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



Letter



**Will Israel attack Iran's nuclear facilities?
Perhaps it already has.—Jeff**

Stuxnet Virus Set Back Iran's Nuclear Program By 2 Years

By Yaakov Katz, www.JPost.com



The Stuxnet virus, which has attacked Iran's nuclear facilities and which Israel is suspected of creating, has set back the Islamic Republic's nuclear program by two years, a top German computer consultant who was one of the first experts to analyze the program's code said.

"It will take two years for Iran to get back on track," Ralph Langer said at his office in Hamburg, Germany. "This was nearly as effective as a military strike, but even better since there are no fatalities and no full-blown war. From a military perspective, this was a huge success."

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Church, Wake Up! Muslims Kill Christians Throughout Middle East

By Khaled Abu Toameh
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It is obvious now that the Christians in the Middle East are an "endangered species." Christians in Arab countries are no longer being persecuted; they are being slaughtered and driven out of their homes and lands.

Those who for many years turned a blind eye to complaints about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East owe the victims an apology. Now it is clear to all that these complaints were not "Jewish propaganda."

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Langer spoke amid news reports that the virus was still infecting Iran's computer systems at its main uranium enrichment facility at Natanz and its reactor at Bushehr.

Last November, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations nuclear watchdog, said that Iran had suspended work at its nuclear-fuel production facilities, likely a result of the Stuxnet virus.

According to Langer, Iran's best move would be to throw out all of the computers that have been infected by the worm, which he said was the most "advanced and aggressive malware in history." But, he said, even once all of the computers were thrown out, Iran would have to ensure that computers used by outside contractors were also clean of Stuxnet.

"It is extremely difficult to clean up installations from Stuxnet, and we know that Iran is no good in IT [Information Technology] security, and they are just beginning to learn what this all means," he said. "Just to get their systems running again they have to get rid of the virus, and this will take time, and then they need to replace the equipment, and they have to rebuild the centrifuges at Natanz and possibly buy a new turbine for Bushehr."

Widespread speculation has named Israel's Military Intelligence Unit 8200, known for its advanced Signal Intelli-

gence (SIGINT) capabilities, as the possible creator of the software, as well as the United States.

Langer said that in his opinion at least two countries—possibly Israel and the United States—were behind Stuxnet. Israel has traditionally declined comment on its suspected involvement in the Stuxnet virus.

"We can say that it must have taken several years to develop, and we arrived at this conclusion through code analysis, since the code on the control systems is 15,000 lines of code, and this is a huge amount," Langer said. "This piece of evidence led us to conclude that this is not by a hacker. It had to be a country, and we can also conclude that even one nation-state would not have been able to do this on its own."

Eric Byres, a computer security expert who runs a website called Tofino Security, which provides solutions for industrial companies with Stuxnet-related problems, said that the number of Iranians visiting his site had jumped tremendously in recent weeks—a likely indication that the virus is still causing great disarray at Iranian nuclear facilities.

Byres said that some people openly identified themselves as Iranian when asking for permission to log onto his website, while others were impersonating employees of industries with which he frequently works. ★



The war of genocide against Christians in the Middle East can no longer be treated as an “internal affair” of Iraq or Egypt or the Palestinians. The West needs to understand that radical Islam has declared jihad not only against Jews, but also against Christians.

In Iraq, Egypt, and the Palestinian territories, Christians are targeted almost on a daily basis by Muslim fundamentalists and secular dictators.

Dozens of Arab Christians in Iraq have been killed in recent months in what seems to be a well-planned campaign to drive them out of the country. Many Christian families have already begun fleeing Iraq in fear for their lives. Some have chosen to start new lives in Jordan, while many others express hope that they can resettle in North America or Europe.

In Egypt, the plight of the Coptic Christian minority appears to be worsening. Just recently, Egyptian security forces killed a Coptic Christian man and wounded scores of others who were protesting against the government’s intention to demolish a Christian-owned structure.

Hardly a day passes without reports of violence against members of the Coptic Christian community in various parts of Egypt. Most of the attacks are carried out by Muslim fundamentalists.

According to the Barnabas Fund, an advocacy and charitable organization based in the United Kingdom, “Fears for the safety of Egyptian Christians are growing after

a series of false allegations, violent threats, and mass demonstrations against Christians in Egypt.”



Muslim anger was ignited by unfounded accusations that Egyptian Christians were aligned with Israel and stockpiling weapons in preparation for war against Muslims. The Barnabas Fund noted that Egyptian authorities have been accused of complicity for political reasons in the escalating sectarian crisis.

Palestinian Christians have also been feeling the heat, although their conditions remain much better than those of their brothers and sisters in Iraq and Egypt.

More recently, the Western-funded Palestinian Authority in the West Bank arrested a Christian journalist who reported about differences between Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas and senior Fatah operative Mohammed Dahlan. The journalist, George Qanawati, manager of Radio Bethlehem 2000, was freed five days later. In Hamas-controlled Gaza, the tiny Christian community lives in fear following a spate of attacks by radical Islamic groups.

The failure of the international community to pay enough attention to the dangers facing the Christians has encouraged radical Muslims and corrupt dictatorships to step up their assaults on Christian individuals and institutions. When Muslim fanatics cannot kill Christian soldiers or civilians in the mountains of Afghanistan or on the streets of New York, they choose an easy prey: their Arab Christian neighbors. ★



**Pray for the peace
of Jerusalem, and
for our persecuted
brothers and
sisters across
God’s Earth.**

Ps. 122:6

Pakistan: Christians Are Second-Class Citizens

www.AsiaNews.it

Asia Bibi, mother of two, is the first woman to be sentenced to **death for blasphemy**. She has been in prison since 2009. The trial judge accepted the prosecutor's contention that she insulted Mohammed in a heated discussion with colleagues. In fact, all she did was to object to her fellow workers' name-calling (infidel) and their attempt to get her to renounce Christianity. For this, Asia was beaten and reported to Punjab police who arrested her on false blasphemy charges.



"The sentence against Asia Bibi is a veritable incitement to crime. There was never any insult to Islam in the case and the judge did not take into account how the blasphemy law is being abused. So he came down with a harsh sentence," said Peter Jacob, secretary of the church's Justice and Peace Commission, as he spoke to AsiaNews about the death penalty inflicted on a 37-year-old female farm worker by a court in Punjab recently.

"We absolutely condemn this way of doing things; we call on the government to intervene and stop the law from being abused," he added.

For Nazir S. Bhatti, who heads the Pakistan Christian Congress (PCC), Asia's case is a clear attack on interfaith dialogue because she was sentenced to death for her comment on Mohammed, not for any insult to the prophet.

"According to the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the president of Pakistan or the Interior Minister have the power to withdraw any case," Bhatti said. "There are examples of cases of terrorism withdrawn by the government of Pakistan. Why then the Pakistani administration is silent on Asia Bibi's sentence?"

"In Pakistan, some 2.8 million Christians are treated as second-class citizens, whilst the Islamic government feels no shame to release Muslim criminals and terrorists," he said.

Yet, despite the authorities' silence, many figures in Pakistan's civil society, both Christians and Muslims, are mobilizing on Asia Bibi's behalf as well as calling for the repeal of the blasphemy law. ★

Pakistan Minister: "Taliban True Followers Of Islamic Ideology"

www.TimesOfIndia.IndiaTimes.com

According to federal Minister for Tourism Maulana Attaur Rehman: "Ulema and Taliban are the true followers of Islamic ideology and America is the biggest terrorist of the world, which is creating hatred against them."

Dawn quoted Rehman as saying at a public gathering in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province recently that terrorism could not be brought to an end until the U.S. and the world gave equal rights and respect to the Muslims.

"It is a misconception that *ulema* [Muslim religious scholars] and Taliban are against co-existence of people with different religions. In fact it is America which is against the interfaith harmony to maintain its hegemony on the world," said Rehman.



When they call you “doctor,” people think you know more than you really do.

My strength is helping Jewish people come to know Jesus and helping Jesus’ people (Christians) come to know the Jews. Having no significant background in world history, political science, or economics, I am called to share what real experts say, in the pages of this news magazine.

I perceive a trend on both sides of the Atlantic—a positive trend that seems to favor Bible Believers. With a strong prime minister, Israel is standing tall in the face of Islamic demands—and other nations are rising to the occasion as well.

Europeans in countries like Germany, France, and the Netherlands—asleep while Muslims grew in number, power, and influence—are waking up. They’re resolving not to hand over their continent to aliens hellbent on displacing the Judeo-Christian way of life. European countries are enacting legislation to fortify their Judeo-Christian heritages.

Likewise in the United States, many citizens are resolving not to acquiesce to secularists, hedonists, new-agers, and anti-Christian forces. I take heart that God is blessing and the tide is turning.

The spiritual battle rages on. God has put our media-ministry, Zola Levitt Ministries, at the forefront of this epic warfare. To help guide the millions who tune in to our nationally syndicated television program, our production crew will return to Israel to shoot a new television series about the warrior king, this time delving into David’s Psalms—from Messianic Jewish perspectives, of course.

The Book of Psalms is like a collection of life-supporting vitamin supplements, which many people rely on daily. Individuals looking for Heaven’s help

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



with vexing, earthly dilemmas open the Psalms to fire up their faith, banish their fears, and turn their hearts upward toward a living, loving Lord.

Look for this ministry to reproduce some of the Psalms with our customary *Zola Levitt Presents* enhancements: high definition visuals filmed in Israel by media professionals focusing their lights, microphones, and cameras on Israeli actors and singers who help bring the Word of God to life. Messianic Jewish music will enhance the viewing experience, and I’ll teach on location in Israel, both Testaments in hand.

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Let me encourage you not to let grass grow under your feet if you’re thinking about a pilgrimage to Israel. Call

Tracie at 214-696-9760 or 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) if you can go with us. See page 36 for dates of our three 2011 Holy Land tours. Come and walk with me in the Land of the Bible.



Your messenger,

Heroism Alive and Well in Israel

By Eitan Shishkoff

Genuine heroes are hard to come by these days. We hear much more about truly wicked villains or compromising politicians. But the recent Carmel forest fire demonstrated that heroism is alive and well in Israel.



Grievously, the heroic action of 44 security and firefighting personnel extinguished their lives before the horrific fire could be extinguished. Consuming five million trees, 12,000 acres of treasured forest and 250 homes, the often uncontrollable blaze was fed by pines made matchstick dry by Israel's worst drought in over 80 years (see last month's column). It raged for four days. Entire kibbutzim and several towns had to be evacuated to prevent further loss of life. In the end, massive international aid (including fire-battling aircraft), the first rain of the season, and the mercy of God quieted the flames.

The phenomenal spectacle of our most extensive forestland, in a small arid country, producing such a terrifying, enormous furnace gripped the nation. I seldom watch TV, but couldn't stop checking the reports and praying for an end to the nightmare. The mountain range is only a short drive from where we live next to the Haifa Bay. We could see large clouds of smoke rising from the ridge, on Thursday, December 2. With millions of other Israelis, I felt helpless and of little use in the face

of the monstrous conflagration racing down the slopes of Mt. Carmel.

At the same time, an extraordinary class of human beings plunged directly into the deadly firestorm. Several sacrificed themselves to assist a burning bus full of police officers racing to evacuate a local prison. While each story is heart rending, two of them draw special attention. Elad Riven, 16, was a member of the Fire Scouts, a special group of youth being trained in fire and rescue service. Elad left his Haifa high school as soon as he heard about the fire and raced directly to the fire. In the words of his mother, "He was close to the bus with the prison guards that went up in flames, ran to try and save lives, and was trapped by the fire...A heroic boy who ran into the fire instead of running away from it and saving his life." Elad was an only child.

CARMEL BLAZE—

Please see p. 20 to learn how you can help plant trees in Israel.



See related story on p. 8

Ahuva Tomer was the commanding officer of the entire Haifa police force. She, too, was consumed attempting to rescue those caught in the fire-engulfed bus. In his eulogy, Haifa mayor Yona Yahav called Tomer the "Best of the Police. You always pushed yourself to the scene of the emergency because you were a commander in every bone of your body." Born in Russia in 1957, Tomer held positions in the police force that no woman had ever held. Both she and Elad knowingly sacrificed their lives to save others. What a sobering and inspiring echo of our Messiah's sacrificial love. **"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."** John 15:13 ★

The Rewards of Terror

Three terrorists were in the news as we went to press this month. One got life in prison, the second had his head blown off, and the third was made president of his people. Sheik Abdel Rahman was the cleric who inspired his disciples to blow up the World Trade Center. Without excellent police work, he would have gone on to bomb the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, the United Nations building, etc., in New York City—targets that were also included in his preaching. He killed six and wounded 1,000 in the World Trade Center, but was really aiming for the thousands or tens of thousands available at the other targets. His trial was almost completely suppressed by our media—unwitting servants of Islam—and we were distracted by the O.J. Simpson matter (two dead, none injured, apparently no further plans).

Fundamentalist Muslims have sworn “revenge” because the Americans dared to try the Sheik and find him and his followers guilty. Would they like us better if we would let him go and watch more thousands die? Is he a hero to them? Would any country, even a Muslim country, acquit the Sheik and his madmen? On what grounds?

As to Yihye Ayyash, called “the Engineer” for his skill at bomb production, he committed 15 attacks on his preferred targets: innocent civilians riding buses. He killed 70 and wounded 250 and is

deeply admired by his Palestinian supporters and by *60 Minutes*, who chose to interview his mother. He is called a legend by the Palestinians, and they have produced T-shirts bearing his heroic image. Again, revenge is contemplated, this time by 100,000 Palestinians who mourned “the Engineer.” He taught many willing pupils, and in the *60 Minutes* interview, one of them pointed out, “There are thousands of us . . . in America too.” His mother said he was a good boy.

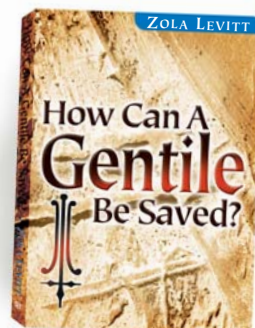


I know I will receive an objection or two for calling Arafat a terrorist from those who get their news from the U.S. media, but that is certainly what he has been for 30 years; he has merely changed his tactics and targets. He led the PLO during such exploits as gunning down the helpless athletes at the Munich Games in 1972 and hijacking the *Achille Lauro* when his disciples pitched Leon Klinghoffer into the sea in his wheelchair. More recently, he has distanced himself from the terrorism—which of course still goes on—to become a Nobel Peace Prize winner in this upside-down world. One could almost accuse him of kidnapping in the case of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem. In any case, under his leadership, the PLO in its prime accomplished far more murders than did the Sheik or the Engineer. We shall see what now happens to the Palestinian people who have chosen a man of such repute to be their leader in recent “elections.” ★

How Can a Gentile Be Saved? Study booklet and CD

As a Jew, Zola was constantly asked, “How did you get saved?”—as though Jewish salvation is hard to find in Scripture. In this thought-provoking Bible study, Zola turned the tables by asking, “How Can A Gentile Be Saved?” An interesting, unique look at grafting the gentiles into God’s plan.

Please see pages 18 and 19 to order this study booklet and teaching CD.



Palestinian Firefighters Come To Israel's Aid

www.JPost.com

Firefighters and firefighting personnel from all over the world came to Israel's aid, responding to the most devastating fire the country had ever seen. While most of the aid that arrived had to be flown in, four fire engines manned by 21 firefighters, the Bethlehem civil defense team, spent five hours driving through Israel before joining up with Israeli and international firefighters battling the deadly blaze.

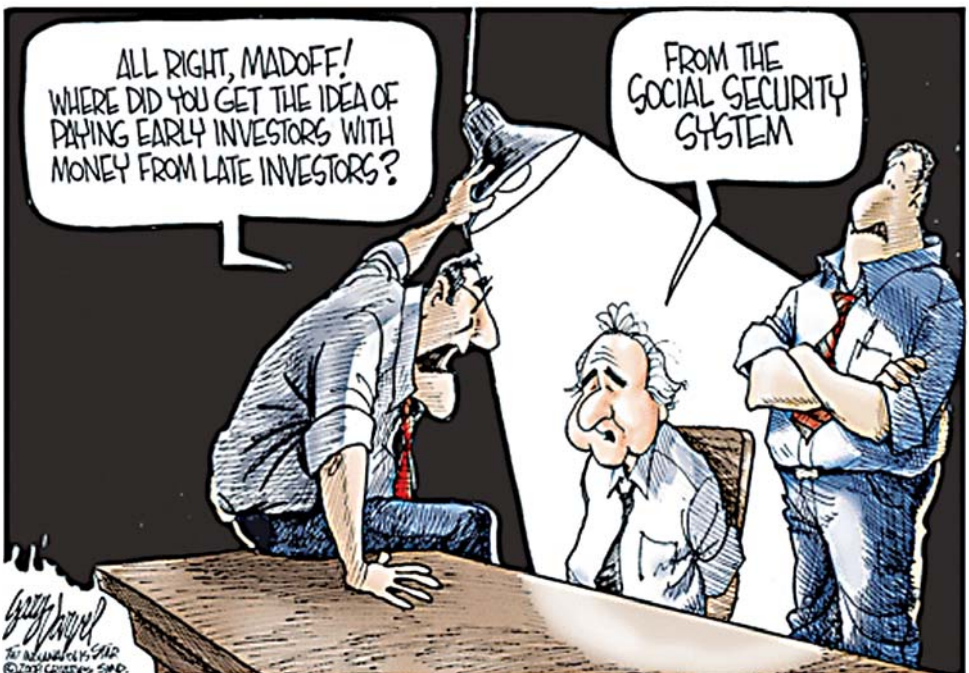
The Palestinian firetrucks—a gift from the European Union, which contributed millions of dollars to establish a Palestinian firefighting force—are more advanced than Israel's.

Bethlehem Civil Defense Chief Ibrahim Ayish told Palestinian news agency Ma'an that it was good to work alongside the Israeli teams. "After all, we're dealing with a humanitarian issue which knows no borders."

When asked by Israel Radio how they felt about fighting a fire in Israel, the Palestinians responded that it was partly a humanitarian work, partly their job as firefighters, and that they believe Israel would help in the same way should the Palestinians ever find themselves in a similar situation.

Jordanian firefighters were also sent to help fight the Carmel fire on the ground.

Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh told Reuters that the fires ravaging northern Israel were God's expression of anger towards Israelis. In contrast, after nearly a year of deteriorating relations, Turkey sent firefighting planes and equipment, perhaps symbolizing a humanitarian reminder that the two countries were long-time allies. ★



James 5:4 says that during the End Times, people will be robbed of their wages.

Muslim Authorities: Western Wall Was 'Not Jewish' Until 16th Century AD

By Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu
www.IsraelNationalNews.com



The Palestinian Authority's rewriting of the Bible has reached a new peak—or low—with a “scientific study” claiming that Jews did not begin to claim a connection to the Western Wall (*Kotel*) until 500 years ago.

The Western Wall, also known in pre-State times as the “Wailing Wall,” is the outer wall of the Second Temple compound, the only remaining structure from the compound. It has been a symbol of the deepest connection between most of the Jewish world—religious and secular—and Judaism for two thousand years following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD. From then until the present, Jews came to mourn at the Wall, including Spanish Jewish poet and philosopher Yehudah Halevi who is believed to have been killed while praying there in 1141.

However, “Jews did not worship at the Wailing Wall at any time until the Balfour Declaration of 1917,” according to a report on the “study” posted by PA Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information D. Mutawakkil Taha.

Writing on the official PA website, he added that the report quotes the “Jewish Encyclopedia, published in 1917” as saying “the Western Wall became part of the Jewish religious tradition around the year 1520, as a result of Jewish immigration from Spain, after the Ottoman conquest in the year 1517... This was not part of the wall of the so-called Jewish Temple.”

Jews do not claim the Wall is part of the Temple building, but of the compound surrounding it.

The Ministry of Information also stated that a basis for the study's denial of an ancient Jewish connection to the Western Wall is a Reform Judaism leader's comment that “there is no sanctity to the Western Wall in Judaism.”

The study also leans on one alleged opinion based on the “Biblical Criticism” theory that regards the Bible as an historical document and rejects much of 2,500 years of translations and interpretations by revered rabbinic sages.

The report concludes that the “Occupying Power” of Israel has practiced “racism” and has conducted “massacres against the Wailing Wall and the Islamic and Christian sanctities.

The PA report was published one day after the Palestinian Authority castigated approval by the Israeli Cabinet for a multimillion-dollar tourist center at the Western Wall area. The Palestinian Authority said the plan was illegal because the area is claimed by the PA.



The Temple Mount site itself is the holiest site in Judaism, but the Arab world has conducted a campaign the past several years to deny biblical accounts of the Jewish First and Second Temples. The campaign also has included rewriting interpretations of the Bible, claiming that the “binding of Isaac” actually was the “binding of Ishmael,” Abraham's first son by the maidservant of his wife Sarah, who later gave birth to Isaac.

Muslim clerics, despite protests by Israeli archaeologists, also have removed tons of debris from the Temple Mount area, eliminating any discovery of remnants of the First and Second Temples. ★

Looks Like A Pen But Can Foil A Bomb



By Karin Kloosterman
www.Israel21c.org

It's a white crystalline powder with a distinctive acrid odor. TATP is a peroxide bomb detonator and an explosive of choice for airport bombers. If it had been detected at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, the underwear bomber en route to Detroit two Christmases ago would have been foiled much sooner.

Would-be bombers have managed to smuggle TATP on board before. In 2001, Richard Reid of al-Qaeda targeted American Airlines Flight 63 with a TATP trigger for a bomb concealed in his shoe. But underwear and shoe bombers beware: A technology developed by Israelis and Americans is now your nightmare.

Collaboration between an American researcher and Prof. Ehud Keinan of the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology has culminated in a new way to foil terrorists carrying TATP-based explosives. Resembling a pen, the device is a new weapon in the arsenal shared by airport security personnel, police and environmentalists. Keinan and Prof. Philip Dawson from the Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California, recently developed and commercialized the ACRO-P.E.T. (Peroxide Explosives Tester)—a simple and cost-effective device for detecting TATP.

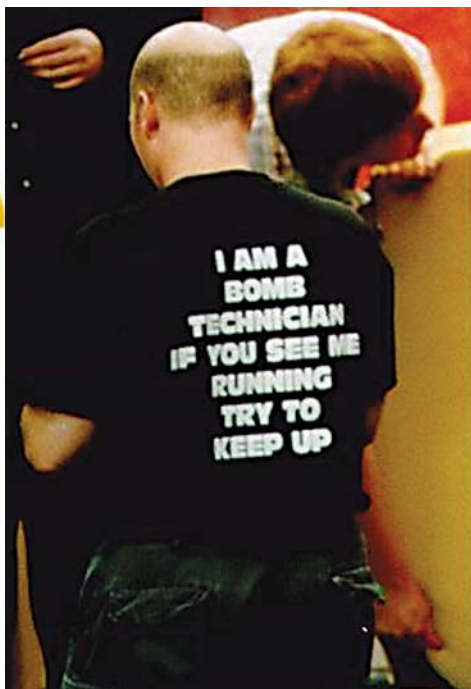


The ACRO-P.E.T. resembles a pen and can detect TATP, a peroxide bomb detonator used in many major terror attacks worldwide.

Operated by touch, the sensitivity of the device is quite high, as it can identify as little as five micrograms of TATP, an amount that can't be seen by the human eye. An operator touches the tip of the device to the surface of the suspicious material. The tip is then removed and the operator replaces it on the "pen" and presses three levers, each of which releases 300 microliters of solution. A color change indicates the presence of TATP. If it's there, that's the time to make arrests.

At a cost of about \$25 per unit, the explosives tester is being sold through Acro Security Technologies. Founded and based in Israel, Acro Security sells the ACRO-P.E.T. and other products to pinpoint terrorists before it's too late.

The pen-like device is a disposable item that can be used by non-experts, like U.S. troops in the Middle East, customs police, regular police, and even environmentalists. ★



Roman Swimming Pool Found

By Rossella Lorenzi, News.Discovery.com

Israeli archaeologists have discovered a swimming pool in which a legion of Roman soldiers bathed after sacking Jerusalem and expelling the Jews from their city.

Featuring a number of plastered bathtubs and a pipe on its side used to fill it with water, the pool was part of a larger complex which included bathhouses and more swimming pools.

Hundreds of terra-cotta roof tiles, found on a white industrial mosaic floor, indicate that the pool was a covered structure.

The tiles bore the mark “LEG X FR,” for Tenth Legion “Fretensis” (meaning “of the sea strait”), and surprisingly, the paw prints of a dog that probably belonged to one of the soldiers.

“The print could have happened accidentally or have been intended as a joke,” excavation director Ofer Sion said.

Based in Jerusalem for about 200 years, the Tenth Legion Fretensis consisted of about 6,000 soldiers. It was responsible for the brutal destruction of Jerusalem’s Second Temple in 70 A.D. and the repression of the Jewish revolt in 132–135 A.D.

“It seems that the bathhouse was used by these soldiers who were garrisoned there after suppressing the Bar Kochba uprising in 135 A.D., when the pagan city Aelia Capitolina was established,” Sion said.

The discovery sheds a new light on the city built by Emperor Hadrian (76–138 A.D.) to erase the name of Jewish Jerusalem.

“The new find, together with other discoveries of recent years, shows that the city was considerably larger than what we previously estimated,” Yuval Baruch, Jerusalem district archaeologist, said.

According to Baruch, this is the first time that archaeologists have uncovered a building in the Jewish Quarter that belonged to the Roman legion.

Getting new information on Aelia Capitolina is important because it was that city that determined the shape of Jerusalem’s historic walls “and the location of the gates to this very day,” Baruch said. ★



A dog's paw print impressed on a roof tile

Excavating the ancient Roman bathhouse



Photos: Shlomi Amami, courtesy Israel Antiquities Authority

Who Is Defending Gazan Women's Rights?

By Khaled Abu Toameh, Hudson-NY.org

It is not easy to be a woman living under a fundamentalist Islamic regime like the one in Gaza. Over the past three years, women in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip have been facing a campaign of intimidation and terror that has forced many of them to sit at home and do nothing.

The fact that women are oppressed under radical Islamic regimes is very disturbing. But even more disturbing is the silence over abuse of women's rights in Gaza.

Has anyone heard prominent Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi come out in public against Hamas's repressive measures against Palestinian women? Where are local and international human rights organizations, especially those that claim to defend rights of women in the Arab and Islamic world?

Have any major media outlets in the West thought of making a documentary about the suffering of women under Hamas?

Or are they so obsessed with what Israel does [or does not do] that they prefer to turn a blind eye to what is happening in Gaza?

Has anyone dared to ask Hamas why sending women to carry out suicide bombings is alright, while it is not okay for them to walk alone on the beach or be seen in public with a man? Have "pro-Palestinian" groups in North America and Europe ever thought of endorsing the case of these women by raising awareness to their plight?

Since Hamas seized full control over the Gaza Strip in 2007, Palestinian women have been deprived of many basic rights, such as strolling along the beach alone or smoking in public. Under Hamas, female lawyers are not allowed to appear in court unless they are wearing the *hijab*.

They are also barred from going to male hairdressers. A woman who is seen in public with a man is often stopped by Hamas policemen and questioned about the nature of the relationship between them.

Women in Gaza who have dared to participate in public political and social events have been repeatedly harassed by the Hamas government. As a result, many of them have been forced to stay at home out of fear for their lives.

Even Palestinian women's groups in the West Bank do not seem to care much about the conditions of women under Hamas. Have any of them thought of organizing demonstrations or campaigns in protest against abuse of women's rights under Hamas? ★



One World— And One Money (The End Is Near)



Mark Levitt

a note
from mark

Below, you'll find quotes and observations from a startling article by Carl Teichrib, Chief Editor of *Forcing Change*, a monthly intelligence journal that analyzes global economic, political, and socio-religious trends. The complete article is posted at www.levitt.com/news

"A global economy requires a global currency."

— Paul Volcker, former Chair of the US Federal Reserve.

"Once a nation parts with control of its currency and credit, it matters not who makes that nation's laws."

— W.L. Mackenzie King, former Prime Minister of Canada.

A single world currency requires an international banking structure with power over all countries, kindred, and tongues. Former Canadian Member of Parliament Paul Hellyer criticized this development in 1994, saying that under such a global currency/banking system, "the interests of citizens, of individual countries must be subordinate...to the interests of international finance."

The idea of a single global currency has been quietly battled around in banking and economic circles since WWII. Over the years this call has increased in intensity. Read the quotes in the posted article, including:

2001: "When VISA was founded twenty-five years ago, the founders saw the world as needing a Single Global Currency for exchange. Everything we've done from a global perspective has been about trying to put one piece in place after another to fulfill that global vision." —Sarah Perry, Director of VISA's Strategic Investment Program.

Benn Steil, Director of International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations, wrote that "Monetary nationalism is simply incompatible with globalization." He offers what appears to be an altruistic solution: in order to avert the crisis, all that nations need to do is relinquish sovereignty before the problem becomes insurmountable.

However, the current single-currency experiment in the European Union is a testimony that what looks good in theory may not actually work. Last year, Greece's weak economy required a Euro bailout; next, Ireland's needed rescuing. The economies of Spain and Portugal are teetering. Strong European economies like Germany's and the Netherlands' are dragged down and punished by their weaker partners.

In his apocalyptic vision in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John describes the ruler of a vast empire as having power and great authority, given to him by Satan (the dragon). The antiChrist will be worshiped by "all the world," and have authority over "every tribe, people, language, and nation" (Revelation 13:2–7). John's description implies this person is the leader of a one-world government that becomes sovereign over all other governments.

How could the diverse governments that exist today justify subjugating themselves to a single ruler? One



possibility is that the disasters and plagues described in chapters 6–11 of Revelation will be devastating enough to create global crises so monumental that nations will embrace any leader or remedy that promises relief. Unifying our currencies and governments will seem as inevitable to unbelievers as fulfilling prophecy is to Believers.



Hate Crime Stats: Where's The Islamophobia?

By David J. Rusin, www.Islamist-Watch.org

Islamist pressure groups have spent years pushing the meme that Muslims in America face ever-increasing violence at the hands of their fellow citizens, but new statistics on hate crimes reported to the FBI once again undermine such claims.

Just-released data covering 2009 include 107 anti-Islamic hate crime incidents against persons and property, involving 128 offenses and 132 victims. These numbers are a hair above the post-9/11 lows of 2008 (105 incidents, 123 offenses, and 130 victims). Anti-Islamic hate crimes have been falling steadily for a decade, with 2009 figures down more than three-quarters from the 2001 spike.

A closer examination of what took place in 2009 adds valuable perspective:

Incidents of hate crime driven by anti-Jewish bias (931) were 8.7 times as numerous as those driven by anti-Islamic bias.

Incidents of anti-Islamic hate crime were dwarfed not only by anti-black incidents (2,284), but also by anti-white incidents (545).

There were nearly as many anti-Christian hate crimes (89 anti-Catholic and anti-Protestant incidents) as anti-Islamic hate crimes.

There were more hate crimes motivated by bias against "other religion" (109 incidents) than by bias against Islam.

People were killed ("murder and non-negligent manslaughter") for being black, white, Native American, Hispanic, and gay, but nobody was killed for being Muslim.

More remarkably, recall that 2009 was no ordinary year, based on how

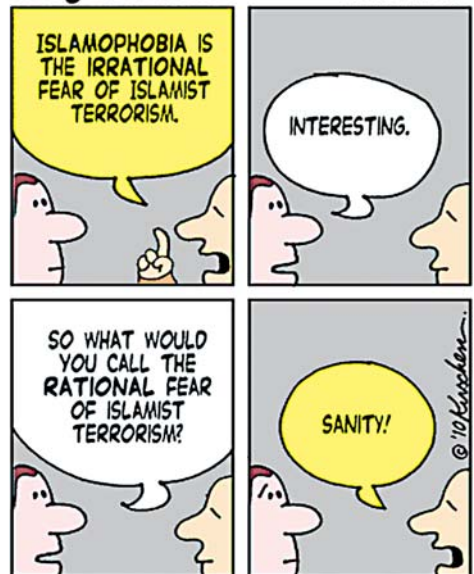
domestic jihad burst onto the scene. In addition to the Fort Hood massacre and the shooting of soldiers in Little Rock—neither of which is designated as a hate crime—the country endured the Bronx synagogues plot, the arrest of the North Carolina jihad cell, the New York City subways plot, attempts to blow up buildings in Texas and Illinois, the Massachusetts shopping malls plot, and so forth. As all were perpetrated by Muslims, angry Americans could have found plenty of excuses to lash out. Did they? No. What an incredibly tolerant nation the United States is!

But surely this did not remain the case in 2010, given the anti-mosque blowback and ugly crimes such as the cabbie slashing, right? Not so fast. First, the media spotlight often distorts reality. Second, MSNBC noted in August that New York City, the epicenter of recent tensions, "has not seen a change in the number of hate crimes reported by Muslims so far this year," according to an FBI agent. Third, official figures for 2010 will not be available until late 2011.

Of course, Islamists will keep singing the same old song, regardless of the actual data. ★

Dry Bones

DEFINITIONS



Mainstream Christians Against Israel

By Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper, online.WSJ.com

The anti-Israel politics of powerful Christian bodies hampers interfaith relations and threatens to breathe new life into medieval doctrine that demonized Jews for hundreds of years.

In 2007, the World Council of Churches (WCC), an umbrella organization of mostly liberal Protestants claiming a membership of 580 million, convened the “Churches Together for Peace and Justice in the Middle East Conference.” The conference produced the Amman Call, a document that condemned violence and endorsed a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but denied Israel’s right to a future as a Jewish state. It did so by insisting that millions of Palestinians—the grandchildren of those who left Palestine in 1948—have the “right of return” to Israel. Granting such a right would mean converting Israel into a mullahcracy or dictatorship.

In 2008, the WCC convened a group of Protestant and Catholic theologians to review the underpinnings of Christian attitudes toward Israel. (No Jews were invited.) The group published the Bern Perspective, which instructed Christians to understand all biblical references to Israel only metaphorically. This understanding denies the connection between today’s Jews and Moses, Jeremiah, and Isaiah. It marks a return to “replacement theology,” the medieval view that the Church has replaced Israel in God’s plan, that the Bible’s references to Israel refer to the “new Israel”—that is, to Christians. For centuries, that view was the basis for denying rights to Jews in Church-dominated Europe.

In December 2009, a group of Christian Palestinians issued the Kairos Palestine Document—which the WCC published

on its website—calling for a general boycott of Israel. It speaks of the evils of the Israeli “occupation,” yet is silent on any evils committed by Palestinians, including the Hamas terrorists who govern Gaza.

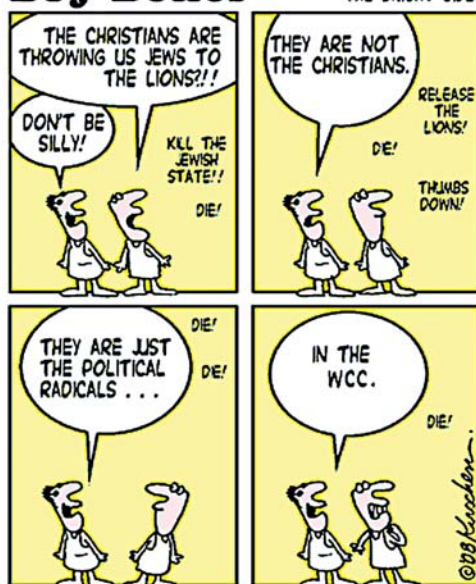
The document also describes the Jewish connection to Israel only in terms of the Holocaust, denying 3,000 years of Jewish domicile. It states: “The West sought to make amends for what Jews had endured in the countries of Europe, but it made amends on our account and in our land.”

Most importantly, these Palestinian church leaders declared that there must not be a Jewish state because any religious state is inherently racist. They mentioned in this regard only Israel, of course, ignoring all Muslim states and others with an official state religion.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center urges the WCC to end its campaign against Israel and the Jewish people. Like anti-Israel diplomatic and academic campaigns, such religious calls won’t improve the life of a single Palestinian. But they will certainly embolden terrorists and anti-Semites, and cast carefully nurtured interfaith relations into darkness and disarray. ★

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THE BRIGHT SIDE?





God Knows Where You Hurt

By John J. Parsons

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"I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my supplications" – Psalm 116:1

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There is an old Chassidic story of two men sitting and enjoying a drink together.

One of them then says to the other, "You know, you're my best friend. I really love you, brother!" The other man responds, "Oh yeah? If you really love me, tell me where I hurt."

A loving relationship between two people involves mutual listening and regard for the welfare and dignity of the other. If we really love someone, we will know where he or she hurts; likewise, if someone really loves us, they will know "where we hurt," too.

The psalmist says, "I love the Lord because He hears my voice and my supplications; because He turns His ear to me, I will call on Him all my days." Genuine love for the Lord cannot exist apart from a personal and honest relationship with Him. God knows "where we hurt" and therefore He is the answer to our heart's deepest plea. He invites us to come "boldly" to the throne of grace to find help in time of our need (Heb. 4:16).

Of course, love must be *shared* to be fulfilled. If we take comfort that the Lord "knows where we hurt," do we reciprocate by listening to the voice of *His* supplications? If we say that we love Him, are we aware of what brings pain to His heart?

But does the Lord suffer today? The Apostle Paul wrote: "I am filling up what is lacking in the Messiah's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church" (Col. 1:24). What is "lacking in the Messiah's afflictions" is often our present sacrifice for the sake of others. Indeed, the very "Law of Messiah" is to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2; John 15:12). Yeshua hungers with those who are hungry, thirsts with those who are thirsty, feels loneliness with those who are abandoned, shivers with those who are cold, weeps with those who are forlorn, is imprisoned with those who are incarcerated, is sick with those who are ill, and so on (Matt. 25:31–46). Yeshua feels the pain of even the "least of these my brothers." This is where He hurts, friends.

Because God loves us, He knows where we are hurting. He hears our voice and answers our supplications.

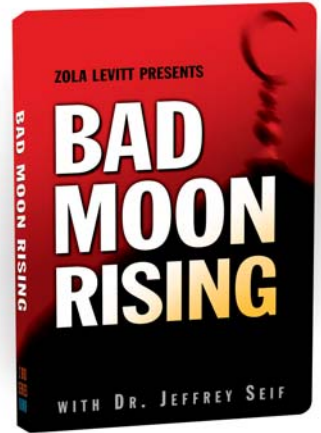
If we truly love God, we will likewise hear His voice and respond to His pleas. As Yeshua said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." May the Lord help us to share His heart and passion for a lost and hurting world. Amen. ★



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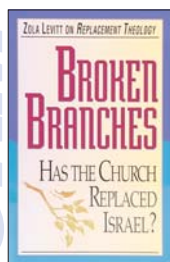
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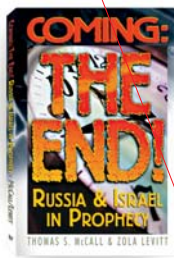
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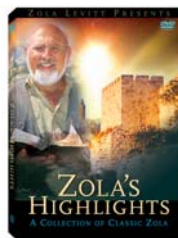
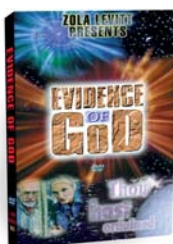


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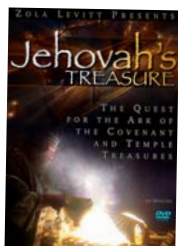
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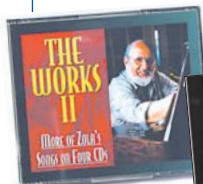
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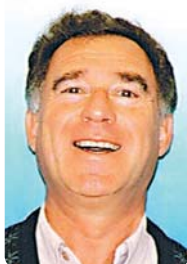


Our Prison Ministry

The *Personal Letter* that you received two or three weeks ago reported that this ministry has 1,700 prisoners on our mailing list. This was a mistake. That number, to our surprise, has jumped to **2,056**. Many readers might consider such monthly newsletters to brethren in bonds a minor spinoff outreach, especially when weighing the vast reach of our television broadcasts. At more than 2,000 meaty communications per month, however, our prison ministry is one of the world's largest—thanks to you!

Good News from a Far Country

Years ago, we established a fund to assist our Israel-based television and tour people during periods of low tourism in Israel. At present, however, Israeli tourism is rebounding at an increasing rate. **This is really very good news.** Our people in Israel have always been gratified by your gifts from the Good News Fund. We subsequently changed the Good News Fund to a general benevolence resource for ministry volunteers and special-needs cases. As always, we gladly supply the names and addresses of the recipients from this fund if you wish to continue giving.



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From The Heart Of A Muslim: Change Is Needed

By Tawfik Hamid, InternationalOpinion.com

After terrorist attacks by my fellow Muslims everywhere on this globe, I feel responsible—as a Muslim and as a human being—to speak out to protect the world and Muslims as well from a coming war of civilizations.

I have to admit that our current Islamic teaching creates violence and hatred toward non-Muslims. **We Muslims are the ones who need to change.**

Until now we have accepted polygamy, the beating of women, and killing those who leave Islam. We ask others to respect our religion while we curse non-Muslims loudly (in Arabic) in our Friday prayers. What message do we convey to our children when we call the Jews “descendants of the pigs and monkeys”? Is this a message of love and peace? I have been in churches and synagogues where they were praying for Muslims, while we curse them and call them infidels and hate them.

I am sad that many, if not most, of us rejoiced after 9/11 and other terror attacks. Muslims denounce these attacks to look good in front of the media, but we condone the terrorists and sympathize with their cause.

Until now our “reputable” top religious authorities have never issued a *fatwa* or religious statement to proclaim Bin Laden an apostate. But author Salman Rushdie was declared an apostate who should be killed according to Islamic sharia law just for writing a book criticizing Islam.

Muslims demonstrate to get more religious rights, but we do not demonstrate with such passion against terrorist murders. It is our absolute silence against the terrorists that gives them energy to continue their evil.

We Muslims need to stop blaming our problems on others or on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Israel is the only light of democracy, civilization, and human rights in the whole Middle East. We kicked out Jews with no compensation from most of the Arab countries to make them “Jew-free countries,” while Israel accepted more than a million Arabs to live there, adopt its nationality, and enjoy their rights as human beings.

In Israel, women cannot be beaten legally, and anyone can change his/her belief system with no fear of being killed; in our Islamic world people do not enjoy any of these rights. I agree that the “Palestinians” suffer, but they suffer because of their corrupt leaders and not because of Israel.

It is not common to see Arabs who live in Israel leave to live in the Arab world. On the other hand, thousands of Palestinians used to work happily in Israel, its “enemy.” If Israel treats Arabs badly as some claim, surely we would have seen the opposite happen.

We Muslims need to admit our problems and face them. Only then we can treat them and start to live in harmony with humankind. Our religious leaders have to show a very strong stand against polygamy, pedophilia, slavery, killing those who leave Islam, beating women, and declaring wars to spread Islam. Then, and only then, do we have the right to ask others to respect our religion. The time has come to stop our hypocrisy and say it openly: “We Muslims have to change.” ★





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I am originally from Jordan and found the Truth in Christ now and confess to God that I am not Muslim any more; I was just born Muslim, was not my choice. I explain to family about the love of Jesus and the relationship that produce joy. Again, thank you.

From J.A. (MI): I love the statement: To help Jewish people know Jesus and to help Jesus' people come to know the Jews.

From D.W. (OH): I would like to receive the *Levitt Letter* again. It is hard for me to read online and I would like to pass it on after I have read it cover to cover. I will try to be more consistent with my donations to help with the postage and printing. Thank you so much for all that you do.

From S. & T.R. (AR): My jobs have always been in rural areas, far from any Messianic fellowships. My wife is a Believer from Israel and we have been tremendously blessed by your broadcasts. *Kol tuv* (All the best!) and God bless you.

From K.C. (LA): I was recently introduced to Zola Levitt through some books my pastor loaned me. I found you on the web because I wanted to purchase the books for my own library. [Welcome! The Lord works in mysterious ways!](#) —Editor

From T.L. (CO): Keep holding the standard high!!!

From K.B. (LA): I teach an adult Bible overview class called Telling God's Story, from Genesis to Revelation. Your *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies* made me realize how much more I need to learn about God's story from a Jewish perspective.



ZLM staff, Christmas 2010

*Front Row: Jane, Audrey, Sarah, Marty, Carey, Debbie, Greg.
Back Row: Jeff, Dahlia, Cynthia, Tracie, Sandra, Mark*

Support From A Non-Believing Jew

Dear Dr. Seif and Staff,

While not believing in Jesus, I am a Jew who reads the *Levitt Letter* and watches your programming. I find it educational and inspirational. If not for the horrible economic situation that I am in (completely unemployed for months with a B.A. in Political Science and a Master's in Library Science), I would be sending you an offering.

In any event, I received the December *Levitt Letter* in which Dr. Seif writes about his obvious frustrations over Archbishop Bustras and Professor Beitzel. As a Jew who knows how Jew-haters act, I am neither disturbed nor surprised about these so-called "Christians." Many seem to believe that by aligning themselves with the Muslims, they will deflect criticism and persecution from the Muslims. As for Beitzel, I have never heard his outlandish (if not hilarious) "historical" explanation of the fraudulent term "Palestine."

I wish you success in educating the masses. After close to 2,000 years of gentiles de-Judaizing Jesus, your mission in reclaiming Jesus for both Jew and gentile must be very difficult.

Happy New Year, —S.

Tithes

Dear Jeff,

It would be helpful if Jesus said something directly about tithes. He talks about sowing and reaping in the New Testament, but otherwise....
— O.S.

Dear O.S.—

Jesus, of course, didn't have mortgage payments to make on sanctuaries, nor did He need to pay a staff of apostles and ministry assistants, insurance costs, etc.

He dispatched disciples with the promise that hearts would be touched, their needs met, and the Kingdom expanded by the sacrifices people would make.

Did he say 10%, specifically? Not to my knowledge. He did talk about giving all, however; about being willing to forsake worldly goods for the King and the Kingdom's sake. He placed a premium on sacrifice.

As a rule, I think 10% is a reasonable mark to shoot for. Is it New Testament law? Not to my knowledge.
—Jeff

"10%...a reasonable mark to shoot for."



Wise As A Serpent

In your January column in the *Levitt Letter*, you listed a website for Experian stating that we could initiate fraud alerts for free. The website did not come up when I typed the address, and when I went to Experian, I could initiate Fraud Alerts for \$12.95 a month. Am I missing something? Please let me know where to go on the Experian website for the free offer you described.

Thank you very much for your assistance. —D.S.

Dear D.S.—

You're right; the Experian link no longer works. What you missed at www.experian.com appears in the middle of three columns toward the bottom. Beneath the heading "Credit Report Assistance," **click on "Fraud Alert."** You'll be given two choices beneath the heading "Credit Fraud Protection—Add a Fraud Alert..." Most people will prefer the free option on the left— "Add an Initial Security Alert"—rather than the expensive option on the right. Consequently, you'll want to **click on "Begin"** (the free option) instead of "Learn More."
—Mark

Outraged!

“no help”

Dear ZLM,

I am outraged! You're all racists, propagandists, crybabies, hypocritical, unaccountable, intolerant, insensitive, and the literal cornerstone of hate. You've become blind to the words of our Lord and Savior. Israel, come back to God!

God Bless You, —L.J.

Dear L.J.—

Because our ministry is provocative, you're welcome to criticize it. But you'd probably be better served, and we too (possibly), were you to argue a particular issue rather than rage against us for what seem to be misguided passions. You may feel better by venting and then beseeching us to "come back to God," but your tantrum helps no one. —Jeff



Jesus Was Born; Why Not Celebrate It?

Dear Mr. Seif,

Your December 2010 article “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas” disturbed me. In it you write, “I don’t oppose the Christmas holiday.” Okay. But I must oppose you on this matter, Jeff. In 2 Corinthians 6:14, Paul says: “do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness.” The Christmas holiday is not the work of Believers, but is thoroughly pagan. Examine your stance. Sincerely, —E.C.

Dear E.C.—

Many people watch *Zola Levitt Presents* because we emphasize the Christian faith’s Hebraic roots. For that reason, my tolerating Christmas can appear as a betrayal of sorts. I do not construe our culture’s December celebration of Jesus’ birth (even with its non-biblical aspects) as being on par with the paganism that Paul condemned in his epistles. Your conviction that it is an abomination to celebrate Christ’s birth is erroneous. —Jeff

Dear E.C.—

For the first time, I must go on record as formally disagreeing with Dr. Jeff. Despite the substantial plank in my eye, I see clearly the splint in his. I hereby join the “elite” group that Zola (God bless him) kindheartedly referred to as “the overcrowded ministry of rebuke.” Let me explain. The phrase “Sunday Christian” has given me pangs of guilt on occasion, especially when I put more mileage on my Bible just because I go to church. Fortunately, a Sunday Christian can feel righteous next to 12/25 Christians. A once-a-week Christian certainly trumps a once-a-year Christian—even twice-a-year Christians who also go to church on Easter—right?

So, I’m going to cherish the birth of Christ 364 days per year. But **not** on December 25. Certain alcoholics abstain from drinking on New Year’s Eve, labeling it Amateur Night. Well, maybe December 25 is for Amateur Christians. We enlightened Christians (Christ-aholics) know which day *not* to rejoice. —Mark

Dear E.C.—

Our adopted dog came with no known name or date of birth. We selected a name (possibly her first) and calculated when she *might* have been born and declared that her “birthday.” The Bible gives us Jesus’ name and the exact date of His Resurrection, but not His birthday. Christians remember His Resurrection every Sunday and whenever we commune in the Lord’s Supper. Even with its pagan roots, Easter brings Jesus and the details of His death to the minds of nominal Christians once a year. So does His birthday celebration—as erroneous as the 12/25 date may be. When the shopping mall plays carols such as “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” or “Away In A Manger,” listeners hear the details of Jesus’ birth. As J.P. in CA noted in the January *Levitt Letter*, “Christmas celebrations in this increasingly secular society may be the only time many people actually consider Jesus.” Annual Christmas celebrations have kept His presence alive in the culture for 2,000 years (the date shifted during the first century). He was born; why not celebrate it and keep the history alive? Unable to know the exact date, is there *any* date you would approve? —Editor

“Everything can
change in the
blink of an eye, but
don’t worry, God
never blinks.”

God’s Little Notes Ps. 121:4

Take Me Off Your List...

Dear ZLM,

Kindly remove my name from your mailing list until you “come to the light.” Shame on you for not condemning Christmas. The Bible says to have “NO OTHER GODS!” —C. Z.

“Shame on you”

...Put Me On Your List

Greetings,

I am requesting the free newsletter you offered on your program. I very much enjoyed the “Ask the Professor” series that recently aired on TV. I hope you’ll have more of those informative teachings. Thank you, —E.A.



Love That Good Old Bible Teaching

Dear ZLM,

I am loving the new “Ask the Professor” series. It reminds me of shows in the past when Zola would sit down and would teach on a relevant subject. I have learned a lot. Many thanks.

Love, —L.S.

“learned a lot”

Free To Follow Or Decline

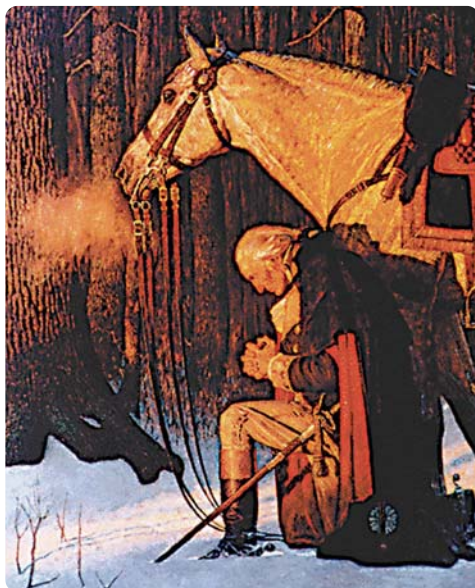
Dear Jeff,

Is it appropriate for us to follow the Jewish dietary laws? Jesus followed them, and we are trying to follow His example more and more daily. Doesn't being “Christian” mean being Christ-like? I would appreciate your response. —A.S.

Dear A.S.—

Let's differentiate between the words “appropriate” and mandatory. It is my understanding from the New Testament that some of the initial Believers were Torah-observant, while others were not. If one opts for it, great; if one insists on it as being forever binding for everyone, then I would direct him to Acts 15 where the Apostles determined that individuals needn't adhere to the Law of Moses. —Jeff

George Washington: “The father of our country,” like most successful leaders, was a true follower as well.



But You're Not Zola!

Dear Jeff and Mark,

I have known of this ministry since I first heard Zola in 1983. I was sad when Zola died. I miss him and I was sad when Sandra left. Jeff, I believe you are a very bright man. I felt uncomfortable, however, when I listened to the "Ask the Professor" series. Be careful, Jeff. It's hard for me to write and say this but I am concerned that you're not as humble as Zola was, and that your personality might hurt the ministry. God Bless You, —D.D.H.

Dear D.D.H.—

Thank you for being our friend for almost 30 years. You're a saint for supporting my predecessor faithfully for 23 years. And it's good of you to keep an eye on me for approaching 5 years.

It may be precious little comfort, but should the Lord tarry and should I die or retire, those who got used to my teaching will likely find fault with my replacement. We're all beset with human foibles. Zola had his quirks, and he had his prayer partners to support him. I'd appreciate your prayers on my behalf. In Love —Jeff

"appreciate
prayers"

A Breath Of Fresh Air

Dear Jeff,

I enjoy your teaching very much. I went to Israel once in 1988 and enjoyed it very much. I am 92 and will be 93 soon. So if you don't hear from me again you'll know that I have gone on to glory. Thanks so much, —G.J.C.

Dear G.J.C.—

You're a breath of fresh air! Somehow I get a feeling that this isn't your last letter. You seem to be more alive than many half your age! —Jeff

Smart Young Man

Dear Jeff,

My grandson asked me why Abraham was chosen to be the father of many nations instead of Noah since Noah came first. Could you give him a clear answer? Thanks. —E.R.



Dear E.R.—

Smart grandson you've got there. According to the biblical reckoning, Noah is the father of all nations, given that he received the mandate to repopulate after the flood. Some 70 nations are said to have come from him.

While the Scripture speaks about all nations, it seems that Genesis focuses on one: Abraham's.

Mindful of Abraham's faith walk along the Fertile Crescent, Paul seizes upon his journey into an uncertain future and asserts that Abraham is, in fact, the father of all who walk by faith. (Romans 4:11)

In his case then, it's less about biology than about theology. Humans come through Noah; those who walk by faith, through Abraham. There's my two cents.

—Jeff



Knocking Out Acne with a Plastic Patch



By Brian Blum
www.Israel21c.org

Teenagers suffering from acne will try anything to make the redness and infection go away, but current treatments have mixed results and numerous applications are usually necessary.

Thanks to **Oplon of Israel**, there may soon be rejoicing among acne sufferers. The three-year-old medical materials company in Rehovot in central Israel has come up with a unique patch that radiates an “energy field” said to be capable of knocking out acne for good.

Beyond acne, Oplon, has high hopes for its technology which can also keep milk from spoiling, wipe out bacteria inside juice boxes, and even reduce the number of infections associated with hospital catheters.

Oplon works its magic by manufacturing polymers that have a very specific function: They disable microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses. The polymers create an energy field “that can kill every microbe ever heard of,” says Omer Gonen, Oplon’s CFO. The energy field is safe: “It doesn’t radiate, it doesn’t heat, and it doesn’t chill.”

Rather, it’s a chemical adaptation of a mechanism that has long existed in nature to help animals and plants defend against similar attackers. Indeed, these energy fields are “all around us,” Gonen says. “They’re in the air, in the room, and it’s much more energy than we create with a polymer.”

Oplon’s acne treatment consists of a patch with the polymers inside which the acne sufferer applies overnight. Within six hours, the redness, pus, and pain associated with the acne will be significantly reduced. After 24 hours, the spot will be practically healed. Best of all, “In most cases, it’s a one-time treatment,” Gonen adds.

The acne patch, considered a “medical device” and not a drug, will be on Israeli pharmacy shelves early this year, sold over-the-counter, with no need for a prescription.



Teenagers suffering from acne will no doubt be glad to hear about Oplon’s new acne patch, due out on the market this year.



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 has introduced the top ten business ventures that inspire peace in the Middle East. Here are the final two in our series.

The Center for Jewish Arab Development

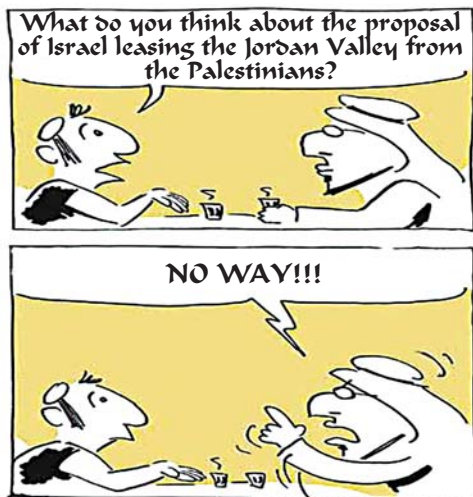
The Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development (CJAED) is a non-profit organization established in 1988 by a group of Jewish and Arab businesspeople. Today, the group spearheads a large number of projects falling within four units: The Business Unit; the Women's Unit; the Joint Jewish-Arab Employment Zone Unit; and the Higher Education Leadership Programs Unit. The guiding vision of the CJAED

is that Jewish-Arab economic cooperation within Israel is an essential ingredient if peace, prosperity, and economic stability are to be achieved locally and in the Middle East as a whole.

Asal Technologies

Rather than outsource your computer coding and programming to India and China, why not try the Palestinian Authority? Asal Technologies aims to supply gainful employment to Palestinian engineers who speak the same "language" as their Israeli neighbors. Each year there are about 3,000 Palestinian graduates in computer sciences, but few find jobs. Already working with large multinational companies based in Israel, Asal is providing solutions that Israeli teams can trust, with value and a product delivered in the same time zone.

"We realized that instead of fighting each other and throwing bombs we needed to work together," says Jonathan Levy, a general manager for the Israel-based chip manufacturer Winbond, who is one of the idea's founding fathers. "I started thinking that it would be better to hire a Palestinian engineer to develop our less complex products, for reasons related to cost calculations as well as problems of language, culture, and deadlines," he explains. ★



STEALTH WARFARE: The \$100-million jet can evade enemy radar.

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F-35: Fighter Of The Future

Israel Today

Israel has approved the acquisition of the U.S.-made F-35 stealth fighter, one of the most advanced warplanes in the world. Each jet costs about \$100 million, bringing the cost of the first squadron of 20 aircraft to about \$2 billion. Including research and development, the total cost of the deal is \$2.75 billion.

Israeli technology will be incorporated into the new jets to make them more compatible with the needs of the Israel Air Force (IAF). State-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) is also negotiating with the U.S. manufacturer, Lockheed Martin, for the development of hydrofoils to be used in the aircraft.

The F-35 is part of the Joint Strike Fighter Program. The jet can be used in short and long-range missions and is difficult for enemy radar to detect. Israel hopes the first squadron of F-35s will be operational in 2016.

Israel Doesn't Use Body Scanners

By Rafi Sela, www.NYTimes.com

The problem with the Transportation Security Administration is that it is both the regulator and the operator of airport security. In other words, it is required to regulate itself, which cannot work. The decision to use body scanners is one result of this flawed approach. The fact is, such scanners do not provide more protection, and they are invasive.

Israel has a completely different security system. The Israeli regulator (Israel Security Agency) analyzes the threats and vulnerabilities. It then provides guidance to the airports and border crossings on how best to utilize technologies. Therefore, Israel is not scanning for liquids, and neither does it have to use body scanners or screen personnel and crew.

American airport security needs a similar strategy. A national security advisory board made up of security experts (not only police, F.B.I., and military generals) should define the standards and systems based on an ongoing threat analysis, vulnerability studies, and security planning. The majority of the passengers, cargo, workers, and crew pose no threat at all, and banned items like water, perfume, toothpaste, and nail files do not pose any problems if carried by regular passengers.

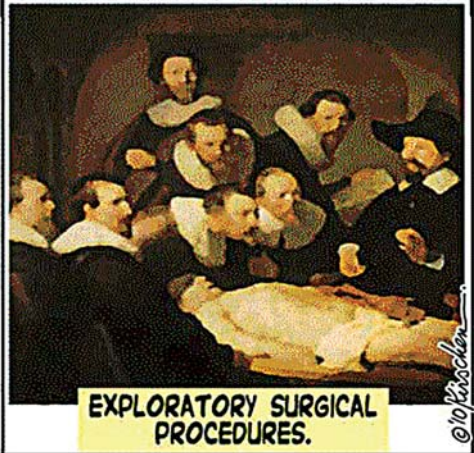
The current security system in which everyone is a suspect is bound to be ineffective and burdensome. No system can perform efficiently when one is looking for a needle in a haystack by checking each straw individually.

Dry Bones

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Shot To Death For Embracing Christ

By Simba Tian

www.CompassDirect.org



A 17-year-old girl in Somalia who converted to Christianity from Islam was shot to death in an apparent “honor killing.” Nurta Mohamed Farah, who had fled her village to live with relatives after her parents tortured her for leaving Islam, died on Nov. 25. Suspicion rests with two unidentified men who shot her in the chest and head, possibly relatives or acting on their behest.

Relatives buried Farah, sources said. Her parents had severely beaten her for leaving Islam. She had been confined to home since May, when her family found out that she had embraced Christianity.

Her parents also took her to a doctor who prescribed medication for a “mental illness.” Alarmed by her determination to keep her faith, her father and mother decided she had gone crazy and forced her to take the prescribed medication, but it had no effect in swaying her from her faith. Traditionally, many Somalis believe the Koran cures the sick, especially the mentally ill, so Islamic scripture was recited to her twice a week. She declined her family’s offer of forgiveness in exchange for renouncing Christianity; the confinement began after the medication and punishments failed.

Area Christians reported that Farah was shackled to a tree by day and put in a small, dark room at night.

180,000 Palestinians Treated in Israeli Hospitals Last Year

By Tamara Shavit, www.Dover.IDF.il

Humanitarian dilemmas are a recurring issue in the Judea and Samaria region. A terrorist fires at IDF soldiers, is shot and gets wounded. Is an IDF



medic to be called to treat him? A building is about to collapse in the heart of Ramallah. Does the IDF enter? Does it jeopardize its soldiers’ lives, or does it call the International Red Cross and risk losing precious time?

To Israel, the answer to these questions is clear. According to Division Medical Officer, Lt. Col. Michael Kassirer, “The treatment of the Palestinian population is first and foremost a moral and professional obligation for every one of us.”

This past year, 180,000 Palestinians entered Israel to receive treatment. Says Dalia Basa, medical coordinator of the Civil Administration:

“Ultimately, this is a rewarding experience. There is frustration—of course there is. But on the other hand, there are people who see me on the street or in hospitals, hear my name and say, ‘You saved my son’s life.’ When you get home in the end of the day and examine your life, you know that you saved lives. You know you did a lot of good.” ★

IDF paramedic treats a young child.



Blacks, Jews Most Likely Victims Of U.S. Hate Crimes

Agence France-Presse



Blacks and Jews were the most likely victims of hate crimes driven by racial or religious intolerance in the United States in 2009, the FBI said in an annual report.

Out of 6,604 hate crimes committed in the United States in 2009, some 4,000 were racially motivated and nearly 1,600 were driven by hatred for a particular religion, the FBI said.

Blacks made up around three-quarters of victims in racially motivated hate crimes and Jews made up the same percentage of victims of anti-religious hate crimes, the report said.

Anti-Muslim crimes were a distant second to crimes against Jews, making up just eight percent of the hate crimes driven by religious intolerance.

Hate crimes include not only attacks on a person or property motivated by racism or anti-religious sentiments, but also by prejudices based on a person's or group's sexual orientation, ethnic origins, or disability, the report said.

"Just in the past month, three men were indicted in New Mexico for assaulting a disabled Navajo man," the report says.

In another hate crime, a person placed a hangman's noose on the house of a Honduran immigrant in Louisiana, while in another, a man was sentenced for torching a predominantly African-American church in Massachusetts.

Overall, some 8,300 people fell victim to hate crimes in 2009, down from 9,700 the previous year.

Two-thirds of the 6,225 known perpetrators of all U.S. hate crimes last year were white, but they represented only 16 percent of victims, the report said.



[See related story on p. 14.](#)



The Man-Making Contest!

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that Man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need You. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't You just go on and get lost."

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest."

The scientist readily agreed.

So, God created a man from a handful of dirt, just as He had done with Adam.

When God was finished, the scientist bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

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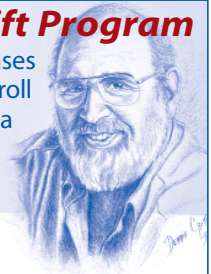
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WikiLeaks Contradict U.S. Policy On Iran

By Alan Dershowitz, HuffingtonPost.com

The December disclosures by WikiLeaks prove wrong the assertion that the only way to get Arab support for tough policies toward Iran's nuclear weapons program is for Israel to end the occupation of the West Bank. There are good reasons for Israel to reach an agreement with the Palestinians, but garnering Arab support against Iran is not one of them. The WikiLeaks proved beyond any doubt that Israel's Arab neighbors have a strong, independent basis for wanting to stop Iran from becoming a nuclear weapons power.

The cables established that Saudi Arabia was pushing the United States to bomb Iranian nuclear sites; the cables never mentioned the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Nor were the Saudis alone in calling for the United States to cut off the "head of the snake." Other Arab nations were banging the drum for a military attack as well.

Indeed there is evidence that the Saudis and Israelis—who have no diplomatic relations—have discussed military options against their common enemy.

Washington tried to put pressure on Israel by linking the end of the occupation to Iran. Not only has this linkage never been true, but we now know that Washington has long been aware that the Arab states are as anxious as Israel about Iran's nuclear ambitions.

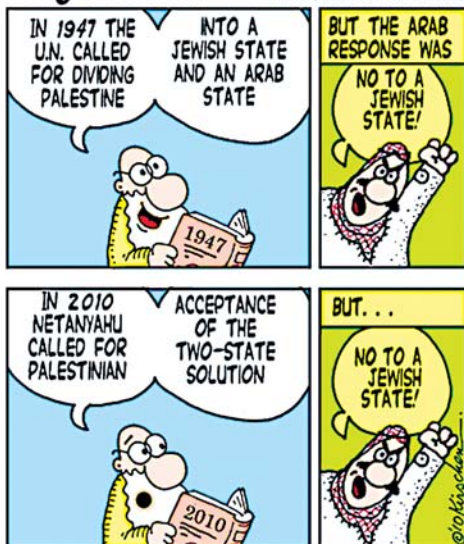
This information was contained in diplomatic cables that date back months, if not years. Why would the Obama and Bush administrations deliberately mislead the public regarding so important a matter? The answer may well be that both administrations realize that nothing, short of a military attack, will stop Iran from developing deliverable nuclear weapons.

In a recent *New York Times* op-ed, Chas Freeman—an anti-Israel zealot—argued, with contempt for history, that the only country that ever says no in the Middle East is Israel, forgetting that Israel has many times offered to end the occupation and accept a two-state solution. Freeman conveniently forgets that when the "occupation" first began, Israel offered to return the land (captured in a defensive war) in exchange for peace with its Arab neighbors. All the Arab states issued their three famous "Nos": No negotiation, no recognition, no peace. The truth is, the Palestinians have marginalized themselves by rejecting offers that the Arab states urged them to accept.

Iran is the 800-pound gorilla in the area, and all the other Middle East countries recognize that and have a common interest in preventing so irresponsible a regime from developing nuclear arms. The WikiLeaks prove that the United States, as leader of the free world, must stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons—whatever it takes. If all else fails and the United States must resort to military action, the Arab world will support such action (at least in private), regardless of whether Israel and the Palestinians finally make peace. ★

Dry Bones

MR. HISTORY EXPLAINS



Israel Awaits

By ZLM Israel Tour Manager Tracie

Outside of my conversion experience, touring Israel and shepherding others through His Land has been the greatest joy of my life. This past October, 140 pilgrims joined one of the largest tour groups since ZLM's tours began 28 years ago, to meet and fellowship with Yeshua. The comments I heard repeated most were, "I had no idea just how strong the presence of Yeshua is in the Holy Land" or "The Bible has come alive to me in ways I never thought possible."

From my experience, a Christian making a pilgrimage to Israel mirrors the night a bride meets her bridegroom for the first time. On the honeymoon night, there is an intimacy that isn't present during the betrothal period—so it is in Israel. While I have worked in ministry many years, and even graduated from seminary, the moment I touched the Western Wall and got baptized in the Jordan River, it was as if the actual presence of the Lord shadowed me. So it will be with you when you arrive in His Land.



Tracie and Pilgrims at the Western Wall at evening.

As travel manager, I am committed to taking care of all the logistics both before and during the tour, leaving you to absorb His presence and Word while visiting His Land.

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Tracie, I want to thank you for a wonderful trip to the Holy Land. The tour was absolutely spectacular and you were a wonderful host. Zola Tours is truly blessed to have you—your untiring efforts are a testimony that Zola Tours creates the best pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The trip was truly a life-changing experience for me and I am thankful I went with Zola Tours. —Dan O. (VA) ★



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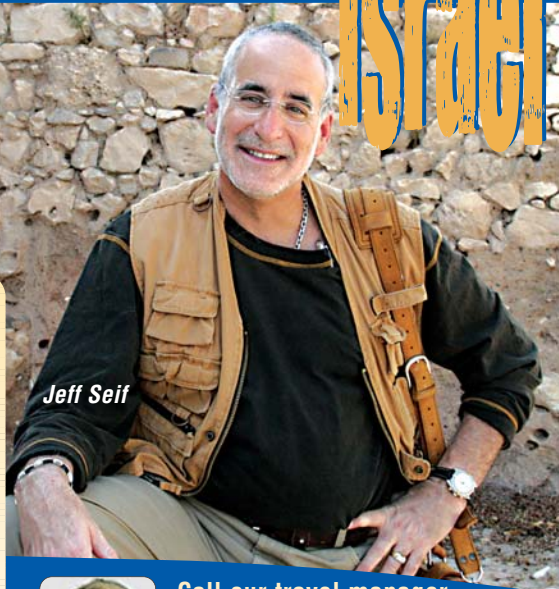
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Jeff Seif



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