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Letter

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



Connecting Jesus with His Jewishness is catching on—helping people get the long-lost message. —Jeff

## Christians and Jews, Passover and Easter

By Ben Hubbard, Associated Press

The Christian visitors watch their host—a Jewish woman in green robe, orange turban, and leather sandals—lift the wine and unleavened bread of Passover, representing the Biblical Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Then, holding the same symbols, she invokes the "New Covenant" offered by Jesus to His Disciples at the Last Supper — showing the Jewish roots of the Easter week event.

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## Crucifixion Ruled Too Violent

By Steph Davidson  
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An eight-year-old Massachusetts boy was suspended from school and ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation after drawing a figure of Jesus Christ nailed to the cross.

The second-grader drew the crucifix after his teacher asked children to sketch something they associated with Christmas. But the boy's father said he then got a call from the elementary school informing him that his son had created a violent drawing. "When she told me he needed to be psychologically evaluated, I thought she was playing," said the boy's father. The drawing in question shows Jesus on a cross with Xs in place of his eyes to symbolize death.

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The observances of Passover (this year March 30 – April 6) and Easter (this year April 4) are among the parallels in Jewish and Christian traditions that Hannah Thrasher seeks to show visitors at the Bible Times Center in Ein Kerem, a neighborhood of Jerusalem believed to be the birthplace of John the Baptist.

Thrasher said she hopes to build inter-religious understanding by teaching Christians about the Jewish context of Bible stories and by showing Jews how the stories of Jesus and His disciples—Jews living in the Holy Land—illuminate their own history.

Christian interest in Jewish tradition has been growing for decades as many realize it enriches their understanding of Scripture, said Daniel Rossing, director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations. “It can enlighten your reading of Biblical Texts when you are more familiar with the social, religious, and cultural context in which the events took place,” he added.

Thrasher, an observant Jew born in New Orleans who moved to Israel in 2006, focuses on cultural context, with connections between Passover and Easter being most relevant.

“This is not from the da Vinci picture” of the Last Supper, Thrasher recently told a group of Swiss Christians in the center’s “upper room.” Instead of the rectangular table from the famous painting, carpets covered the floor. “Jesus and His Disciples would have likely reclined while eating,” Thrasher said. She said the Last Supper was a *Seder*, the dinner during which Jews commemorate the Biblical account of their ancestors’ passage from slavery in Egypt to what is today Israel.

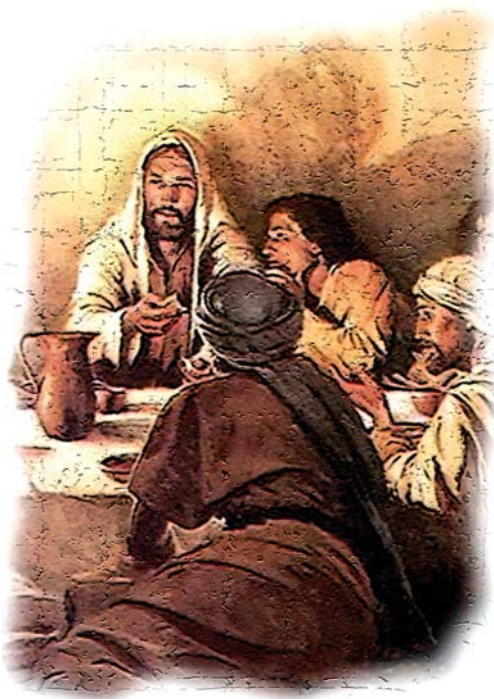
In the courtyard stands a dead olive tree shaped like a cross (top), which Thrasher uses to teach about crucifixion. Jesus likely died on a larger cross in a public place, she said, but the



*Hannah Thrasher (left) demonstrates to tourists the process of crucifixion*

sight of such a cross could dissuade Jews from visiting the center. Jewish visitors are often surprised to learn that the Romans crucified many Jews besides Jesus, she said, making the cross not only a symbol of Christianity, but also of oppression suffered by Jews.

Francis Zurcher, 49, visited the center soon after arriving in Israel from Geneva. He said he grew up Christian and started learning about Jewish tradition a few years ago. “Christian faith is really based on what Jesus said and did as a Jew, so we need to learn more about the Jewish faith,” Zurcher said. ★



# Honoring Terrorists with American Money

By **Yaakov Kirschen** (right)  
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You probably don't recognize the name Dalal Mughrabi, but Palestinian children certainly do.

Back in 1978, Dalal Mughrabi and her fellow terrorists landed in rubber boats on a beach near Tel Aviv where American photographer Gail Rubin was photographing rare birds. After first questioning her, the terrorists murdered her in cold blood and went on to hijack a bus on the nearby coastal road, killing 37 civilians, 12 of them children.

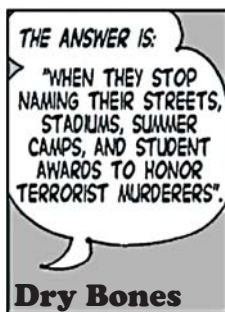
In 2009, the Palestinian Authority set up a modern new computer center named "after the martyr Dalal Mughrabi." The center is funded by PA President Mahmoud Abbas's office, which receives Western aid money.

On the 30th anniversary of the Mughrabi murders, PA TV broadcast a special program celebrating the terror attack, calling the killing of 37 civilians "one of the most important and most prominent special operations... carried out by a team of heroes and led by the heroic fighter Dalal Mughrabi."

The Abbas government runs a "summer camp named for martyr Dalal Mughrabi... out of honor and admiration for the martyr" and sponsored "the Dalal Mughrabi football championship" for kids. The Abbas government held a party in her name to honor exemplary students, at which Abbas's representative "reviewed the heroic life of the martyr [Mughrabi]." In 2002, the U.S. provided money for renovations of the "Dalal Mughrabi School for Girls." After PMW [Palestinian Media Watch] alerted the U.S. State Department to Mughrabi's terrorist past, the funding was cancelled.

Within 24 hours, the PA said the name would be changed, and the American money was reinstated. Once the work was completed, however, the school was renamed for the terrorist. It bears Mughrabi's name to this day.

You probably don't recognize the name Salakh Khalaf, either, but Palestinian children do. Palestinian kids enjoy sports at the Salakh Khalaf soccer field (funded with U.S. aid money). Khalaf was the head of the Palestinian terror group that murdered 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, and two American diplomats in Sudan. ★



## Crucifixion Ruled Too Violent Continued from Cover

The child drew the picture shortly after taking a family trip to see the Christmas display at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, a Christian retreat site in Attleboro, Mass. He was kicked out of school and not allowed back until after he received a psychiatric evaluation. The evaluation found nothing to indicate that he posed a threat to himself or others.

Toni Saunders, a non-profit educational consultant, said, "I've had kids suspended for idiotic things before, but I've never had to deal with anything like this." The school's zero-tolerance for violence policy and a general lack of common sense are to blame, she said. "It's time that we shine a light on what we're doing to our own children, and stop it, because our children's imagination is being assaulted. It's not right. I can't imagine that this would've happened 20 years ago. It wouldn't have. People would've patted him on the back and said, 'Isn't that wonderful.'" ★



# Israel Sets Up Best Hospital in Haiti

By Michael Freund, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

If there is anyone who doubts the ability of the State of Israel to accomplish great things, recent events should lay those concerns to rest. The highest ideals of Judaism were prominently on display, as Israel took part in a remarkable mission.

Across the ocean, amid the rubble-strewn streets of Port-au-Prince, three Israel Defense Forces (IDF) rescue teams carefully searched through the ruins of the Haitian capital for survivors of the devastating January 12 earthquake. Racing against the clock, these young Jews in uniform, accompanied by specially-trained canines, heroically sorted through mounds of debris and wreckage to pull the wounded to safety.

Even as hope was waning, the guardians in green extricated a 58-year-old man from beneath his flattened home, and saved the life of a student who had been trapped for six days under a shattered university building.

Meanwhile, the field hospital established by the IDF to treat victims of the disaster was quickly making a name for itself as the best-run and most fully-equipped operation in the area. Set up on a soccer field, the complex boasted 40 doctors and 24

nurses, as well as teams of paramedics, X-ray equipment and personnel, an emergency room, a children's ward, a maternity ward, and even a pharmacy.

No other nation, including the US, had yet established anything remotely as advanced or comprehensive, despite the passage of time since the quake hit.

No wonder the American television network CBS went so far as to call the IDF hospital the "Rolls-Royce of medicine in Haiti." Indeed, Israel's health team has been doing such a terrific job that even CNN (usually a negative network about Israel) couldn't find anything critical to say, as their senior medical correspondent heaped praise on the IDF's work. [ABC's correspondent remarked that medical treatment at the Israeli hospital was better than anything available to Haitians before the quake. —Ed.]



## Dry Bones

MIDDLE EAST PRIDE



# Palestinian Admits Arab Denial of Temples is Baloney

By Aaron Klein, [www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)

A prestigious Palestinian professor declares that the Muslim denial of a Jewish connection to the Temple Mount is political and that historically Muslims did not dispute Jewish ties to the site.

"If you go back a couple of hundred years, before the advent of the political form of Zionism, I think you will find that many Muslims would not have disputed the connection that Jews have toward [the Mount]," said **Sari Nusseibeh**, president of Al-Quds University in eastern Jerusalem. The problem began arising with the advent of Zionism." Zionism refers to the political movement that supports the reestablishment of the Jewish state in the Land of Israel.



According to sources inside the Palestinian Authority, Nusseibeh has come under pressure from the Palestinian Authority, and his position as Al-Quds's president could be in jeopardy, for writing in a recent study that Jews historically revered the Temple Mount before the time of Mohammed and Islam.

"I am surprised that people are surprised by what I wrote. There is nothing in Islam that denies the fact that Judaism is one of the religions of the book," he said.

Chief Palestinian Justice Sheik Taysir Tamimi declared that the Jewish Temples never existed. He also claimed that the Al Aqsa Mosque was built by angels, and Abraham, Moses, and Jesus were prophets for Islam.

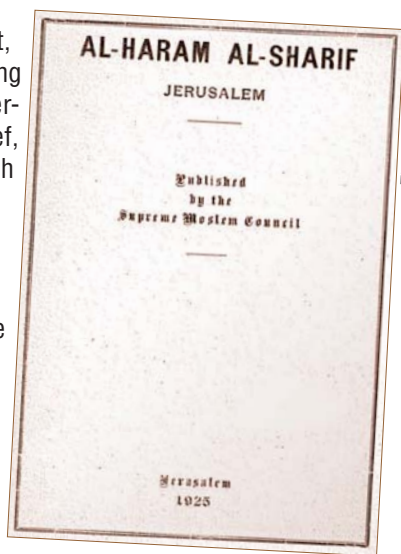
The First Temple, built by King Solomon, dates to the 10th century B.C. The Second Temple was rebuilt in 515 B.C. and destroyed in A.D. 70. The Temple has

remained a focal point for Jewish services for thousands of years. Prayers for a return to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the Temple have been uttered by Jews since the Second Temple was destroyed.

Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Koran. It is mentioned in the Hebrew Bible 669 times. Islam historically disregarded Jerusalem as being holy; Mohammed was said to loathe Jerusalem and what it stood for. Mohammed made a point of sanctifying only one place—the Kaaba in Mecca—to signify the unity of God.

As late as the 14th century, Islamic scholar Taqi al-Din Ibn Taymiyya, whose writings influenced the Wahhabi movement in Arabia, ruled that sacred Islamic sites are to be found only in the Arabian Peninsula and that "in Jerusalem, there is not a place one calls sacred, and the same holds true for the tombs of Hebron."

A guide to the Temple Mount by the Supreme Muslim Council in Jerusalem published in 1925 listed the Mount as Jewish and as the site of Solomon's Temple. The Temple Institute acquired a copy of the official 1925 "Guide Book to Al-Haram Al-Sharif," which states on page 4, "Its identity with the site of Solomon's Temple is beyond dispute. This, too, is the spot, according to universal belief, on which 'David built there an altar unto the Lord.'"



The 1925 Guidebook

See this complete article at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news). For more information, see an expanded article & graphics from the November 2008 *Levitt Letter* page 31. Visit <http://www.levitt.com/news/2008/10/10/supreme-muslim-council-temple-mount-is-jewish>



## A Tale of Two Gazas: Website Pictures Deny 'Humanitarian Crisis'

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The Arabic-language PalToday website, based in Gaza, recently posted pictures showing a world of plenty for residents, despite more than two years of reports that the area is suffering from a humanitarian crisis.

[www.paltoday.com/arabic/News-64161.html](http://www.paltoday.com/arabic/News-64161.html)



However, its English website for foreign audiences shows a picture of misery, focusing on a girl who wants her terrorist father freed by Israel, and linking to stories of Israeli land theft and the chronic diseases that Palestinians suffer in Israeli jails.

[www.paltoday.com/english/news.php?id=36130](http://www.paltoday.com/english/news.php?id=36130)

The pictures on the Arabic-language site are headlined with the caption, "Clothes for Their Children Despite the Siege," referring to the partial blockade Israel placed on Gaza following the Hamas military coup more than two years ago.

Israel has allowed thousands of trucks, bearing tens of thousands of tons of food, goods, and equipment into Gaza, but the UN has claimed several times that a humanitarian crisis is "imminent."

The prevailing economy in Gaza is not an official economy but rather an economy of [smuggling] tunnels; there are no shortages in Gaza, but there is a problem of unemployment, primarily for civilians who are not close to Hamas and who have no buying power.



*Gaza bakery shop in scrumptious full bloom*



*Gaza hair designers service two young patrons*



*Gaza cattle stalls are full, thanks to Israeli kindness*



*Gaza menswear store stocked to the ceilings as is the pastry shop below*



# Battling Islamification Of The World

By Phyllis Chesler (right) [www.PajamasMedia.com](http://www.PajamasMedia.com)



The other day, a twenty-year-old woman was sold at an open auction in Pakistan. Her brothers divided up the money. No one condemned this shameless and abominable act.

For a long time now, similar kinds of people (yes, mainly Muslims) have invaded—no, immigrated to—Europe, where they have continued to engage in polygamy, arranged child marriage, forced veiling of women, “honor” violence (17,000 honor crimes of violence are estimated to occur annually in the UK alone), and female genital mutilation.

Just the other day, perhaps in response to the defacing of a mosque, a British war memorial was defaced with the slogan “Islam Will Dominate the World.” But some of us—Christians, Jews, Muslims, ex-Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs—are fighting back. Rather late in the day, Europe has begun to fight back against its Islamification.

In addition to the highly significant convictions of honor murderers in England, Holland, and Denmark, a man in Holland was recently refused welfare benefits because he refused to shorten his beard or to shake hands with women on the jobs that the government found for him.

A refugee from Afghanistan was about to get married in Denmark when the police broke up the wedding and arrested him. Apparently, his visa had been denied and the police did not want to allow him to gain Danish citizenship in this underhanded way. Denmark is actually offering to pay Muslim immigrants who do not really want to integrate to leave the country (see January 2010 *Levitt Letter* p. 26).

The banning of either headscarves or *burqas*—or both—has rung out (like church bells, dare I say) all across France, Belgium, and Germany.

I love Europe. I want it to remain European. I used to love the Islamic world as well. I once traveled and lived within it. It called to me. But that world is now gone. I will probably never again travel to a Muslim country. It, too, has been fundamentalized, Islamified in the worst way. Whatever tolerance may have once existed (and granted, it was not much) is either long gone or now under siege. ★



British war memorial



**The prophet Daniel noted that in troubled, last-days' times, "the people who know their God will stand firm and take action" (11:32).**

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Starner Jones, M.D. (*below*) is taking a stand. An emergency room physician from Jackson, Mississippi, Jones's report is worth a quick read:

**During my last shift in the ER, I had the pleasure of evaluating a patient with a shiny new gold tooth, multiple elaborate tattoos, and a new cellular telephone equipped with her favorite R&B tune for a ringtone. Glancing over the chart, one could not help noticing her payer status: Medicaid. She smokes a costly pack of cigarettes every day and, somehow, still has money to buy beer. And our president expects me to pay for this woman's health care? Our nation's health care crisis is not a shortage of quality hospitals, doctors or nurses. It is a crisis of culture—culture in which it is perfectly acceptable to spend money on vices while refusing to take care of one's self or, heaven forbid, purchase health insurance. Life is really not that hard. Most of us reap what we sow.**



Jones points out that this sort of mentality torpedoed us in the first place, and assisting low performers with more government programs and loans, resulting in more debt, seems a leap into non-reality. But underperformers are everywhere. I think that offering free services will always translate into votes, though it'll never translate into tangible results.

What will? The transformative power of the Gospel! I can't tell you all the lives that turned around when people "hit the rocks" and then discovered there is a "Rock" they can stand on.

I was a high school failure. A late bloomer, I began college in my late

twenties. I never thought I'd graduate, earn a doctorate, become a pastor, author, professor, and now a Bible teacher on television. You can't tell me there's no transformative power in the Gospel—I've experienced it! God has been turning people around for years!

Our internationally syndicated television program *Zola Levitt Presents* tells the Messiah's story in fresh ways—employing Jewish vision with each lesson. Besides engaging millions through the television you help us produce, we put missionaries on the ground in Israel—fifteen last year alone. [See our Mission Report on next page.]

Our website at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) lets you see your ministry support at work, allowing you to keep tabs on upcoming programs, newly posted articles, mission projects, what we're doing in Israel, and more. We're about the Father's business, and if you're with us prayerfully or financially, consider yourself a co-laborer. You who sow seeds with faith know what blessings they can be for you, not just for the Jews. If you think God is calling you to walk the Holy Land with me, see p. 36 or call Tracie at 214-696-9760 during office hours (CT) to learn about our June and October tours. A trip to Israel will enhance your own life and ministry.

If you love the Lord, the Jewish people, and the Land of Israel, don't conceal it, reveal it—with us!

Your messenger,



# To The Jew First Missionary Report

By Pastor Todd Baker

Early one morning, Paul Colley and I decided to make the sinuous drive up Mount Hermon. Every year we visit the IDF soldiers stationed at Mount Hermon to encourage and thank them for defending the nation of Israel and the world from terrorists. We also share with them the Good News about the Jewish Messiah who came to Israel long ago and is coming soon again.

At an IDF checkpoint, Paul and I met four IDF soldiers: Brian (originally from Denver, Colorado), Ido, Rami, and Eliran, all in their early twenties. Paul and I approached them and said that we represent Bible Believers in Yeshua from America who send us every year to let the Chosen People know that we pray for them and support their God-given right to settle and live in the Land the Lord gave them. After Brian and Ido caught a bus, we conversed at length with Rami and Eliran.

The Lord led us in giving testimony of how Jesus the Messiah changed our lives and filled us with His satisfying presence, bringing forgiveness of sin, God's abiding love, and the joy of the Holy Spirit. We further elaborated on how the Messianic prophecies of the *Tanach* unequivocally point to Jesus of Nazareth, and prove that He is the one and only true Messiah of Israel.

Eliran told us that he always carries a copy of the *Tehillim* (Book of Psalms) with him and pulled a copy from his gun vest. Paul and I explained that some of the major Messianic prophecies fulfilled in the life of Yeshua are found

in the Book of Psalms. We showed him one of the most famous prophecies in Psalm 22 that foretold the manner of suffering and death Messiah would endure, particularly verse 16 where the Psalmist says the Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced. Then we related how that verse was fulfilled exactly with the crucifixion of Yeshua when His hands and feet were pierced by the nails the Roman soldiers drove into Him.

We told Eliran and Rami that there were many more prophecies that Yeshua fulfilled as the prophesied Messiah



Dr. Todd Baker with the four Israeli soldiers

of Israel. For instance, Micah 5:1-2 predicted some five hundred years before the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem that a Jewish king born in Bethlehem would be the supreme ruler over all Israel, and also the God of eternity.

Paul and I recommended that they read the Holy Scriptures for themselves and study the materials we gave them that show how Yeshua fulfilled Messianic prophecy—clear-cut evidence that proves to the open mind that He is the Messiah of Israel, worthy of faith and trust. The soldiers eagerly accepted them and repeatedly thanked us for giving them what their people first gave to the Church and the world—the Hebrew Scriptures and the Jewish Messiah foretold in its inspired pages.



# Israel Develops Biometric Security

**As international aviation officials look to Israel for techniques to safeguard air travel after the failed Christmas Day bombing, Ben-Gurion Airport launched a biometric security system for outbound passengers, heralding a new era of hi-tech passenger screening.**

The Unipass Airport Management System, developed by the Israel Airports Authority, is initially being tested on El Al's Frequent Flyer Club before being gradually expanded to include, within two years, all departing passengers who voluntarily register, the IAA said. The IAA also said the timing of the biometric security program's launch, amid heightened international air travel security following the al-Qaeda terrorist plot to blow up a U.S. airliner over Detroit last December, was purely coincidental.

Here's how it works. In the first stage, passengers will arrive at a registration desk, where a machine will scan their passports, and take fingerprint and facial imaging samples to create a biometric signature.

The information will then be stored on a personal smart card that will be issued to each passenger. The registration is a one-time process. Equipped with their smart cards, passengers can then proceed to the first security stand, where they will be asked to swipe their cards and passports through the machine. As the computer confirms a biometric match, a touch screen panel will present the passengers with a series of security questions that until now were asked by airport personnel.

Guards will stand next to the stands

By Yaakov Lappin  
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to help anyone who runs into difficulties, the IAA said. "We're not giving up on human interaction," the spokeswoman said. "If any of the questions receive incorrect answers, or the system reports a problem, passengers will be taken aside by a guard for an in-depth check, before being allowed to proceed."

The luggage X-ray machine is the next stop, and passengers will once again swipe their Unipass cards through a scanner to inform the system that they have passed the first stage of security. After the luggage is scanned, passengers will go to the airline's check-in desk, where the smart card will again be swiped, prompting a message to appear on the clerk's computer screen that the passenger has passed through all security stages.

Once check-in is completed, the hand luggage scanning stage takes place, where travelers once again swipe their cards before continuing on to border control, the duty-free stores and boarding.

The upshot of the above is that travelers will move about more efficiently and will be screened more effectively.



# Airport Security Israeli Style [www.CNN.com](http://www.CNN.com)

In the wake of the failed Christmas Day bombing, airports are ramping up passenger screening and ordering hundreds more full body scanning machines. But some airline security experts say the real answer to greater security is to follow the approach used by Israel's airline, El Al.

Isaac Yeffet, the former head of security for El Al, said El Al has prevented terrorism in the air by making sure every passenger is interviewed by a well-trained agent before check-in.

Yeffet told CNN, "Technology can help the well-trained human being but cannot replace him."

## Excerpts from Yeffet's interview:

**CNN:** What needs to be done to improve the system?

**Yeffet:** Every passenger—I don't care his religion or whatever he is—every passenger has to be interviewed by security people who are qualified and well-trained, and are being tested all year long. We must look at the qualifications of the candidate for security jobs. He must be educated. He must speak two languages. He must understand how to approach a passenger, how to convince him to cooperate. The passengers have to understand that security is for their benefit.

We are constantly in touch with the Israeli intelligence to find out if there are any suspicious passengers among hundreds of passengers coming to take the flight. If one of the passengers is on the list, then we are waiting for him, he will not surprise us.

**CNN:** Let's say all the airlines instituted the system that you're talking about. So let's say I go to an airport for a flight to London. What should happen?

**Yeffet:** When you come to the check-in, normally you wait in line with your luggage. You have to meet with me, the security guy. We ask for your passport, your ticket. We check your passport. We want to find which countries you visited. We start to ask questions, and based on your answers and the way



you behave, we come to a conclusion about whether you are bona fide or not. That's what should happen.

**CNN:** What do you think of using full body scanners?

**Yeffet:** I am against it; this is patch on top of patch. Look what happened: Richard Reid, the "shoe bomber," hid the explosives in his shoes. The result—all of us have to take off our shoes when we come to the airport. The Nigerian guy hid his explosives in his underpants. The result—everyone now will be seen naked. Is this the security system that we want?

If we do [El Al's] system, believe me we will show the world that we are the best proactive security system and the terrorists will understand that it's not worth it to come to attack us.

El Al spends more money on security than the American air carriers. But the passengers are willing to pay for it if we can prove to them that they are secure when they come to take a flight. ★



# Tragedy With A Silver Lining



When Israelis think of terrorists, they are naturally inclined to picture Arab Muslims driven to carry out their violent assaults due to fundamentalist interpretations of the Koran. Indeed, most of the hundreds of terror attacks that have wiped out Jewish lives since Israel was reborn in 1948 have been carried out by Palestinian Muslims. However, Jewish terrorists have been in the news as well over the years. One of them, Dr. Baruch Goldstein, slaughtered 29 Palestinian Muslim worshipers in 1994 at Abraham's Tomb in Hebron.

David and Ami Ortiz



Last year, another name was added to the short, Jewish terrorist list—Yaakov Teitel. He was arrested in October and charged with carrying out an attack in March 2008 that left then-15-year-old Ami Ortiz teetering on the brink of death. The athletic youth has gone through a series of operations to help repair the severe wounds incurred when a Purim package containing a powerful bomb ripped through his family's living room in the town of Ariel, north of Jerusalem.

Police interrogators suspect Teitel carried out several other terrorist assaults over the past few years. They include a pipe-bomb attack on the Jerusalem home of a left-wing Hebrew University professor, and the deaths

of two Palestinians in Hebron 12 years ago.

Originally from the United States, Teitel is an Orthodox Jew who resided near Ariel. A security camera operating outside the Ortiz home caught him approaching the front door with the package, which he left on the ground after attempting to open a security gate. The nicely wrapped package was discovered by a maid who assumed it was a holiday gift. Ami presumed the same thing, eagerly opening the "gift" which then exploded in his hands.

Admitting he was behind the atrocity, Teitel brazenly told a preliminary court hearing that it had been "a pleasure to serve my God" by carrying out the assault. In testimony given earlier to Israeli criminal investigators, he claimed to hear the audible voice of God directing him in plotting his odious crimes.

Authorities believe the packaged bomb was actually aimed at Ami's father, David Ortiz, who pastors a vibrant Messianic congregation in Ariel. He had received verbal threats in the past connected to his work, mostly from local Orthodox men. David and his wife, Leah, told journalists that in the months following the heinous assault, they were eerily aware that the unknown perpetrator was probably out doing shopping and other things along with them in Ariel.

Despite their horrendous ordeal, Ami and his parents recognize that the attack triggered greater Israeli awareness of the growing Messianic community in the Lord's Land, and especially that, unlike Teitel, they are peaceful, law-abiding citizens who love Israel's God and their neighbors as they love themselves. ★

# What We Believe

**End Times prophecy:** It is everything to the believing Christian. After all, if it is possible that we may be Raptured tonight (or before you finish reading this paragraph), that is something very important to know. And if, on the contrary, the Church is going to go through the entire Tribulation period with all of its judgments and calamities, that is important to know, too. After nearly 30 years of intensive Bible study and consultation with expert theologians, I firmly believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, which is to say that the Rapture will occur before the coming Tribulation period. That makes me actually live my life in a different way and look at the world in a different way.

**Support for Israel:** A crucial subject, since the whole Church will be going there for the 1,000-year Kingdom. Furthermore, the restoration of the Jewish people to the Promised Land comes in fulfillment of 3,500-year-old prophecies (see Deut. 30:1-5). One could have lived at any time in the past 35 centuries and not understood that that prophecy was seeing its literal fulfillment; and yet, in the very generation that sees the Chosen People start coming back to their Land, we turn against that Land and invent new doctrines that, in effect, make it unimportant. Progressive Dispensationalism de-emphasizes Israel to the extent where there is almost no point in trying to discuss affairs in the Promised Land with graduates of any seminary teaching that doctrine. They are, in effect, cursing Israel, and may well come under Genesis 12:3, “And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee...”

These seminaries become all the poorer spiritually for adopting doctrines that simply will not stand the test of ordinary Bible exposition.

Personally, I am not really a theologian, but I can easily see the errors in this doctrine, and my heart goes out to the young men and women being trained for important church work, including the pastorate, who will graduate in ignorance of some of the most vital doctrines of Biblical learning.



No wonder our churches are insipid, and our support of the Holy Land is flagging. No wonder no voice was raised when Bethlehem—the birthplace of Jesus Christ—was given to Muslims, who have turned it into a typical Arab town hardly fit for pilgrims to visit. Really and truly, I shudder to think what some of the conversations in the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ will be like. We must keep in mind that each of us will face the King of the Jews when we get to Heaven, and we will account for our attitude toward the Chosen People and their Land. As our Lord will say to the Tribulation-period souls in His Throne of Judgment, “Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren [the Jews], ye have done it unto Me” (Matt. 25:40). ★

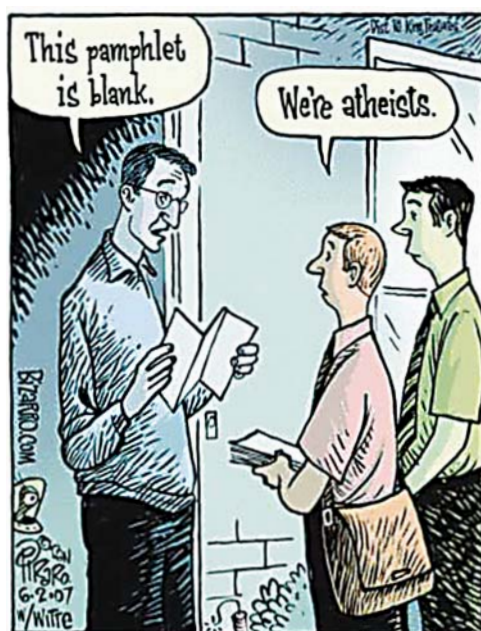




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## Mozart Mellows Preemies

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

Studies show that listening to music composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in the 18th century has a positive effect on the brains of developing babies. Now a new study in Israel has found that Mozart's music also appears to have a positive effect on babies born prematurely.

The Israeli researchers found that exposure to Mozart's music causes preemies to expend less energy, which results in faster weight gain and an earlier release home. Conducted at the Departments of Neonatology and Pediatrics at the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, medical researchers found that just 30 minutes of Mozart a day can make a world of difference in the development of premature babies.

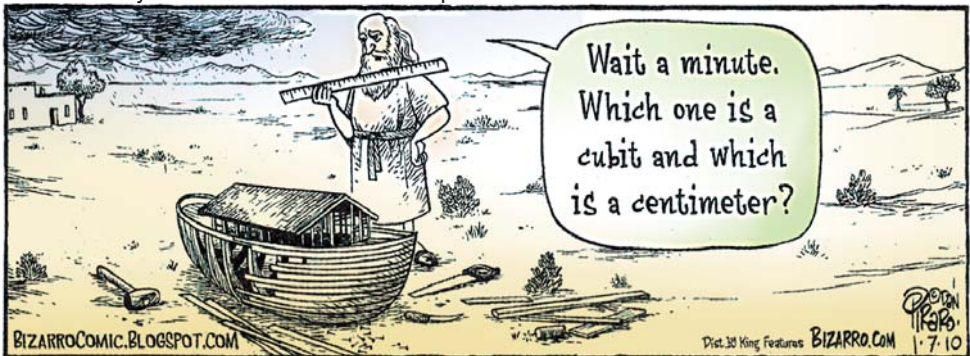
Published in the medical journal *Pediatrics*, the study by Dr. Dror Mandel was part of an international program

NIDCAP (Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program) that investigates diverse methodologies for improving infant welfare in neonatal units.

In the hospital, pre-term babies may be susceptible to infections, but before they can be released home, the infants must gain a certain amount of weight. Exposure to Mozart, Mandel and his colleagues have found, may speed up weight gain so babies can be home sooner with their families. This protects them not only early in life, but in later life too, he explains.

The Israeli team chose Mozart over other classical composers such as Beethoven due to the "Mozart Effect" measured in college kids. The study found that those listening to Mozart prior to an IQ test could score higher. It has also been found to positively affect epileptics. Although nobody yet understands why this is so, when the music of Mozart, Bach, Chopin, Wagner, and Bartok was compared, the best effects were measured with Mozart's music. ★

**BIZARRO** By Dan Piraro See article on p. 29.





# Ask The Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

**Q.** Dr. Seif, I notice that your *Levitt Letter* is critical of Islam as a religious system. So, how should Christians and Jews behave toward people who subscribe to Muslim beliefs?

**A.** If we applied Jesus' statement "you'll know them by their fruits" to Islamic states, we'd see some rotted fruit baskets in the twenty-two Islamic countries surrounding Israel, as they are run by brutal rulers who impose their will through totalitarian regimes (with the exception of Iraq, thanks to the U.S.). By most accounts, family dynamics within those countries and cultures are also oppressive.

Seeking a better life, many Muslims fled to the United States and brought their religion with them. The Bible does not directly address how we are to act toward Muslim residents, but it does describe Godly behavior toward "outsiders" who dwell "inside."

The word "alien" comes from the Latin *alius*, meaning "other," and refers to the "outsider"—or to a resident Muslim, in this case. The Law given to Israel, by which they were to govern themselves inside the Land of Israel, also instructed them how to behave toward "other" people—"outsiders." Let's see what the Torah says about how Jews were to deal with those "aliens."

In Deuteronomy 1:9-17, Moses said "You shall show no partiality in judgment," binding the fairness doctrine for all people and all times. Not only were Hebrew courts to treat non-Jews fairly, Jeremiah 7:6 says that pains were to be taken to ensure that Jews "not oppress the stranger" who dwells among them. The point was reiterated in 22:3 when Jeremiah, like Moses, said: "Execute judgment and righteousness... do no wrong and do no violence to the

stranger"—or "alien." Moses' writings meant—literally and seriously—that the Israelites who held possession of the Land were to be fair to aliens.



Jesus' conduct toward alien "outsiders" further buttressed the instruction that we're not to judge people on the basis of race or creed. His kindness to a Samaritan woman angered some of His disciples (Jn 4:27). He was also benevolent to a Syro-Phoenician (Greek) woman who threw herself at His feet when He visited Tyre and Sidon. Jesus graciously heard her plea and healed her daughter (Mark 7:24-30), showing His lack of prejudice and demonstrating that her tears are no less important to Him than the tears of Jewish mothers.



For the above reasons, we cannot support those who discriminate against others just because they come from another culture or hold a different worldview. Jesus, Moses, and Jeremiah behave another way. Our Judeo-Christian way of life is built upon better principles and we're not to stoop so low, despite the way that we Judeo-Christians are miserably discriminated against in Islamic countries.

Those who enter our country legally, who wish to integrate peacefully, and behave civilly toward others should receive fair treatment. Those who wish to disrupt our way of life and turn our culture into the miserable type they left behind, who disparage our values and who violate our laws should receive decisive justice—not because they are Muslims, but because they simply are not worthy to live among us. ★

# Hebrew Lesson

## Be Not Afraid...

By John J. Parsons



אַל-תִּירָא כִּי עִמָּךְ-אֲנִי

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

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ani imekha ki al-tirah

I am with you for fear not

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

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* (Bible commentary) 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).

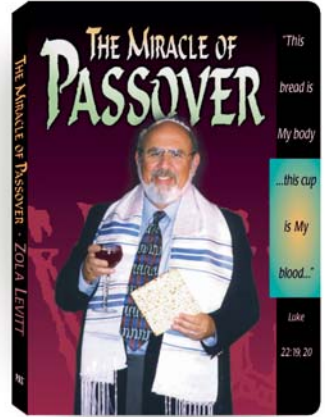
We must be careful not to let the light in us become darkness (Luke 11:35). The love and acceptance of God is the answer to our fear, not the thought of being judged by Him or attempting to merit His favor. God’s love is our hope, and this hope gives us courage to persevere the

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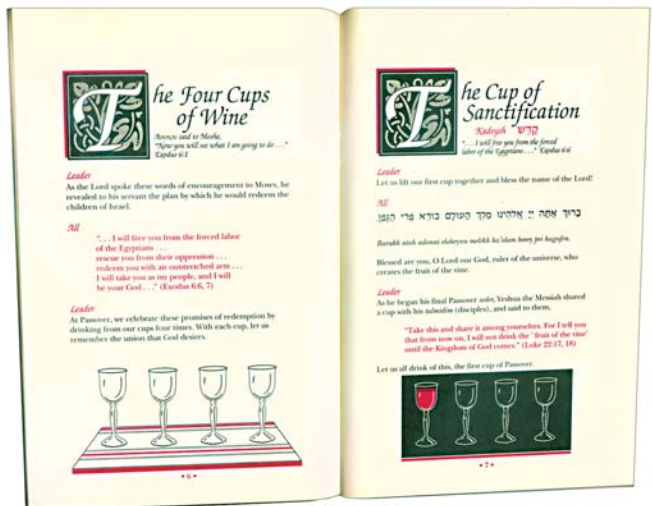
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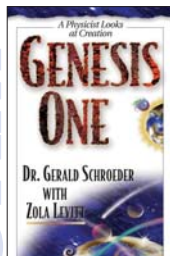
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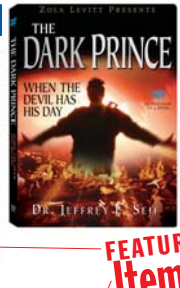
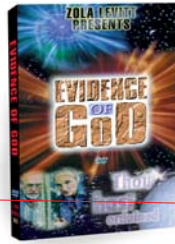


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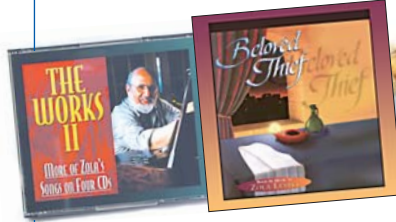
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- **There is always a crisis.** Whether it was the liberation provided by birth control pills, the Vietnam War, the OPEC oil embargo, the S&L collapse and crisis, the arrival of AIDS, the energy bust of the '80s, the market collapse of 1987, the millennium scare, the housing bubble, or the financial bust of 2008, you can't talk about human existence without talking about one crisis or another. It's what we do.

- **There is no free lunch.** Many "free" lunches are offered, but there is always a hook because everyone is selling. We seem to have only two roles. We're either selling or we are possible customers.

- **We have to take care of ourselves and those we love.** No one else will do it for us. Not our government. Not the companies that employ us. If we expect less, we'll do what is necessary. We need to get on with it. We need to stop hoping that someone else will take care of us. They won't.

- **We must save.** The only way to avoid the need for saving is to die very young. Since most of us will die old, saving is a necessity. So start, already.

- **Debt can be useful, but it's not an honor.** Having credit might be a privilege, but it's no status symbol. It's just a way someone else can make a buck. So we should borrow only when necessary and pay it back ASAP.

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- **In investing, expenses always count.** The sales force wants us to believe otherwise because our expenses are their lunch or Mercedes payment.

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**DENNIS THE MENACE** By Hank Ketcham



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# Letters to ZIM

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**From J.M. (RI):** I am a Christian and out of ignorance didn't have a favorable opinion of the Jewish people. Your ministry has touched me, and our loving and faithful Lord knew I wanted to serve Him and needed to fall in love with His people. I don't believe that would have happened without your ministry. I am on disability but will do my best to support your ministry.

**From J.H. (AZ):** Thank you for doing a wonderful job! I want to learn more about my Judaic roots and will do what I can to support your goals both financially and politically here in the USA. I'm eager to watch the series on Esther—will you be placing that on DVD as well? I sure hope so. **Of course! —Mark**

**From S.S-A. (WA):** Raised Catholic, I was born again and came to know the Lord as my personal savior in 1983. I feel that the Lord is leading me to deepen my knowledge of His Word and I found your ministry on television while sick in bed for a few days with asthma. Praise God for how He gets our attention!

## Blessed by “*Sar Shalom*”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your best program has to be *Sar Shalom*. The actor that played Jesus speaking in Hebrew, and Jeff's commentary with the program was perfect. I hope the Lord has placed upon all your hearts that continuing programs exactly like that from Israel has to bring in more audience for you. I know it blessed me and my 8-year-old son, that we could not wait for it to come on every week. My son was learning Hebrew from it which excited him, but now that you are back to showing the programs with Jeff and Sandra—no offense, but it's just not as captivating as *Sar Shalom*. My son and I are just not as excited now that *Sar Shalom* is over. Please, see if the Lord doesn't want you to do shows like that until the Rapture of the Church, which I believe is very soon. I am waiting on a big financial blessing from the Lord and when He does this for me, I would gladly cover all the cost for you to do more *Sar Shaloms*. Peace to everyone. G.S.X.R.



Dear G.S.X.R.—

Glad you liked the *Sar Shalom* series. Your encouraging letter counter-balances those who wrote to say: “We don't want boring Sunday School lessons. Give us cutting-edge Bible prophecy!” And those who like the prophecy programs offset those who write that they don't agree with my assessment of it. Please keep us in prayer as we attempt to steward the resources that come in, and produce television that pleases Jesus. —Jeff

## Surround Yourself With Godly People

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

I want to mention how excited I get when I receive your monthly newsletter in the mail! I read it cover to cover and then pass it on to others. And I truly enjoy *Zola Levitt Presents* and look forward to seeing it every week.

I also want to encourage Jeff by saying that not everyone adjusts to changes when someone new takes the helm of a ministry like ZLM. I think you are doing a great job. I am sure you already know that not everyone will cheer your vision for ZLM, but it's nice to know there are a lot of us who do! Surround yourself with Godly people (as I'm sure you already do), link arms, and move forward. Blessings, S.V.

Shalom, S.V.—

Most ministries don't survive into the next generation. God has given us great old friends and a cadre of new ones. Thanks for the encouragement. —Jeff



## Genesis 12:3

Dear Dr. Seif,

In re the cover article in the January 2010 *Levitt Letter*, are you kidding about the resilient economy of Israel? Israel's wealth is as filthy as a sewer. It has been aggregated through revenue wrought through human suffering, e.g., pornography (in all its sick and filthy manifestations), prostitution, raping of other states' resources (i.e. Iraqi oil), through the perverted entertainment industry of the USA, global banking cartels, and human organ theft, to name but a few. This is all 'under the radar' tax free. Jews deserve the Almighty God's harshest of judgments. —Yours, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous—

That thriving Israeli democracy you disparage is a beacon of light and hope in a downward-spiraling world. Though some in Israel's big cities (like Tel Aviv) have their vices, myths of Jewish banking controls, Jews selling off people's organs, etc. belong to the realm of anti-Semitic fantasy. Your condemnations reveal that you need to check out your news sources (please see the article regarding Tel Aviv on page 24). As for Jews deserving this judgment or that, let's let God be the judge. —Yours, Jeff ★

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**Lack of free speech in China**





# Tel Aviv—Where Innovators Cluster

By David Brooks, [NYTimes.com](http://NYTimes.com)

Jews are a famously accomplished group. They make up 0.2 percent of the world population, but 54 percent of the world chess champions, 27 percent of the Nobel physics laureates, and 37 percent of the Academy Award-winning directors.



Most Jews gave up or were forced to give up farming in the Middle Ages; their descendants have been living off their creativity ever since. They have often migrated, with a migrant's ambition and drive. They have congregated around global crossroads and have benefited from the creative tension endemic in such places.

The odd thing is that Israel has not traditionally been strongest where the Jews in the Diaspora were strongest. Instead of research and commerce, Israelis were forced to devote their energies to fighting and politics. Milton Friedman used to joke that Israel disproved every Jewish stereotype. People used to think Jews were good cooks, good economic managers, and bad soldiers; Israel proved them wrong.

With Benjamin Netanyahu's economic reforms, the arrival of a million Russian immigrants, and the stagnation of the peace process, the most resourceful Israelis are going into technology and commerce, not politics.

Tel Aviv has become one of the world's foremost entrepreneurial hot spots. Israel has more high-tech start-ups per capita than any other nation on earth. It leads the world in civilian research-and-development spending per capita. It ranks second behind the U.S. in the number of companies listed on the NASDAQ. Israel, with seven million people, attracts as much venture capital as France and Germany combined.

Because of the strength of its economy, Israel has weathered the global recession reasonably well. The government used the crisis to solidify the economy's long-term future by investing in research and development and infrastructure. Analysts at Barclays write that Israel is "the strongest recovery story" in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Israel's technological success is the fruition of the Zionist dream. The country was not founded so stray settlers could sit among thousands of angry Palestinians. It was founded so Jews would have a safe place to come together and create things for the world.



Netanyahu preaches that Israel will become the Hong Kong of the Middle East, with economic benefits spilling over into the Arab world. And, in fact, there are strands of evidence to support that view in places like the West Bank and Jordan.

But Israel's economic leap forward will widen the gap between it and its neighbors. All the countries in the region talk about encouraging innovation. Some oil-rich states spend billions trying to build science centers. But places like Silicon Valley and Tel Aviv are created by a confluence of cultural forces, not money. The surrounding nations do not have the tradition of free intellectual exchange and technical creativity.

For example, between 1980 and 2000, Egyptians registered 77 patents in the U.S. Saudis registered 171. Israelis registered 7,652. ★

# Handle Bears Name of Israelite King

*Israel Today*

Archaeologists at a dig on the Mount of Olives have uncovered one of the oldest inscriptions ever found in Jerusalem: a 3,000-year-old jar handle bearing ancient Hebrew script. The Hebrew name Menachem appears on the artifact which dates back to the Iron Age, around 900 B.C., at the time of the First Temple.

The inscription refers to King Menachem Ben Gadi of Samaria who ruled for 10 years (2 Kings 15:14).



**BIBLICAL INSCRIPTION:**  
The name 'Menachem' appears in the Book of Kings

"It's important because it shows that they actually used the name Menachem during that period," said Ron Be'eri, who directed the excavation for the Israel Antiquities Authority. "It's not just from the Bible; it's also in the archaeological record." Be'eri believes the handle was part of an earthen vessel that held oil or wheat. Like many archaeological sites in the Holy Land, this one was discovered accidentally by construction workers.

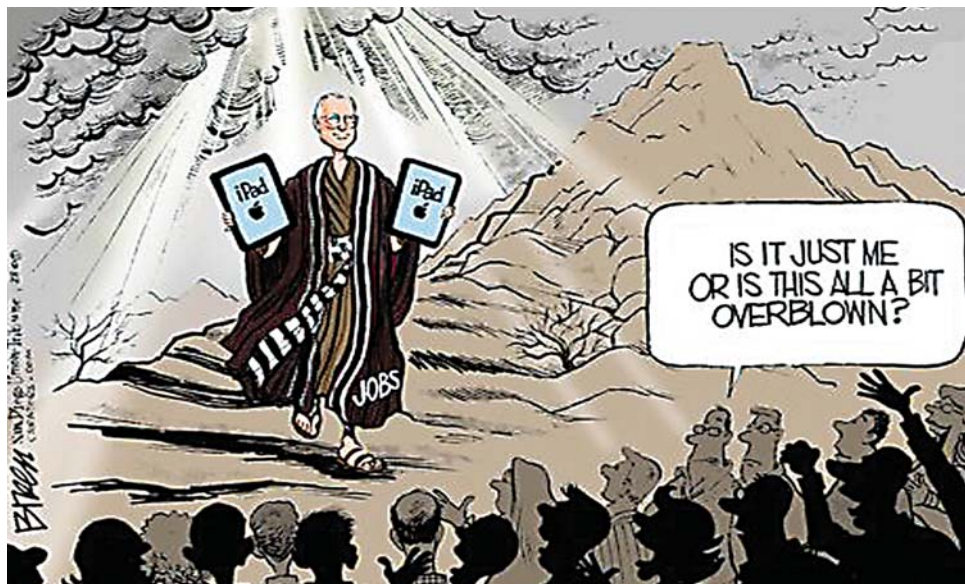


## Perceptions of Jews By Renowned Gentiles

**"The Jew gave us the Outside and the Inside—our outlook and our inner life. We can hardly get up in the morning or cross the street without being Jewish. We dream Jewish dreams and hope Jewish hopes. Most of our best words, in fact—new, adventure, surprise, unique, individual, person, vocation, time, history, future, freedom, progress, spirit, faith, hope, justice—are the gifts of the Jews."**



—Thomas Cahill, Author



## 90% Of Afghan Women Suffer Domestic Abuse

By Atia Abawi, (right) CNN.com



Shameen's brown eyes seem lost as she thinks about the one day she wants to forget, but it is all she can think about. Still traumatized, she recounts the events that led her to a safe house in Kabul: She was raped and nearly stabbed to death by her husband just seven days before we met her. Her lips are quivering and her eyes full of fear. "He forced himself on me," she said. "All I could do was scream."

She was married off 15 years ago when she was a teenager. Throughout those years she was tortured and abused, suffering daily beatings with an electrical wire or the metal end of a hammer. This was her normal life.

"He chased after me with a hammer. He said if I made any noise he would put holes through me." Shameen and her husband could not conceive a child. And in Afghan society, it seems, the blame always falls on the woman.

After one severe beating, she ran from her home and to the police station. Her husband promised the police he would not attack her anymore, so she gave in and agreed to go back home

with him. Days later, Shameen's husband took her on a trip to visit her sister's grave—a 15-year-old sister who was burned to death for displeasing her husband. Shameen says her younger sister was 11 years old when she was forced to marry an older man. He would beat and abuse her until one day he killed her.

As Shameen walked along the graveyard with her husband he took her near a shrine where he forced her to the ground, lifted her *burqa*, and raped her. He then threatened her with a knife and asked her who was going to help her now. She was screaming as he slashed her throat and body.

A passerby saved her.

Now, she has no one to turn to—not even her own parents. In their eyes, she has brought them shame, an offense punishable by death. In Afghanistan, a woman is blamed for the injustices she must live through. Shameen says when her sister was killed, her parents turned a blind eye.

Afghanistan is a country where for centuries women have been considered property—not equals, like the constitution states. They are often beaten, raped, and even sold to the highest bidder. There are very few places women can turn to. ★



"All I  
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## IDF Dog Serves In Montana

By Tali Minsberg  
www.JPost.com



An IDF-trained dog by the name of Miky has put the Police Department of Helena, Montana on the map in recent days.

Miky, who was trained by the Israel Defense Forces to sniff out explosives, was brought to Montana via a grant to serve as a police dog, according to Sgt. John Fosket of the Helena Police Department. But since Miky had been trained in Hebrew, the Helena Police struggled with the commands the dog had been taught to obey. A rabbi was eventually called in to help break the language barrier.

"When you're a rabbi living in Montana, you are able to be a help in many ways," Rabbi Chaim Bruk said. "I spoke with John a few weeks ago. He's doing pretty well; he never spoke Hebrew [before]. He's still having a little trouble with the 'ch' sound... it's a tough one."

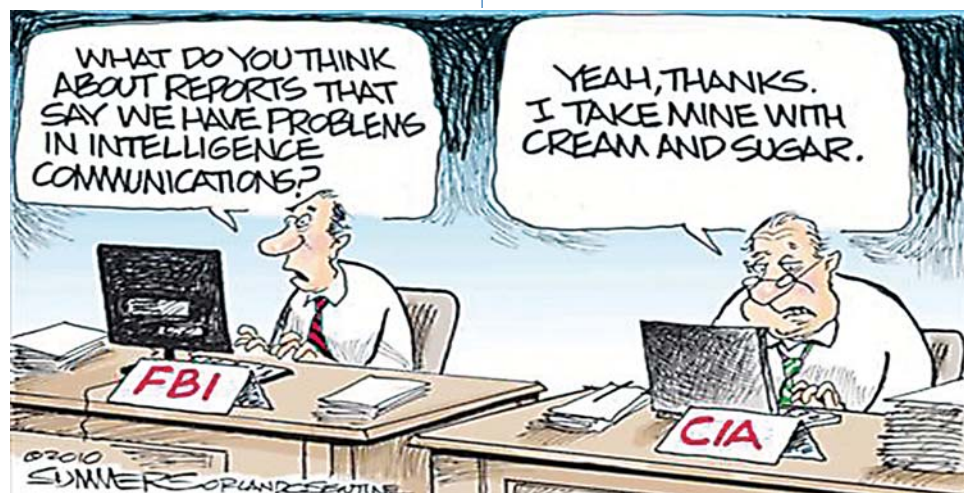
As he became more familiar with the language, Sgt. Fosket's relationship with Miky thrived, and the star team was even recently brought in by the Secret Service for a presidential visit.

"He [Miky] is very protective of me and our vehicle. Once I learned the correct Hebrew commands, our relationship changed and our bond intensified," Sgt. Fosket said, adding, "...he's a very strong-willed dog."

Miky is one of thousands of dogs trained in Oketz, the IDF's K-9 special forces unit—the only one of its kind in the world. According to Asaf Leibovich, a former Oketz soldier, the IDF is very selective when choosing dogs, and the ones that meet the grade have several options upon completing their tour of duty.

"They can become police dogs or something along those lines," he said, or, if they are too old or out of shape, they can be "taken into a home with the soldiers and become a different kind of working dog." Alternatively, they could be transferred "to the Israeli Air Force, which has a small canine unit for guarding bases," he said.

Miky isn't the only Israel-trained dog serving in the U.S., an indication, said Leibovich, of the positive relationship between the United States and Israel. "There are programs with the American military where Marines come in for five months and learn what the IDF is doing... it's really a partnership thing."



# Israel's Right In The "Disputed" Territories



By Danny Ayalon (right)  
[www.WSJ.com](http://www.WSJ.com)

**Little is understood about Israel's rights to what are generally called the "occupied territories" but what really are "disputed territories."**

That's because the land now known as the West Bank cannot be considered "occupied" in the legal sense as it had not attained recognized sovereignty before Israel's conquest. There has never been a Palestinian state, and no other nation has ever established Jerusalem as its capital despite its being under Islamic control for hundreds of years.

**The name "West Bank"** was first used in 1950 by the Jordanians when they annexed the land to differentiate it from the rest of the country, which is on the east bank of the River Jordan. It was at Jordan's insistence that the 1949 armistice line became **not a recognized international border but only a line separating armies**. This boundary became the famous "Green Line," so named because the military officials during the armistice talks used a green pen to draw the line on the map.

**After the Six-Day War**, when Arab armies once again sought to destroy Israel and the Jewish state subsequently captured the West Bank and other territory, the United Nations sought to create an enduring solution to the conflict. U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 is probably one of the most misunderstood documents in the international arena. While many, especially the Palestinians, push the idea that the document demands that Israel return everything captured over the Green Line, nothing could be further from the truth. The resolution calls for "peace within secure and recognized boundaries," but nowhere does it mention where those boundaries should be.

It is best to understand the intentions of the drafters of the resolution before considering other interpretations. The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. at the time, former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, made the issue clear when he stated that, "the resolution speaks of withdrawal from occupied

territories without defining the extent of withdrawal." This would encompass "less than a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied territory, inasmuch as Israel's prior frontiers had proven to be notably insecure."

**After the war in 1967**, when Jews started returning to their historic heartland in the West Bank, or Judea and Samaria as the territory had been known around the world for 2,000 years until the Jordanians renamed it, the issue of settlements arose. However, Eugene V. Rostow, U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs in 1967 and a drafter of the resolution, maintained that the original British Mandate of Palestine still applies to the West Bank. He said "the Jewish right of settlement in Palestine west of the Jordan River—that is, in Israel, the West Bank, Jerusalem—was made unassailable. That right has never been terminated and cannot be terminated except by a recognized peace between Israel and its neighbors." There is no internationally binding document pertaining to this territory that has nullified this right of Jewish settlement since.

**This perception that Israel is occupying stolen land is morally and factually incorrect**; and the more this narrative is accepted, the less likely the Palestinians feel the need to come to the negotiating table.

See the full article and Jeff's interview with Mr. Ayalon, Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister, at [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com). ★





## Working Replica of Noah's Ark

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

Using the same unit of measure given in the Bible, Dutch creationist **Johan Huibers** built the ark as a testament to his faith in the literal truth of the Bible. A contractor by trade, Huibers built the ark of cedar and pine. Biblical scholars debate what wood Noah would have used.

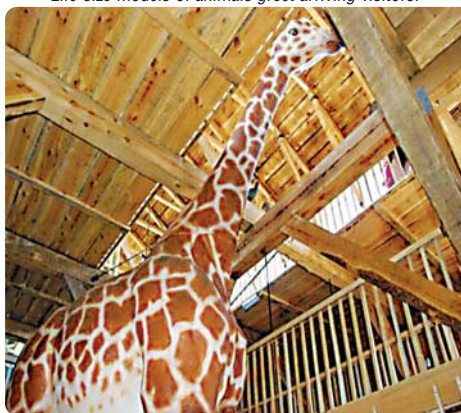
The ark is 150 cubits long, 30 cubits high, and 20 cubits wide. That's two-thirds the length of a football field and as high as a three-story house. Huibers did the work mostly with his own hands, using modern tools, and with occasional help from his son Roy. Construction began in May 2005.

Life-size models of giraffes, elephants, lions, crocodiles, zebras, bison, and other animals greet visitors as they arrive in the main hold. On the uncovered top deck is a petting zoo with baby lambs, chickens, goats, and one camel.

There is enough space near the keel for a 50-seat film theater where kids can watch a video that tells the story of Noah and his ark. Huibers, a Christian, said he hopes the project in Schagen will renew interest in Christianity in the Netherlands, where church-going has fallen dramatically in the past 50 years.

*Now that I am old and gray...give me the time to tell this new generation (and their children too) about all Your mighty miracles.*  
—Psalm 71:18

*Life-size models of animals greet arriving visitors.*



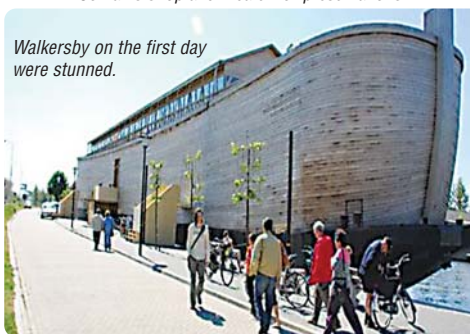
*Work done mostly with his own hands*



*Built of cedar & pine, with petting zoo*



*Contains shop and theater for presentations*



*Walkersby on the first day were stunned.*





## Soccer Violence—"The Jews Did It" *Israel Today*

When Egypt and Algeria played a third game tie-breaker to determine which nation would be represented at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, most expected that whatever the outcome, there would be violence. So when Algeria eked out a 1-0 victory, few were surprised at the headlines that Algerians were attacked in Egypt, and Egyptians were attacked in Algeria.

For those keeping an eye on regional attitudes toward Israel, it was also hardly surprising that newspaper columns and political cartoons across the region claimed a mysterious Israeli hand was behind the growing tensions between the two Arab states.

Some commentators, however, pointed a finger at the repressive governments of Egypt and Algeria.

"Because of that suppression, the two peoples are searching for any kind of joy in their lives, even if it comes just from a soccer match," wrote psychiatrist Ahmed Okasha in the independent Egyptian newspaper *al-Masry al-Youm*.

Ibrahim Eissa, editor of the Egyptian opposition newspaper *al-Dustour*, went a step farther: "We have become worthless, with no value, no rank, no respect because our regime has ruined our dignity and the Egyptian citizen has become nothing to his own government; thus he has become a nobody for everybody."

## Israel To Build Barrier Along Egyptian Border

By Joseph Nasr, [www.NationalPost.com](http://www.NationalPost.com)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved plans to erect a barrier along part of Israel's border with Egypt and install advanced surveillance equipment to keep out illegal migrants and militants.

"I took the decision to close Israel's southern border to infiltrators and terrorists. This is a strategic decision to secure Israel's Jewish and democratic character," Mr. Netanyahu said in a statement.

Thousands of African and other migrants have come to Israel through its porous border with Egypt over the last few years, fleeing conflict back home or searching for a better life in the Jewish state.

Mr. Netanyahu said Israel would continue to let in refugees from conflict zones but "we cannot let tens of thousands of illegal workers infiltrate into Israel through the southern border and inundate our country with illegal aliens."

The project will cost \$270 million and will take two years to complete. The barrier will not be erected along the whole border, and advanced surveillance equipment will help border control officers to spot infiltrators.

*Nile, Red Sea and Sinai Peninsula from space.*



## Muslim Sheik Pays Solidarity Visit to the Jews of Hebron

By Nissan Ratzlav-Katz  
[www.IsraelNationalNews.com](http://www.IsraelNationalNews.com)

Noam Arnon, a spokesperson for the Jewish community of Hebron, spoke about a very unusual guest who recently came to show his support.

Making the trip from Italy to Hebron for the second time in recent years, the head of the Italian Muslim Assembly, **Sheik Abdul Hadi Palazzi**, met with local Jewish leaders in a show of solidarity. The sheik, an Italian national who received his Islamic education from leading mainstream Saudi and Egyptian Sunni institutions, believes that his religion obligates its followers to support Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel. In support of his position, Sheik Palazzi quotes Koranic passages and traditions that affirm God's assignment of this land for the Jews.

Palazzi describes himself as "a Zionist Muslim clergyman and a friend of the Jewish people."

"We are talking about a unique personality," Arnon said. "A man who connects warmly with everyone he meets. A very brave individual."

During Sheik Palazzi's visit to Hebron, community leaders discussed with him ways in which Islamist fundamentalism

might be curbed. "He emphasized Saudi Arabia as responsible for extremism," Arnon said. "It funds mosques in Europe and the United States and then determines who will be allowed to speak in them. In this way, Islam becomes more and more extreme, which is a dangerous trend."

## Rapist Whines At Cell With Christian

By Ben Ashford  
[www.TheSun.co.uk](http://www.TheSun.co.uk)



Guilty: Steven Relf

An atheist rapist has complained that his human rights were breached by having to share a prison cell with a Christian inmate.

Barman Steven Relf, 40, was jailed indefinitely after admitting raping two women he targeted when he served them drinks in a pub. Police branded him a "sexual predator" and said he could have had as many as 40 victims.

In a letter to an inmates' magazine, Relf wrote: "I recently had the displeasure of sharing a cell with a Bible-thumping believer." A source said Relf was "furious" at having to share at Manchester Prison with the Christian convict and wanted him to be "evicted." He said: "He moaned about how the guy wouldn't shut up about God. He said he wanted to speak to a lawyer about his rights so he could change cells." The other inmate was later transferred.



# Inhumanity of Iran's Religious Regime

By Sabina Amidi, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

A shocking interview directly exposes the inhumanity of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's religious regime in Iran. A member of the Basiji militia tells of his role in suppressing opposition protests. He also details aspects of his earlier service in the force, including his rape of young Iranian girls prior to their execution.

Founded by Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979 as a "people's militia," the volunteer Basiji force is subordinate to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and intensely loyal to Khomeini's successor, **Khamenei**.

The Basiji member, who is married with children, spoke soon after he was released from detention for the "crime" of setting free two Iranian teenagers—a 13-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl—who had been arrested during the disturbances following last year's disputed presidential elections.

"Many police have been arrested for showing leniency toward protesters," he said. He pinned the blame for much of the most ruthless violence on what he called "imported security forces"—recruits as young as 14 and 15, he said, who have been brought from small villages into the bigger cities where the protests have been centered.

"Fourteen and 15-year old boys are given power, which I am sorry to say they abuse," he said. "These kids do anything they please—forcing people to empty out their wallets, taking whatever they want from stores without paying, and touching young women inappropriately. The girls are so frightened that they remain quiet

and let them do what they want."

When he was 16, "my mother took me to a Basiji station and begged them to take me under their wing because I had no one and nothing foreseeable in my future. My father was martyred during the war in Iraq and she did not want me to get hooked on drugs and become a street thug," he said. "I so impressed my superiors that, at 18, I was given the 'honor' to temporarily marry young girls before they were sentenced to death."



In the Islamic Republic it is illegal to execute a young woman, regardless of her crime, if she is a virgin, he explained. Therefore, a "wedding" ceremony is conducted the night before the execution: The young girl is forced to have sexual intercourse with a prison guard—essentially raped by her "husband."

"I regret that," he said, "because I could tell that the girls were more afraid of their 'wedding' night than of the execution that awaited them in the morning. They would always fight back. By morning they would have an empty expression; it seemed like they were ready or wanted to die."

His decision to free the two teenage detainees, he said, "was because they were so young. They looked like children and I knew what would happen to them if they weren't released." He said that while a man is deemed "responsible for his own actions at 13, for a woman it is 9," and that it was freeing the 15-year-old girl that "really got me in trouble."





## Hoops Humor

It was the first day of basketball practice at Wingate High in Brooklyn, N.Y. Coach Jim Johnson handed a ball to each player. "Fellas," he said, "I want you to practice shooting from the spots you might expect to be in during the game."

Little Moishe Goldberg immediately sat down on the bench and began arcing the ball toward the basket.



## Storefront Signs

Solly Finklestein was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign that read: BEST DEALS.

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading: LOWEST PRICES.

Finklestein was panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop—it read: MAIN ENTRANCE.

## Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

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



Aaron Levitt, Zola's other son, recently responded to a misperception about Israel on a TV broadcast. Perhaps if we all responded to similar misinformation, the message would get through to decision-makers.



Dear Food Network,

Last night, I watched an *Iron Chef America* episode, a show my family enjoys. I was shocked when the guest chef was introduced as "a native of Palestine." Where is Palestine? As far as I know, there is no area called Palestine, nor has there been an area called Palestine in the last 60+ years—longer than the guest chef's lifetime. You may as well introduce a chef as being from "Yugoslavia," a country which also doesn't exist (though at least it existed within the chef's lifetime. While still an incorrect description, it is plausible that he could have lived in that country as a child.) The country you're probably thinking of is called "Israel," as you will find on any modern map.

It is unfortunate that a wonderful cooking show like *Iron Chef America* must inject its programming with political bias that rises to factual error, and one so obvious as to appear silly. Both Israel and Jordan (once collectively referred to as "Palestine") reject the name, and Arabs currently plan to create a Palestinian state. Why would there be a plan to create one, if one already exists? Please stick to food—your area of expertise—and leave political spin to the bureaucrats.

So, where *does* the guest chef come from? Thanks.

—Aaron Levitt



**Wisdom Of The Jewish Oracle**

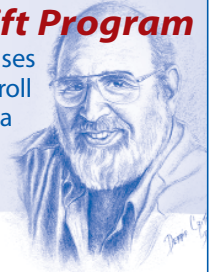
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*Drink tea and nourish life—with the first sip, **joy**; with the second sip, **satisfaction**; with the third sip, **peace**; with the fourth, **a Danish**.*

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# The Terrorist-Certified Chaplains Who Minister To Muslim Soldiers

By Paul Sperry, [www.investors.com](http://www.investors.com)

**Lost in all the coverage of accused Islamic terrorist Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan's penetration of the military's officer corps is a deeper problem within the military—its radical Muslim chaplain corps.**

One of the groups the Pentagon turns to for clerics to minister to its growing ranks of Muslim soldiers is the American Muslim Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Council. The group was founded by presumed “moderate” Muslim leader Abdurahman Alamoudi, who described his endeavor as “an excellent opportunity to show my community we have people who are patriotic.” This flag-waving patriot turned out to be one of al-Qaeda’s top fundraisers in the U.S., and is now serving 23 years in federal prison.

“Alamoudi placed chaplains throughout our military,” said Rep. Sue Myrick, a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. “He’s now in jail, (but) the chaplains are still in their current positions.” Alamoudi’s group sponsored Army Muslim chaplain Yousef Yee, the formerly accused spy who ministered to more than 600 detainees at Guantanamo, many of whom were released only to return to violent jihad. Alamoudi, who was given power of attorney by several Guantanamo detainees, even persuaded the Pentagon to let an al-Qaeda-tied Saudi charity fly planeloads of Muslim-American soldiers to Mecca.

The Pentagon’s other official endorser of Muslim chaplains is the Islamic Society of North America, or ISNA, which the Justice Department recently blacklisted as an unindicted terrorist co-conspirator.

These two radical groups accredit

chaplains trained chiefly by the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, which is run by a radical imam also recently named an unindicted terrorist co-conspirator. After Northern Virginia-based GSISS was raided by federal agents after 9/11, the imam changed its name to Cordoba University. It’s still churning out Muslim chaplains. In fact, 10 of the 14 Muslim chaplains serving in the military graduated from GSISS—including Navy Lt. Cmdr. Abuhena Saifulislam, (*below center*) who was handed the keys to the new Quantico mosque.



Saifulislam (Arabic for “Sword of Islam”) ministered to Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun before he deserted his Iraq unit, citing disapproval of the war as a Muslim. Hassoun has been charged with desertion and larceny.

Another GSISS alumnus—Army Capt. Mohammed Khan—was Sgt. Hasan Akbar’s chaplain. Akbar is the Muslim traitor who fragged fellow soldiers on the eve of the 101st Airborne’s push into Iraq. Akbar’s grenade and rifle attack killed two soldiers and wounded 14, taking out of action key personnel in charge of planning troop movements.

The military’s Muslim chaplains are backed up by more than 100 lay leaders. Most of them have been trained by the Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences in America, which is part of Saudi Arabia’s state-run university system.

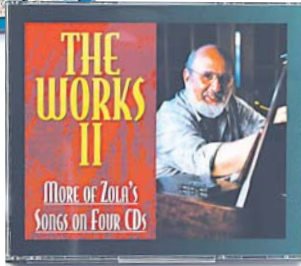






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