now Israeli researchers have developed a new device that can detect cancerous tumors at an earlier stage, including melanomas that aren’t visible to the naked eye.

The Optical Spectro-Polarimetric Imaging (OSPI) instrument, developed at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), reveals new textures of lesions that have never been seen before—including melanoma in patients who were diagnosed with various skin lesions and were awaiting surgery for their removal. The instrument diagnosed 73 types of lesions, some of them cancerous.

More than one million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the U.S. every year according to the American Cancer Society. Of the 11,590 deaths due to skin cancer in 2009, some 8,650 were due to melanoma, the most serious and dangerous type of skin cancer.

Today, dermatologists and plastic surgeons typically diagnose skin tumors with the naked eye and only rarely use a dermatoscope—a magnifying tool that allows tumors to be examined in detail.



Miriam Alster, Flash90

**Cancerous mole detection is**

*Sunbathers risk developing skin cancer if they don't protect their skin from the sun.*

usually done by looking for one or more telltale visible symptoms: if the mole is asymmetrical; if its outline is blurred or irregular; if it has multiple colors; if it is larger than five millimeters in diameter; and if it stands up above the skin. The OSPI biosensor, however, uses safe, infrared wavelengths, and LC devices to measure tumor characteristics, including contours and spread, identifying tumors earlier.

## Farmer Builds Model Of Temple

[www.Telegraph.co.uk](http://www.Telegraph.co.uk)

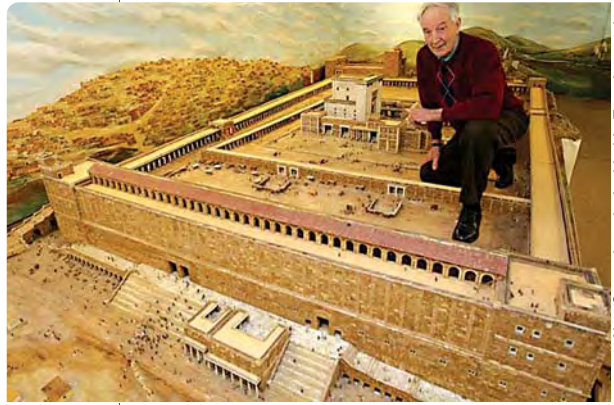
**Alec Garrard**, 78, has dedicated a massive 33,000 hours to constructing the ancient Herod's Temple, which measures 20ft by 12ft. The pensioner has hand-baked and -painted every clay brick and tile and even sculpted 4,000 tiny human figures to populate the courtyards.

Historical experts believe the model is the best representation in the world of what the Jewish Temple actually looked like, and it has attracted thousands of visitors from all over the globe.

But Garrard, who started the elaborate project in his 40s, says his masterpiece will not be finished in his lifetime. "I've always loved making models and as I was getting older I started to think about making one big project which would see me through to the end of my life," he said. "I have an interest in buildings and religion, so I thought maybe I could combine the two and came up with the idea of doing the Temple. I'd seen one or two examples of it in biblical exhibitions, but I thought they were rubbish and knew I could do better. I have been working on it for decades, but it will never be finished, as I'm always finding something new to add."

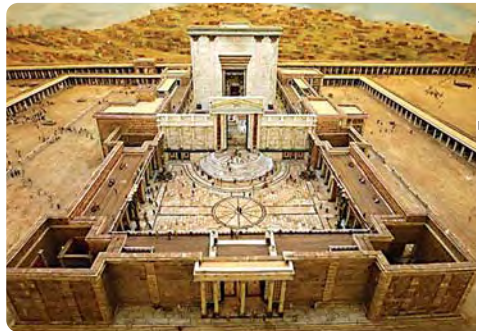
Garrard, from Norfolk, spent more than three years researching the Temple, which was destroyed by the Romans 2000 years ago and deemed to be one of the most remarkable buildings of ancient times. He then started to construct the amazing 1:100 scale model, which is now housed in a huge building in his back garden.

"Everything is made by hand. I cut plywood frames for the walls and buildings, and all the clay bricks and tiles were baked in the oven, then stuck together," he said.



Alec Garrard works inside his Temple creation

Garrard sculpted and painted 4,000 figures, measuring just half an inch and all wearing their correct costumes, including 32 versions of Jesus. Visitors come from all over the world to see the model and Garrard provides binoculars so they can see all the details. ★



Temple front view



Temple inside Royal Porch



A tiny rendition of a Temple high priest



## Comparing “Mein Kampf” to the Koran

“Now you know why Winston Churchill called Islam ‘the most retrograde force in the world’, and why he compared *Mein Kampf* to the Koran. The public has wholeheartedly accepted the Palestinian narrative, and sees Israel as the aggressor. I have lived in this country and visited it dozens of times. I support Israel. First, because it is the Jewish homeland after two thousand years of exile up to and including Auschwitz, second because it is a democracy, and third because Israel is our first line of defense. ... The war against Israel is not a war against Israel. It is a war against the West. It is jihad. Israel is simply receiving the blows that are meant for all of us.”

—Geert Wilders, a member of the Dutch parliament

## U.S. Christians Mix In Other Beliefs

By Cathy Lynn Grossman, [USAToday.com](http://USAToday.com)

Going to church this Sunday? Look around. The chances are that one in five of the people there finds “spiritual energy” in mountains or trees, and one in six believes in the “evil eye,” that certain people can cast curses with a look—beliefs your Christian pastor doesn’t preach.

In a Catholic church? Chances are that one in five members believes in reincarnation in a way never taught in catechism class—that you’ll be reborn in this world again and again.

Elements of Eastern faiths and New Age thinking have been widely adopted by 65% of U.S. adults, including many who call themselves Protestants and Catholics, according to a recent survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. Syncretism—mashing up contradictory beliefs like Catholic rocker Madonna’s devotion to a *Kabbalah*-light version of Jewish mysticism—appears on the rise. And, according to the survey’s other major finding, devotion to one clear faith is fading.

## “Kick A Jew” Day In Florida

Associated Press

Ten students at a Florida middle school were suspended after district officials say they participated in “kick a Jew day.” District spokesman Joe Landon says a Jewish student at North Naples Middle School reported being kicked. The school’s principal addressed the entire student body the next morning and asked for anyone with information about the alleged attack to come forward.

The district determined that 10 students should be punished. They each served one day of in-school suspension. Landon says the first 20 minutes of the school day, which is normally used for reading and tutoring, will now be used to teach students about respect, kindness, and ways to prevent bullying. No criminal charges were filed.



Kicking Jews was a pastime in Nazi Germany

## Strong Economic Growth for Israel

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

The JPMorgan-Chase investment house says Israel's economy is set to recover from a shallow recession in a number of ways. The shekel will get stronger against the dollar, bringing the exchange rate down to NIS 3.55 by the end of 2010 and the growth of the Gross Domestic Product will return in 2011 to the 4.5% level achieved before the international economic crisis.

The Bank of Israel will step up the pace of interest rate hikes over the coming months in order to rein in inflation. According to JPMorgan's review of the Israeli economy, the investment house predicts 3.2% growth in private consumption in 2011, a 63% jump in exports, a 70% increase in imports, and a deficit of 3.5% of GDP.

*Israel's leading out in the recovery provides a model for others to follow. — Jeff*

## GMA Saudi-style

By Oliver Harvey, [www.TheSun.co.uk](http://www.TheSun.co.uk)

A religious channel in the Arab state has just allowed women to present—but only if they wear a *burka* with a *niqab* veil.

One host, Ola al-Barqi—Awtan TV's version of GMTV's Lorraine Kelly—insists the near-total covering does not stop her doing her job. She said:

"We don't introduce ourselves as beautiful women who put on layers of make-up.

"Our audience is focusing on what we present to them, our ideas and our discourse.

"We're always receiving calls from viewers in various countries encouraging us to keep doing what we do." There are more than 60 such channels across the Middle East.

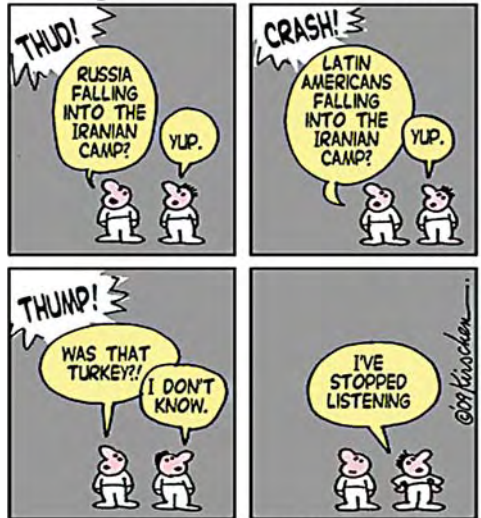
Some let women host shows without being covered up or dressed in black, while others ban them altogether.

At Awtan, not only are women covered from head to toe, but male technical assistants do not enter the studio while they are on air.

Its women also do outside broadcasts.

Ola said: "We report from the field in the *niqab* and it does not stop us from doing anything." Ola, who also hosts a quiz for girls, doesn't mind not being recognized in the street, insisting: "We don't need fame." ★

## Dry Bones THE CRUNCH



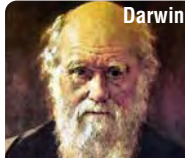
With all the debate going on in America about the war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, and the "situation" with Iran, it is interesting that the vast majority of Americans have no idea of where these countries actually are!!

A look at the map shows what seems to be forming as a spreading Iranian area of influence bordered by Israel on the West all the way to India on its Eastern border. A worrying development for both our countries.



# Intelligent Design & Science

By Barbara Hollingsworth  
WashingtonExaminer.com



As a long-ago biology major, I once shared romantic notions of scientific geniuses like Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein shrugging off critics of their paradigm-changing theories and following the physical evidence wherever it led.

I now know that science is sometimes sacrificed to ideology, as exemplified by the ongoing attempt to silence proponents of Intelligent Design.

More than 800 Ph.D.-level scientists around the world are seriously considering ID to explain the origin of life, but you'd never know it. Most do so clandestinely for fear of being ostracized by their peers or even forced out of their academic positions.

Some have secretly contacted the Discovery Institute after researching ID. Others, like Cold War dissidents making furtive contact with the West, arrange discreet meetings to discuss what "evolutionary biologists don't want to talk about, the origins of the information in the digital code of DNA necessary to produce life."

When former Cambridge biochemist Douglas Axe computed the chances that the four amino acids that form DNA could self-arrange themselves into just one functional protein, he found it was 1:10164—or less than the odds of finding one marked subatomic particle in the entire observable universe.

In other words, the evolutionary story now universally taught to students fails to account for the origin of the basic information that forms the very blueprint of life. Yet even though most of the scientific establishment rejects

the notion of an intelligent designer, Stephen C. Meyer, author of *Signature in the Cell*, says nobody has come up with a better explanation.

Ironically, attempts to discredit ID have turned it into forbidden fruit on college campuses. Many recruits are grad students who understand the complex nanotechnology of the cell and the dead ends in Darwinian evolution much better than their professors.



"The actual evidence shows that major features of the fossil record are an embarrassment to Darwinian evolution; that early development in vertebrate embryos is more consistent with separate origins than with common ancestry; that non-coding DNA is fully functional, contrary to neo-Darwinian predictions; and that natural selection can accomplish nothing more than artificial selection—which is to say, minor changes within existing species," writes Discovery Institute senior fellow Jonathan Wells, who has two Ph.D.s from the University of California at Berkeley in molecular and cell biology. "Faced with such evidence, any other scientific theory would probably have been abandoned long ago. Judged by the normal criteria of empirical science, Darwinism is false."

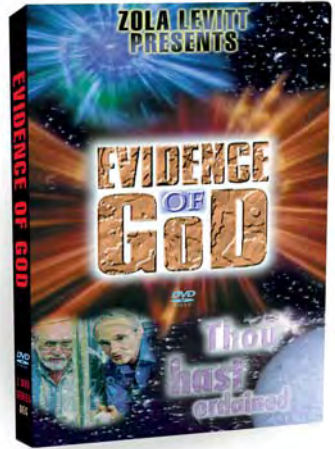
Isn't it interesting that the vast majority of Americans have never heard any of these scientific challenges to Darwinism even though the scientific method is based on questioning existing theories? "If we've defined science such that it cannot get to the true answer, we've got a pretty lame definition of science," Axe said. Amen to that. ★

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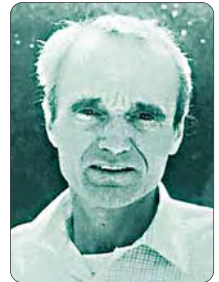
Countering claims that the Bible's Creation "fantasy" is incompatible with dinosaur bones, fossils, and carbon dating, nuclear physicist Dr. Gerald Schroeder explains time dilation—how time has shrunk since the Big Bang—and bridges the perceived differences between science and Scripture. Science confirms the biblical sequence of events that occurred during our planet's first week.



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*Dr. Gerald Schroeder*

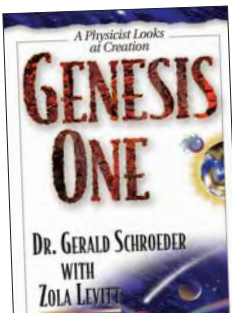
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*Note: please see "Intelligent Design & Science" on page 32. Also see page 20 for a description of our study booklet, **Genesis One**, a transcription of the first two programs from this TV series.*

## Ahmadinejad Reportedly Claims U.S. is Blocking Return of Mankind's Savior



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

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad claims the United States is attempting to thwart the return of mankind's savior, according to reports from Al Arabiya, a television news station based in Dubai.

Ahmadinejad reportedly claims he has documented evidence that the U.S. is blocking the return of Mahdi, the imam believed by Muslims to be the savior.

"We have documented proof that they believe that a descendant of the prophet of Islam will raise in these parts and he will dry the roots of all injustice in the world," Ahmadinejad said during a recent speech according to Al Arabiya.

"They have devised all these plans to prevent the coming of the Hidden Imam because they know that the Iranian nation

is the one that will prepare the grounds for his coming and will be the supporters of his rule," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

Ahmadinejad continued the rant by claiming there have been plots by both the West as well as countries in the East to wipe out his country, according to Iranian news.

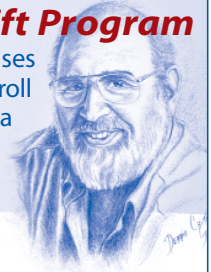
"They have planned to annihilate Iran. This is why all policymakers and analysts believe Iran is the true winner in the Middle East," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying. He also alleged that foreign nations seek to control Iran's oil and natural resources.

"In Afghanistan, they are caught like an animal in a quagmire. But instead of pulling their troops out to save themselves, they are deploying more soldiers. Even if they stay in Afghanistan for another 50 years they will be forced to leave with disgrace—because this is a historical experience," Ahmadinejad reportedly said.

"They know themselves that they need Iran in the Middle East, but because of their arrogance they do not want to accept this reality. They are nothing without the Iranian nation and all their rhetoric is because they don't want to appear weak." ★

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## Remembering Their Flight From Egypt

By Lela Gilbert, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

“All I can remember... is the element of fear,” Joseph Abdel Wahed writes, reflecting on the events of his 13th year. “People in the streets would mock us with the famous Arab insult, *Ya yahudi ya ibn el kalb* [Jewish son of a dog], or even more ominously *Idbah el-Yahud* [Slit the throats of the Jews].

“This really scared us because there was nowhere to hide. Many of us did not have travel papers and even if we did, the Egyptian authorities wanted to keep us as hostages and not let us out. After the revolution of July 1952, their attitude changed and they were only too glad to kick us out, but not before confiscating everything we owned—our businesses, farms, hospitals, homes, and bank accounts.”

From 1948 to 1968, between 850,000 and 1 million Jews fled or were expelled from their homes in Arab countries, including Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt. Some Jewish refugees refer to the shattering events as their *nakba*, borrowing the Arabic word for “catastrophe.” Others, particularly those who once lived in Egypt, call it the “Second Exodus,” relating their experiences to the biblical Israelites’ miraculous flight from Egypt. Most of these refugees, now in their sunset years, feel blessed to have escaped Egypt and grateful to have made their way to Israel with little more than the shirt on their back and—if they were fortunate—one suitcase.

“Jews who were ethnically cleansed from the Arab world did not get one penny from the UN,” Wahed adds, “while the Palestinians have received over \$50 billion [including funds from the European Union] since 1950. They still are receiving financial assistance.”

Jews who once lived in Muslim lands

have established new lives for themselves in Israel and elsewhere. But they have not forgotten. Hundreds of thousands of them were eyewitnesses to violent persecutions, deadly pogroms, and forced expulsions that erupted instantaneously—as planned by Arab leadership—following the UN decision for the partition of Palestine and the founding of Israel.

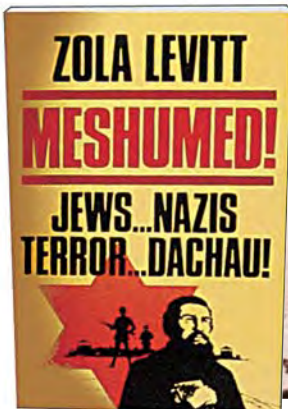
In 1948, the number of Jews living in Egypt was estimated between 85,000 and 100,000. Today, fewer than 50 Jews live in Egypt. In 1948, there were nearly 900,000 Jews in Muslim lands. Today, only around 6,500 remain in all of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen combined.



Jewish tombstone found in Egypt in 1952

There were not only Palestinian Arab refugees in the wake of Israel’s founding and the ensuing battle for survival. There were two sets of refugees: Arabs and Jews. According to Yossi Ben-Aharon, an Israeli diplomat whose family fled Egypt and now lives in Jerusalem, “Responsibility for the resettlement of the Arab refugees from Palestine should be shouldered by the Arab governments and the Palestinian leadership. The rights and claims of Jews from Arab countries, both personal and communal, must be recognized and addressed properly and equitably. Only then can a climate conducive to mutual understanding and coexistence be fostered.”





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