

Levitt

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



Letter



Chesler thinks it's about time that we took TIME to task. Read her piece. Write me and tell me what you think about the objectivity of our media. – Jeff

TIME's Latest Blood Libel About Israel

By Phyllis Chesler, NewsRealBlog.com



The September 13, 2010 issue of TIME magazine cover story is "Why Israel Doesn't Care About Peace." It is illustrated by a large Jewish star composed of daisies. Author Karl Vick writes:

Israelis are no longer preoccupied with the matter [of peace with the Palestinians]. They're otherwise engaged: They're making money; they're enjoying the rays of the late summer...they have moved on.



He quotes an Israeli real estate agent, Eli, who tells him: "People are indifferent. They don't care if there's going to be war. They don't care if there's going to be peace.

They don't care. They live in the day."

According to Vick, Israelis don't care about peace, peace negotiations, or about the Palestinians because they are simply having too

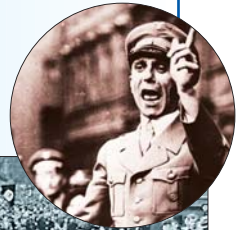
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Nazi Boycott Of Jews

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Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels delivers a speech to a crowd in the Berlin Lustgarten urging Germans to boycott Jewish-owned businesses. He defends the boycott as a legitimate response to the anti-German "atrocities propaganda" being spread abroad by "international Jewry."

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good a time: sunbathing, swimming, café-hopping, profiting from start-up companies, and utterly disconnected from “politics.” These points scream: Israel does not fit in; if Israelis were only more impoverished, more indolent, they might be recognized as indigenous to the region, a true part of the Middle East.

These are Vick's thoughts, not mine.

Of course, Jews **are** the original Palestinians and the most indigenous of the region's inhabitants; yes, there are many impoverished Israelis, both Jews and non-Jews. But, why doesn't Vick also point out that Palestinians are leading the high life on the West Bank, in sumptuous villas on both the West Bank and in Gaza; that they, too, are sunbathing, swimming, shopping, dining out, and relaxing at the beach—at least as much as the Muslim thugs who run the lives of Palestinians will allow it?

Vick and his editors at *TIME* seem to think that showing photos of Israelis at leisure—lounging on a beach, playing with one's baby in a stroller, sitting at a café—are proof that Israelis simply don't care about peace with the Palestinians.

Vick writes that real estate is booming, as is business in general. Israeli “brainiacs” have helped their nation avoid the economic disasters that have plunged Europe and America into a recession. Is Vick aware that he is counting on the world's long-held resentment about Jewish creativity, genius, and scientific and economic success? Or because Jews seem to “know something,” maybe they are channeling God directly and thus, the deck is stacked against non-Jews. Vick presents Israel's success as somehow unseemly because it makes other nations look bad. Does he harbor the suspicion that Jewish prosperity has been stolen from non-Jews?

Buried in Vick's four-page cover piece

are snippets of truth: that Israelis are weary of peace negotiations that never succeed because the Palestinians do not want peace; that Arabs and Palestinians want to destroy the Jewish state and as many Jews as possible. But Vick fails to convey that negotiations cannot work as long as the Islamic propaganda against Jews and Israel continues to turn out children who hate Jews and who become human homicide bombs, snipers, kidnappers, Kassam rocket launchers, etc.



Karl Vick

Here is what Vick utterly fails to comprehend: The Israelis are actually showing the entire world how to embrace life, even as they live, trembling, in the shadow of death. They are teaching the world how to love life more than they fear death.

The Jewish insistence on life may be the key to our survival as a people despite ceaseless persecution. It might be the model for all humanity in an era of genocides, civil wars, torture chambers, tyrannies, and totalitarian regimes. Why is *TIME* turning things on their head and refusing to recognize the courage and the heroism of Jewish Israelis who choose to live in the moment when the moment is all they have? Against all odds, the Jews simply refuse to give up.

Vick does not seem to know how high the Jewish population growth was in the DP [displaced persons] camps right after the Holocaust. Can he comprehend that permanently endangered Jews—who have survived as a people for nearly six thousand years—the Chosen People—have always chosen life in the moment, have chosen to seize life with both hands, even as they memorialize their dead and make sense of their persecution in a way that illuminates this particular hell for all humanity?

I hope that people understand that *TIME* magazine—and other media in the Western world—can no longer be trusted to tell the truth. ★

On April 1, 1933, a week after Hitler became dictator of Germany, he ordered a boycott of Jewish shops, banks, offices, and department stores. But the boycott was mostly ignored by German shoppers and was called off after three days. However, the unsuccessful boycott was followed by a rapid series of laws that robbed the Jews of many rights.

On April 7, "The Law of the Restoration of the Civil Service" was introduced, which made "Aryanism" a necessary requirement in order to hold a civil service position. All Jews holding such positions were dismissed or forced into retirement.

On April 22, Jews were prohibited from serving as patent lawyers and from serving as doctors in state-run insurance institutions.



On April 25, a law against the overcrowding of German schools placed severe limits on the number of young Jews allowed to enroll in public schools.

On May 6, the Civil Service law was amended to close loopholes in order to keep out honorary university professors, lecturers, and notaries.

On June 2, a law prohibited Jewish dentists and dental technicians from working with state-run insurance institutions.

On September 28, all non-Aryans and their spouses were prohibited from government employment.

On September 29, Jews were banned from all cultural and entertainment activities including literature, art, film, and theater.

In October 1933, Jews were prohibited from being journalists and all newspapers were placed under Nazi control. ★

Boycott The Boycotters

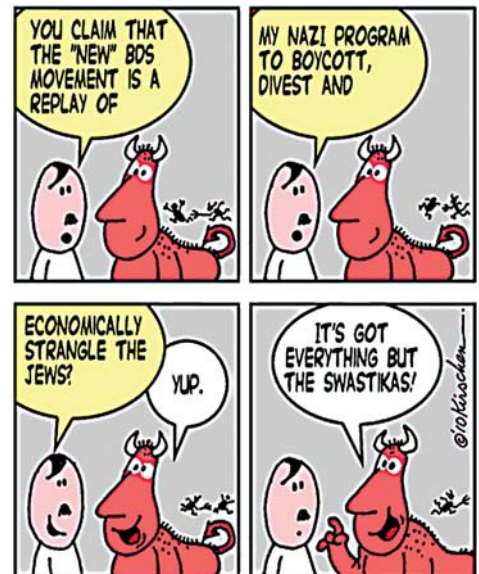
By Roz Rothstein and Roberta Seid
www.JewishJournal.com

Anti-Israel activists are now putting all their energy into their Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign (BDS). Their goal is to portray Israel and Israelis as pariahs who should be excluded from all international spheres—diplomatic, political, economic, social, and cultural.

Jews have been victims of such policies before. They have been singled out, demonized, and excluded, for example, in 13th-century England and 1930s Europe. The Jewish State, too, has experienced such policies since its founding, when Arab nations implemented strict exclusion and boycotts against Israel, most of which are still in place. Today, hard core anti-Israel activists around the world are feverishly lobbying artists, universities, churches, retailers, unions, municipalities, and other institutions to adopt BDS.

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Any public figures, retailers, institutions or organizations that adopt or defer to BDS policies should themselves be boycotted.

They should be boycotted because they advocate destructive rather than constructive measures. BDS is anti-coexistence, undermines peace efforts, and does nothing to help Palestinians begin state-building, improve their lives, or move toward reconciliation.

BDS policies are fundamentally anti-Semitic even though some of the movement's advocates are Jews. The campaign uses the propaganda techniques and imagery of classical anti-Semitism, once applied to individual Jews, now to the Jewish State. Boycott activists strip away all context for Israel's actions, such as ongoing terrorism and the virulent ideology that propels it. They put a microscope on Israel to detect its flaws, and expect it to live up to standards they do not expect of any other nation. They never call for BDS against nations that systematically commit war crimes and human rights abuses, such as Iran, Sudan, Lebanon (apartheid practices against Palestinians), or Turkey (occupation of northern Cyprus and repression of its Kurdish minority).

Where was the outrage of the boycotters, who claim to be champions of social justice and human rights, when Palestinian suicide bombers targeted

innocent Jewish men, women, and children, and Hamas fired thousands of rockets from Gaza into Israel, murdering toddlers? Where were they when Ahmadinejad denied the Holocaust even as he called for genocide against Jews? Their callous indifference and implicit support of the murdering of Jews is both morally perverse and anti-Semitic.

They should be boycotted because they endorse the agendas of the dictatorial regimes and radical Islamist groups who are enemies of human rights, social justice values, tolerance, and modernity. These states and groups like Hamas oppress women, their own citizens, and persecute religious and other minorities.

Boycotting means that any university that does not unequivocally denounce campus divestment campaigns should not receive another nickel from donors who care about fairness, the survival of Israel, and modern liberal values. Recording artists who refuse to perform in Israel should be labeled as extremists, and fair-minded people should stop buying their records and attending their concerts. Consumers should boycott any retailers who refuse to stock Israeli products, and support the new *Stand WithUs* campaign, "BIG" and "RIG," acronyms for "Buy Israeli Goods" and "Request Israeli Goods."

It is time to expose the distorted values that drive the BDS movement, and its alliance with the most repressive and dangerous forces in the world today. ★



Ground Zero mosque protester displays opposition to Islamic double standards.

The main argument for allowing a “Ground Zero mosque” is “In America, everybody is allowed to build a house of worship on his own property.”

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Idealistic, but not quite true.

A Greek Orthodox church next to the WTC Towers also fell when the towers crashed. The NY Port Authority wanted to use the property for Ground Zero projects, and offered the parcel next to it in trade. The church cooperated. However, the city now refuses to let them rebuild their church on the site promised.

Question: How is it that a pre-existing church cannot rebuild on its land, whereas a new mosque can spring up overnight? Bear in mind that this location is available because a plane’s landing-gear assembly the size of a torpedo crashed through the roof and put the Burlington Coat Factory out of business. I smell a rat!

Remember, it’s Judeo-Christian cultures like America’s that offer religious freedom. Islamic countries—the source of funds for many mosques in America—require full submission to religious theocrats.

The *sharia* (Islamic) way of life taught in these mosques undermines the very freedoms that allow Muslims to worship here. The **200 mosques in New York City alone** show that Judeo-Christian culture doesn’t inhibit religious expression.

I visit Jerusalem regularly and can’t ignore the golden-roofed mosque that tops Jerusalem’s sacred hill. Muslims now claim the hill as their own, though the Koran never mentions Jerusalem. It does speak of world conquest, however, and this objective seems the real driver. Muslims take over a worship center of another religion—the Greek Orthodox cathedral in Istanbul,



Turkey, and the Visigothic Christian church in Cordoba, Spain—and make it into an Islamic mosque, testimony to their triumphs.

However well intended, too many pastors seem more sheepish than shepherd-ish. They no longer preach forcefully on a variety of spiritual and social issues. Rather, they seek to please their increasingly Bible-illiterate congregations. They work to increase attendance and offerings, and to preserve their jobs. Many have abandoned the prophetic voice in their own teaching. Thus, they are unable to perceive the prophetic voices of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Ezekiel, Jesus, and Paul. These prophets all spoke about Israel’s rise in the Last Days...as we do at Zola Levitt Ministries.

If continuing our solid Bible teaching appeals to you, will you kindly send or call with a contribution to help us? You can use the enclosed postage-paid envelope or call (214) 696-8844 during office hours. Or 800-WONDERS (800-966-3377) anytime. If you’d like me or one of this ministry’s other speakers to address your group, ask for Tracie.

You and I don’t look forward to a mosque at Ground Zero. But, if you’d like to go to Israel and see the mosque where Israel’s Temple once stood, come with me. See details on page 36, or call (214) 696-9760 and talk to Tracie. You can join the many others praying for God’s Kingdom to come to Jerusalem, America, and the world. And, please pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6)

Your messenger,

From Caveman To Rabbi

By Eitan Shishkoff

Shalom. I am

Eitan Shishkoff.

I have lived in the Haifa Bay area of Israel for nearly 18 years. Through this column, it will be my pleasure to open a window into life in Israel. First, a little of my background.

Connie and I married 41 years ago and spent our honeymoon in a cave in New Mexico. Yes, we were hippies—both Jewish, and both seeking a way to change the world. We had already taken part in anti-war demonstrations, psychedelic drug use, and a rock-blues band. None of those seemed to succeed in transforming the world or ourselves. The 1960s' winds of change then blew us all the way to the remote mountains of the Southwest. There, we sought to live like the Pueblo and Hopi tribes, growing corn, beans, and squash.

Our homes were made of rocks, logs, and mud. We lived without electricity for six years, cooking and heating with a wood-burning stove. And while there were many false illusions about the spiritual/political statement we were making by “living on the land,” we were also being drawn to the Creator through the drama of His creation. When a dear friend was murdered by a total stranger, it



Then, in 1968...

shattered the Garden of Eden we were aiming for.

Then God stepped in, sending young, hip messengers who had found “the answer” in Yeshua. As they spoke, I was gripped by a vivid vision of the Messiah dying on the cross. Through eyes of endless love, He touched the depth of my soul, revealing the Gospel of salvation, without a word. That very night, I yielded my life to the One who had suffered in my place, taking the full weight of my guilt.



...and Now

That was 1972. The next several years saw rapid change. We moved to town to attend Bible college. Reading the New Testament account of the Last Supper, I realized that it was a Passover Seder that Yeshua was leading (duh!). Thus we rediscovered our Jewish heritage and began to celebrate the Feasts of Israel with their Messianic significance. While serving Beth Messiah Congregation in the Washington, D.C. area (1981–1992), we awakened to the ancient prophets' call to return to Israel. By the grace of God, we packed up our three children (then ages 22, 19, and 4) and our American lifestyle and headed for a new adventure. (Next month: Part 2—“New Immigrants in an Ancient Land”)

B.C.

By Mastroianni and Hart



Skewed News From Mainstream Media

*From the **International Jerusalem Post**:
A Palestinian woman's baby was delivered by Israeli soldiers last week.*

Shurouk Ghazi, 22, from the village Tilt in southern Samaria, set out for a hospital in Nablus accompanied by her husband when she went into labor. Stopping at an army roadblock near Kedumim, her husband informed soldiers his wife was about to give birth. The regional army doctor was summoned, and Ghazi was transferred to an army ambulance.

En route to the hospital, the army doctor delivered a 3.5 kg baby girl (about 7-1/2 lbs.).

It has always struck me that the vast majority of ordinary residents do not have any quarrel in Israel. Believe it or not, I think there are more arguments between groups in America than there are between Israelis and Palestinians. It is those in leadership over there who are fighting, and a few hotheads, but trust the media to interview only selected people, just as they film only at selected sites. Of course, the selections are meant to promote the idea of a crisis and terrible tension.

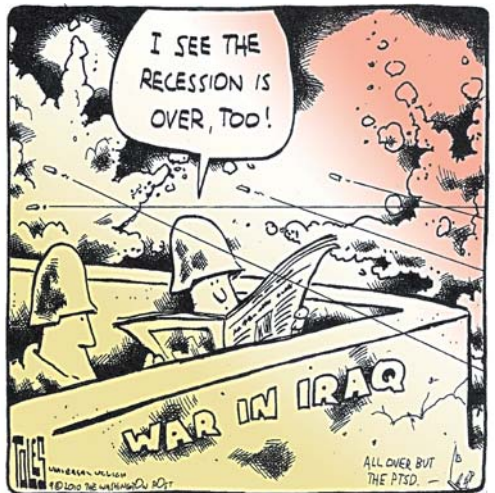
I don't think the media have *ever* mentioned the Good Fence, on the border with Lebanon. It is the place where Israeli soldiers and doctors have treated Arab men, women, and children for nearly twenty years. It all started one day—because medical care is not up to snuff in southern Lebanon—when a Lebanese woman at wit's end handed her sick and crying baby over the fence to an Israeli sentry standing guard, and begged him to provide medical care for the infant. A precedent was set by that act, and its tradition has continued year in and year out with thousands being treated. CNN reporters and other foreign

journalists have driven past the Good Fence time and again without filming the goings on or interviewing the participants.

There comes a time when the media can actually be an enemy to the ordinary people. I think we're living through one of those times.

When CNN films Palestinian ambulances screaming up to street riots, they don't bother to tape the part where the guns are unloaded from the backs of the ambulances. They also don't note that the ambulances typically drive away empty, only to return bringing back more weapons. They rarely carry the wounded. Again, medical care is lacking in Arab-held territories.

I hope that Baby Girl Ghazi will grow up to be one of the vast majority who appreciate being able to live in the democracy of Israel and will remember that Israeli soldiers and an army doctor brought her into this world. I hope she will not be one of those who are "educated" by Arafat's [now Abbas's and Hamas's] minions to hate her neighbors. It wouldn't hurt to offer a prayer for this child who so well represents real cooperation between peoples at a time when the whole world is being told that no such thing exists between Israelis and Palestinians. ★



Controversy Over City of David

Israel Today

The Jerusalem Municipality has approved a plan to develop a protected area of the City of David that has in recent decades been illegally occupied by Arab squatters. The City of David, located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan, comprises the original city of Jerusalem conquered by King David over 3,000 years ago. Today, it is home to a small, but growing Jewish population that lives alongside the Arabs.



Since the time of the Ottoman and British Mandate governments, the lower part of Silwan was kept wooded, and no construction was allowed in order to preserve its historical uniqueness. But over the past 10 years or so, some 90 houses have been built without permits by Arab squatters in the area known as the King's Garden.



Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat recognizes that the Arab squatters have been living there for decades, and his plan to return King's Garden to a green area takes their situation into account. According to the plan, 66 of the 90 illegal structures will be retroactively approved, and alternative plots of land will be given to those who are evicted. Nevertheless, Palestinian and left-wing Israeli elements, in eager partnership with the international media, have focused solely on the fact that a number of Arab families will be forced by Israel to leave "their" homes. Israel is taking immense heat over the plan, despite the fact that the homes were built illegally on state-owned land, that the municipality is going to retroactively approve two thirds of the homes anyway, and that the remaining squatters will be receiving gifts of land despite having broken the law.

Barkat explained that by catering to the squatters, the municipality is making its job of restoring the green area far more difficult. Most of the illegal homes were built without proper infrastructure, which means the municipality must now install plumbing and electricity for already-existing structures. It also means the proposed park and other public areas will be much smaller than originally intended.

Jewish lawmaker Uri Ariel of the right-wing National Union party says that when it comes to building violations in Jerusalem, there is more discrimination against Jews than Arabs.

"There are fewer than 50 illegal Jewish structures, while the number of illegal Arab buildings is estimated in the thousands," he said. "Demolition orders for Jews are rushed up, while those for Arabs happen much more slowly."

The mayor is demanding that the fate of Beit Yonatan, an apartment building constructed illegally by Jews in Silwan, be the same as that of the illegal Arab buildings in Silwan. This puts the courts and the government in the sticky situation of choosing between equal application of the law and appeasing the international community and the Palestinians. ★

More than a quarter of a million Christians visit Jerusalem's Garden Tomb every year. The holy site is believed by many to be the place where Jesus rose from the dead. But now, the sacred ground is in danger of being damaged by a Muslim construction project. Garden Tomb Director Richard Meryon showed the 15-foot wall being built above the tomb.

Garden Tomb Threatened by Muslim Construction

By Chris Mitchell, www.CBN.com

"In the last few weeks the cemetery above has built this wooden construction into which they are now ready to pour hundreds of tons of concrete on top of our wall," he explained.

Jerusalem's Islamic *WAQF* is building the wall to enlarge a Muslim cemetery. However, Meryon fears the construction could bring a catastrophe.

"Just beneath (the wall) we have three or four areas where Christians are worshipping every day. So we have the potential here in heavy rain or in snow, or even in one of those earth tremors that Jerusalem is famous for—you only need one of those events to happen—and this new wall could collapse," he said. "It could kill 200 visitors, pilgrims, and tourists in the garden worshipping."



The new wall also violates three local building codes and does not have a city permit. The structure is supposed to be built three feet away from any existing structure and permission is required. "They have never sought my permission," Meryon said. "We have been in active discussion and I am now negotiating with them. I cannot allow them to build this wall until they prove to me beyond all reasonable doubt that this wall is going to be safe."

A spokesman from the Muslim cemetery said they do not have a license, but claim the new wall is safe. The mayor's office also said officials will make sure the building is legal so Jerusalem can remain open to tourists.



Richard Meryon

"We walk through the garden, we're hearing groups of people praising God, worshipping Him in every language from everywhere, and we have taken people through the garden literally from every corner of the globe," one tour guide said.

And the concrete wall is not the only construction Meryon is worried about. He said recent digging on top of Golgotha next to the Garden Tomb threatens the hill known as the Place of a Skull. Many believe Jesus was crucified there. "Golgotha is mentioned in John 19, where Jesus was led outside the city walls... into a place called Golgotha," Meryon said. "Above Golgotha, in the last few days—bucket by bucket, load by load—a lot of dirt has been imported above the rock and below those graves on the skyline," he added. "I've known for some weeks that they were thinking of building a minaret up there." Meryon wants to make sure Golgotha and the Garden Tomb remain intact.

"This is a very important Christian holy site," he said. "And we just want to live here in peace and provide this amazing opportunity for Christians all around the world to come here and continue to worship and be exposed to the Gospel." ★

Routine Blood Tests Could Replace Colonoscopy

Tel Aviv University (TAU) researchers have discovered that routine blood tests can provide an early warning for colorectal cancer.

By Hillel Fendel, IsraelNationalNews.com

Anemia, a common blood disorder characterized by low hemoglobin levels, has long been associated with those suffering from colorectal cancer. It doesn't happen suddenly, however—and Tel Aviv University researchers say they have found that gradually decreasing hemoglobin levels can actually indicate a potential for colon cancer years in advance.

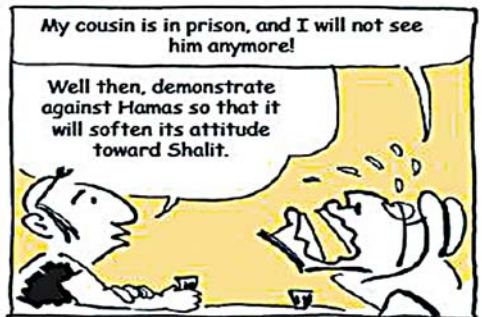
Graduate student **Inbal Goldshtein**, who works with Dr. Gabriel Chodick and Dr. Varda Shalev of TAU's School of Public Health and Maccabi Healthcare Services' Department of Medical Informatics, says that paying close attention to routine blood test results can be an effective screening system for colon cancer. Though some 50,000 Americans are expected to die from colon cancer in 2010, better screening, leading to early diagnosis and effective treatment, can



significantly reduce those numbers, she says.

Goldshtein's study, recently published in the *European Journal of Cancer Prevention*, shows that most patients with colon cancer have a history of consistently declining hemoglobin levels up to four years before being diagnosed with the disease. Until now, only a sharp decrease in hemoglobin levels was sought out as an indicator of colon cancer. But Goldshtein and her fellow researchers have discovered that it's the continuous, long-term decline that may announce the onset of the disease.

Specifically, a declining trend of more than 0.28 grams per deciliter every six months over a four-year period was observed—and as a result, may serve as a warning of illness on the horizon. The next step, says Dr. Shalev, is to create an algorithm that will automatically detect suspicious declines in hemoglobin levels, advising physicians to send their patients for further testing. ★



An Arab-Israeli Patriot

By Sara Lehmann, www.JewishPress.com

Non-Jews are no strangers to Israel's policy of inclusivity in its government. What is strange is finding a non-Jewish Knesset member (MK) who is more Zionist than most of his fellow parliamentarians. **Ayoub Kara**, an Arab Druze Knesset minister, is proud to consider himself one of the most right-wing members of the Knesset.



Kara, who was appointed deputy minister of the development of the Negev and Galilee by Prime Minister Netanyahu, was first elected to the Knesset in 1999. He was appointed Speaker of the Knesset, served as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Workers, and later as chairman of the Anti-Drug Committee.

In a unique position to reach out to others, Kara spoke with the mufti of Turkey following the flotilla incident in an effort to mend bridges. He defended Israel as "the most humanitarian country in the Middle East" and urged the mufti to preach brotherhood "because there are no winners in war, and the way of peace and dialogue is preferable to the miseries of war."

Kara lives in the Druze town of Daliyat al-Karmel near Haifa with his wife and five children.

In his interview with *The Jewish Press*, Kara explains how the Druze adapt to Arab neighbors, support the Jews, and the price his own family has paid to support peace in Israel. From his position in the Knesset, he addresses demographic challenges in outlying regions of Israel, and shares his thoughts on the current peace process.

See it all at www.levitt.com/news.

Ask The Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



Q Jeff, you wrote in the *Levitt Letter* for August, "Though he ignores the spiritual component, Prager correctly observes that humanity is losing its moral compass."

Prager is not a Christian, Jeff. What I cannot fathom is why you continue to put such fleshly offerings into the *Levitt Letter*. Very often you mix in articles from lost souls who know nothing of God. By such practice, you send mixed messages to your readers and offer them only confusion. —V.C.

A Paul said, "If we're to deal only with righteous men, we'll have to leave this world." (1 Corinth. 5:10) For that matter, Paul quoted pagan philosophers. Other New Testament writers also employed non-biblical, "unsaved" sources. Considering the above, it makes sense for the *Levitt Letter* to offer diversified sources. In addition, for *Zola Levitt Presents*, I feel compelled to interview Israeli prime ministers, cabinet members, generals, ex-soldiers, doctors, and others.

Thanks for writing in, V.C. ★



Ben Franklin Was No Anti-Semite

By Hana Levi Julian, IsraelNationalNews.com

Al Aqsa (Hamas-Gaza) TV is continuing its unabated televised anti-Semitic incitement with an interview that claims U.S. founding father Benjamin Franklin warned Americans about the Jews.

The claim, made in an Arabic-language interview by United Arab Emirates Creativity Center director Dr. Ali Al-Hamadi, was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

“If you read about the literature and heritage of America, you will see that they consider former U.S. President (sic) Benjamin Franklin to be one of their greatest minds,” Al-Hamadi began. **“When you read about U.S. heritage, you encounter words written in ink of gold. The Americans endorse the words of Franklin, but when he talks about the Jews, they ignore his words completely.”**

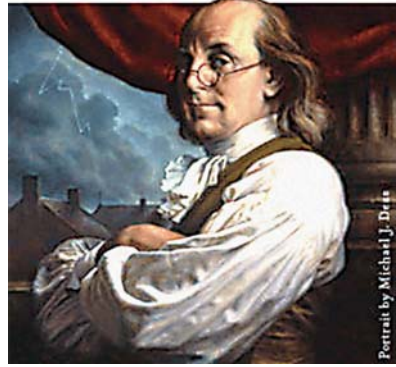
“He (Franklin) lived in 1779, and delivered a famous speech. Addressing the American people, he talked about an immense danger that faced them. He said: ‘Do not think that by achieving our independence, the United States is safe from all danger. There is an immense danger...’

“These were his words. ‘An immense danger faces the American people—the proliferation of Jews in the United States.’ He went on to say: ‘The Jews are devils and bats. We must expel these sinners...’ These are his words, not mine. ‘We must expel this group of sinners from the United States, and if you don’t do this immediately, our future generations will curse you, when they find themselves under the boots of the Jews.’”

It turns out, however, that Al-Hamadi’s claim is based on a classic anti-Semitic canard called The Franklin “Prophecy,”

a falsified document debunked many decades ago. A 2004 report issued by the U.S. Congress, “Anti-Semitism in Europe: Hearing Before the Subcommittee on European Affairs of the Committee on Relations” describes the fake on page 69:

The Franklin “Prophecy” is a classic anti-Semitic canard that falsely claims that American statesman Benjamin Franklin made anti-Jewish statements during the Constitutional Convention of 1787. It has found widening acceptance in Muslim and Arab media, where it has been used to criticize Israel and Jews...



But it was actually proven false as far back as 1954, when the New York-based Anti-Defamation League issued a detailed refutation of the hoax, which apparently first appeared in 1934.

As for Benjamin Franklin, his liberal attitudes towards people of all religions were well known; in fact, his donation of five pounds of his own money to the building of a synagogue in his city during the fundraising campaign of the Hebrew Society of Philadelphia is clearly documented.

Numerous historians and biographers of the founding father have denounced the so-called “speech.” Among them is J. Henry Smythe, Jr., compiler of *The Amazing Benjamin Franklin*, who labeled the canard a “libel of the Jewish race, unjust both to Jews and to the name and fame of Benjamin Franklin. I have investigated this calumny and find no historical basis.” ★

No Place For Democracy And Human Rights In Islam

www.AsiaNews.it

As the world mobilizes against the stoning of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, the 43-year-old woman convicted for adultery and killing her husband, Iranian police continue to threaten and arrest journalists and human rights lawyers. Dozens of university professors are fired and pro-reform students are beaten. The reason is simple. "Democracy, freedom, and human rights have no place" in Islam, said Mesbah Yazdi, who heads Shia Taliban, in a speech reprinted in Rooz, an online Iranian news website.

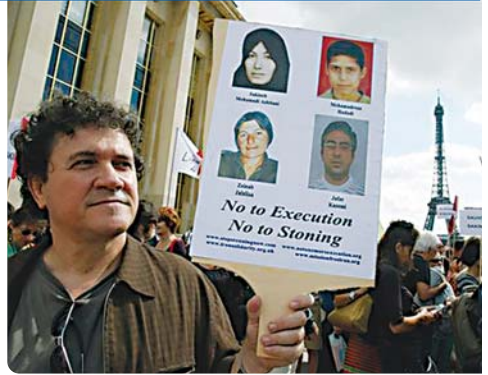
Speaking before members of para-military groups, soldiers, and his followers, the cleric said that Iran "is not a place to back down for cultural reasons against people promoting corruption."



In a veiled reference to Sakineh and others, he added, "sexual or moral deviants or promoters of any other kind of corruption must be suppressed."

Mesbah Yazdi is a member of the Association of Teachers of Kom Theological Center and a great supporter of Ahmadinejad. In fact, "When the president received the supreme leader's confirmation, obeying him is like obeying God," he said.

A similar extremist vision explains recent events in Iran, where dozens of students, followers of pro-reform Ayatollah Dastgheib, who was against Ahmadinejad's re-election, were beaten in Shiraz's Koba Mosque.



Pro-democracy activists are also concerned about the firing of 40 professors from Tehran University. The activists have slammed the professors' removal, calling it a case of "political cleansing" of the faculty that led the Green Wave movement that opposed the results of last year's presidential election. Indeed, Science Minister Kamran Daneshjoo said repeatedly that the universities would not tolerate professors who are not "in tune with the Islamic Republic regime."

For Mesbah Yazdi, anyone who opposes the Islamic Republic of Iran and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is an "enemy of God" (*mohareb*).

Human rights activist **Shiva Nazar Ahari** (*pictured*), who is the editor of the Committee of Human Rights Reporters website, has recently found out what that means.



Arrested on 14 July 2009, a month after Ahmadinejad's re-election, she was released on bail on 23 September of the same year. Re-arrested on 20 December and charged as a *mohareb*, she is still waiting to go to a trial.

Badrolssadat Mofidi, secretary general of the Iranian Journalists Association, is another prominent figure accused of being a *mohareb*. He was recently sentenced to six years in prison and five years without the right to work as a journalist. ★

Burning Books And Other Provocation

By Lemon

www.LemonLimeMoon.blogspot.com

"And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him..." (Genesis 16:12)—*The Angel of the Lord describing Ishmael.*

General Petraeus says that the little church that wants to burn the Koran would make life dangerous for Americans around the world. Has this man been asleep for the past 20 years or so? No book burning caused 9/11.

What was the provocation for that wanton destruction of innocent life?

These people are always on the edge and kill for nothing at all. They don't need book burnings to set them off. The carnage and death they have spawned began at the invention of their belief system. It is nothing new.

Now they are running amok like wild men yelling "death to America." Well, it's not the first time. This is an ongoing mantra for them. This has been happening for centuries with no real provocation at all. It's just who they are. Uncontrollable wild men.

The general said, "Were the actual burning to take place, the safety of our soldiers and civilians would be put in jeopardy and accomplishment of the mission would be made more difficult."

But they weren't in danger before that? We were not at war before

that? What put them in danger in the first place?

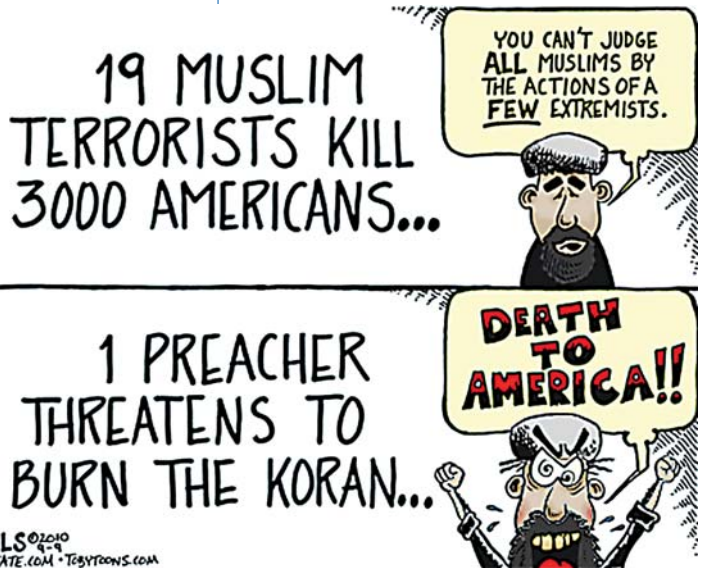
Why isn't the murder of innocent Jews and Christians condemned with the same fervor? Who is the enemy as far as Petraeus is concerned? Do we hire generals to fight wars or to placate the enemy?

While burning books won't help anything, neither is it the cause of the war and death that can be laid squarely on the shoulders of the people we are fighting.

This war has been one of tiptoeing around, worrying about the feelings of the enemy who care nothing for the holy books of the West, who trample the flag and the people of other beliefs with joy.

"We advise Western countries to prevent the exploitation of freedom of expression to insult religious sanctities, otherwise the emotions of Muslim nations cannot be controlled," said the foreign ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast from Tehran.

Yes, because they are always so controlled otherwise, right? This is the most uncontrolled bunch in human history, and they need no provocation to run amok. ★



Muslim Non-Assimilation

By James Zumwalt, HumanEvents.com

Immigrants come to America seeking to attain a lifestyle that is limited by constraints within their birth nation. But they understand that becoming a U.S. citizen requires allegiance to a new country—and an obligation to abide by its laws. As immigrants have come to our shores, none ever sought to bring their own laws with them to trump ours—until now.

America's greatness has been enhanced for centuries by immigrants possessing a good work ethic in need only of a level playing field. Embracing what their new country stands for, they have ultimately assimilated, coming to understand that success for all is based on equality for all. Assimilation is the process by which one group takes on the traits of a larger group. It is a process that has served America well in maintaining the core values to which our Constitution is anchored. But, the process is anathema to Islam.



During a 2008 visit to Germany, **Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan** spoke to a group of 20,000 Turks living in Europe. He told them, "Assimilation is a crime against humanity."

It is Muslim opposition to assimilation, coupled with Muslim populations growing at faster rates than native host populations, that raises concerns about the "Islamization" of Western Europe. Non-assimilation has generated "no-go" zones in some European cities—areas local law enforcement refuse to go because Muslim residents do not tolerate entry by non-Muslims.

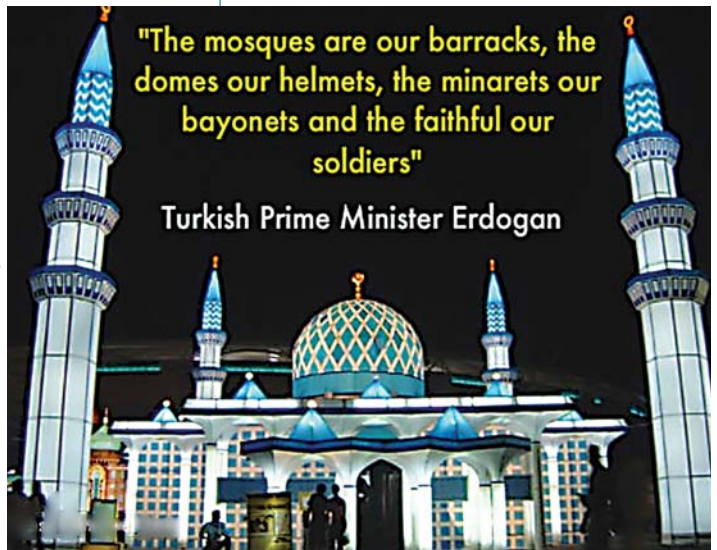
Erdogan calls assimilation "a crime against humanity" because the "humanity" he embraces includes

only Islam's believers. Muslims in foreign lands are instructed to isolate themselves for the sake of purity—from non-believers.

What many people fail to understand is that Muslims embrace "reverse assimilation." This is the process by which the influence of the host population is eventually marginalized due to the disproportionately high growth of an immigrant population which then seeks to impose its beliefs on the host. Simply put, it is the guest who comes to a host's home, grows his family until it outnumbers the host's family, and then takes over that home.

In 1948, the world community unanimously agreed to a UN declaration that human rights are universal. In 1981, Muslim countries distanced themselves from this, claiming to follow *sharia* [Islamic] law, which limits such rights primarily to Muslim men. That same *sharia* law is now being applied in host countries—including the U.S.—under pressure from growing, unassimilated Muslim populations.

Muslim supporters of the Ground Zero mosque raise the Constitution with one hand to claim that religious freedom protects its construction. But hidden in the other hand is *sharia* law, which they seek to impose against non-supporters. Mosque supporters need to understand they cannot have it both ways. We need to understand that as well.





Help, Lord!

By John J. Parsons

חִוְּשָׁה לְעִזְרָתִי אֲדֹנָי תְּשׁוּעָתִי

Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation – Psalm 38:22

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te-shu-a-ti				A-do-nai			le-ez-ra-ti			chu-shah		
my salvation				O Lord (of)			to help me			Hasten!		

Often the only prayer we have is “Help, LORD!” I use this one on a *daily* basis, that is, whenever I am confronted with the truth of my own condition...

The word translated “hasten” comes from the Hebrew word “*chush*,” which means to hurry, to act quickly, or to come quickly. The Psalms often plead urgently, “hasten to help me” (*chushah l’ezrati*).

An old Jewish prayer says, “O LORD, I know that You will help us; but will You help us *before* You will help us?” Although God sometime tarries, He declares, “I am the LORD; *in its time* I will hasten it” (Isa. 60:22).

Is it time, LORD? Will You *now* restore the kingdom to Israel? But as Jesus said, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority” (Acts 1:7). We are left waiting for ultimate God’s answer: His glorious coming to fulfill our salvation.

We live in an “already-not-yet” state of hopeful expectation. In Modern Hebrew the word *teshuvah*, often translated “repentance,” means “an answer.” It is the mind’s turning to a *sheilah*, a question, attending to it with honesty in the pursuit of truth.

Often trials in our lives function as God’s questions to us, and we are asked to answer them with the *teshuvah* of settled faith.

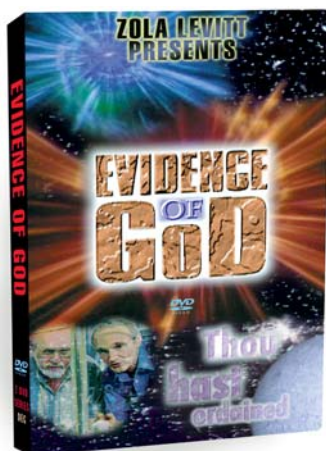
The last words recorded of Jesus are: “Surely I come *quickly*” (Rev. 22:20). This is immediately followed by the last prayer given in the Scriptures: “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

The LORD will indeed help us, since He is faithful and true, and His salvation is secure. May He come speedily, and in our day. Amen.



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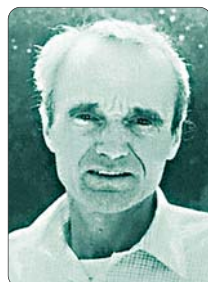
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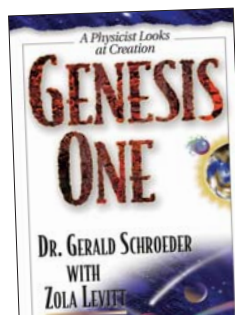
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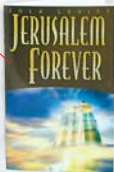
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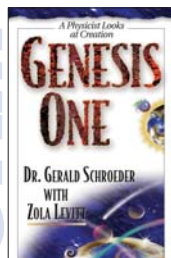
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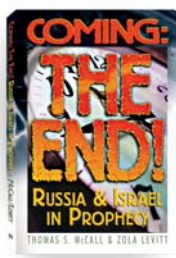
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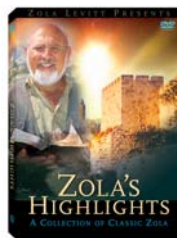
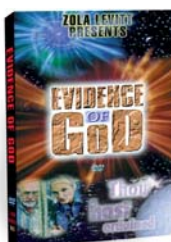


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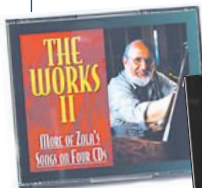
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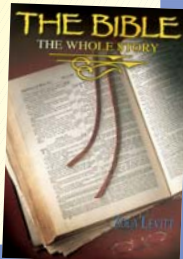
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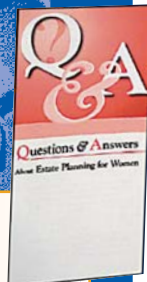
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Banks Seek Customers' Help To Stop Online Thieves

Below is a digest of a *USA Today* article from July 29 by

Byron Acohido. The complete text is posted at www.levitt.com/news. —Mark



Banks want consumers to help protect their deposits from thieves. About 80% of U.S. households bank online. However, it is less safe than visiting a branch. **Cyber attacks have become alarmingly sophisticated and pervasive.**

Bankers now expect consumers to continually monitor their online accounts for unauthorized transactions. Banks have invested heavily in cyber defenses, and they've reimbursed account holders who can prove they've been ripped off.



Cyber theft has evolved into a multibillion-dollar global industry. There are nearly 70,000 “banking Trojan” programs—malicious software designed to pilfer online accounts. Eighty-five percent of big banks incur losses from cyber attacks on consumer online accounts. It's an arms race. Solutions last only until the next kind of attack evolves. **If you're caught in the middle, the loss could be yours.**

A San Diego personal trainer barely dodged a recent attack. An email from her bank advised her that all future emails would go to a new email address, per her online instructions. She'd never requested such a change, however. A clerk informed her that \$5,800 was about to be transferred from her savings account to a woman—whom she didn't know! Payment was stopped.

A computer virus probably let the attacker access her account, change the email address, and initiate the bill payment. The bank authorized the transfer because the

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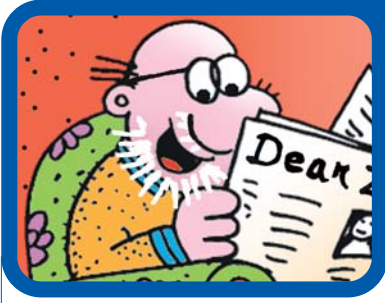
thief knew the answers to the trainer's “secret questions”—such as her mother's maiden name and the city of her birth.

The cyber underground makes powerful hacking tools and tutorials available via an organized support infrastructure. Cyber thieves purchase account log-ons from data thieves. They find coding security holes in Web browsers. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google, and Apple Safari enable users to surf the Internet. But browsers simply aren't designed for secure financial transactions. Cyber thieves craft banking Trojans that inject software code into the Web browser. Then the attacker takes control of online banking sessions, altering what the account holder sees and making stealthy transactions.

The current online banking systems are at least one full generation behind current cyber crook techniques. One banking Trojan infiltrated a victim's Web browser when he clicked on a corrupted Web link in an instant message. The Trojan watched for when the victim accessed his online bank account and sent a copy of the user name and password to the attacker. It also automatically injected a “spoofed” (looks real, but isn't) bank form into the legitimate banking Web pages. Cyber criminals can steal credentials for thousands of accounts at a time with very little effort. Customers must know how to defend themselves. They must always protect passwords, ensure the bank has up-to-date contact information, and regularly review their accounts.

Verification devices that operate separately from the browser ensure secure transactions no matter what is on the customer's PC. Unfortunately, banks are a long way from widely distributing such devices. Banking and security experts say a consumer backlash is necessary to change the banking industry's current approach.

Stopgap solution from Mark: Use online banking for only your smallest “convenience” account. Keep savings, money market, and other larger accounts away from online banking. ★



Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From L.P. (NJ): I love the *Levitt Letter*. I read it from cover to cover and learn so much. The End Times will not be an American phenomenon, but worldwide. What's going on in Israel will affect all of us! [Considering that the Battle of Armageddon will occur in Israel, many will perceive that America is on the sidelines, relatively speaking.](#) —Mark

From M.Q. (center in picture): Could you format the online program for full-screen viewing? [Starting with the series on Esther, the image quality of the online videos has been increased \(larger image\) with a 50% increase in file size.](#) —Webmaster

From B.E. (OH): I have been following the story of Esther online and plan to purchase the CDs to share with family and friends. I recently enrolled in the *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*—very insightful and challenging—and also signed up to receive the *Levitt Letter*. The website continues to be a wonderful resource for learning about our Jewish roots. I pray that this ministry will continue to be blessed.

From M.P. (MI): I ordered and received my Israeli flag. Someone stopped by to find out where I got it! Of course, I provided them with the *Levitt Letter*! [Way to go... thanks for sharing. Hope you've made a new friend.](#) —Mark

From R.P. (CO): I watch your program on several channels. Whenever I see Zola Levitt listed, I program the TV to record it whenever it begins. Sometimes I listen to the same program 3 times throughout the day. Practice makes perfect—repetition helps memory. :) [You're right about repetition being the mother of learning. That's why so many of this ministry's viewers add our DVDs to their personal libraries—as well as to their churches'—and watch the programs repeatedly at \[levitt.tv\]\(http://levitt.tv\).](#) —Mark

From P.K. (MI): Thank you for doing the Lord's work; you do it well. I love the *Levitt Letter* and usually read it cover to cover the day I receive it. I've been a Believer all my life, growing up with Bible stories in Sunday School. I love Israel and wish I could go, but money and time off don't yet allow. Can you send any extra *Levitt Letters*, (maybe 10?) so I can hand them out to friends? I pray for the blessings of our Lord to be upon you, Jeff, and your crew. If I can't meet you on a tour, I'll look you up when we go to be with the Lord! [You should have received them by now. Thanks for your efforts.](#) —Mark

Remember to pray for our troops.



A Matter Of Timing

Good Morning,

I was watching your program this week and heard something I had to comment on. You mentioned that Paul never went to Rome, and yet he wrote to them. I never understood Paul writing to someone he had not helped on their journey to Jesus. I went to Rome a couple of years ago, and the guide told of a tomb they found there: Paul, Apostle, Martyred. So, how many apostles do you know named Paul who were martyred? I looked it up, and this is what I found about Paul being in Rome: 2 Timothy 1:15-18. Please explain. —God Bless, Fr. R.B.

Greetings Fr. R.B.—

I agree—Paul most certainly was in Rome. His being there is amply supported by the passage in 2 Tim 1:17 you shared with me, as with others.

The issue arises because at the time he wrote the Book of Romans, he had not yet been in Rome.

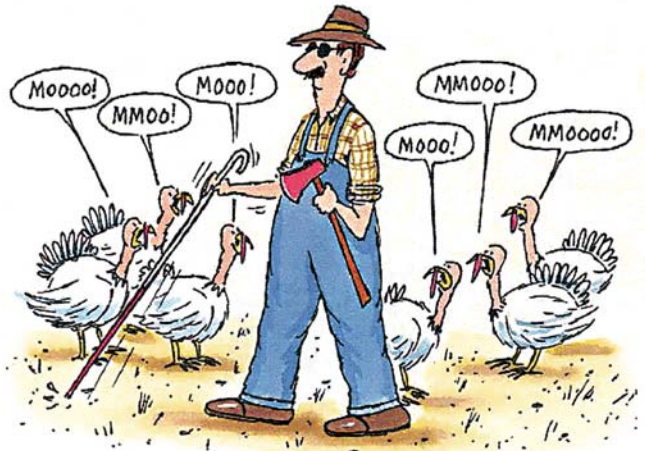
In Romans 15:22, he speaks of his being “hindered” from coming, and in v. 23 he notes he has been wanting to come for “many years.” In vv. 24 and 32 he shares his plans to get to them eventually.

A few years ago, ZLM produced a 12-part TV series called *In the Footsteps of the Rabbi From Tarsus*; see book and DVDs on pp. 6, 7 of the enclosed catalog supplement. We filmed part of it in Rome, given Paul’s journey there. So now you know that the Book of Romans was written in advance of Paul’s arrival. —Jeff

Worth The Price

Dear ZLM,

Concerning your materials pricing, you are way too high. Even 4-hour-long movies at the video store are nowhere near \$25—which is what yours cost at \$49 for two DVDs. I work for minimum wage—cannot afford your stuff. —D.P. (MS)



Dear D.P.—

Your comment reminds me of a time when Zola complained how much it cost to stay at a hospital, pointing out that he was much more comfortable at a hotel. In response, the wife of a doctor friend suggested, “Well then, the next time you need bypass surgery, why not go to a hotel?!”

As you may suspect, this ministry sells fewer copies of our DVDs than Hollywood sells of its secular movies. Consequently, our economies of scale are considerably smaller. To make matters “worse,” we “Napster” ourselves by posting for free at www.levitt.tv the very same videos that we sell! You might argue that we’re sabotaging our bottom line with such giveaways. We prefer to think of it as stowing treasures on that great balance sheet in the sky by “feeding His sheep.”

Since you’re unable to purchase our DVDs, you might consider acquiring our \$3 study booklets. And, if you’re enjoying our “free” videos online, available 24/7, then please consider sending us a few dollars to cover the considerable production and bandwidth costs. Thanks for sharing your concerns. —Mark

A Sticky Question

Shalom!

Today I received the newest issue of the *Levitt Letter*, which I much appreciate! Thank you. A suggestion: if you would use “peel off” address labels, it would make it easier for me to give copies to other people. —R.B. (OR)

Dear R.B.—

Yours is a popular suggestion, particularly by readers who would like to transfer a mailing label to the order page as a quick way of filling in their contact information.

Unfortunately, the cost of such labels is high considering the small number that are used. Fortunately, you can use labels of your own for our address form and a **Sharpie** to black out your information when handing on our newsletters to others. Thank you for amplifying our outreach by recycling our teaching. —Mark

Prophet And Profits

Dear Dr. Seif,

In the August 2010 *Levitt Letter*, you said people created many Bible translations in order to make money. To the contrary, there is a host of reasons to make a new translation of the Bible, and not one of them has to do with profit. —Best wishes, J.B. (CA)

Dear J.B.—

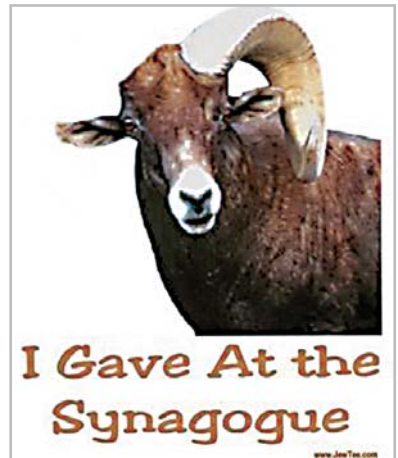
I am well aware of the value of new translations. The fact that so many translations come out at the same time, to the same group, and in the same language, however, prompts me to think it's less about the prophet and more about the profit. —Jeff

Ask And Ye Shall Receive

ZLM,

We have a corrupt government, which is getting worse daily. Who are these bigots to tell Israel where to build and how to live? Money is the god that is now worshipped. And you have refused to send me your “free?” *Levitt Letters* unless I request them. Ever since Zola died, everything is upside with you, too!

Well, good luck to you all. —L.S. (MI)



Dear L.S.—

Relax; God is in control. And remember, Jesus says in Matt. 7:7, “Ask and ye shall receive.” James reminds in 4:2, “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” If ye haveth not *Levitt Letters*, L.S., it is because ye asketh not.

Seriously, good stewardship requires that we hear from readers each year to ensure that our newsletters aren't going straight from mailboxes to trash bins. Of course, you're welcome to use our postage-paid envelope to let us know that our newsletters are still making you mad...er, blessing you. Thanks for finally asking. —Mark

Is It Just Me?

Dear Jeff,

You are getting really good. May I say you rock, or is it you stand on the Rock? Anyway, I am really liking your Esther series. Your actors are good, the costumes and graphics are really good too. Also, I don't know if it's me or not, but I am understanding you better. Maybe you are speaking a little slower? Either way, I really compliment you.

I am referring my Meshiach-loving, but not yet Yeshua-accepting, Orthodox Jewish apartment manager to your website to view your program. I think it will be a good testimony for her.

I am supporting a few ministries, but I will continue to remember yours. Shalom and keep up the excellent work. P.S. Love the Hebrew! Thanks Jeff and all ZLM's staff. —J.P. (CA)



Dear J.P.—

No, it is not just you.

There is a growing consensus that Jeff lately has become a capable journalist as well as a highly trained theologian. Moishe Rosen (may God rest his soul) founded Jews for Jesus, the organization that first introduced Jeff to Jesus in the early '80s. Several years ago, Moishe commented that effectively teaching Bible on television is several skill levels above what's required of seminary professors. Between the lines, he seemed unsure whether Jeff was up to such a monumental challenge. The viewing public, of course, is leagues more demanding than classes of beholden Bible students.

You yourself have witnessed only some of the sharp comments that Jeff has taken on the chin during the last 4-1/2 years. Collectively, this ministry's readers and viewers have honed "Jeff the Journalist" with their praises and criticisms. The ongoing effort reminds me of a famous sculptor who explained that he just chips away everything that's not his masterpiece.

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Well, God isn't finished with Jeff yet. He (Jeff) is still improving. And I'm becoming more patient and less like George Steinbrenner of the NY Yankees in expecting Lawry's prime rib quality at Jack in the Box speed.

You may remember Richard Gere in the 1982 movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*. He played the role of Zack Mayo, a loner who was fighting to prove himself in naval aviator boot camp. Zack's drill sergeant had him doing pushups in a rainstorm in the middle of the night. When pressed for why he wouldn't give up and go home, Zack loudly sputtered through tears and raindrops, "Because I have no place else to go."

Well, Jeff didn't either. At least not to reach a viewership the size of ZLM's. The challenges along the way have been all but overwhelming—worse than a few pushups in the rain—with plenty of sleepless nights. **Now, however, I believe this ministry (and Jeff) has survived a period as challenging and uncertain as when we stepped out in faith and added a new major television network—ION (PAX)—from 2003 through 2005.**

Thanks for your loyalty, encouragement, and constructive criticism along the way as God has worked in incredible, mysterious ways! —Mark



When Is A Jew Not A Jew?

Dear Jeff,

I hope that you can help me with this.

This guy in my Bible study said that 90% of all the Jews today are from the 13th Tribe of the Khazars that came from Poland, not Israel. I told him that that sounded way out there and made no sense, and that there was nothing about that in the Bible. He said that of course it was not in the Bible, but they want to make you think as if they are the same Jews that come from the Bible, but they are not. He even said that I needed to look into some revisionist perspectives on the Jewish Holocaust, because there was never one that really happened in the first place. That's where he lost me big time, because that goes against everything we know about WWII.

Is there anything that you can direct me to that can help me in my argument with this guy? —M.T.

Dear M.T.—

He's speaking pure fantasy—there is no 13th tribe. Anti-Semites have always hated and persecuted us for *being* Jews. Now they discriminate against us by saying we're really *not*. Nonsense. By claiming there was no Holocaust, this man shows his real anti-Semitic colors. You'll find plenty of accurate information about the Holocaust at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum's website, www.YadVashem.org.

Because of the horrors he saw when liberating the Ohrdruf and Buchenwald camps in Germany, General Eisenhower ordered that all the civilian news media and military combat camera units be required to visit the camps and record their observations in print, pictures, and film. As he explained to General Marshall, "I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda.'" Thank you, M.T., for caring enough to investigate. —Jeff

How Much Blood Makes One A Jew?

Dear Jeff,

How much Jewish blood do I have to have to be considered Jewish? I am a quarter Jewish. My grandmother was Jewish—Evelyn Lewin, from Russia—first in her family born in the U.S.A. —M.W.

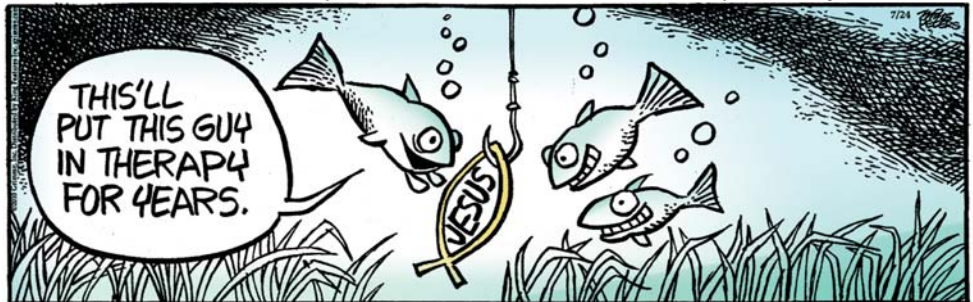
Dear M.W.—

It depends on whom you ask, because different schools of Judaism think differently. If Hitler were alive today, he'd consider you Jewish enough to be killed. If you're Jewish enough for him, you're Jewish enough for me. —Jeff

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

(How fishermen become fishers of men)

By Mike Peters





Israeli Business Ventures That Inspire Peace In The Middle East

By Karin Kloosterman
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 fourth in our series.

A NATO Grant for a Salt-free Water Bridge

Israel and Jordan share environmental problems, but regional politics and prejudices often prevent them from solving them together. A new North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) grant set up to develop two inland water desalination plants—one in Israel and one in Jordan—not only gets two Middle East universities collaborating, but the end-product could help to quench the region's thirst. It could also boost an under-used new technology that promises to save both water and energy the world over.



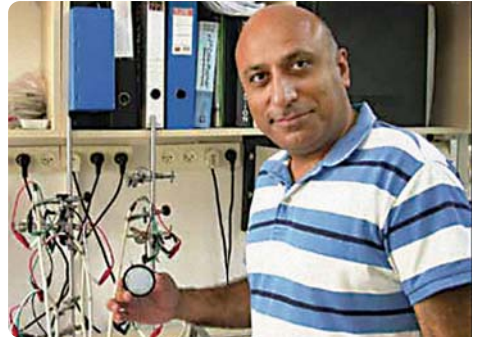
Super Battery

Israel Today

An Israeli research team has developed a new battery that produces thousands of hours of power from an abundant and non-polluting fuel source—sand. The team is led by Professor Yair Ein-Eli of the Department of Materials Engineering at the Technion in Haifa.

Because of its small size, .3 inch (1 cm), this new device could replace the batteries used in hearing aids. It also has the potential to be used in laptop computers, providing hundreds of hours of power with a single charge. The prototypes contain a silicon power source that reverts back to its original form as sand.

REVOLUTIONARY INVENTION Professor Yair Ein-Eli says his battery may last 6,000 hours!



“In our current study, we show that at 600 hours it had used only 10 percent of the energy; so we are talking about 6,000 hours,” said Ein-Eli, who believes that his invention could ultimately evolve into a battery for electric cars and solar panels. “It’s a dream, but dreams may come true if you work at them.” ★

Wisdom Of The Jewish Oracle

www.aish.com

Be aware of your body. Be aware of your perceptions. Keep in mind that not every physical sensation is a symptom of a terminal illness.

Has God Rejected Israel?



By Ludwig Schneider
Israel Today

There is only night or day. Everything else, whether dawn or twilight, leans towards either day or night. The same thing applies to our attitude toward Israel. We either bless Israel or we curse it (Numbers 24:9). It is not possible to be indifferent toward Israel.

In other words, there are just two camps. One teaches that God has abandoned the nation of Israel and set up the Church in its place. This is known as Replacement Theology. The other says that God will never abandon His people Israel. Both camps cite the Bible, but the former ignores the context.

For example, opponents of Israel refer to Jeremiah 7:29: “The Lord has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.” The rejection of Israel was an issue even in the prophet’s time, as God bemoans in Jeremiah 33:23–24: “Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, ‘The two families [Judah and Israel] which the Lord chose, He has rejected them?’”

Friends of Israel on the other hand quote Judges 2:1: “I brought you... into the land (Israel) which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said [or promised], ‘I will never break My covenant with you.’”

God confirms this in Jeremiah 31:37: “Thus says the Lord, ‘If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done.’”

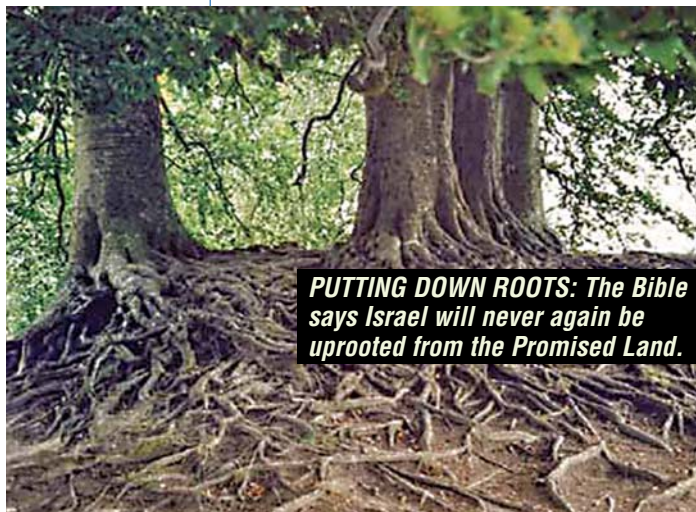
The Bible is full of promises from God

that He will not reject His people Israel, but also of warnings that He will reject Israel. Which is right? What is relevant for the times we are living in now?

The answer is in the timing—whether God has rejected Israel *temporarily* or *permanently*. The early Christians in Rome also had a problem with this issue, for Paul responds to the question as to whether God has rejected His people Israel with a clear, “May it never be!” (Romans 11:1). However, a few verses later, he writes that God *has* rejected His covenant people for a limited time through the “partial” hardening of their hearts. Why? So that during this period, salvation may come to the gentiles (11:25–29).

This rejection, however, is *temporary*; it will only last “until the fullness of the gentiles has come in”—i.e., until the full number of the chosen gentiles has entered the Church of God. Then “all Israel will be saved.” At that point, God’s *permanent* covenant with His people Israel will be restored. The bottom line: When God speaks of His rejection of Israel, this is only a temporary state. ★

See this complete article and other examples of God’s eternal promises to Israel at www.levitt.com/news.



PUTTING DOWN ROOTS: The Bible says Israel will never again be uprooted from the Promised Land.

One-Sided Narrative

By Ryan Jones, *Israel Today*

The Israeli human rights group Gisha has produced an online interactive game called *Safe Passage* that grossly distorts restrictions on movement for Palestinians between the so-called “West Bank” and Gaza. The player is asked to choose the role of a Gaza businessman, student, or man who married a West Bank woman and now lives there with his family.

In all three scenarios, the player is presented with harsh restrictions on movement and relocation that make running a business, going to school, or maintaining a family nearly impossible. For instance, the Palestinian father is expelled from the West Bank and sent back to Gaza by the Israeli military. Separated from his wife and young son, the player seeks a legal basis to persuade Israel to allow him to return to his family, but he is rebuffed at every turn.

Each time the military rejects the arguments, a related legal decision is presented that depicts Israel as an uncaring oppressor arbitrarily restricting freedom of movement to Palestinians.

What is conveniently ignored is why these restrictions exist at all. Prior to the Second *Intifada* (uprising) in 2000, there was very little restriction



on movement or relocation between the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinians from both territories found plenty of relatively well-paying jobs in Israel. It was only after Palestinian terrorists exploited this freedom of movement to gun down, blow up, and otherwise murder Israeli civilians that the army cracked down.

International law supports these measures. While it is required to grant residents of one territory freedom of movement to reach another territory where they may work, study, or have family, that freedom can be severely restricted should those making use of it pose a threat to the residents of the territory they are passing through (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Article 12:3).

Furthermore, prior to 1967, it was no easier for residents of Egyptian-controlled Gaza to relocate to the Jordanian-ruled West Bank, or vice versa. That Gaza and the West Bank make up a single territorial entity and that their people are the same “nation” is a very recent historical phenomenon. ★



SAD SIGHT: *The river is a shadow of what it was in biblical times.*



The Jordan River Drying Up

Israel Today

The world's most famous river, the Jordan, is a shadow of the legendary body of water crossed by Joshua and the Israelites when they entered the Promised Land (Joshua 3). According to a report by Friends of the Earth Middle East, large parts of the river in which Jesus was baptized could dry up by 2011.

“Since much of the river is a closed military zone and off limits to the public, most people simply do not know that the river is drying up,” said the report by a team of Israeli, Palestinian, and Jordanian environmentalists. “Israel, Jordan, and Syria have diverted its upstream waters for domestic and agricultural uses, leaving precious little fresh water for the river and its once thriving ecosystem.”

The report recommends that Israel and Jordan rehabilitate the river with water from the Sea of Galilee and treated wastewater. The dilemma is that the lake is already depleted and wastewater is needed for agriculture. So once again, it seems that the only thing that can save the Jordan River is rain!

West Bank Children Tour Israel

www.upi.com

A program initiated by the Israeli army gives Palestinian children from the West Bank a chance to visit Israeli tourist sites, an army officer said. The aim of the program is to show Palestinians there is a side of Israel in addition to the one portrayed in Palestinian media, a senior officer in the army's Central Command told the Hebrew daily *Maariv*.

Last year, 5,500 Palestinian children participated in the program and so far this year 22,000 Palestinians have visited Israel, the newspaper said.

“The majority of Palestinian children were born prior to the second intifada or during it and know Israel through the negative images shown on their television,” the officer said. “The Palestinian children are accompanied by adults and visit Israel in tour buses without any security presence,” the officer added.

Lt. Col. Ofer Meital, head of the Coordination and Liaison Office in areas surrounding Jerusalem, told the newspaper the majority of children have never seen the sea.

“The aim of the project is to show children there is another way of life on the other side of the security barrier,” he said.

Among the most popular sites is the beach at Bat Yam, where surrounding rock formation provides a pool of shallow water allowing children who don't know how to swim to enter the water. Other venues that have proven popular are the amusement park in Tel Aviv, the Safari Park in Ramat Gan and the cities of Jaffa and Acre, the report says. The snow-covered Mount Hermon in the north is a popular venue to visit in the winter months, the report said.

Iraqis Trample Flag

Followers of radical Shiite cleric Muktada al-Sadr stand over a U.S. flag painted on the road while holding copies of the Koran, Muslims' holy book, after Friday prayers in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, September 2010.



Abbas: No Compromise On Jerusalem, Borders

By Khaled Abu Toameh, www.JPost.com

Palestinian Authority President **Mahmoud Abbas** rejected Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu's** talk about an "historic compromise" and said there would be no compromises on core issues such as Jerusalem and borders.

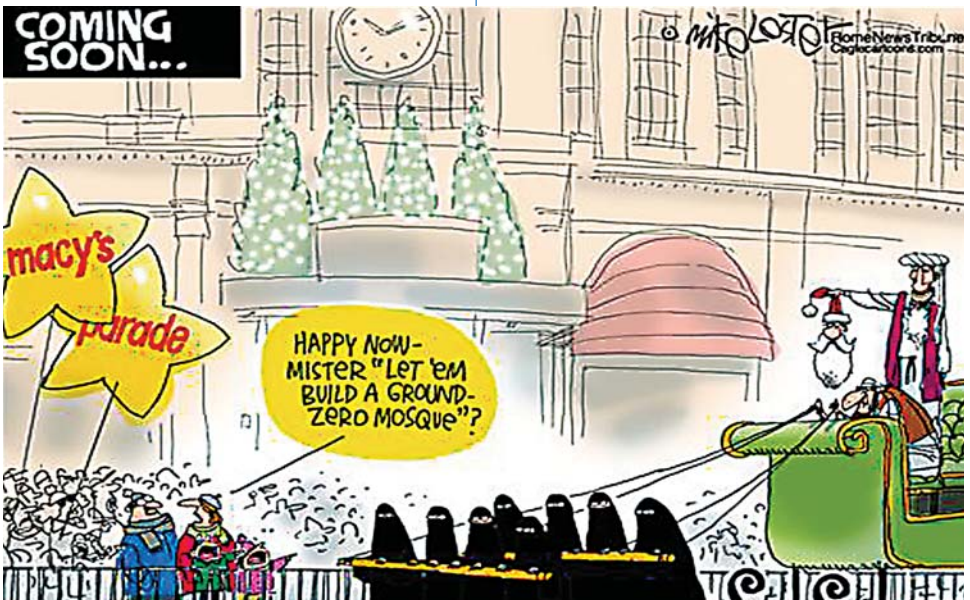
Abbas also reiterated his rejection of Netanyahu's demand that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state. "We're not talking about a Jewish state and we won't talk about one," Abbas said in an interview with the semi-official *Al-Quds* [Arabic name for Jerusalem] newspaper. "For us, there is the State of Israel and we won't recognize Israel as a Jewish state."

Abbas said that in recent meetings with leaders of the Jewish community in the U.S.,

he made it clear that the Palestinians would not recognize Israel as a Jewish state. "I told them that this is their business and that they are free to call themselves whatever they want," Abbas said. "But [I told them] you can't expect us to accept this."

Abbas said that by raising the issue of Israel's right to be a Jewish state, Netanyahu was seeking to "strip" Israeli-Arabs of their rights and turn them into illegal citizens. He said that Netanyahu's goal was also to block any chance of Palestinian "refugees" from returning to their original homes inside Israel.

Asked about the possibility of dismantling the PA, Abbas said he did not rule out such an option if he reached the conclusion that the peace talks are hopeless. However, he stressed that this option was not on the table at present. ★



Muslim Azerbaijan's Brave Support of Israel

By Norma Zager, www.PajamasMedia.com

In so many ways the world is a giant schoolyard playground. It possesses its bullies, jocks, popular cliques, and the nebbishes who hang around praying they will go unnoticed and avoid beatings by the bullies. Deciding whom to befriend is one of the decisions one makes that will most greatly impact daily life—often, one's entire future.

Many who possess weakness seek out the protection of the power brokers. This is also done regularly on the world stage. Rarely does one see the quiet kid show the guts to take on the biggest bullies. I suppose this is why I have such enormous respect for the country of Azerbaijan, notably a secular and modern, majority-Muslim nation.

New on the world playground, having gained independence after the fall of the Soviet Union, it has found itself in a location fraught with danger: placed between Russia and Iran, wedged in like a mouse between two powerful cats.

Iran has made no secret it will actively attempt to take control of this young country through whatever means necessary. Its determination to infiltrate through radical Islamic mullahs has been thwarted thus far by the Azerbaijani government, but covert activities continue and will no doubt ramp up if and when it becomes possible.

Russia is another longstanding bully, more stealth-like, but inherently dangerous. One would think that by living in such a neighborhood, Azerbaijan would be careful about whom it invites to dinner.

Ah, but one would be mistaken.

This gutsy little country has the sheer audacity to befriend the most hated country on the playground—Israel.

Relations between the two countries have grown stronger over the years and this friendship has put enormous pressure on Azerbaijan in the international community.

So why take on this enormous risk?

The decision to invite Israel into its inner circle was conscious and overt, which brings up another issue: the strength and determination of the country to stand on its own, decide its own destiny, and choose its own friends.

Had Azerbaijan remained quiet on the subject of Israel, staying neutral and failing to take sides would have been reason enough to respect it. It would also have been quite understandable.

It's easy for me to list reasons Azerbaijan would benefit from a relationship with Israel: technology, medicine, science, and all of the advances Israel creates each day that improve mankind's life and enhance the human condition. But Azerbaijan could have received those partnerships and gifts from Israel quietly and out of the eyesight of the bullies.

The bond between Israel and Azerbaijan is more than a sign of friendship. It is a sign of hope. This candle lit by two nations in a world battling darkness may well be the light that restores the sight of mankind. ★



A Different Standard

A rabbi dies and is waiting in line to enter Heaven. In front of him waits a man dressed in a loud shirt, leather jacket, jeans, and sunglasses.

Gabriel walks up to the man. "I need to know who you are so that I can determine whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven." The man replies, "I'm Moishe Levy, taxi driver." Gabriel consults his list, smiles, and says to the taxi driver, "OK. Take this silk robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."



Now it's the rabbi's turn. He stands upright and says, "I am Benjamin Himmelfarb, and I have been a rabbi for 40 years." Gabriel looks at his list and says to the rabbi, "OK. Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Hold on a minute," says Rabbi Himmelfarb. "That man before me was a taxi driver. Why did he get a silk robe and golden staff?"

"Up here, we work by results," says Gabriel. "While you preached, people slept—but while he drove, people prayed." ★

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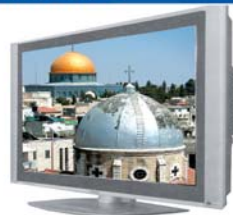
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Islam and Sex in the Afterlife

By James Zumwalt, HumanEvents.com

Islamic extremists quote the Koran to justify violence. They believe the words in the Koran are not open to interpretation by man. As the words are Allah's, communicated to the Prophet Mohammed through the Archangel Gabriel, they have only the meaning Allah—and not man—intended.

Yet many words and phrases in the Koran are open to interpretation due to man's imperfection in understanding Allah's intent. Resolving this interpretation is difficult, as no single authoritative, spiritual leader exists for all Islam. While Muslims rely on the Koran for spiritual guidance, a schism within Islam after Mohammed's death left Sunnis and Shias adhering to different beliefs and interpretations due to these ambiguities.

But these ambiguities provide the vehicle by which Islamic extremists issue their violent interpretations of Allah's words. Lost upon followers: in offering their interpretation, the extremists violate their own basic tenet that the Koran's words are those of Allah alone. If, as Islamic extremists suggest, the Koran is given Allah's interpretation alone, upon what basis do they claim the right to interpret Allah's message?

It is interesting to examine an origin of modern day Islamic extremist thinking, which, ironically, was triggered in the

U.S. by an act of kindness seeking to include a visiting Muslim scholar.

Egyptian educator Sayyid Qutb came to the U.S. in 1948 to study the educational system. Invited to a church social dinner and dance, he fumed as he watched women dancing suggestively close to their male partners. A confirmed bachelor unable to find a woman of sufficient "moral purity and discretion" to marry, Qutb—in an article very critical of America's immorality—recorded his observations: "The dance floor was replete with tapping feet, enticing legs, arms wrapped around waists, lips pressed to lips, and chests pressed to chests. The atmosphere was full of desire."

Qutb's revulsion over America's animalistic sexuality dominated many of his later writings, which claimed only Islam offered salvation from the West's decay. Returning to Egypt in 1950, he went on to lead the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood—before being executed in 1966 for plotting against the government. His writings and ideas ultimately were an inspiration for Osama bin Laden, shaping al-Qaeda.

It is interesting to compare Qutb's criticism of Western moral decay to the debauchery of the afterlife the Koran promises loyal followers. What Qutb witnessed in America was quite tame in comparison. ★

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Nuclear Scientist Sees No God-Science Conflict

By Chelsea Lowe, www.alum.MIT.edu

Nuclear scientist Gerald Schroeder ('59, SM '61, PhD '65) sees no conflict between religion and science. On the contrary, he sees them as linked. He's explored that link in several books, including *Genesis and the Big Bang* and *The Science of God*, and writes about the Bible and science for many prominent journals.

"For years, I never considered the relationship," Schroeder says. "Then, as our kids asked questions, I started to study biblical philosophy. The deeper I dug, the more amazing the confluence between ancient biblical commentary and modern scientific discoveries—with no bending of either the Bible or the science."

Schroeder also sees little conflict between Judeo-Christian religion and the possession of nuclear weapons for national defense: "Unilateral nuclear disarmament is a path to global war," he says. "Don't just pray for peace. Work for peace."

A chance meeting in 1962 with physics professor Robley Evans, a nuclear-medicine pioneer, led to Schroeder's thesis work on radioactivity. That research, in turn, led him to a role working with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission on disarmament and radiation control in the 1960s.

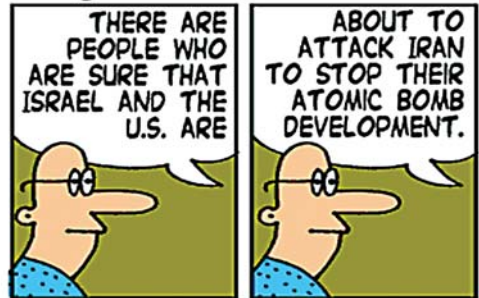
Schroeder, who was also the first foreigner to serve as a science advisor for the People's Republic of China after the Cultural Revolution, continues to consult with the governments of several nations. In addition, he lectures worldwide and teaches classes on science and the Bible at the Aish HaTorah College of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

Schroeder, who has lived in Israel since 1971, bicycles to work through old Jerusalem. The country "is a pressure cooker," he says, but has a "fantastic emphasis on family and kids." Schroeder and his wife, author **Barbara Sofer**, have five grown children.

His move to Israel—where he joined the Weizmann Institute of Science and then the Volcani Research Institute at the Hebrew University—followed seven years on MIT's faculty, where he worked in the physics department's radioactivity center.

"MIT opened every door," Schroeder says. "It may have even convinced Barbara to marry me. I am fully beholden to MIT. Not the facts that we learned in the classes, but the approach to being willing to confront seemingly impossible problems." ★

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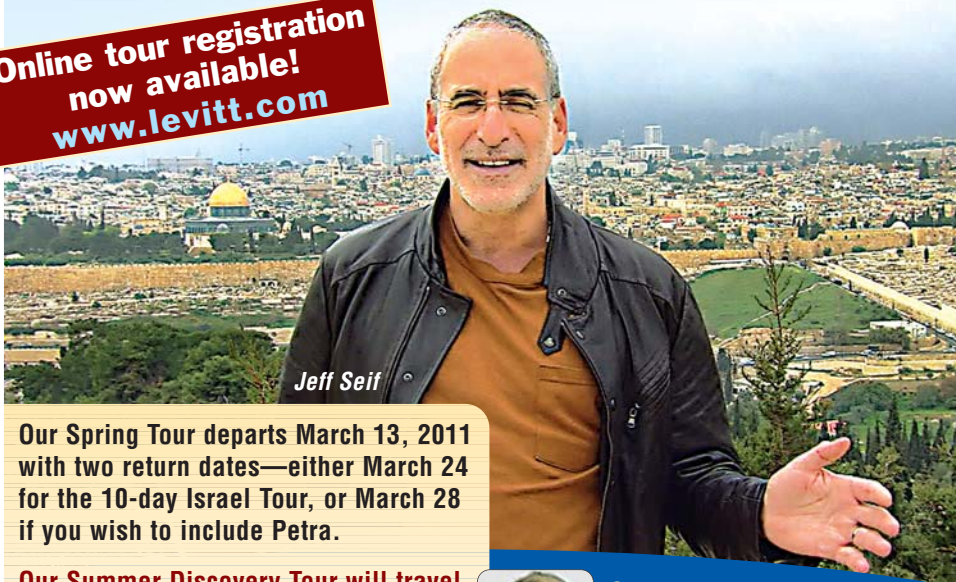
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