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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



With the author, I think that our nation can learn from Israel. What do you think?—Jeff

The U.S. Can Learn Something from Israel

By Jon Kraushar, FoxNews.com



What should President Obama do if the economic recovery loses momentum? Here's a novel idea, Mr. President: to help America, *learn from Israel in three areas.*

Economy

Since 2007, Israel has experienced a mild recession, while America's has been deep.

Unemployment in Israel is 7%. In the U.S. it's 9.5%.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister (also Economic Strategy Minister) Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel has pursued economic policies favoring free markets and supply-side tax cuts.

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Palestinian Refugees Frozen In Time, Addicted To Pity

By Robert Fulford,
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Refugees: We admire their energy and their accomplishments. Observing them can be a bracing lesson in human tenacity under adverse circumstances.

But that pattern doesn't cover Palestinian refugees. They are a special case. For many reasons, various populations across the planet are displaced; only the Palestinians cling to their "refugee" status decade after decade. They present themselves as helpless victims of Israeli aggression. They await rescue—

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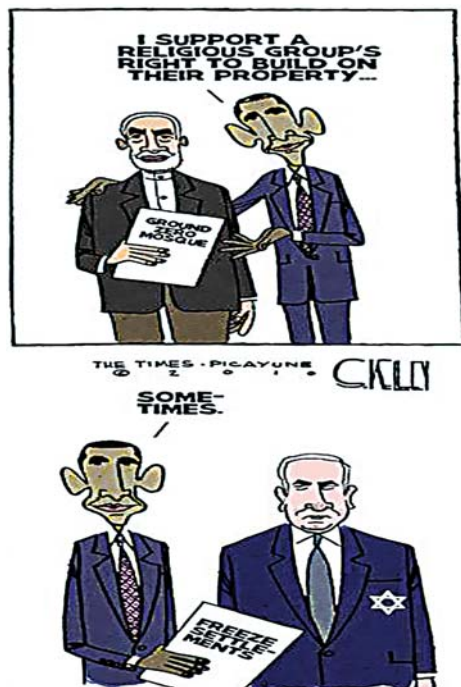
Switzerland's renowned Institute for Management Development ranks Israel's economy as the world's most durable in the face of crises. Israel is a net lender rather than borrower nation. In the U.S., borrowing and deficits are reaching record-high levels and Keynesian economic policies bet that the U.S. can spend and tax its way out of severe economic problems.

So, Mr. President, do what Israel does. Make our economy grow and recover by letting people and businesses spend more of the money they earn instead of the government confiscating \$862 billion of taxpayers' money for "stimulus" and "recovery" spending.

Enterprise

Enterprise and its result—innovation—drive Israel's economy, but are in reverse in the U.S. where the government has enabled the ongoing failure of mismanaged private enterprises with buyouts or bailouts (also true for failing government-sponsored enterprises like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac).

Meantime, Netanyahu has cut government ownership of Israel's leading



corporations to 20%, down from as much as 80%.

The U.S. pushes government subsidies of "green" industries like solar and wind power, which can only produce a thimbleful of America's energy needs. Israel more wisely champions its high-tech industry, which has helped to produce more NASDAQ-listed companies than all of Europe. Israeli high-tech companies are innovating in areas including telecommunications, microchips, biotechnology, software, and medical devices.

Mr. President, it's not too late to change course. Make America a "Start-Up Nation," too, using business development incentives.

Exceptionalism

George Gilder has written a book called *The Israel Test* [see Oct 2009 *Levitt Letter*, p. 26]. Here's how he explains his title: "The Israel test registers how you respond to people who excel in performance, achievement, innovation, or creativity. Do you resent and envy them, or do you imitate and admire them? And in economic terms, do you regard their success as coming at your expense, or do you regard their success as creating new opportunities for you?"

I think America is in regression as well as recession because the administration resents achievement and resists innovation in the private sector. Class warfare and envy of success won't lead America to recovery; they will lead America into rehab.

Israel and America are two truly exceptional countries. They should be allies in freedom and could be even better partners in progress. Friends can learn from friends.

Mr. President, learn from Israel. It could help America.



as they have been awaiting it for three generations, since Israel was founded in 1948. Members of other history-battered groups choose to live by an urgent ethic: Get up, get going, make a new life. Palestinians have a different approach: Sit down, wait, stay angry until the world provides for you.

Andrew Roberts, a much-admired British historian, raised the issue of Palestinian refugees in a speech excerpted recently in the *National Post* [and on page 11 of this issue.] He argued that Arab governments “are rich enough to have economically solved the Palestinian refugee problem decades ago.” The 5,000 or so members of the Saudi royal family could probably handle it by themselves.



Why haven't they done so? They much prefer to let Palestinians remain poor. Every wretched, ill-fed, and ill-housed Palestinian can be used as a living rebuke to Israel.

The Palestinians are the only people who have their own private section of the UN, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). It defines “refugee” as someone who lived in Palestine between June 1946 and May 1948, and “lost both their homes and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict.” The definition includes all their descendants. UNRWA believes there were 711,000 such refugees in 1948, and now more than 4.7 million.

The Arab countries love the Palestinians. They just don't want them moving permanently into their neighborhoods. The Arab League advises Arab states to deny citizenship to Palestinians. They pretend it's a favor. It also means Arabs can hire

Palestinian workers when they need them and send them home when the economy sags.

Children in school learn the official line (and no other) on the *nakba* (“disaster”) of 1948: peace-loving Arabs were rudely ejected from their own land by an alien military force, European Zionism. Every year, the pageants commemorating the *nakba* grow larger and the stories about the sins of Israeli soldiers more appalling. *No Palestinian wants to know that there were Jews in the region for rather a long time, or that the Arabs started the war of 1948.*

The Palestinian national narrative depicts the Arabs of Palestine as history's tragic losers, the unfairly dispossessed. Nowadays, it's routine to compare the *nakba* with the Holocaust in Europe. And around the world, a vast constituency of anti-Semites provides a willing audience for any lie the imaginative Palestinians can concoct.

And no politician, ever, compares the Palestinians to other refugees. Sol Stern, trying in a recent *City Journal* article to bring some perspective to the Palestinian question, noted that in 1945 about 11 million ethnic German civilians living in Central and Eastern Europe were expelled from their homes “and force-marched to Germany by the Red Army... Historians estimate that 2 million died on the way.” The survivors built new lives as best they could. Some still speak of reparations they deserve. No one argues that they should live in squalor until they receive justice.

The enemies of Israel have taught the world to pity the Palestinians and grant them an almost sacred position among the victims of colonialism. They deserve pity, of course, but pity for what their fellow Arabs have done to them.

Please see articles on pages 12 and 13.



School: a learning environment in which children are meant to gain knowledge and skills deemed essential for living, thinking, and working.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Modern, upper-level, western education may be modeled on Catholic institutions of learning in Europe, but the Catholic Church actually held back knowledge for years. This gave Muslim schools advantages and prompted many “enlightened” thinkers to refer to the season when the church controlled knowledge in “Christian Europe” as the “Dark Ages.”

In theory, formal education exposes students to a vast realm of ideas. The purpose is to expand students’ knowledge. The term “university” relates to this higher academic experience.

Lofty ideals and rhetoric aside, church-controlled institutions often imposed religion on the students’ minds. Colleges indoctrinated students about their churches’ importance in the world. In many ways, the classical “Christian” denominational universities emphasized indoctrination more than real-world education.

Jewish education, by marked contrast, places a premium on spirited discussion and debate. It allows individuals to question their instruction and their instructors, and wrestle with the issues of the day without fear of being marginalized by a priest for not conforming—and being labeled a heretic.

While Christians speak of “going to church,” Jews speak of “going to *shul*.” The German-Jewish (Yiddish) word for “synagogue” derives from an old German word for, you guessed it, “school.” “Going to *shul*” means going to learn something—the Scripture, particularly.

Truth is, if the Church did a satisfactory job of teaching the Scriptures, you’d have little need for the *Levitt Letter*. Our teaching you the Jesus story by emphasizing the Jewish roots of the faith would strike you as unnecessary, because parishioners would have been getting it all along.

Church members haven’t been getting such teaching, however. The institutional church seems not only to have lost sight of its Jewish moorings but also to obscure what it does see. Thus, many religious leaders are uninterested in the historical Jewish Jesus. Instead they espouse Israel-hating theologies, and disdain Jewishness like an anti-Christian plague.

Our ministry’s founder, Zola Levitt, moved “outside the box.” His Jewish first name was novel to many, as was the sight of him traversing Israel with a Bible in hand, daring to teach about it being rooted in the Jewish world from which the Church originated.

Zola asked prophecy questions like, “What’s going on in the world?” “What’s written in the Word?” “Is there a connection between the two?” and “Does biblical prophecy relate to a dawning tomorrow?”

Those questions survive today and demand contemporary responses. We provide answers with inspirational TV, informational newsletters, and books—new and old. Who is interested in helping us offer God’s answers?

I invite you to donate to this ministry and help us tell Jesus’ story. And I invite you to go with me to Israel so that you can see it and feel it. The experience of a Holy Land pilgrimage will make you and your loved ones ambassadors for God’s Kingdom now.

If you can’t donate or travel with us, please pray for us as we do mission work that has been neglected for hundreds of years: offer a responsible telling of the Bible’s story and watch people come to the Lord. See page 36 for tour details.

Your messenger,

Please Don't Spend My Offerings on "Lavish"

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

Q ■ Are you changing direction, Jeff? The way you showcased singer Sharon Wilbur on your recent *Esther* series prompts me to rethink my support for your ministry. If I want gaudy TV sets and Hollywood entertainment, I know where to find them. I thought your presentation was over-the-top and, frankly, was surprised that it came from you. Where are you leading us, Pastor Jeff? If this continues, my support for you will not.

A ■ First of all, thank you for writing and sharing your concerns. Sharon Wilbur is like a daughter to me, as I am close to her and her husband and both their families—all of whom are leaders in the worldwide Messianic Jewish revival.

Second, and to be honest, I bear responsibility for your assessment: I should have taken greater pains to explain how we came to shoot the musical components of the *Esther* series on a lavish movie set—not our standard fare, to be sure.

Some time back, TBN shot a movie about Esther called *One Night With The King*. They built the stunning set you saw on this ministry's television program (in Dallas), which they never used. Upon learning that we were shooting an Esther story, TBN gave us use of the set, along with rights to use some of the footage they had shot for their movie. Their gesture saved us thousands of dollars by allowing us to shoot the music in the States in a "palace" setting.

The Bible tells of Esther's rags-to-riches rise in the Persian empire. TBN's massive, palace-like TV set came with

elaborate gardens, running water, special effects lighting, and all the trimmings of an emperor's abode. The set wasn't inappropriate for the story, but I realize that viewers might perceive it as a departure from the typically modest *Zola Levitt Presents*. In any case, it really was no more than us borrowing donated space from a previously planned Esther movie.

Sharon Wilbur on TBN set



Thirdly, and on a happier note, I really appreciated TBN's willingness to assist us with this series, especially after some years of a strained relationship. They went out of their way to lend us an expensive studio set, equipment, personnel, and footage to help us tell the story of God's abiding love and plans for the Jewish people. I both thank God for their kindness and trust Him for your understanding.

Please know that Sharon Wilbur is a devoted, godly, young Messianic Jewish Believer. If filming her in such a palatial setting caused some of our viewers to fear that we may be going "Hollywood" now, then it's fortunate that you expressed your dismay. Hopefully this background to the story clears up any misunderstanding.

Christian music itself is hotly debated today, with virtuous people weighing in passionately in favor of one style over another. Nevertheless, I'm confident that you'll be blessed by what we're preparing as we return to Israel to shoot a new series, with the music shot on location there—our trademark. ★

"I Am The Lord. There Is No God Besides Me"

(Isaiah 45:5)

By Todd Baker

In the August *Levitt Letter*, I described the warm reception our outreach team received in Nazareth and Tiberias, where we witnessed to security guards. Shlomi, a professed atheist in Tiberias, was interested in the Bible's accurate prediction of Jewish history and the Jewish Messiah.



When we began to discuss the irrationality of atheism, Shlomi said he could not believe in God because no one could prove Him with absolute certainty. I replied that to arrive at one hundred percent certainty on anything in life is virtually impossible (philosophers call this *apodictic certainty*)—especially when it comes to God. We live, rather, on practical probabilities and the evidence for God's existence is far more probable than anything else in the universe.

Indeed, the burden of proof rests on the atheist to prove that God does *not* exist. To do that he would have to possess absolute knowledge of all reality, be everywhere at once, and have the power to have such capabilities. In short, he would have to

be omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent; he would have to be God to prove there is no God! So on this paradoxical ground, atheism is utterly self-defeating and self-refuting.

Another reason for Shlomi's disbelief in God was an accident that occurred when Shlomi was in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). During combat, a bomb went off in his face. He lost the sight in one eye and his hearing. He showed me the hearing aids in each ear. I gently pointed out that his surviving an explosion of this magnitude was a miracle—proof of God's miraculous intervention in an event that normally spells death! We went on to speak about Israel in Bible prophecy and of how God accurately foretold Israel's history, including its present-day restoration and regathering of the Jews to the God-given ancient Homeland.

Shlomi's defense mechanism was weakening during my witness to him. "I am open about this!" he exclaimed. Praise the Lord Jesus! Shlomi was opening to what *Ruach HaKodesh* (Hebrew for "Holy Spirit") was revealing to him. Shlomi accepted a copy of the complete Jewish Bible and said that he was now ready to consider the possibility of God's existence based on our stimulating conversation. I pray that the Lord will lead Shlomi to experience God personally and come to know that He does exist and is fully revealed in the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua of Nazareth. ★

BIZARRO By Dan Piraro

Tweeting is good...prayer works better.



Waffles By Farouk

The Lord's work has always taken me far and wide, and I have met some very interesting people along the way. A typical example was a recent Sunday when I was called to the little hamlet of Fairfield, Texas to speak to the First Baptist Church. I decided to have breakfast along the old highway from Dallas in a small town called Corsicana. I knew Corsicana from the fact that it contains a turn-of-the-century wooden synagogue built by a very early immigrant from Russia who wished to worship in the style of his forefathers, but in Texas! The building has since been restored and is there to see today.

But on my mission, I was more concerned with the Waffle House where I chanced to stop for a very good breakfast cooked and served by Farouk Qubty, the sole employee of the place. The diner was something out of the classic *Places in the Heart*-style movies that purport to show a nostalgic rural Texas that hailed from generations before the invention of the multi-lane expressway or the pop-up toaster waffle.

The first clue that his father was not a cowboy was the manner in which Farouk carried the dishes to the table on his forearm without a tray. I remarked that I had seen Arab waiters in Israel with the same skill, and he smiled and began speaking to me in fluent Hebrew.

Farouk, it turned out, was an Egyptian Christian who watched my program every week and had come to Corsicana some twenty years previously. He was now running for justice of the peace and claims he is the first Republican to do so since Reconstruction. I remarked that he is probably also the first Arab-Israeli-Christian to do so; we had a few smiles together on that quiet Sunday morning.

Farouk recalled some very interesting stories of Israel before the Six-Day War (1967). He worked with a Christian mission primarily witnessing to Arabs but open to any Jewish person who might happen by, and evidently the mission was effective: The local Orthodox Jews sent a contingent of observers to be sure no Jew tried to enter the mission! Farouk claimed that there were catcalls and even beatings for those seeking the Jewish Messiah in Jerusalem at Farouk's assembly. To witness for Christ is perhaps easier today than in Farouk's time, or in the Lord's time for that matter, but it has never been really easy.



The witness to the Arabs has been steady however, and I am thankful to some unknown missionary to Egypt of the past who brought the ancestors of Farouk to Christ so that he might tell me those stories early on a Sunday morning in Corsicana, Texas, where if it were my privilege to vote in the next election, I would favor a Republican-Arab-Israeli-Christian Justice of the Peace.



BLISS By Harry Bliss



God: one step ahead, as always.

Oldest Script Found In Jerusalem

www.telegraph.co.uk

A tiny clay fragment dating from the 14th century BC, which was discovered outside Jerusalem's Old City walls, contains the oldest written document found in the city, researchers say. The 3,350-year-old clay fragment was uncovered during sifting of fill excavated recently from beneath a 10th century BC tower, dating from the period of King Solomon in an area near the southern wall of the Old City, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem said. Details of the find appear in the current *Israel Exploration Journal*.



The tiny clay fragment dates from the 14th century BC

Photo: AP

The find, believed to be part of a tablet from a royal archive, further testifies to the importance of Jerusalem as a major city in the Late Bronze Age, long before its conquest by King David.

The fragment, which is two centimeters (less than one inch) by 2.8 centimeters in size and one centimeter thick, contains cuneiform, or wedge-shaped, symbols in ancient Akkadian. The fragment was likely part of a royal missive, according to Wayne Horowitz, a scholar of Assyriology at the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology.

Tablets with diplomatic messages were routinely exchanged between kings in the ancient Near East, and it is likely that the fragment was part of such a message, Horowitz said. The symbols on the fragment include the words *you*, *you were*, *later*, *to do*, and *them*.

The oldest known written record previously found in Jerusalem was a tablet found in the Shiloh water tunnel in the City of David area from the 8th century B.C. reign of King Hezekiah. The fragment found in Jerusalem is believed to be contemporary with some 380 tablets discovered in the 19th century at Amarna in Egypt in the archives of Pharaoh Amenhotep IV, or Akhenaten, who lived in the 14th century B.C.

The archives include tablets sent to him by the kings who were subservient to him in Canaan and Syria. Among these are six that are addressed from Abdi-Heba, the Canaanite ruler of Urusalim, later Jerusalem. The fragment found there is most likely part of a message from the king of the area, possibly Abdi-Heba, back to Egypt.

2,200-Year-Old Coin Found In Israel

Agence France-Presse (AFP)



A picture released by Israel Antiquities Authority shows the rare 2,200-year-old coin

A rare gold coin dating back more than two millennia to the year 191 BC has been found at a dig in northern Israel, the Israel Antiquities Authority said.

“The coin is beautiful and in excellent preservation. It is the heaviest gold coin with the highest contemporary value of any coin ever found in an excavation in Israel,” Dr Donald T. Ariel, head of the Authority’s coin department, said in a statement. The coin weighs almost one ounce (27.71 grams), whereas most ancient gold coins weighed 4.5 grams.

It was minted in Alexandria, Egypt during the reign of Ptolemy V in 191 BC and bears the name of the wife of Ptolemy II, Arsinoe II Philadelphus.



The coin was uncovered at a site at Tel Kedesh near the border with Lebanon by a team of American archaeologists from the universities of Michigan and Minnesota.

“This extraordinary coin was apparently not in popular or commercial use, but had a symbolic function,” Ariel said. “The coin may have had a ceremonial function related to a festival in honor of Queen Arsinoe, who was deified in her lifetime.”

Excavations at Tel Kedesh began in 1997 and have uncovered remains of a large Persian-Hellenistic building, complete with reception halls, dining facilities, storerooms, and archive, the Antiquities Authority said. ★

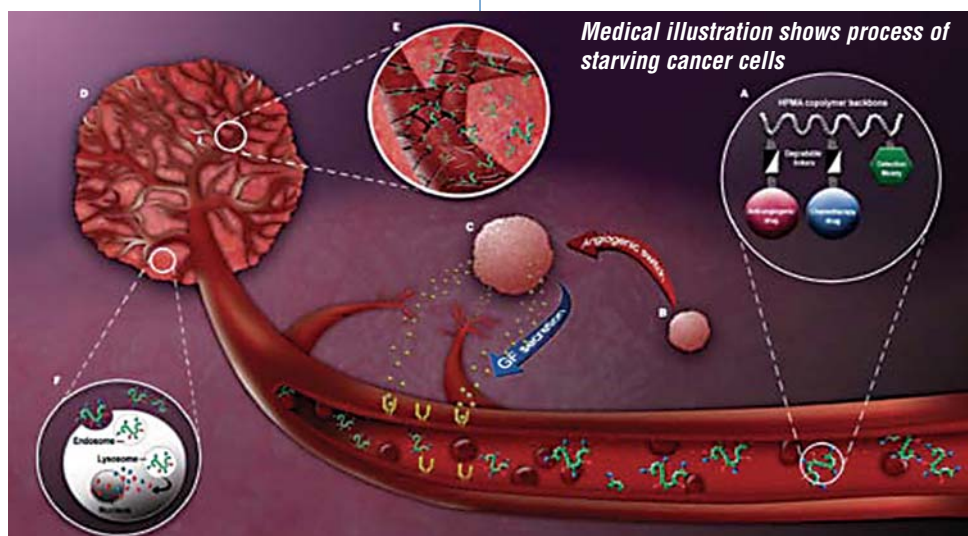
**Aerial
view
of Tel
Kedesh.**





The carriers were developed by Dr.

Dr. Satchi-Fainaro said that this kind of treatment could revolutionize cancer therapy. People who are not sick but are at high risk of developing cancer—like former cancer patients or carriers of certain genetic mutations—will be able to receive preventive treatment. In people who have cancer, the medicines will keep the tumor in a state of “hibernation” and turn the cancer into a chronic disease that can be managed for many years, while maintaining a high quality of life. ★



"We Owe The Jews"

By Andrew Roberts, NationalPost.com

This is an edited version of a speech delivered by historian Andrew Roberts to the Friends of Israel Initiative in the British House of Commons on July 19, 2010.

From Morocco to Afghanistan, from the Caspian Sea to Aden, the 5.25 million square miles of territory belonging to members of the Arab League is home to over 330 million people, whereas Israel covers only 8,000 square miles and is home to seven million citizens, one-fifth of whom are Arabs. The Jews of the Holy Land are thus surrounded by hostile states 650 times their size in territory and 60 times their population; yet their last, best hope of ending two millennia of international persecution—the State of Israel—has somehow survived. Israel has defended democracy, tolerance, and Western values against a murderous onslaught that has lasted for 60 years.

Jerusalem is the site of the Temples of Solomon and Herod. The stones of a palace erected by King David himself are even now being unearthed just outside the walls of Jerusalem. Everything that makes a nation-state legitimate—blood shed, soil tilled, international agreements—argues for Israel's right to exist, yet that is still denied by the Arab League. For many of their governments, which are rich enough to have economically solved the Palestinian refugee problem decades ago, it is useful to have Israel as a scapegoat to divert attention from the tyranny, failure, and corruption of their own regimes.

The tragic truth is that it suits Arab states very well to have the Palestinians endure permanent refugee status; whenever Israel puts forward workable solutions, they are stymied by those whose interests put the destruction of Israel before the genuine well-being

of the Palestinians. Both King Abdullah I of Jordan and Anwar Sadat of Egypt were assassinated when they attempted to come to some kind of accommodation with a country that most sane people now accept is not going away.

"We owe to the Jews," wrote Winston Churchill in 1920, "a system of ethics which, even if it were entirely separated from the supernatural, would be incomparably the most precious possession of mankind, worth in fact the fruits of all wisdom and learning put together." Although they make up less than half of 1% of the world's population, between 1901 and 1950 Jews won 14% of all the Nobel Prizes awarded for literature and science, and between 1951 and 2000 Jews won 32% of the Nobel Prizes for medicine, 32% for physics, 39% for economics, and 29% for science. This, despite so many of their greatest intellects dying in the gas chambers.



Auschwitz victims

I recently visited Auschwitz-Birkenau. Walking along a line of huts and the railway siding, where their forebears had been worked and starved and beaten and frozen and gassed to death, were a group of Jewish schoolchildren, one of whom was carrying over his shoulder the Israeli flag. It was a moving sight, for it was the sovereign independence represented by that flag which guarantees that the obscenity of genocide will never again befall the Jewish people.

No people in history have needed the right to self-defense and legitimacy more than the Jews of Israel. ★

Arabs and Muslims Run To Israel

By Khaled Abu Toameh (an Israeli-Arab-Muslim-Palestinian), www.Hudson-NY.org

Many Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have a dream: to work or live in Israel. Some are prepared to pay large sums of money to obtain Israeli citizenship. Others pay a lot of money to Palestinian and Jewish traffickers who help them bypass checkpoints to enter Israel in search of work and good life. These are not self-hating Palestinians or “pro-Israel traitors” who support the Zionist movement.

Many Palestinians feel that neither Fatah nor Hamas has done enough to alleviate their suffering. Many Fatah leaders who stole billions of dollars of international donations earmarked for the Palestinians have invested their fortunes in hotels, tourist resorts, and real estate firms in the West. Hamas prefers to spend millions of dollars on purchasing [and smuggling] large amounts of weapons, including rockets and ammunition.

It is a disgrace for Arab and Muslim dictators, particularly those who make billions of petrodollars, that their constituents have to seek work and refuge in Israel and the West. It is also a disgrace for Fatah and Hamas that thousands of Palestinians cannot find jobs or a good life in the two Palestinian states in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A wealthy Arab prefers to spend millions of dollars on a private zoo rather than building a hospital or a university. Why should he when he and his family members can travel anytime they

wish to receive medical treatment at Mayo Clinic or study at Harvard University?

African immigrants also try to infiltrate Israel every day, through Egypt. The immigrants come from Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Nigeria, and other African countries. Like the Palestinians, the Africans are prepared to pay a lot of money to get into Israel. But for the African immigrants, the journey is also a very dangerous one. In the past three years, Egyptian border guards have shot and killed dozens of African men and women who tried to cross the border into Israel.

For many Palestinians, it is easier to find a job in Israel or Canada than in any Arab or Islamic country, most of which impose strict travel and work restrictions on them. Palestinians cannot enter most Arab and Islamic countries without a visa. Why does a Palestinian need a visa to visit his relatives in Syria, Lebanon, or Egypt?

Many Palestinians from the West Bank who visit Arab countries often find themselves thrown into detention centers for weeks, months, and years without trial. Hundreds, if not thousands, of Palestinians are believed to be languishing in prisons throughout the Arab world, especially in Syria and Egypt. ★



*Sign atop a New York taxi.
Also see page 30 article.*

A Muslim Views The West Bank

By Salim Mansur, QMI Agency
www.TorontoSun.com



I am struck by the construction boom across the city as I visit Ramallah, the legislative and political center of the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. Just about everywhere, high towers of office and apartment complexes rise above the squalor of old houses, refugee camps, crowded markets, and narrow streets of what was once a small town six miles north of Jerusalem.

There is money here, plenty of it, and those who have it are not hesitant to flaunt it. New cars, beautiful residences, and fancy stores and restaurants will startle any outsider filled by the Western media with the misery of the West Bank occupation by Israelis.

There is also poverty, Israeli checkpoints, and the wall separating the Palestinians from Israel. And there are the politics of resentment that spill into any conversation with ordinary Palestinians fed on a diet of half-truths and endless lies by their leaders.

But visiting with Palestinians is also an invitation to hear their bitterness about Arab leaders, and of the discrimination and violence in places such as Lebanon and Kuwait. They speak of how the Palestinian leaders rob the people of the money that has poured in as aid from the West.

The term limit of President Mahmoud Abbas and the legislative assembly has expired, and no new elections are scheduled. In effect, those in authority have no mandate, and their fear that Hamas will likely win an election underscores the contempt of ordinary Palestinians for Abbas and the men around him.

There is irony in the fact that there are two Palestinian entities between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean. If it were not for Israel in the middle, the war of words between these two Palestinian states would become a ghastly shootout between the Iranian proxy in Gaza and mafia dons (receiving protection money from the West and its Arab allies) in the West Bank.

[Note: See "Palestinian Refugees... Addicted To Pity" on page 1.](#)

Internet comment from D.D.

—A present day map of the Middle East will show that 22 Arab/Muslim nations occupy 650 times the landmass of Israel & they outnumber the Jews 60 to 1. The British Mandate divided Palestine, giving 25% to the Jews (west of the Jordan River) & 75% to the Arabs/Muslims, which gave them their Palestinian nation called Transjordan—later shortened to Jordan. The conflict is and always has been due to Muslim bigotry. There have been terror attacks on the Jews since 1920, which was before Israel even existed. The Muslims DO NOT want peace; they want the Jews annihilated. ★



Is Islam Really the Second-Fastest Growing Religion?

By Ryan Mauro, PajamasMedia.com

It's a fact stated everywhere from the media to academia to churches: Islam is the second-fastest growing religion (after Mormonism). We hear it from those wanting to give the Muslim community a bigger voice; from those trying to put Islam on the same plane as Christianity and Judaism; and even in churches decrying the lack of evangelical fervor among the congregation.

But is it really true?

It's true that Islam (as well as atheism and universalism) is growing in the West, mostly because of high birth rates among Muslims and immigrants, but the exploding growth of evangelical Christianity around the world through conversion is underreported. The analysis is distorted because of the lack of reporting from places like Africa, where nearly half of the population is estimated to be Christian. In other places, like China, news of such trends is suppressed, leaving few to know that some estimates put the Christian population there at up to 111 million, outnumbering the 75-million-strong Chinese Communist Party. It's been reported that 10,000 Chinese convert to Christianity per day.

The decline of Christianity in the West gives the impression that the religion is collapsing when it is really transforming. In Dinesh D'Souza's *What's So Great About Christianity?*, he writes that in 1900, over 80 percent of Christians lived in Europe and the U.S. Now, two out of three evangelicals live in Asia, Africa, and South America.

While the number of Christians overall is declining in the West, the number of evangelicals is rising. There are fewer "Sunday Christians" who do the church

routine but don't have a relationship with God. They are falling away from church as it becomes more socially acceptable to do so. **Christianity is changing into a smaller but more devout and active force.**

It is much harder to detect "Friday Muslims" in the Islamic world because of the societal repercussions and the suppression of other religions. Those questioning their faith are likely to keep it private and still go to mosque even if they party on the weekends. The dismal economic and political state of the Islamic world and the savagery of extremism is turning many Muslims away. There is a clandestine movement to acquire Bibles and practice Christianity in private Iranian homes, as up to 1 million are said to have turned to Christianity in the past five years.



Evangelist Wolfgang Simpson says that "more Muslims have come to Christ in the last two decades than in all of history."

There are signs that the number of Muslims that don't diligently practice the faith is increasing just as is the case with Christianity: only 50 percent of Muslims in America take the Koran literally, whereas 66 percent of white and 68 percent of black evangelicals take the Bible literally.

The religious makeup of the world is changing, but the media's focus on the West is causing many to be blind to Islam's loss of ground in the third world. And recent reports estimate that by 2025, Christianity will be by far the world's largest religion. ★

UN Teaching Arab Kids To Hate Jews—In Jerusalem!

www.IsraelToday.co.il

It is no secret that the Palestinian education system continues to demonize Israel and the Jews. It is also no secret that the UN, and especially the UN Relief and Works Agency set up specifically to cater to “Palestinian refugees,” has no love for the Jewish state. But for the internationally-funded UNRWA to be teaching Arab kids living in Jerusalem using the tainted Palestinian Authority textbooks is a travesty. Western power brokers are simply ignoring in their march to a phony peace.

Israeli investigative journalist David Bedein discovered the use of the inciting Palestinian textbooks while checking up on two UNRWA-run schools on the eastern side of Jerusalem. He found that just like kids in Ramallah and other PA-controlled towns, Arab children in Jerusalem are being taught that those who massacre Jews in suicide bombings are “martyrs” and that all the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean are “stolen Palestinian lands” that must be liberated by blood.

“These books discuss war against Israel, martyrs, the right of return. It’s the first education system since the Third Reich which prepares its pupils to demonize Jews and to wage war against the Jews,” Bedein said in an interview with Arutz 7 radio.

UNRWA is primarily funded by the United States and the European Union. That it is using its funding to buy and teach from textbooks that encourage the use of terrorist violence is a violation of U.S., and perhaps European, laws. It also runs contrary to toothless demands by American and European leaders that the Palestinians reform their education system to promote peaceful coexistence between Arabs and Jews.

Then-U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton said of the textbooks in 2007:

“I believe that education is one of the keys to lasting peace in the Middle East... Ever since we first raised this issue some years ago there still has not been an adequate repudiation of incitement by the Palestinian Authority. It is even more disturbing that the problem appears to have gotten worse. These textbooks don’t give Palestinian children an education, they give them an indoctrination.” ★

Ground Zero mosque protesters in Manhattan





The Time Is Now

By John J. Parsons

דַּרְשׁוּ יְהוָה בְּהִמָּצְאוֹ קְרָאֵהוּ בְּהִיטּוֹ קְרוֹב

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near (Isa. 55:6)

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near	while He is	call to him!	while He may be found	the LORD	seek!

“How long will you go limping between two different opinions?” (1 Ki. 18:21). This question from Elijah the prophet is meant for us to hear today. We are being called to make up our minds and turn (*shuv*) to the LORD. After all, what is more important to you than your relationship with God? Is there anything more important than this?

Abraham Heschel once wrote, “God is of no importance unless He is of supreme importance.” Stated differently, it is impossible to be indifferent toward God. You cannot serve two masters. Ultimately, you will either hate or love Him, but He will never let you be half-hearted toward Him (Rev. 3:16).

Jesus always forced the issue. Consider how often people were offended by His ministry. The Gospel message is always offensive to those who make much of themselves. Accepting the cross of Jesus means abandoning the whole religious game. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “When Christ calls a man, He bids him to come and die.”

The Scriptures warn that a “double-minded man is unstable in all his ways” (Jas. 1:8). The word translated “double-minded” is *dipsuchos* (di, yucoj), which literally means having “two souls” or wills. A double-minded man is full of inner conflict and indecision. He is like the proverbial “divided house” that cannot stand. Indeed, the word translated “unstable” means “storm-tossed,” like a ship buffeted by waves at sea. When Peter attempted to walk across the stormy waters, he lost courage and began to sink, but Jesus took hold of him, saying, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt (think twice)?” Mt. 8:26

The way to be healed of a fractured or divided heart is by earnestly making a decision. Purity of the heart is to will one thing (Jas. 4:8). God is not interested in half-hearted or lukewarm followers. He sees through our lip service and knows our secret desires. No, God wants lovers—not admirers or mere flatterers. Simply put, God wants all our heart without reservation (Deut. 6:5).

God responds to those who sincerely cry out to Him. He is “near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Ps 34:18). Indeed, salvation is as close as your own mouth and heart (Rom. 10:8-13). But “how long will you go limping between two opinions?” **Therefore may God help you make the decision to “seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.” Isa. 55:6** ★

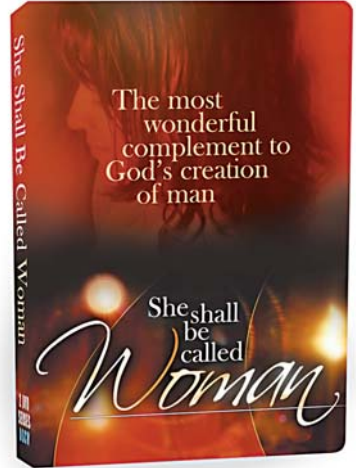


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Educators/Lois & Eunice Women's positive imprints upon their male (and female) children are noted in this segment. It is often said, "Behind every good man is a good mother!" Beth Furst, an art teacher at a Messianic school in Jerusalem, tells Sandra how teaching helps us grow in the Lord.

Widows The biblical imperative to take care of widows, when life runs its course, is noted in the story of Elijah and the widow. She kept on giving, even into old age, and, as a result, God showed Himself ever-faithful to her. Freda Lindsay shares with Sandra the secret of being happy in the Lord.

Queens/Esther Though some women fall upon hard times, others fall upon good times. As seen in this brief treatment of the life of Esther, the biblical mandate to help the weak is accompanied by a mandate for the strong to use their influence for noble purposes.

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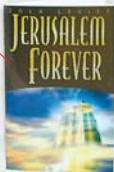
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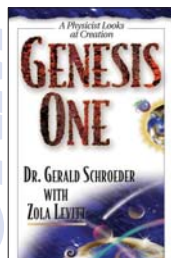
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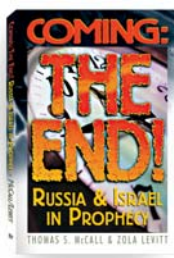
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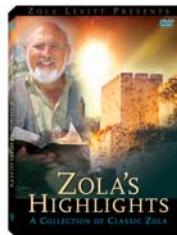
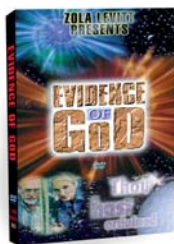


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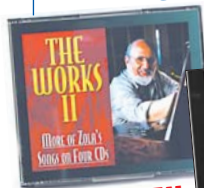
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Last year, this bulletin board announced a “yellow alert” shortage of free Bibles to give away, and asked whether your church might have an “extra case or two.” Now our cup runneth over because we have a substantial surplus of Bibles that, for the needy, are free for the asking. During some weeks, we ship as many as 200 Bibles. Rather than purchasing Bibles to send to us, please try to locate “extra” Bibles. We ask that they be in good condition (though worn Bibles emit their own testimony). The large print and pocket size editions are particularly popular. If you happen to need a Bible, just “ask and ye shall receive.”

Timeshare Harassment II

A bulletin board announcement in the August 2010 *Levitt Letter* asked readers to help this ministry fight fire with fire. Our ministry was unable to sell the timeshare units that were donated, so we gave them away last year. Still, however, one of the timeshare operations continues to contact our office again and again in an effort to collect dues for *this* year—even after we have repeatedly explained that we are no longer the owner. Please help them understand that there is no way we are going to maintain something we don't own, by calling them toll free at

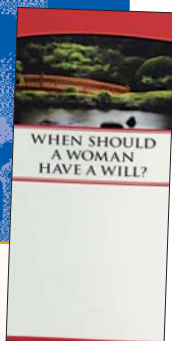
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Repetition is the mother of learning.

Pamphlet of the Month



When Should a Woman Have a Will? enumerates 11 answers, including: when she is single or married, when she has children—minors or adults, when she owns property. It suggests reviewing estate plans when her marital status changes, when she wants to name her own personal representative, or when she has charitable wishes. Reason #8 explains, “A properly drafted will or trust can reduce estate taxes, probate expense, and other costs—even for modest estates.” To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box.

“Come Home!”

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a note from mark

Dear Bro. Mark,
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Love in the Lord Christ,
K.R. —Pikeville, TN

Dear K.R.,
 Please don't apologize. And allow *me*
 to risk offending by touching on a
 sensitive topic.

First of all, your thoughtfulness is
 extraordinary, and I believe God will
 bless and multiply your effort. You not
 only paid the \$1.56 postage to return
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 using a protective cardboard mailer.
 Some secular bulk-mail professionals
 would scoff at the apparent penny
 wisdom and pound foolishness on
 your part, but I see the Lord working
 through you to inspire a constructive
 dialogue about efficiency in giving.

Your gesture reminds me of the para-
 ble of the widow's mite, which Jesus
 taught at the Temple in Jerusalem.
 (Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4) Side note:
 coins called mites existed at the time of
 the King James Bible translation but
 not during Jesus' mortal life in Israel.

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 than \$10 at a time can help reduce
 administrative costs by giving larger

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most efficient way to contribute regu-
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Of course, the act of giving is itself a
 form of worship, and each Believer
 needs to follow God's guidance as to
 frequency, amounts, etc. Some readers
 are led to contribute each payday be-
 cause they want to give the first tenth of
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 it, and I praise God for their loyalty.

I just pray, K.R., that your letter and
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From O.G. (AZ): I don't have a TV since Congress shut it off last year. I download your programs on the Internet. Thank you for making them available.

From B.T. (OH): Be encouraged there are many in America who will fight to honor God's Chosen People. I consider this donation an investment in Heaven. See you there!

From G.L. (AR): I love your programs! I record them and have even watched a few of the older shows with Zola at www.levitt.com. I didn't know about the show until the last couple of years, so I'm catching up. I am happy to have found Messianic programs. Thank you!!

From S.T. (NC): I always learn much and am grateful for your ministry—especially the monthly newsletters. May God continue to bless this ministry.

From R.N. (FL): My son's girlfriend is Jewish and after disagreements over "religion," they have decided that instead of breaking up, they will each study the other's faith. Your website is a tremendous resource.

From A.B. (AZ): I am enjoying the *Esther* television series very much; it is well done. The set, actors, and the music are top quality. **Sharon Wilbur** is an excellent singer; I'm looking forward to getting her album. May our Lord continue to Bless you and your ministry.



Oh, I Almost Forgot!

Dear Mark,

I appreciated your response to K.K. in the August *Levitt Letter*. It was more than excellent. K.K.'s letter made me realize I hadn't given to ZLM in a while. Please accept my small gift in the precious name of Jesus our Savior. In Him,

—W.M.N. (OH)

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. A couple of readers complained that the article made them feel guilty for not contributing financially to this outreach. God, however, knows who is able to give, and only they are expected to. The poor are welcome to be fed "free," just as we ministry workers all have accepted God's "free" gift of salvation. —Mark

Where Does The Bible Say Heaven Has A Balcony?

Dear Jeff,

I was in shock over your newsletter and am concerned that you have gone into full-blown heresy when you said “heaven has a balcony” and “Zola is on it.” Please don’t give me a sarcastic answer, as this is a real problem for me. —P.F. (TX)

Dear P.F.—

As Martin Luther may have used an old tavern-tune that was popular in his day for the melody of the famous church hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” so I appropriated a figure of speech—“watching from the balcony”—that harks to one’s watching from above. The expression has enjoyed some utility in our culture and was used on that basis and for that reason. —Jeff



Now And Always

Dear Staff,

We are Jews and will always be Jews. But we appreciate you for your opinions and actions.

—Dr. W.S. (FL)

Dear Dr. W.S.—

Thanks. I mean it sincerely. How would Jesus have responded to your kind letter? I’ll bet He would have said: “I too am a Jew and intend always to remain one!” —Jeff

ZLM’s Mission

Jeff,

When people ask me what your mission is, what do I say to them?
—N.H. (TX)

Dear N.H.—

I tell people that ZLM’s mission is to help the Jews come to know Jesus and to help Jesus’ people come to know the Jews. Principally, we do this through nationally-syndicated television, which reaches into millions of homes; through producing and distributing teaching materials read by multitudes; and by taking pilgrims to Israel for information and inspiration. —Jeff



I Can't Believe He Said That!

Dear ZLM,

Do people really attack you guys (or Jeff) in the way we read it? Sometimes I can't believe that people say what they do. —L.J. (OH)

Dear L.J.—

Sometimes I can't believe what well-intentioned, yet seemingly vicious church members say and do in their churches. The truth is, they really have much in common with others who attend. Television influences millions of households. Our programs make their way into all sorts of heads and hearts. Frankly, I praise God that viewers and readers write to this ministry—even those who are mad at me. The Church has lost sight of the Jewish roots of the faith and Bible prophecy, so I expect that we will generate controversy and confusion. We try to handle it graciously. —Jeff

I Want More!

Staff,

Love you all. I am never happy after I read the *Levitt Letter* because I have to wait 30 more days for the next one! Keep up the good work. —R.S. (OH)

Dear R.S.—

We are delighted that you enjoy our efforts enough to write. Thanks. If you want to keep up with *Levitt Letter* news between issues, log onto www.levitt.com and click on “Levitt Letter Extra” news. Articles that didn't make it into the physical issue—because they were too long or part of the overflow—are posted online for you to devour. We also post breaking news that simply won't keep until the next issue is printed. —Editor

How Do I Become A Jew?

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries Staff,

I am an admirer of the Jewish people and I would like to be one myself. Please advise me what to do. —J.V.

Dear J.V.—

First of all, because we Jews have lots of enemies and too few friends, I truly appreciate your love for the Jewish people. As for becoming one, I am pleased to encourage people to be what God made them—simple as that. If you'd like to identify with the Jewish people and culture more directly, type the words “Messianic Judaism” into an Internet search engine, and find a Messianic Jewish congregation close to your home. If you attend, you'll encounter many others who are not necessarily Jewish but who love the Jewish people and who want to celebrate Jesus (*Yeshua*) in a Jewish context. —Jeff



Todd Baker Fan

Dear ZLM,

I am a big fan of your newsletter and LOVE when Todd Baker writes his *To The Jew First* column. I am quite on pins and needles to hear how Todd showed Shlomi the security guard that “atheism is supremely irrational.” If I and other readers can gain insight into how to share Jesus Christ with others—especially those who claim a faith in nothingness—how valuable that is to the Kingdom! Looking forward to it and thanks to Todd, please! —M.L.

Dear M.L.—

You'll find Todd's follow-up article on page 6. Enjoy! —Editor

The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was enjoying my August *Levitt Letter* and reading the article about Muslim inventions (p. 27) when I came to a conclusion....The only thing that the Muslims invented was Allah. Please share this with my friend Jeffrey Seif. —Thank you, E.H.

Dear E.H.—

Sorry, not quite true. Have you forgotten, my dear brother, their “gift” that keeps on giving—terrorism? —Mark



“God’s Land?”

Shalom,

You once referred to Tel Aviv and Israel as “God’s land.” Tel Aviv is a den of iniquity with rampant secularism and atheism. It’s the hive and nerve center of Sodom and Gomorrah, of homosexual activities, and the acknowledged world center of the white slave sex trade from eastern Europe. —J.B.

Dear J.B.—

The expression “God’s land” comes from the Scripture where God both chose the real estate and promised it to the Hebrew people in perpetuity. Saying that Tel Aviv is the center of homosexuality, slavery, and the like is an extension of a wild and deluded imagination. While vices exist there, as in every big city, authorities pursue the few who break the law, and the courts hold them accountable. —Jeff

Likes “Esther” and Sharon

Dear Staff

I get *Zola Levitt Presents* on several channels and record every one of them so I won’t miss any of this *Esther* series. I really enjoy Sharon Wilbur’s *Out of Zion* (I think that’s the name of it). It’s a perfect song for the series. Keep up the good work. —Sincerely, K.E.

You Can't Please Everyone

Dear Staff,

We love the cartoons! What a shame Islamists were not born with a humor gene. The ability to laugh at our foibles and ourselves enables us to grow beyond our limited and self-serving egos. —D. and G.G.

Dear Fellow Christians,

Cartoons like the one on page 34 of your August issue [God in His laundry room separating the light from the dark] are ignorant, mocking the majestic, miraculous, and wondrous works of God. —P.S. (TX)

Why Show A Muslim Mosque?

Dear Zola and Company,

I love your newsletter and pass all on that I can. I was wondering why you use the view of Jerusalem with the Dome of the Rock on it. The Muslims must love it when Christians and Jews relate to Jerusalem with Islam's "holy site" in our face!

Thank you, A.Z.

Dear A.Z.—

Any picture of the Temple Mount includes the Al-Aksa mosque because the mosque is there—right at the Bible's most sacred spot. Building shrines at locales that have nothing to do with Islam seems to be an inclination—just look at the one proposed at Ground Zero! —Jeff

Please Make It Simpler

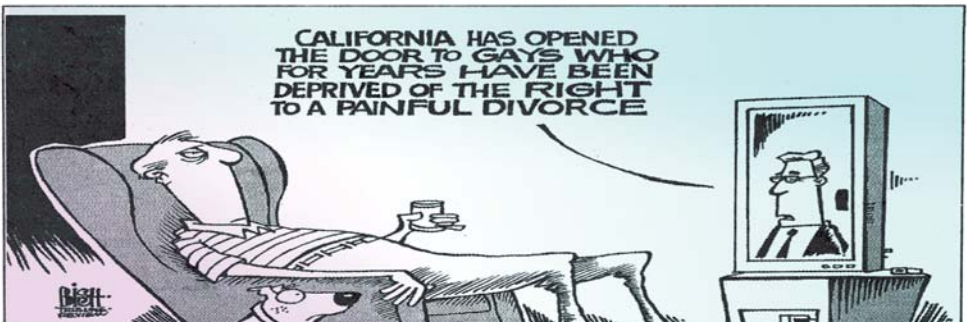
Dear ZLM,

Suggestion: I just want to give you \$25. I'm not buying anything. Can you make one-time giving a bit simpler? —P.P. (OR)

Dear P.P.—

Done. You have asked and received. Sorry we didn't think of this sooner. Please visit www.levitt.com and tell us what you think of the new easy way of donating without purchasing.

One of Zola's favorite quotes was: "The problem with churches is that they're run by professionals." Not making excuses here, but you may recall our saying that we're not as good at raising funds as we are at ministering (p. 21 of the August 2010 *Levitt Letter*, posted at www.levitt.com/newsletters/2010-08.pdf). Thanks for your suggestion. —Mark ★

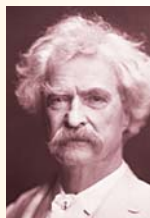


By Randy Bish, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Perceptions Of Jews

By
Renowned
Gentiles

—Mark Twain
(1835 – 1910),
American author and
humorist



Industrious Jews

“The Jew is not a disturber of the peace of any country. Even his enemies will concede that. He is not a loafer, he is not a sot, he is not noisy, he is not a brawler nor a rioter, he is not quarrelsome. In the statistics of crime his presence is conspicuously rare—in all countries. With murder and other crimes of violence he has but little to do: he is a stranger to the hangman. In the police court’s daily long roll of “assaults” and “drunk and disorderlies” his name seldom appears.

“That the Jewish home is a home in the truest sense is a fact which no one will dispute. The family is knitted together by the strongest affections; its members show each other every

due respect; and reverence for the elders is an inviolate law of the house.

“The Jew is not a burden on the charities of the state nor of the city; these could cease from their functions without affecting him. When he is well enough, he works; when he is incapacitated, his own people take care of him. And not in a poor and stingy way, but with a fine and large benevolence. His race is entitled to be called the most benevolent of all the races of men.

“A Jewish beggar is not impossible, perhaps; such a thing may exist, but there are few men that can say they have seen that spectacle. The Jew has been staged in many uncomplimentary forms, but, so far as I know, no dramatist has done him the injustice to stage him as a beggar. Whenever a Jew has real need to beg, his people save him from the necessity of doing it. The charitable institutions of the Jews are supported by Jewish money, and amply. The Jews make no noise about it; it is done quietly; they do not nag and pester and harass us for contributions; they give us peace, and set us an example — an example which we have not found ourselves able to follow; for by nature we are not free givers, and have to be patiently and persistently hunted down in the interest of the unfortunate.” ★

Golan Heights,
Northern Israel



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*Deep inside you are ten thousand flowers.
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Each blossom has ten thousand petals.
You might want to see a specialist.*

Israeli Technology Can Clean Gulf

By Baruch Gordon
IsraelNationalNews.com



It's taken millions of dollars to cap it, and it could take billions more to clean it up. BP's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is perhaps the environmental catastrophe of the century. But Tel Aviv University has a solution that may help remedy the remaining oil residue through a natural, biological process.

Prof. Eugene Rosenberg and Prof. Eiliora Ron of Tel Aviv University's (TAU) Department of Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology are using naturally occurring oil-munching bacteria, grown at the TAU lab, to clean the hard-to-reach oil pockets that occur when oil mixes with sand and organic matter on beaches and forms a thin layer on the Gulf's precious waterways.

"It's worked to clean up an oil spill on the coast of Haifa, Israel, so we've already got good evidence it could work in Florida too," says Prof. Ron. Details of their decades of research appear in *The Handbook of Hydrocarbon and Lipid Microbiology*, published this year by Springer Verlag.

The researchers identified a naturally occurring variety of sea-borne bacteria that digests oil. By studying the bacteria's genetic background, developing methods of growing the bacteria, and increasing their capacity to ingest the

oil, the scientists have developed a solution that could clean up the residual oil that can't be removed by mechanical means.

Prof. Ron says that sucking up surface oil pools and containing the oil are important and necessary first-step actions. But her solution addresses the smaller amounts of oil left behind, that which isn't easily removed from sand and water. It is this small percentage of oil that sits under rocks and forms a thin film on the water's surface. Her bacterial solution can remove this oil, a necessary step to protect the sea's wildlife.

"We see sad pictures of birds covered in oil and people with good intentions cleaning bird wings," says Prof. Ron. "But by the time the oil is on their wings, it's too late. Birds die because oil gets into their lungs."

"The problem is huge and even with just a little bit in your lungs, oil is bad. Even when cleanup crews reduce the amount of oil at sea, there will probably be enough left behind to kill birds and wildlife." At this level of oil removal, the researcher says, the only solution is bioremediation—using nature itself to do the final cleanup. ★



Pimp Your Mosque!

By Oleg Atbashian, PajamasMedia.com

Holy Shi'ite! Pious pilgrimage just got more exciting at Imam Reza's shrine in Iran, where for a reasonable fee a mullah can join any eager pilgrim in holy matrimony of "temporary marriage" with his choice of a lovely, fully hijabed, and properly veiled prostitute for a period between 5 hours to 10 days. Pedophiles welcome: girls as young as 12 years of age are standing by. Not to worry, the mullahs got them covered: all "temps" under 14 must show a written consent from their fathers or male guardians.

We are not making this up.

According to a document obtained by Planet-Iran.com, the mullahs are doing it not for the money (what's a 5% pimp cut for a holy shrine?), but out of the noble desire "to elevate the spiritual atmosphere, create proper psychological conditions and tranquility of mind" of "those brothers who are on pilgrimage to the shrine." Verily, what true believer can maintain tranquility of mind and not succumb to sexual yearning while away

from his other wives for nearly a week? No pious man should have to suffer such inhumanity.

Here's how it works. The mullah performs a ceremony that sanctions the "morality" of the relationship for a period specified in the "prenuptial agreement" (not more than 10 days, minimum charge 5 hrs) — in direct proportion to the size of the "bridegroom's" wallet. When the "godliness" of their prepaid romance expires, the "honeymooners" descend from the moral high ground to get an easy, *sharia*-compliant divorce. As Allah and his prophet Mohammed would have it, a man can have many wives, so no laws are broken and the decorum is intact.

Everyone is happy: the mullahs count their money, the enlightened "pilgrim" goes home with a renewed sense of moral self-righteousness, and the recurrent bachelorette is back on the bridal market. What happens in the Shrine of the Eighth Imam, stays in the Shrine of the Eighth Imam.

Read the full document, translated into English by Planet-Iran.com, at www.levitt.com/news. ★

Solve Unemployment: Bar Women From Work

en.IranGreenVoice.com

Iranian Parliament Member Mousa Ghorbani says that the solution for resolving the problem of unemployment is to pass laws that would make it illegal for two members of the same family to work.



Mousa Ghorbani

Ghorbani argued that the reason behind the high rate of unemployment in Iran was that in some families the husband, wife, and the children were all working while at the same time, there were people in other families still unemployed. The conservative MP added that if only a single person works in each family, the problem of unemployment in the country would be resolved.

When the MP was reminded by a reporter from the Iranian Labour News Agency (ILNA) that it was essential for more than one person to work in the family in order to afford a basic living, he simply replied, "actually, [in that case] life will move forward very well, your perception is wrong." **"In fact, when women go to work, extra costs are created.** When a woman goes to work, they [the family] have to pay a great deal of money for the child's nursery school; they have to eat prepared food and this in itself costs a lot."

While referring to Saudi Arabia as his ideal model, the member of the legal and judicial commission of the Iranian parliament continued, "a while ago, I was in Mecca. When you go to Saudi Arabia you do not see a single woman employee and if we implement this in Iran, many of the problems will be resolved."



Between 15 and 20 women are murdered in honor killings each year in Jordan, despite government efforts to curb such crimes.

Rape Victim Killed to Save Family's "Honor" in Jordan

South African Press Association
www.BusinessDay.co.za

A Jordanian man confessed to killing his 16-year-old niece to save his family's "honor" after she was sexually assaulted, a judicial official said.

The 43-year-old fired 30 machine-gun rounds in the direction of the girl, killing her instantly, in Deir Alla, west of the capital Amman, said the official who requested anonymity.

The man confessed to the murder, saying he did it to "cleanse the family honor" over suspicions of "bad behavior" after the girl "lost her virginity a month ago in a sexual assault by a young man age 17," said the same source.



The girl's family later married her off to a cousin "to conceal the facts," the official added, stressing that the suspect in the sexual assault was being tried.

Prosecutors have charged the uncle with "premeditated murder." Murder is punishable by death in Jordan but in so-called "honor killings" courts can commute or reduce sentences, particularly if the victim's family asks for leniency.

Choose Sports for Children That Prepare Them for Jihad

To view this clip on MEMRI TV, visit
<http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/0/0/0/0/0/2560.htm>.

Following are excerpts from an address delivered by Egyptian cleric Safwat Higazi, which aired on Al-Nas TV on July 11, 2010.



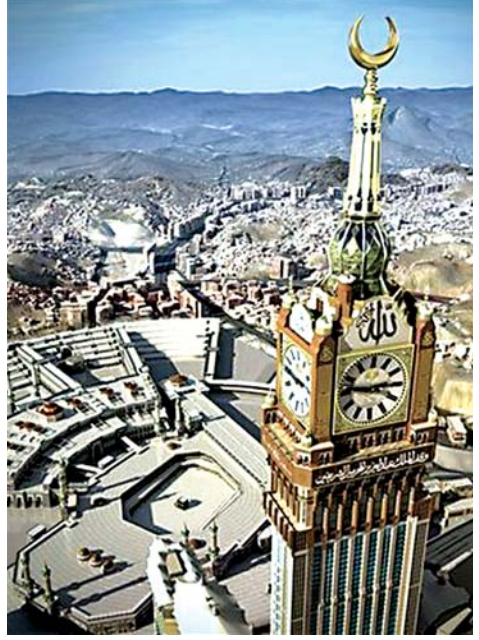
Saladin's mother taught her son how to be a *mujahid* and a fighter. Iban Shaddad asked Saladin [Muslim leader in the Crusades]: 'What games did you play when you were a child?' Saladin said: 'My mother taught me how to play a game of stick and ball, and this game became my hobby and my specialty.' This game is like the polo of today – it is played on a horse, with a stick and a ball, and the players hit the ball with the stick while riding the horse. The horses gallop with much strength and at great speed. That used to be the game of stick and ball.

(continued next page)

When he was young, Saladin used to play this game. His mother chose for him a sport that was suitable for Jihad. She did not choose a game like backgammon or billiards, or any other soft and laid-back game. No. She chose a sport that would teach him Jihad and fighting—the game of stick and ball, which is like polo.

You should choose the sport that your son will play. I'm not saying that a child should not play, but he should play a game that will benefit him when he grows up.

Today, all our children sit in front of the computer and the PlayStation, and play games that will never lead them to wage Jihad. ★



The Royal Mecca Clock Tower dominates Islam's holiest city and looks suspiciously like Big Ben, which the Saudis want it to replace as the world's center of time.

3 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW about ISLAM

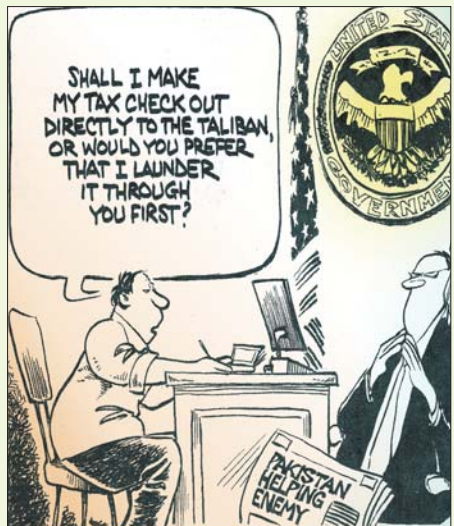
1. In cases of contradictory verses in the Koran, the later one supersedes the early one. So, the early verses that speak mainly of peace and tolerance are abrogated by the later verses that mainly command violence and intolerance.
2. Striving to institute sharia as the worldwide law is a religious duty. Islam is more a religious ideology than a religion. There is no separation in Islam between religion and politics. Islam and sharia constitute a totalitarian means of ordering society at every level.
3. *Taqiyya*: The principle given in the Koran whereby a Muslim may deceive a non-Muslim if it helps Islam. Muslim leaders often tell Western audiences

one thing, then turn around and say the opposite to their Arabic listeners.

Religion of Peace: According to the Koran, the world will be at peace only when Islam and sharia reign in every government—and never until then. This is why every Muslim can claim that Islam is a religion of peace.

See the video with all the details and supporting sura at:

<http://wp.me/pieUD-Hy> ★



The Palestinians, Alone

By Efraim Karsh, *The New York Times*

It has long been conventional wisdom that the resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is a prerequisite to peace and stability in the Middle East. Since Arabs and Muslims are so passionate about the Palestine problem, this argument runs, the Israeli-Palestinian stalemate feeds regional anger and despair.

Yet, a recent survey for the Al Arabiya television network finds that a staggering 71% of the Arabic respondents have no interest in the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks. While the “Palestine question” has long been central to inter-Arab politics, Arab states have shown far less concern for the well-being of the Palestinians than for their own interests.

For example, it was common knowledge that the May 1948 pan-Arab invasion of the nascent state of Israel was more a scramble for Palestinian territory than a fight for Palestinian national rights. As the first secretary-general of the Arab League once admitted to a British reporter, the goal of King Abdullah of Transjordan “was to swallow up the central hill regions of Palestine, with access to the Mediterranean at Gaza. The Egyptians would get the Negev. Galilee would go to Syria, except that the coastal part as far as Acre would be added to the Lebanon.”

From 1948 to 1967, when Egypt and Jordan ruled the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the Arab states failed to put these populations on the road to statehood. They also showed little interest in protecting their human rights or even in improving their quality of life — which is part of the reason why 120,000 West Bank Palestinians moved to the East Bank of the Jordan River and about 300,000 others emigrated abroad. “We couldn’t care less if all the refugees die,” an Egyptian diplomat once remarked. “There are enough Arabs around.”

Not surprisingly, the Arab states have never hesitated to sacrifice Palestinians on a grand scale whenever it suited their needs. In 1970, when his throne came under threat from the Palestine Liberation Organization, the affable and thoroughly Westernized King Hussein of Jordan ordered the deaths of thousands of Palestinians, an event known as “Black September.”

Worse, in the mid-’80s, when the P.L.O. —officially designated by the Arab League as the “sole representative of the Palestinian people”—tried to re-establish its military presence in Lebanon, it was unceremoniously expelled by President Hafez al-Assad of Syria.

This history of Arab leaders manipulating the Palestinian cause for their own ends while ignoring the fate of the Palestinians goes on and on.



Against this backdrop, it is a positive sign that so many Arabs have apparently grown so apathetic about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. For, if the Arab regimes’ self-serving interventionism has denied Palestinians the right to determine their own fate, then the best, indeed only, hope of peace between Arabs and Israelis lies in rejecting the spurious link between this particular issue and other regional and global problems.

The sooner the Palestinians recognize that their cause is theirs alone, the sooner they are likely to make peace with the existence of the State of Israel and to understand the need for a negotiated settlement. ★

Christian Whale

A dad goes into a beach shop and asks,
"Do you have inflatable whales?"

The clerk asks, "Do you want a Christian
whale or a Muslim one?"

"What's the difference?"

"You need a pump for the Christian whale, but the Muslim
one blows itself up."

*Last month's
Goldberg bros.
story was
intended as
humor only, not
actual fact.*



Good News: Israel One Of Happiest Countries www.Israel21c.org

To determine just who are the happiest people in the world, researchers at the Gallup World Poll surveyed thousands of respondents in 155 countries between 2005 and 2009 and found that "by and large, rich countries are happier."

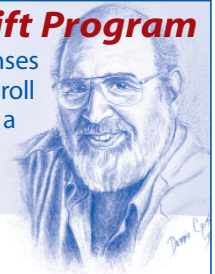
According to their poll, the five happiest countries in the world are Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and the Netherlands. All are clustered in the same region, and all enjoy high levels of prosperity. Costa Rica and New Zealand tie for sixth place, with Israel, Canada, Australia, and Switzerland sharing eighth.

Subjects were first asked to reflect on their overall satisfaction with their lives, and their answers were ranked using a "life evaluation" score from one to 10. Then they were asked questions about how they had felt the previous day. The answers allowed researchers to score the subjects' "daily experiences"—things like whether they felt well-rested, respected, pain-free, and intellectually engaged.

Subjects reporting high scores were considered "thriving." The percentage of thriving individuals in each country determined the rankings. ★

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Israeli Business Ventures That Inspire Peace In The Middle East

By Karin Kloosterman (right)
www.Israel21c.org

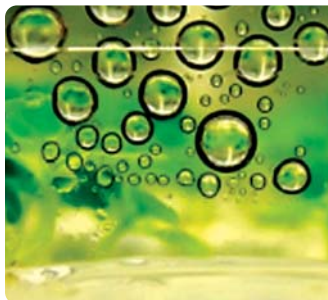


Making peace in the Middle East will never be an easy task, but what many people don't realize is that even in the midst of conflict, there are thousands upon thousands of Israeli people—Jews and Arabs—working dedicatedly for coexistence and the promise of a better life. Some of the most effective of these peace projects are those based on business.

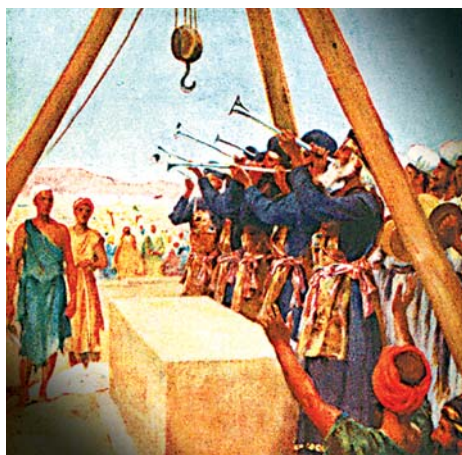
The Levitt Letter will introduce the top ten business ventures that inspire peace in the Middle East, one each month. Here is the third in our series.

MME New Diesel Biofuel

Initiated by the Peres Center for Peace, MME New Diesel, a Jordanian-Israeli company, is using



German-made technology to create biofuel from biomass waste. Biomass waste is quite a problem in the region, with excessive amounts of agriculture-based organic matter building up in Jordan, Israel, and within the Palestinian Authority. This new company plans on repurposing it into biofuel and squeezing out a little peace at the same time. The new pilot facility will be built in Israel's Arava Desert where it can strategically serve all three communities.



Israelis Want Their Temple Back

Israel Today

In mid-July 2010, Israelis observed Tisha B'Av, the national day of mourning over the loss of Israel's ancient Temples. The First Temple was destroyed 2,500 years ago by the Babylonians, and the Second Temple was demolished 2,000 years ago by the Romans.

To mark the day this year, the Knesset TV Channel conducted a survey asking Israelis if they desire the building of a Third Temple. A 49 percent plurality said they do. Only 23 percent said they do not want a Third Temple.

However, 48 percent said they don't think the State of Israel should take active steps to reclaim control of the Temple Mount and build a Third Temple there. Israelis across-the-board fear the hostile and violent international and Muslim reaction that such a move would certainly evoke.

The Muslim authorities that today control the Temple Mount play off those fears, and Jews are rarely allowed to visit the site. Jews and Christians alike are forbidden to utter prayers or carry Bibles atop the Temple Mount.



Hadassah Generosity

By Barbara Sofer, www.Hadassah.org

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE® & Hadassah Team Up For Israel Breast Cancer Campaign, October 25-29, 2010

Israel has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in the world. Ashkenazi Jews are ten times more likely to carry the BRCA gene—a risk factor for developing breast cancer at some point in their lifetime—than non-Jews. Here at Hadassah, we have a long history of creating programs that educate our members, and the public-at-large, about the disease.

Now, Hadassah, the City of Jerusalem, health advocates, and scientists have joined with Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the world's largest breast cancer organization, for a week of events in Israel to examine major scientific issues in breast cancer while advancing the international breast cancer movement.

The week of events Oct. 25-29 launches the Israel Breast Cancer Collaborative. Hadassah and our partner organizations seek to enhance advocacy, awareness, screening, and treatment of breast cancer.

SAVE THE DATE: The centerpiece of the week is the **first Susan G. Komen Israel Race for the Cure around the walls of Old Jerusalem** on October 28. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat will help lead the Race. “As a runner myself, I know the power of these events to unite people toward a common purpose,” Barkat said. “I am honored to open the gates of our unique city to any and all people who want to see a cure for breast cancer in our lifetime.”

Susan G. Komen for the Cure has granted nearly \$2 million to organizations in Israel, including Hebrew University-Hadassah Hospital and the Weizmann Institute of Science. “We have enjoyed longstanding friendships and productive collaborations in Israel,” said Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, founder and CEO of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, named for her sister. “The new Israel Breast Cancer Collaborative takes our relationships to the next level—in partnership with the city of Jerusalem, Hadassah, government leaders, advocates, and our global partners—as we work to address the critical issues in breast cancer for the women of Israel and the world.”

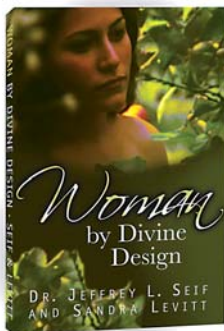


Women enjoy the annual Race For The Cure.



Woman By Divine Design Book

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif
and Mrs. Sandra
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An original and refreshing look at what Jesus and Paul said to, for, and about women. Jeff and Sandra survey the writings of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John and go through Paul's letters in assessing God's purpose for womankind. Understanding how Jesus and Paul harked back to OT mandates will cause readers to more deeply appreciate Jesus and to reassess Paul.

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