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



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Why Should Christians Care About Israel?

By David Rubin / CharismaNews.com

Whether it's the peace process, the settlements, or the latest war, Israel is in the headlines more than almost any other nation. Why all this attention to a country the size of New Jersey in a sea of hostile Islamic nations?

Foes might say "oppression" of the Palestinians; supporters might claim anti-Semitism. While we can examine the issue from different angles, we would be remiss to ignore the ancient roots of Israel and of Christianity, a religion based on the teachings of a Jew born in Bethlehem in the biblical heartland of Israel.

Israel is a hot spot because it is the cradle of Western civilization, i.e. Judeo-Christian civilization. In the Bible, we find the values that have made that civilization the world leader. God makes clear where He stands on murder, marital fidelity, honesty, and humility. He also specifically refers to the land of Israel.

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Why Israeli Arabs Extol Israel

By Ron Cantor
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A common fallacy says that Israel is made up of Jews, and Palestine of Arabs. The latter is correct, but Israel is only 75 percent Jewish and 20 percent Arab. The 1.6 million Arabs in Israel are not "Palestinians."

There's a difference: Israeli Arabs possess the same rights and privileges as Israeli Jews, similar to the rights enjoyed in most Western countries. Unlike people in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria, all people in Israel have freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom to travel.

An Arab can go to the center of an Israeli city, hold a sign that says Prime Minister Netanyahu is stupid, and then go home and enjoy his family. No one will

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Why Should Christians Care... *continued from cover*

"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea [the Mediterranean] shall be your territory" (Deut. 11:24).

These geographic references, found throughout the Bible, are called an "eternal inheritance." The ramifications of these words on the current conflicts between Israel and its neighbors cannot be ignored by anyone who considers God's instructions to be eternal.

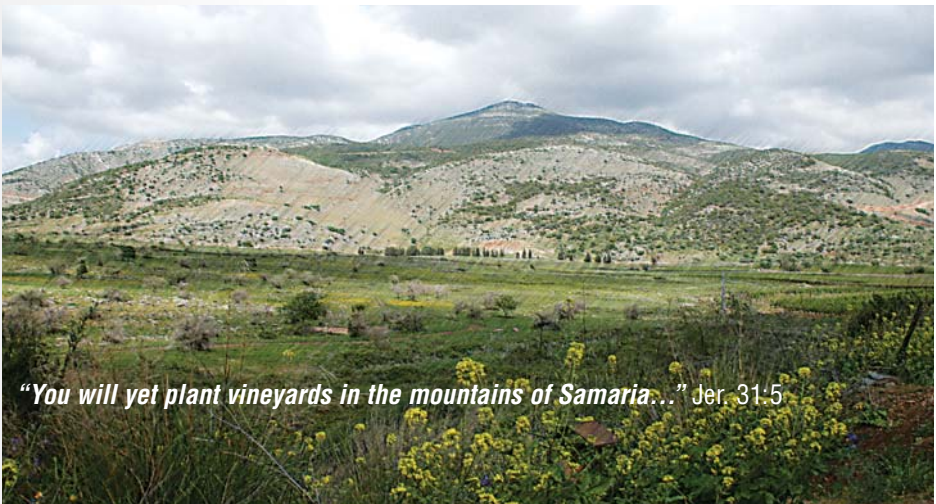
But are they only for the Jewish people? Or for Christians as well? The founding father of Israel, Abraham, was given clear instructions on the nature of Israel's relationships with the nations and the nations' relationships with Israel. *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed"* (Gen. 12:3).

Because the blessings for the nations go through Israel, the instructions concerning Israel are relevant to all the nations of the world. Events today in the Middle East demand that Israel be "a light unto the nations" (Isaiah 49:6), but they also demand the active involvement of Christians.

The Prophet Jeremiah, born in the 7th century B.C., spoke about what would be happening today as Israel rebuilds its biblical heartland amid internal dissension and over the fierce objections of the world. Should Christians be involved in that process? Yes!

"I shall yet rebuild you and you shall be rebuilt, O maiden of Israel; ... You will yet plant vineyards in the mountains of Samaria, the planters will plant and redeem. For there will come a day when watchmen will call out on Mt. Ephraim, 'Arise, let us ascend to Zion, to the Lord our God'" (Jer. 31:4-6).

The Bible's word for watchmen is "notzrim," which in modern Hebrew means "Christians." However one interprets the modern usage of an ancient word, the message seems clear: Christians are expected to support the rebuilding of Israel in these difficult times. It is indeed a privilege to be a watchman on behalf of Israel's prophetic return to its biblical heartland "in the mountains of Samaria."



"You will yet plant vineyards in the mountains of Samaria..." Jer. 31:5



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arrest him. Ask the same Arab to move to Saudi Arabia and hold up a sign saying, "King Abdullah has the brains of a camel." He wouldn't last 10 minutes. Furthermore, Israeli Arab women can drive (unlike in Saudi Arabia). No one tells them what they can wear. However, in many Muslim countries, women are physically beaten by religious police for leaving the house in a T-shirt and jeans. Israeli Arabs dress any way they like. Some dress in traditional Muslim garb, but many prefer Western clothing.

Gaza Police beat teen Ismail Halou and shaved his head simply for using hair gel.

Years ago we hired an Israeli Arab woman to help clean our house. I asked if she would prefer to live in a predominately Arab country, like Syria. She looked at me like I was crazy. I don't know what she thought of Jews, but she was happy to be living in Israel and not elsewhere in the Middle East.

There is something about freedom that changes a person. The majority of radicalized Muslims appear to come from those oppressed states like Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Iran. Where they enjoy human rights, they do not need to engage in terrorism.



Ismail Khaldi
Arab Muslim and Senior Israeli Diplomat

"Righteous Gentiles" Ride Again

Katharine
Weiss
ZLP Co-host



The Bible is full of grand stories of justice and of God overcoming evil. Certainly one of the most dramatic is David's defeat of Goliath. Young David, the coming king, vanquished the mocking giant on the fields of Israel. His story serves as a model for all of us: We can have the same confidence in the same God as we face the battles before us.

In our era, one of the giants that rises and mocks is the spectre of fascist ideology. In the mid-twentieth century, Judeo-Christian forces faced the giant of pagan-infused fascism. Fascism did not exist in a vacuum. It had many fellow travelers, including the Muslim Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini. The mufti is forever sealed in iniquity through the photos of him smiling alongside an equally jolly Adolf Hitler. In Berlin, they agreed that any of the Jews who might escape to the area then known as Palestine would be finished off by the Muslim troops in the Middle East. These two were confident that the Final Solution was near.

But God! As the Jewish saying goes, "Man plans and God laughs."

Western leaders, along with millions of Allied soldiers willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, foiled Hitler and his demonic plan. Also, in the midst of war, heroes arose who helped change the course of history. Their names come down to us, and we celebrate their actions. Names like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Corrie ten Boom, and Oskar Schindler are remembered today as "Righteous Among the Nations." Jewish people marvel at these men and women who risked all to save Jewish lives. What can motivate people to this type of action?

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Patriotic Zionists uphold two premier democracies.



Righteous...: Katharine continues



Whether overtly or covertly, the Spirit of God must have touched them. Like David, they came against the fascist ideology, "in the name of the Lord of Hosts." **Bonhoeffer** (r) was a pastor; ten Boom was reared in a Christian home with an understanding of the Jewish roots of Christianity.



What of **Oskar Schindler**? His story is more mysterious. However, after war profiteering left him cold, he took major risks to save 1,200 Jews. The mystery of Schindler's transformation continues today.

His great-niece through marriage, **Rosemary**, has allowed God to lay Oskar's mantle on her. She has joined Myles and me on many occasions to minister in Israel, America, and the nations. Together we proclaim the "one new man" of Ephesians 2:15, and we invite the



Church universal to stand against the goliath of radical Islam.

In late September, we will tour the Promised Land, and everyone who comes with us (perhaps including you) will have the opportunity to walk in the prophetic fulfillment of our Age. We will celebrate 30 years of Zola Tours pilgrimages. (See p. 36 for tour info and dates.) By His Spirit, we will remind the enemies of Israel that God has planted the Jews in this Land, "never to be uprooted again" (Amos 9:15). ★



Are you really boycotting the nation that's about to make a cure for ALS?

He'd rather go out with a Big Bang. Isn't that right Stephen?

(See related story on p. 27)



Heart to Heart

Myles To Go
By Myles Weiss
ZLP Co-host



David Rubin (*pictured below*), former mayor of Shiloh in Samaria and founder of the Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, is on the road again. The press calls this tireless Modern Orthodox family man a "religious settler" and an "obstacle to peace." It would be laughable if it weren't so dangerously false. As Jews, we still choose to laugh, as we have through the centuries. We laugh in the face of misunderstanding, false accusations, persecution, and exile. We need to laugh to keep from crying.

David is a sign and a wonder. He is part of the prophetic company of Bible-believing pioneers who have chosen to live and rear their children in the Heartland of the Bible. In spite of being shot by terrorists, an attack which seriously wounded his then-three-year-old son, David spreads his message of the hope for peace.

Shiloh has a long and illustrious history of Jewish residence and prophetic significance. The "Tabernacle of the Wilderness" was erected in Shiloh, and the Ark of the Covenant rested there for 369 years. Hannah prayed there for a son, and God blessed her (and the entire world) with Samuel. The anointing of the Lord is *still* there. When Katharine and I bring groups of pilgrims to Shiloh, some experience extraordinarily deep encounters with God.

The media, the politicians, the UN, and the Muslim world insist that this sacred ground belongs to Islam; Islam didn't even exist when Shiloh was established. These anti-Semitic voices proclaim that Jews have no historical connection with this land, especially with the mountains of Israel. However, the mountains in Samaria and Judea form the center of the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Some of the most important encounters with God took place in these mountains. Our Patriarchs spent so much of their biblical life there that the main road is called "The Way of The Patriarchs." In what can only be termed cosmic humor, the engineers who built the modern road in the area called it "Route 60." I wonder if they had read Isaiah 60?

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David Rubin in Shiloh

Heart to Heart: Myles continues



The Prophet Isaiah, writing eight centuries before the birth of Yeshua, spoke in Chapter 60 of the time when the gentiles would join the Jews in building up the heart of the Land. We are seeing this in our day as Christian believers in Yeshua join the Orthodox “settlers” in Samaria planting, pruning, tending, and harvesting the grapes. In this heartland, erroneously called the “West Bank” of the Jordan River, help for the Jewish people is producing fruit, both physical and inner. After centuries of alienation, the Jewish people are accepting the love of Christians. And the Christians who assist are helping to rewrite two millennia of Replacement Theology and “Christian” anti-Semitism.

As the land flourishes, so do hearts. The Jewish concept of “Tikkun Olam” is working in Samaria. *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) is a mandate for us. How awesome that in our era, Jews and Christians are seeing it done together!



Christians march in Jerusalem



Israel and Righteous Gentiles

By Shira Sorko-Ram
MaozIsrael.org



In serious conversation, Israelis acknowledge that the horrors of the Holocaust propelled the 660,000 Jews in Israel—many who had escaped the death chambers—to such desperation that against overwhelming odds they forged the rebirth of the ancient Jewish nation. Just as the birth of the modern State is a part of the DNA of all Israelis, so is the death of one third of its people.

Explaining the Holocaust is really about millions of personal stories. Yet they are so horrendous, so beastly, that few people can bear to hear them. I give you an example: A mother and her 5-year-old son were standing in the “selection” line of who would live (to be a slave laborer) and who would be gassed. Small children were automatically sent into the death line.

When her turn came, the mother cried out, “Please save my son!” The Nazi officer looked kindly at the little boy and called him to come. The officer picked up the child, hugged him, and swung him against a wall, bashing his head until he was dead.



Helena Frank Holits tells her story: **“I was on a death march of women only.** I asked a guard where we were going. He then answered, ‘Nowhere. We are marching you until you die.’” The march lasted 106 days, from the snows of January to the rains of May 1945, 500 miles. Helena was

one of a handful who miraculously survived to tell her story. A million children were shot, gassed, beaten, frozen to death, starved to death.

Nevertheless, there were heroic individuals who risked their lives to save Jewish people. Israel is populated with Holocaust survivors, their children, and their children’s children. Many of them live because a Christian, a priest, or a secular European determined to save as many Jews as he or she could. Many of these “righteous gentiles,” as they are called in Israel, gave their lives. ★

Speaking of “righteous gentiles,” the Zola Tours 30th Anniversary Tour this fall features Rosemary Schindler as our tour manager. Rosemary is the great-niece of Oskar. (See Katharine’s column on pp. 4–5.) We will address our pilgrims’ prophetic destiny as they support Israel in this time of international harassment.

You may also be interested in the video of Hitler’s archives, linked on p. 15, and our series *The Holocaust*, described on p. 17.
—Myles and Katharine



Christian makes a bold stand.

Israel's History: All About Roots

By Aviva and Shmuel Bar-Am / TimesOfIsrael.com



Twisted Olive Tree

The oldest of our ancient trees have lived through wars, religious upheavals, conquests, and defeats; the youngest have seen the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland. What if they could talk?

Sycamore Fig

Hundreds of years ago, sycamore fig trees covered a sandy hill in today's Tel Aviv. In the early days of the city – which was established in 1909 – people would bask in their shade, talking, laughing, and perhaps singing upbeat songs about reclaiming the Land of Israel.



Then in 1953, a cultural center on that very same hill was proposed. Worried that leveling the hill for construction would destroy the trees, nature lovers raised a huge public outcry. Their campaign to save the trees was partially successful, and a few of these 400-year-old trees survived.

Eventually the lovely Yaakov Park (*Gan Yaakov*) was developed around the trees and next to the center – today the Mann Auditorium and the Helena Rubinstein Pavilion for Contemporary Art. Once again, families relax under gorgeous sycamore trees, talking and laughing and solving the problems of the world.

Tamarisk trees at Beerotayim

During World War I, the Turkish authorities decided to draft young men from Mikve Israel into the Turkish army. Mikve Israel was the first agricultural school in modern Israel, established in 1870 on a tract of land leased from the Turkish sultan, southeast of Tel Aviv. The school's principal had a better idea: He offered to have his pupils grow beautiful trees and plant them at Turkish army posts. One desert post was at Beerotayim, named for the two wells (*"beer"*) found within its confines and located along the Turkish railroad line.

Beerotayim (south of Nitzana off Highway 10) is today a lush oasis boasting trees of incredible beauty. Nearby, graceful gazelles gaze at visitors with startled looks; perching here and there on the branches is a bird that Israelis call *kova hanazir* (monk's cap), because the top of its black head is white.



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Miracle on the Mediterranean

BY EITAN SHISHKOFF / Our Man in Haifa



The waters of the Mediterranean Sea in early summer turn a tantalizing azure. The sun seems to come closer as it drops through the late afternoon sky. Its rays explode across the water like diamonds beyond number on the shifting sea.

Even with the attraction of this scene, an experience far more eternal occupied my thoughts as I walked into the sea with a young Israeli who had asked me to immerse him in the waters of Believer's baptism. To make it even more special, this young man was born en route to Israel as his parents emigrated from the former Soviet Union. They came during the huge wave of immigration at the beginning of the 1990s. Growing up in an immigrant home is never simple. Trust me. As newcomers to Israel ourselves, my wife and I reared two children.

After he experienced rejection and perceived failure, my young friend agreed to meet with me a few years ago. At the time, he was extremely skeptical about the relevance of God, much less the transforming sacrifice of Yeshua. Intellectually brilliant, he read, he questioned, he pondered the possibility that I might be speaking truth about God's personal care for him. His heart gradually softened as we continued meeting.

Wonderfully, God's love drew him and he opened his heart to receive Messiah, turning from self-will and independence. Then he wrestled with the issue

of water immersion. Was he ready? Was his commitment to the Lord sufficient to "take the plunge?"

I put the subject out of my mind and was concentrating on helping him lay a healthy foundation in the Scriptures—discipling him for a life of wholeness and victory over darkness and doubt. Then, suddenly he called and surprised me by saying, "I want you to immerse me. I'm ready." Wow! I rejoiced at the deep work of the grace of our God.

So we walked into the Mediterranean together, wading through gentle waves with an exhilarating sense of freedom. In ancient times, and even now, our Jewish people signify repentance, renewal, cleansing, preparation for Shabbat, and allegiance to the God of Israel through the *mikveh* (ritual bath). Believer's immersion takes that to a new level by including "death to the old self" and "resurrection unto a new life in Messiah."

Emerging from the salty sea with my young 22-year-old friend, I saw something new in his countenance. It was a peace, a settledness. He made a deep-heart decision and was glad about it. I began cavorting in the water, the occasion so joyous that I couldn't restrain myself. Then, as we dried ourselves on the beach in the company of his family, the last light of the sun cast a glow on us all. In our exquisite level of satisfaction and pleasure in God, we experienced a miracle on the Mediterranean. ★

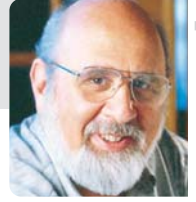


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Signs of God

CLASSIC ZOLA: 1979—34 years ago



A 1979 analysis of then-current events that related to biblical prophecy: It felt very close to The End when Zola wrote this piece. Had we laid down our Bibles at that point and just waited for the Lord to appear, we'd have missed 34 productive years working to further the Kingdom.

Closer to United Europe

"Another step toward a United Europe?" It's with these very words that *U.S. News & World Report* begins a major article on the European Common Market in its June 11, 1979 issue.

The headline and the article read almost like something straight out of the Book of Daniel with its prediction of a revived Roman Empire.

"Europe (and the rest of the world) is without doubt deep in international troubles... Communist military power building, oil stocks dwindling, terrible inflation... all coupled with creeping recession and even possible depression.

"The nine Common Market nations took a hopeful step in pursuit of their decades-old dream of a Unified Western Europe June 7–10 when they had the first direct elections for a European parliament."

The article sees these nations as "the Nine." Daniel (7:7) predicts a "terrible and exceedingly strong" world power that has ten horns (powers). He repeats his vision from this biblical scenario, and in the various pieces Daniel speaks about, we can easily see a new, great power arising from the residue of the old Roman Empire (Europe). It's made up of ten powers with ten leaders (kings) out of which comes "the beast" (the antiChrist).

Though Europe now hungers for a strong leader to take charge, no one as yet fits the bill. But a

world crisis (which could develop soon) might just bring such a person to power.

The magazine article points out that the newly elected European Parliament (representing 190 million Europeans) will lead to a truly United Europe, with economic solidarity and mutual defense protection.

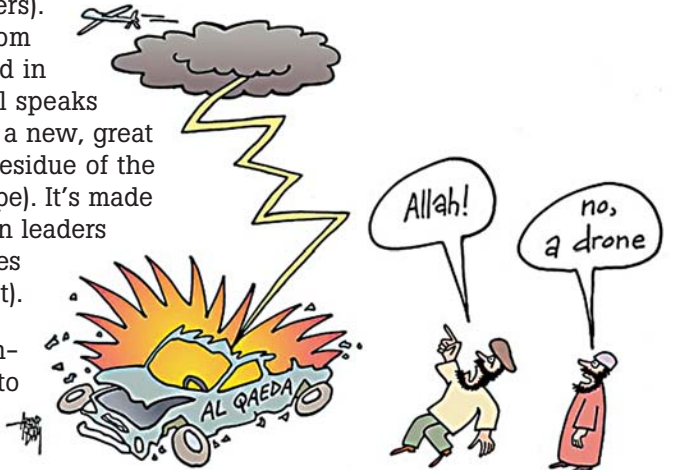
One European politician states, "We are trying to implement a dream. If it collapses, we have to go back to nationalism." By that he means each country fending for itself. But in a world growing daily with new troubles, that's unlikely. We will be ripe soon for the biblical prediction. NOTE CAREFULLY! Revelation 17:12–13:

"And the ten horns you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority as kings one hour [temporarily] with the beast. These are of one mind, and shall give their authority and strength to the beast."

This may be saying that these united powers are unable to make unity work ("they received no kingdom as yet") until the beast comes on the scene and pulls them all together.

Some outside threat probably causes this—either military, economic, or both.

Look for this to happen soon! ★



Ask The Chaplain

Dr. Todd D. Baker
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Staff Theologian



Q. LOCATION OF TEMPLE

I have heard about a thesis by Ernest Martin locating the original Temple south of the current Temple Mount near the City of David. What are your thoughts on this?

A. The Temple location had to be very near to where the current occupant—the pagan shrine “Dome of the Rock”—now stands, according to reputable Israeli scientists like Asher Kaufman. This is because the Holy of Holies was built in direct alignment with the Eastern Gate, which still stands. That would place it near the small cupola called the Dome of the Spirits, which is slightly northwest of the mosque and certainly not where the ancient city of David was located before Solomon’s Temple was built. For a peek at the top of the Temple Mount, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Temple-LLpage12>

Q. SHOFAR

I have a question regarding the origins of the *shofar* (ram’s horn).

I understand that the shofar’s roots are traced to Genesis chapter 22. God provided the ram in place of Isaac, with its horn caught in a thicket. After sacrificing the ram, I’m told, Abraham took one horn from the ram as the “First

Shofar.” I also understand that the other horn of this ram, the “Last Shofar,” will be blown by God at the end of the Ages.

Can someone expand on this? Point me to official writings? I would like to be able to cite something.

A. Yes, there is a tradition in the Jewish *midrashim* (rabbinic commentaries) that the shofar was originally blown to show Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac. For an informative, concise treatment on the shofar in Jewish history, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/shofar-LLpage12>

The sacrifice of Isaac story is recounted in Gen. 22:1–18. Because of this story, some *midrashim* claim that whenever the shofar is blown, God will remember Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his son and will therefore forgive those who hear the shofar’s blasts.

The shofar is also associated with the idea of crowning God as King on *Rosh HaShanah* (the Feast of Trumpets). The breath used to blow the shofar is associated with the breath of life, which God first breathed into Adam.

1 Corinthians 15:52 tells us that “the last trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” ★



Found In Translation!

BY DR. TODD D. BAKER / ZLM Staff Theologian

On our way from Tiberias to Jerusalem, Eric Oler and I picked up a Jewish hitchhiker. His name was Oriel. He could not speak English at all, and we don't speak Hebrew. Eric and I were in a quandary, wanting to share the Gospel of Yeshua.

God resolved this problem: Oriel had a translation device on his iPhone and quickly downloaded an English translation app. Using this device, Oriel asked us if we were tourists in Israel. We answered that we were sent by Yeshua the Messiah to share His Gospel message with His people, the Jews. Oriel typed back his response that he was glad to hear this. He asked if Eric and I were Jewish. We answered, "In our hearts and souls, we have become spiritual Jews through faith in Yeshua the Messiah."

We explained how Yeshua came from Israel to die for men's sins and rise from the dead three days later. We told Oriel that everyone who believes this receives forgiveness in His name and receives eternal life. Yeshua came "to the Jew first and also to the gentile" (Acts 10:43; Romans 1:16). We even showed Oriel how the *Tanakh* (Old

Testament) in Jeremiah 31:31 teaches that the *B'rit Hadashah* (New Testament) is for the nation of Israel. We cross-referenced the passage in Jeremiah with Matthew 26:26–28 and John 3:16 to demonstrate that Yeshua was the Messiah that God sent to ratify this New Covenant. Through this amazing iPhone translation app, we discussed several other salvation truths prophesied in the *Tanakh* and how they are completed in the Person of Yeshua as revealed in the New Testament.

We always bring along copies of both the *Tanakh* and *B'rit Hadashah* so that Jews in Israel can see this for themselves. We gave a set to Oriel. He was very open and moved by the Spirit to the point of tears. Even though we couldn't communicate with him in Hebrew, the grace of our Lord Jesus was palpably present as Oriel downloaded a translator app to reveal the Messiah to his hungry soul. And in this translation, Oriel found Yeshua! ★

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**Oriel and Todd
on the road in Israel.**

Who Is Marty Goetz?

BY KRISTY ETHERIDGE (r) / CharismaNews.com



When Marty Goetz grew up in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio in the 1950s, his life was steeped in Jewish culture. "It was like little Israel," said Goetz. "Almost all the people [around] were Jewish." No one dreamed the shy Jewish boy would one day compose melodies set to Scripture, praising Jesus Christ as the Jewish Messiah.

Goetz studied Hebrew, read the Torah, and sang the liturgy at his family's synagogue. In 1970, he enrolled at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he pursued a growing interest in the performing arts. "That's where I got into show business," said Goetz.

He teamed up with another young musician, Bert, and took off for New York City. In New York, Bert became a Christian, and Goetz didn't like it. "I couldn't stand the whole Jesus thing," said Goetz.

The act broke up, but Goetz couldn't stop thinking about the increasing number of Christians who seemed to be popping up in his life. On his journey to Los Angeles, he discovered an unlikely item that would change his life.

"I visited my parents. They had, for some reason, a big family Bible," said Goetz. "I took it to L.A. with me, and I started reading it."

"Then, things started happening that made me just start looking up," he said. He wanted to figure out whether Jesus could ever fit into his Jewish life. "If He was going to be my Lord, He had to be the Jewish Messiah," said Goetz.

As he read the Gospels, "I started to think, what do I have against this person?" said Goetz. "And the more I read about Him, the more I liked Him."

Then, a good friend took him to church. "At the end of the sermon, the pastor

asked who wanted to receive Jesus, and I walked up. That began my walk with the Lord."

At a wedding, Goetz met Jennifer Yaffee. Just like him, Yaffee was Jewish and had come to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. Goetz was smitten. He married Yaffee in 1984, they had a daughter, Danyel Misha, and Jennifer became Marty's manager, producer, and booking agent. Twenty-nine years later, she still manages Goetz's career.



"I couldn't do it without Jennifer," said Goetz. "Besides putting up with me, she's my biggest encourager."

In 1991, Goetz's talent led him to a Billy Graham outreach event in New York City. Goetz performed his Messianic music, representing the Jewish Believers of New York.

The shy, Jewish boy from Ohio is still making his mark on the Christian world, using his voice to praise his Savior, Jesus Christ. Goetz's Messianic music has been compared to the sweeping melodies of Broadway, but Goetz has a different way of describing his unique style. "In the modern day, if there was such a thing as a psalmist, that's what I would be," said Goetz. "I'm a singer of psalms."

[Songs from Marty's *I Call You Friend* \(pp. 19 & 36\) accompany our *Psalms of Ascent* series \(p.18\).](#) ★



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Beyond Cable & Satellite

Here's a new way to watch Zola Levitt Presents. A Roku box (info at www.levitt.com/roku) gives access via the Internet to more than 350 channels and hundreds of movies from Netflix, Pandora, Hulu, Disney, etc. Once you launch the Zola Levitt Ministries channel (on the device), you can watch episodes of ZLP on your big-screen TV. It even supports closed captions. It is really cool and the best way to watch our show, other than the scheduled broadcast.



Pray for
the peace of
Jerusalem

Free Item



Burdensome Bureaucracy

6 months after Superstorm Sandy, the Red Cross still had spent only a third of the \$303 million it raised to assist victims of the storm. Sufferers could have used help this past winter when they were cold and their homes mildewed. Given the lingering despair, **why did they set the money aside?** Gifts to our Bible-teaching ministry are put to use quickly and efficiently, in ways that you can immediately see on TV and in your mailbox. Please help us prepare our viewers/readers for the brewing storm called Armageddon.

Pamphlet of the Month

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Hitler's Secret Archive

60 Minutes recently featured a news story regarding German archives that have surfaced after more than 60 years. Imagine thousands of filing cabinets holding 50 million pages, including Oskar Schindler's list and the paper trail of Anne Frank. The Nazis are famous for keeping records, from the bizarre to the horrifying. Now immense storerooms with 16 miles (!) of shelves document beyond deniability the deaths of 17 million victims. To watch this 12-minute video, please visit <http://cbsn.ws/XfaM35>. (See also p.34.)



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Hebrew Lesson

The Way of Perfect Peace

By John J. Parsons



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“In all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths upright” (Prov. 3:6)

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When we lose sight of the truth that God is in complete control of all things, we tend to grow anxious. Feeling worried comes from focusing on ourselves, a perspective that can make us feel alone, forgotten, and even victimized in this world. Worry moves us to defend ourselves, to seek refuge in our own devices, and to forfeit the will of God according to the dictates of lesser fears. The sages say it is not permitted to worry: “To worry is a sin; only one sort of worry is permissible; to worry *because* one worries.” We should worry *that* we worry because worrying indicates our hardness of heart and unbelief. God’s name YHWH (יהוה) means “Presence,” “Breath,” “Life,” and “Love.” So why be anxious for “tomorrow”? We really only have this moment, but this moment is entirely sufficient when we walk in the light of God and seek to know Him in all our ways.

The first part of the “Shema” (Deut. 6:4–9) admonishes us to remember the truth of God “when you sit in your house, when you walk in your ways, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” “In all your ways know Him;” that is, in all that you put your hand to do, look for God’s Presence and guidance (1 Cor. 10:31). This is something *you* must do: As King David stated, “I have set the Lord *always* before me, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved” (Psalm 16:8). “Let the peace of God rule in you” (Col. 3:15).

The Name of the LORD is “I-AM-WITH-YOU-ALWAYS,” which implies that we always live within His Presence and care, even if we are sometimes not conscious of this truth (Matt. 28:20). As it is written in the prophets, *hen al kapayim hachotikh*: “Behold I have engraved you on the palms of My hands” (Isa. 49:16). Remember the One who stretched out His hands and died for your healing; remember that He said, “Do not be anxious about tomorrow... sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matt. 6:34). Again, “do not be anxious for any reason, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the healing peace of God—the very Shalom of Heaven—which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Yeshua the Messiah” (Phil. 4:6–7). **“He’s got the whole world in His hands.” We experience inner peace when our minds are settled on Him** (Isa. 26:3).



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(Please see related article p. 8 "Israel and Righteous Gentiles" and the Bulletin Board item on p. 15 "Hitler's Secret Archive.")

They Survived Includes interviews with Holocaust survivors Dr. Eric Kulka and Efraim Zuroff. Dr. Tom McCall also interviews the head of research at Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum and the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem.

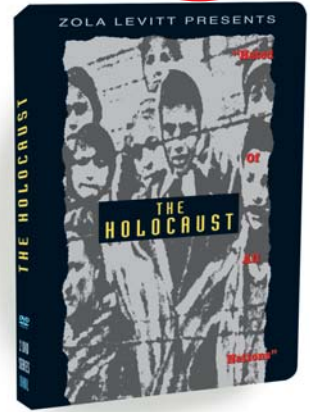
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Nazis Today Zola continues his interview with Yaron Svoray. Yaron shows photos that he took of neo-Nazis during his undercover mission — evidence about which the German government has done nothing.

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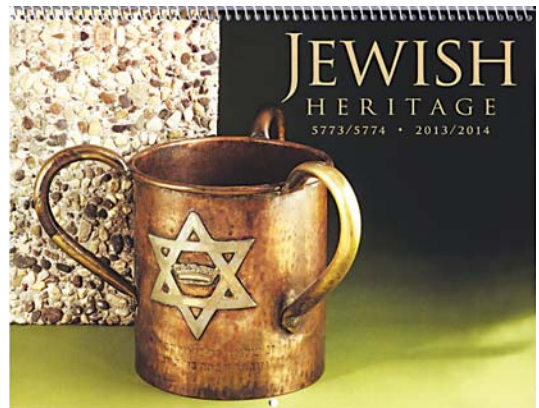
Righteous Gentiles Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, shares her concern for political support by all democracies for the State of Israel. Pam Rosewell Moore, who was Corrie ten Boom's companion and secretary, reveals some special insights into Corrie's survival during the Holocaust.



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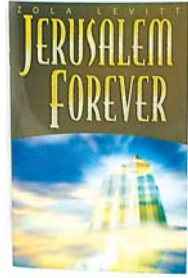


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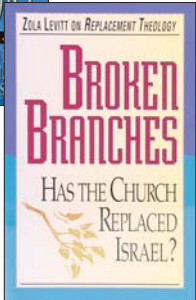
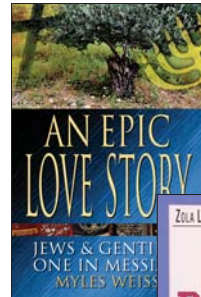
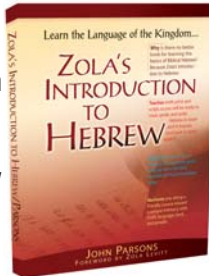
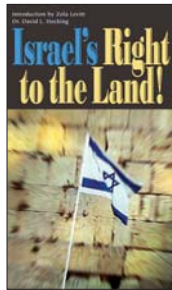
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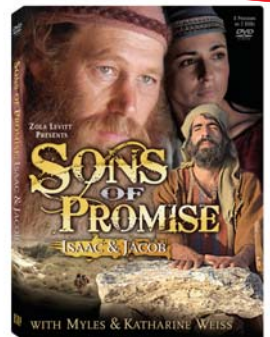


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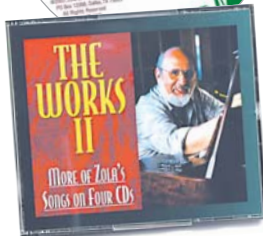
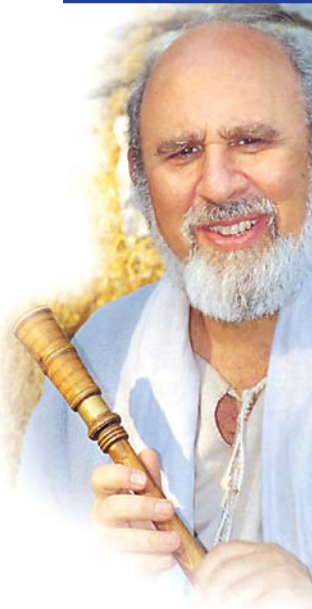
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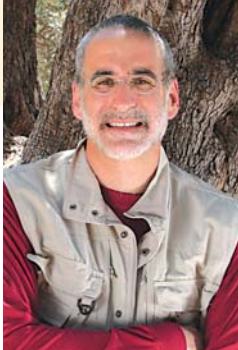
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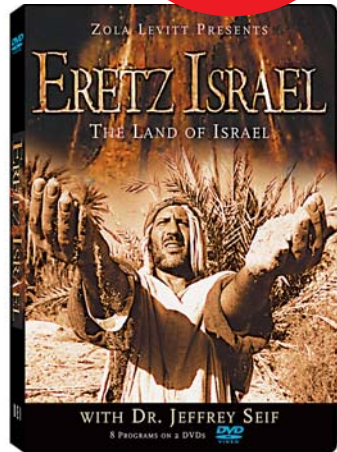
Entering the Promised Land Moses continued the Patriarchs' Land promises. We follow the story in Jericho where the ancient Israelites contended for the Land promised by God.

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Riding the Ocean

WISE AS A SERPENT / By Mark Levitt

Dear Mark,

As a supporter of your ministry, I read your article in the June *Levitt Letter* and wondered whether “bond funds” would fall under the category of funds you warn about. My broker wants me to purchase a bond fund rather than another bond. Is a bond fund similar to a stock mutual fund? Any general information you might be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.
—Thank you, D.H. (Springfield, MO)

Dear D.H.—

Thanks for supporting ZLM and taking an interest in my article. Please see others in the “Wise As A Serpent” archive at www.levitt.com/essays (toward the bottom, after our theologians’ archives). You may know that I’ve never been a financial advisor or stockbroker. Having been thoroughly burned by a stockbroker, however, I relay pearls of wisdom from experts who warn about the investment industry’s systemic conflicts of interest. For example, most high-commission investments benefit the salesman more than the client.

Diversification, diversification, and diversification are the magic bullets of investing in stocks and bonds. Stock funds and bond funds are collections of individual stocks and bonds. Provided that their expenses are low enough, they can offer safety over the long haul with their extensive diversification.

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in small, medium, and large companies, 2) various bond funds, and 3) foreign and domestic funds, mostly domestic.

Business columnist Scott Burns routinely reminds readers that they can earn higher net returns than just about any high-commission investment by putting their nest egg in a low-fee proposition like Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund. Just remember to hold back savings to cover at least 4 months’ worth of bills.

If my Vanguard advisor and I resided in a special section of heaven for wise financial serpents, then maybe I’d get to shine his shoes. When you ask whether you should listen to your broker, I wonder whether he is serving you as well as himself. At Vanguard, unlike traditional “full service” firms, the broker advising this ministry has no incentive to hustle us into a fee-laden proposition. Business headlines are much less dramatic for those who ride the ocean that’s rising over the long-term than for the gamblers who constantly guess which wave to catch or what minute the tide will come in.

For an article that pertains to overpriced stockbrokers like the one I fired at A.G. Edwards, see “You’re Paying Too Much for Investment Help” at <http://wp.me/pieUD-1Jf>. Its author would have no beef against firms like Vanguard, which are essentially co-ops owned by their investors. ★



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Letters to ZLM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From M.M.M.: Thanks for your wonderful YouTube channel! I don't get the opportunity to watch TV anymore, and I really appreciate the YouTube postings.

From D.P. (CA): I look forward to watching Myles and Katharine Weiss on each downloaded podcast. Their love for Israel and Yeshua lifts my heart as nothing else does these days. I have watched Zola since the early '90s in Dallas. I am grateful for this ministry of God and pray that ZLM will continue to serve Him, even at that very moment when He calls us UP! Bless you and bless God our Lord and Savior.

From L.L. (MT): We are searching for materials to use in homeschooling our children. I spoke with Audrey in your office to add *Zola's Introduction to Hebrew* to my order. Thank you for your sweet customer service!

From S.F. (WA): I'm ordering the next set of *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*. I learned a lot from the previous set. I love Zola and Jeff. My witness should be much better now.

From A.D.G.: Thank you so much for your *Levitt Letter*. For current news, you are one of my trusted sources. My donation is for the Lone Soldier Fund. Thank you for that and for all that you do. The peace of Jerusalem is first on my prayer list, then Divine intervention for their military: the IDF, Bibi [Prime Minister Netanyahu], etc. Sometimes I feel one with them. I know someday "every knee will bow" and know the truth (Philippians 2:10).

From M.M.: Thank you for a wonderful programme. Your "Letters from Viewers" on *Zola Levitt Presents* answered two questions I had: the name of Jesus and the Sabbath. Studying the Bible can make you feel Jewish, but as a gentile you can feel lost as to your place in it. Thank you for clarifying this for me. Jerusalem truly is a blessing to us all.

From C. and J.S.: Keep up the Lord's work. Your TV programs are excellent. God bless this ministry.

From F.P.: A member of our church wanted your organization to have this donation for such expenses as postage—especially the extra *Levitt Letters* you sent to us recently. Your service to the Lord is very fruitful and appreciated.



Scattering Seeds in Australia (An inspiring letter! —Myles)

Dear Myles,

You do not know me, but I feel I know both you and Katharine as a result of watching many hours of your teaching on DVD. I am forwarding an email, and I need to explain what is happening.

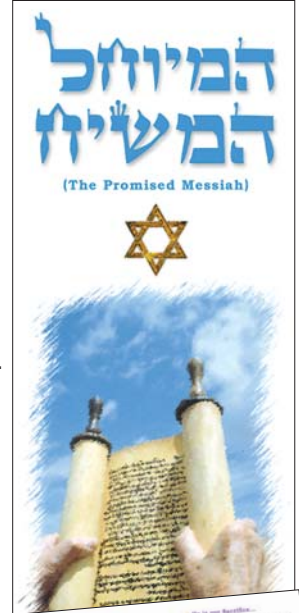
Some years ago we received a copy of *The Promised Messiah* pamphlet from your ministry and thought it would be an effective witnessing tool in Australia. We received permission to reprint if we kept your details on the tract. We do. It has been used in reaching out to Israeli backpackers and been distributed in Sydney's Jewish areas, but the process was slow. After prayer, we introduced "Seed Scattering" in which 162 volunteers—ranging from old-age pensioners in elder care to young people of varying nationalities—covenanted to pray daily for those who have received the pamphlet.

I've often wondered if you get enquires from Australia. Only one person has reported checking your website. Are there any others?

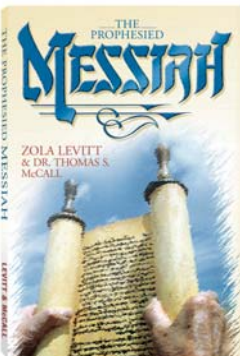
We have the tract in Spanish, French, Ethiopian, and Russian. A Spanish friend sent many to South America and also to Spain... so, praise the Lord! We're grateful for all the years we have been dealing with Zola Levitt Ministries. In my case, it has been 23 years, and for my secretary 14 years. We are grateful to Jane in your office for all her help over the years.

We got Zola's permission many years ago to put some of his DVDs into the free library. And we have a book outlet for mail orders and a book table at another organisation's monthly meetings and prophecy camp. Your books and DVDs are always displayed and recommended.

Yours in the precious bonds of the Lord Yeshua, —H.T. of Manna International (New South Wales)



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How to Locate a Messianic Congregation

Shalom and Many *Brachot* (peace and many blessings) to you, Mr. Myles,

We agree we are living in the days when All of the Chosen People will Know Him. Our Calling is Romans 1:16, and we speak a lot of Hebrew plus some Yiddish. It still amazes us, living in the Big Apple, that there is not a Messianic congregation in every borough.

Through evangelism here, we have found a lot of secret Jewish Believers, from doctors to plumbers, that we witness to. When they ask if there is a Messianic congregation nearby, we can only answer Chosen People Ministries.

Some have been invited to church, but they crave a Jewish fellowship that the average gentile church does not provide. Also when our small evangelism team needs extra help from equipped Believers, there are few to count on. If you know of any Hebrew Believers who are willing to help out in the field, please let us know.

Toda Raba with lots of *Ahava* (many thanks with lots of love), —J. and L.

Dear J. and L.—

To find Messianic and/or “one new man” congregations in the New York City area, please contact Tikkun Ministries International, MJAA (Messianic Jewish Alliance of America), UMJC (Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations), or Jews for Jesus. —Blessings, Myles and Katharine

Keeping Kosher

Dear ZLM,

If we are trying to keep kosher but “slip” and eat, say, barbequed pork or shrimp, how does that affect our relationship with God? I know it doesn’t have anything to do with salvation, but is kosher simply a way to stay healthy? Or is it a bad sin to eat what I just mentioned? I don’t want to displease God (I’m being serious). —J.S. (MS)

Dear J.S.—

The dietary laws from the Law of Moses were done away with in Christ. They were part and parcel of the Old Covenant.

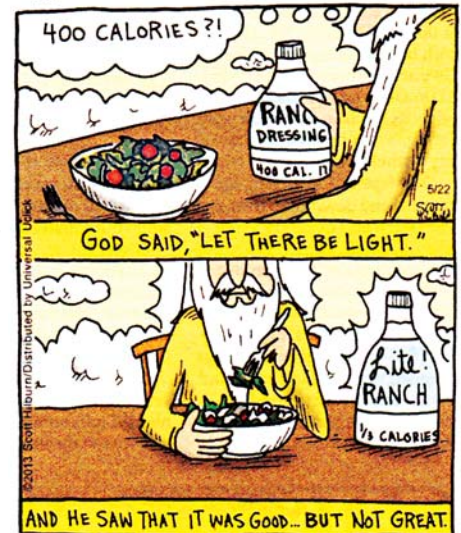
Thus, Paul writes in Colossians 2:14–16 that Christians are not under these kind of dietary restrictions, which foreshadowed the Person and work of the Messiah.

What we eat or do not eat under the New Covenant is not an issue, nor does it produce a better standing with the Lord, since one is justified by faith in Jesus alone and not by the works of the Law such as following *kashrut* (dietary laws of the Old Testament) (Gal. 2:16). “But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse” (1 Corinthians 8:8). Impurity is not what you eat or don’t eat but is a matter of the heart, as Jesus clearly declared in Mark 7:14–23.

As for health: In a day of kosher hot dogs and kosher Coca-Cola (both very unhealthy), one should not assume that a kosher diet is healthier.

—Todd

Argyle Sweater



Where's Walid?

Dear Mark,

I miss Zola. He was a man of great accomplishments in the Lord. Did I hear Myles say on a recent program that **Walid Shoebat** was going to contribute to ZLM in a greater way in the future? I remember Zola telling Walid in the series *Age of Terror* that he had discerned through prayer that Walid's teachings were correct. — T.E.D. (OH)



Dear ZLM,

I really enjoy the articles and up-to-date information in the *Levitt Letter*. Can you please include more letters from Walid Shoebat? Thanks, B.S. (MN)

Shalom T.E.D. and B.S.—

You heard me correctly. It is still our desire to have Walid contribute. He is a man on the go, with many speaking engagements and media responsibilities. I will contact him again and see if we can get a regular update from him. Thanks for the reminder. — Myles



Allah and Yahweh are Very Different

Dear ZLM,

I love the *Levitt Letter* and post my copy on the communal bulletin board for other inmates to enjoy. They do, especially the cartoons. I like best the Hebrew Lesson, Israel's history, and the Israeli contributions to medicine and science.

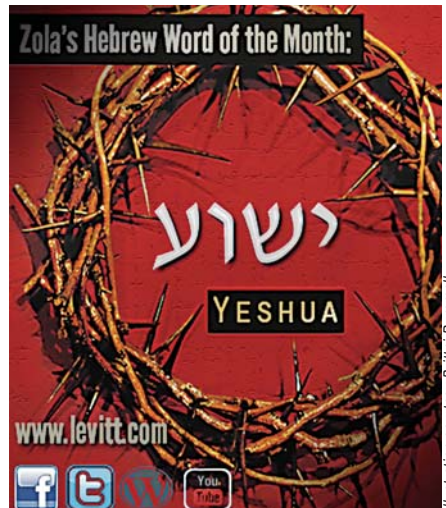
I would like to respond to the January article "Are God and Allah the Same?" (www.levitt.com/newsletters/2013-01.pdf) p. 32. I have a Koran and Allah is most certainly not the God of Israel. [W.H. then quotes sura and relative Bible verses, among which is the following comparison.] The Koran's introduction says that the prophet Mohammed received messages from Allah by the angel Gabriel, commanding him to read/proclaim. Sura 96.1: "*Proclaim in the name of your lord and cherisher who created...*" And the Bible warns 600 years earlier in Galatians 1:8: "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*"

So you see, there is hatred for the nation of Israel because of Jesus Christ. —Thank you, W.H. (MS)

Dear W.H.—

Good job illustrating the contradictions between the Koran and the Bible. The obvious conclusion one must reach is that Allah is not the same as Yahweh and the two books are VERY different. The popular, politically correct narrative does not allow for this truth; nonetheless, it stands.

Yes, anti-Semitism is related to anti-Messiah-ism because Jesus (*Yeshua*) was born a Jew, died a Jew, and will return as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. So the battle over the Land, the people, His Word, and the future is intimately connected to Him. Good news, though ... He will have the last Word. In fact, He IS the last Word! — Myles ★





Israeli Scientists Create Biological Computer

SCIENCE: By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich / JPost.com

Scientists at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology have developed and built a molecular transducer – an advanced computing machine solely out of biomolecules, like DNA and enzymes, that can manipulate genetic codes. This “unprecedented device,” they said, can compute using the output as a new input for subsequent computations (called an iterative computation).

In addition, it produces outputs in the form of biologically meaningful phenomena, such as resistance of bacteria to various antibiotics. The researchers showed that their transducer can perform a long division of binary numbers by the number 3 and performed an iterative computation.

Prof. Ehud Keinan, postdoctoral chemistry fellows Dr. Tamar Ratner and Dr. Ron Piran, and Dr. Natasha Jonoska of the Department of Mathematics at the University of South Florida published their work recently in the journal *Chemistry & Biology of the Cell*. Their work may open up interesting opportunities in biotechnology, including individual gene therapy and cloning.



(Artist: Pepe Fairberg)



“The ever-increasing interest in biomolecular computing devices has not arisen from the hope that such machines could ever compete with their electronic counterparts by offering greater computation speed, fidelity, and power or performance in traditional computing tasks,” said Keinan. “The main advantages of biomolecular computing devices over the electronic computers arise from other properties. As shown in this work and other projects carried out in our lab, these systems can interact directly with biological systems, even with living organisms. No interface is required since all components of molecular computers, including hardware, software, input, and output, are molecules that interact in solution along a cascade of programmable chemical events.

“All biological systems, and even entire living organisms, are natural molecular computers. Every one of us is a biomolecular computer; that is, a machine in which all components are molecules ‘talking’ to one another in a logical manner. The hardware and software are complex biological molecules that activate one another to carry out some predetermined chemical tasks. The input is a molecule that undergoes specific, programmed changes, following a specific set of rules (software) and the output of this chemical computation process is another well-defined molecule.

“Our results are significant because they demonstrate for the first time a synthetic, designed computing machine that not only computes iteratively, but also produces biologically relevant results. Although this transducer was employed to solve a specific problem, the general methodology shows that similar devices could be applied for other computational problems.”

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Artificial nerve

In addition to its enhanced computation power, this DNA-based transducer offers multiple benefits, such as the ability to read and transform genetic information, miniaturization to the molecular scale, and the aptitude to produce computational results which interact directly with living organisms. Therefore, its implementation on a genetic material may not just evaluate and detect specific sequences, but it can also alter and algorithmically process the genetic code. ★

Even if you're like me and can barely understand these scientists, still we can be assured that God will bless the world through them. — Editor

Reversing Paralysis With a Restorative Gel

MEDICINE: American Friends of Tel Aviv University / aftau.org

Some parts of the body, like the liver, can regenerate themselves after damage. But others, such as our nervous system, are considered either irreparable or slow to recover, leaving thousands with a lifetime of pain, limited mobility, or even paralysis.



Now a team of Tel Aviv University researchers, including **Dr. Shimon Rochkind** (above) of TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine and Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center and Prof. Zvi Nevo of TAU's Department of Human Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry, has invented a method for repairing damaged peripheral nerves. Through a biodegradable implant in combination with a newly-developed Guiding Regeneration Gel (GRG) that increases nerve growth and healing, the functionality of a torn or damaged nerve could ultimately be restored.

This innovative project is now gaining international recognition. Its initial successes were reported recently at several renowned scientific congresses, including the World Federation of Neurological Societies and the European Neurological Society. And the therapy, already tested in animal models, is only a few years away from clinical use, says Dr. Rochkind. A nerve is like an electrical cable. When severed or otherwise damaged, power can no longer be transferred and the cable loses its functionality. Similarly, a damaged nerve loses the ability to transfer signals for movement and feeling through the nervous system.

Dr. Rochkind and Prof. Nevo found a way to breach the gap. In their method, two severed ends of a damaged nerve are reconnected by implanting a soft, biodegradable tube, which serves as a bridge to help the nerve ends connect. The innovative gel, which lines the inside of the tube, nurtures nerve fibers' growth, encouraging the nerve to reconnect the severed ends through the tube, even in cases with massive nerve damage.

The key lies in the composition of the gel, which has three main components: antioxidants, which exhibit high anti-inflammatory activities; synthetic laminin peptides, which act as a railway or track for the nerve fibers to grow along; and hyaluronic acid, commonly found in the human fetus, which serves as a buffer against drying, a major danger for most implants. These components allow the nerve to heal the way a fetus does in the womb—quickly and smoothly.

The implant has already been tested in animal models, and the gel by itself can be used as a stand-alone product, acting as an aid to cell therapy. GRG is not only able to preserve cells, it can support their survival while being used for therapy and transplantation. When grown in the gel, cells show excellent development as well as intensive fiber growth. This could have implications for the treatment of diseases such as Parkinson's, for which researchers are actively exploring cell therapy as a potential solution. ★



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Stealing Jesus

BY ITAMAR MARCUS (r) & NAN JACQUES SILBERDIK / PalWatch.org

“Jesus ... the virtuous, patriotic Palestinian forefather ... brought forth his New Testament and spread it among mankind – which led the Jews to persecute him until they caught him, crucified him, and murdered him.”

“**The Palestinians [are] Jesus’ descendants**” and “Jesus’ story is his [Palestinian] people’s story.” —*Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* (May 6, 2013)

Having no ancient Palestinian history, the Palestinian Authority (PA) has tried for years to convince its people that they have a history going back many thousands of years, that there was an ancient Palestinian nation, and that one of the great figures of history, Jesus, was their “forefather” and they are “Jesus’ descendants.”

The fact that in Christian tradition Jesus is a Jew from the nation of Judea and that the historical record has no record of a Palestinian Arab people is not taught by the PA. The PA also ignores the fact that Rome only changed the name of Judea to “Palestine” in the year 135 A.D. during the Judean Bar Kokhba Rebellion, long after the death of Jesus. Furthermore, according to Christian tradition, Jesus did not marry, had no children, and therefore Palestinians could not be “Jesus’ descendants.”

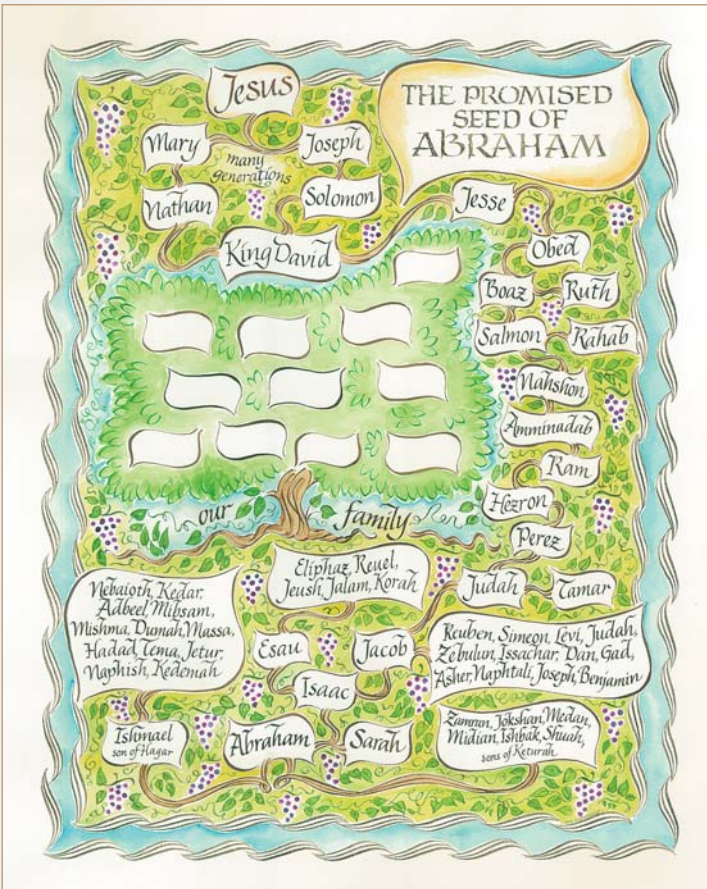
According to the above op-ed in *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, the official PA daily, Jesus the Palestinian was oppressed and persecuted by the Jews, similar to today’s

Palestinians, who are likewise oppressed and persecuted by the Jews. Nonetheless, just as Jesus was resurrected, so too “the Palestinians, Jesus’ descendants, rose from the ashes.”

You can see my interview with Itamar Marcus at <http://tinyurl.com/tv-1227> It was an honor to speak with him last year. His Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) provides a vital service to Israel and also the international community. —Myles



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NEW! Abraham to Jesus Genealogy Chart, 16" x20" on heavy paper. (See p.19.)

Jesus, a Palestinian Martyr?

BY DAN CALIC / GodsEverlastingCovenant.com



Most Christians, especially Westerners, assume all Christians are the same: They believe Jesus is the Messiah; most recognize that He was a Jew.

Yet, in the Middle East, a starkly different Christian narrative exists, one that should also interest Jews. While “refugees” who are Arabs from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon have been renamed “Palestinians,” a simultaneous makeover has been taking place among “Palestinian” Christians regarding Christianity and Jesus. It should disturb mainstream Christianity, Christian Zionists, and Messianic Jews.

“Replacement Theology” claims God rejected the Jews after Jesus wasn’t accepted as Messiah, and replaced them with the Church. This anti-Semitic viewpoint cannot be found anywhere in the Christian Bible. In fact, it’s refuted. Romans 11:1 says “*Did God reject His own people? By no means!*”

However, in the Middle East, “Palestinian” Christians have invented something different. They still hold Jesus as Messiah; but from here things take a different path. To promote the “Palestinian” Church, some traditional understandings have been altered to fit the revisionist effort.

For example, instead of Jesus being a Jew, he’s a “Palestinian.” This is in stark contrast to Christianity worldwide. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has also become a “Palestinian.” The Palestinian makeover of Jesus and Mary is also shared by Muslims, as evidenced by these examples:

“Jesus was the first Palestinian Martyr.” [Fatah TV Dec. 3, 2010]

“Fatah proud of Palestinian Virgin Mary” [Fatah website March 8, 2010]

“Palestinians are Jesus’s Descendants” [official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* May 6, 2013] (See “*Stealing Jesus*” p.28)

Such outrageous claims negate historical facts about Jesus and portray Him as part of an ancient nation of “Palestinians” that in fact never existed.

Revisionists’ efforts include altering Scripture to fit their agenda. Speaking at the March 2012 Christ At The Checkpoint conference, Jack Sara, president of Bethlehem Bible College, offered a “Palestinian-ized” version of Ezekiel 37—the prophet’s “dry bones” vision, which has always been widely accepted as referring to Israel and the Jewish people. Sara’s version: “*The hand of the Lord was on me and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of the West Bank—Bethlehem, Jenin and Salvit, and Nablus and Ramallah. It was full of bones ... He asked me, ‘Son of Man, can these bones live? Can the Palestinian people live?’*”

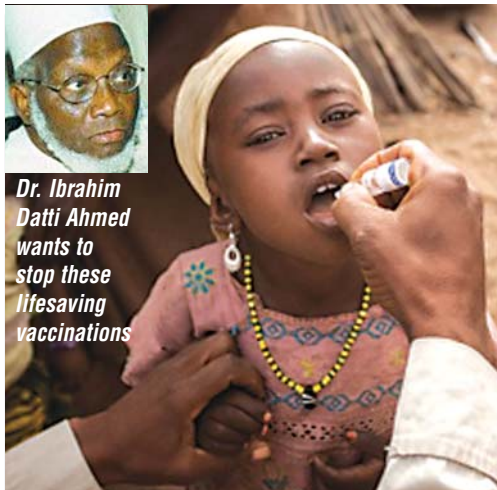
Nowhere does Ezekiel mention “West Bank,” any of these cities, or “Palestinian” people. Sara’s revision deliberately promotes an anti-Semitic, pro-Palestinian agenda. Those unfamiliar with Scripture can easily be deceived by such revisions, which are intentionally designed to delegitimize what has been historically accepted as Jewish. ★

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How does this alliance of Western and Palestinian Christians hurt Jews? Next issue. —Myles



SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS



Dr. Ibrahim Datti Ahmed wants to stop these lifesaving vaccinations

Spreading Polio in the Name of Islam

By Daniel Pipes / ChristianPost.com

The polio disease was on the verge of eradication when Ibrahim Datti Ahmed, president of the Supreme Council for Sharia in Nigeria and a physician, suggested at about this time in 2003 that the vaccination program in his country was part of a Western conspiracy to render Muslim children infertile. His call for an end to the polio immunization campaign touched a nerve and spread to other Muslim religious leaders in Nigeria, causing the vaccination process to slow down and incidences of the disease to pick up.

From Nigeria, this dual phenomenon of conspiracy theory and re-appearance of the disease then expanded to Muslims internationally. So closely connected have Islam and polio become that the Muslim-only pilgrimage to Mecca became a major mechanism of transmitting the disease to faraway places like Indonesia.

By now, Ahmed's paranoia has sent the new wave of polio from Nigeria to Muslim populations in at least 17 other African countries and 6 Asian countries:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Somalia, Sudan, Togo.

Asia: Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

Unfortunately, a single conspiracy-obsessed Islamist, equipped with an organization and credentials, has caused polio not to be eradicated but instead to win a new lease on life. As a result, radical Islam brought misery to another aspect of human life — and made fellow Muslims its principal victims.

De Niro Likes Israel

TimesOfIsrael.com



American actor Robert De Niro praised Israeli aggressiveness during a talk at the President's Conference/Jerusalem.

"I always enjoy coming to Israel. Israelis are warm, energetic people. Forthright. Very smart. I always like smart people. They're nice people, you know. Aggressive, and I respect that aggressiveness because you need it in their situation," he said.

The statement was high praise, coming from the man who has made a career out of playing aggressive tough guys in movies from "Taxi Driver" to "Meet the Fockers."

De Niro, 69, is one of several high-profile guests who came to Israel in June to celebrate President Shimon Peres's 90th birthday and participate in his annual Facing Tomorrow conference. While in Israel, De Niro visited the Western Wall with his son Julian, 17, putting a note in the Jewish holy site. He also visited the Western Wall Tunnels.



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Disabled Gaza Baby Lives in Israeli Hospital

By Diaa Hadid / Associated Press

With Gaza's medical system overwhelmed, patients often receive permits to receive treatment in Israel. **In this April 2013**

photo, Palestinian child **Mohammed al-Farra** is seen in the Tel Hashomer Hospital near Ramat Gan, central Israel. Abandonment, generosity, and tragedy have each shaken Mohammed's life since he was born in the southern Gaza Strip three and a half years ago with a rare genetic disorder that crippled his bowels, weakened his immune system, and caused an infection that destroyed his hands and feet.

Then, his parents abandoned him, and now the Palestinian government won't pay for his care. The Palestinian Authority in the "West Bank" is supposed to fund transfers to Israeli hospitals, but it stopped covering Mohammed's bills six months after he arrived.

His grandfather has raised him, and Israeli doctors privately fundraise to cover his medical costs, allowing him and his grandfather to live in the sunny pediatric ward. As a result, the Palestinian toddler calls his grandfather "Baba" (Arabic for "Daddy") and babbles in a mix of Hebrew and Arabic. The only home he has ever known is the yellow-painted children's ward.

Mohammed's plight is an extreme example of the harsh treatment some

families mete out to the disabled, particularly in the more tribal-dominated corners of the Gaza Strip. It also demonstrates a costly legacy of Gaza's strongly patriarchal culture that prods women into first-cousin marriages and allows polygamy, while rendering



mothers powerless over their children's fate. Dr. Raz Somech, the senior physician in the Tel Hashomer pediatric immunology department, attributes Mohammed's genetic disorder to several generations of cousin-marriages in his family—including his parents.

After years of caring for Mohammed, his grandfather said he wants to go home. He wished he could find a foster home or caregiver for Mohammed. As a Palestinian, Mohammed is not eligible for permanent Israeli residency. Yet his family will not take the child back. "He needs many things in his life," said his grandfather, absentmindedly massaging Mohammed's arm stump, blackened from constant pressure, as the toddler rested on his lap. "He needs a home."

Israel's culture of life continues to offer care to those who would otherwise be trapped in an ideology of death!

—Myles ★



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Mysterious Hebrew Stone on Display in Jerusalem

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY DANIEL ESTRIN / AP

An ancient limestone tablet covered with a mysterious Hebrew text that features the archangel Gabriel is at the center of a new exhibit in Jerusalem, even as scholars continue to argue about what it means. The so-called Gabriel Stone, a three-foot-tall tablet said to have been found 13 years ago on the banks of the Dead Sea, features 87 lines of an unknown prophetic text dated as early as the first-century B.C.

Scholars see it as a portal into the religious ideas circulating in the Holy Land in the era when Jesus was born. Its form is also unique — it is ink written on stone, not carved — and no other such religious text has been found in the region. Curators at the Israel Museum, home of the first exhibit dedicated to the stone, say it is the most important document found in the area since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The writing dates to the same period and uses the same tidy calligraphic Hebrew script as some of the Dead Sea Scrolls, a collection of documents that include the earliest known surviving manuscripts of Hebrew Bible texts.

The Gabriel Stone made a splash in 2008 when Israeli Bible scholar Israel Knohl offered a daring theory that the stone's faded writing would revolutionize the understanding of early Christianity, claiming it included a concept of Messianic resurrection that predated Jesus. He based his theory on one hazy line, translating it as "in three days you shall live." His interpretation caused a storm in the world of Bible studies. An American team of experts using high resolution scanning technologies tried — but failed — to detect more of the faded writing.

Knohl, a professor of Bible at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, eventually scaled back from his original bombshell theory, but the fierce scholarly debate he sparked continued.

Bible experts are still debating the writing's meaning, largely because much of the ink has eroded in crucial spots in the passage and the tablet has two diagonal cracks that slice the text into three pieces. Museum curators say only 40% of the 87 lines are legible, many of those only barely. Scholars agree that the stone describes an apocalyptic vision of an attack on Jerusalem in which God appears with angels on chariots to save the city. The central angelic character is Gabriel, the first angel to appear in the Hebrew Bible. "I am Gabriel," the writing declares.

The story of how the stone was discovered is just as murky as its meaning. A Bedouin man is said to have found it in Jordan on the eastern banks of the Dead Sea around the year 2000. An Israeli university professor later examined a piece of earth stuck to the stone and found a composition of minerals only found in that region of the Dead Sea.

What function the stone had, where it was displayed, and why it was written are unknown. ★



Photo: AP



Israel Integrating Arabs into High-Tech World

By Anav Silverman (r) / algemeiner.com



Four years ago, the Israeli government named Nazareth a national priority area, meaning that Israel's largest Arab city is granted economic incentives as a preferential area and that firms relocating to the city are entitled to tax breaks. The first industrial park in Nazareth officially opened in April (by Israeli entrepreneur and philanthropist, Stef Wertheimer) after 12 years of construction.

Wertheimer invested \$22 million in the Nazareth Industrial Park. Within a decade, the park aims to host 25 export-oriented companies that would ensure 1,000 jobs. Wertheimer plans to bring more Arabs into Israeli high tech, an industry of start-ups that have helped lift Israel's GDP per person by nearly a quarter in the past decade, according to a report in *The Economist*.

At the dedication ceremony of the Nazareth Industrial Park, Wertheimer said that the park contributes to several important factors, including economy, society, and Jewish-Arab coexistence.

Both the Bank of Israel Governor Stanley Fischer and President Shimon Peres were present at the dedication ceremony, with Peres noting that there are 70,000 Arabs with university degrees who are being gradually integrated into advanced industries in Israel.



Nazareth Industrial Park

There is huge potential for Arabs living in the Nazareth metropolitan area, said Smadar Nehab, who runs the Tsofen training center in Nazareth that she established with two other partners in 2008 to integrate Arabs into Israel's high-tech field.

Nehab, originally from Kibbutz Hazorea in the Jezreel Valley, was one of the first women to set out for Silicon Valley, and after her successful venture, came back to Israel with her family.

The Israeli government also encourages Arab representation in high tech. Israel's Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor provided one-sixth of Tsofen's budget for the past three years. President Shimon Peres's office together with Cisco's CEO John Chambers launched the Ma'antech program, which works together with Tsofen and similar organizations to help Israeli Arabs locate jobs in the high-tech field. ★

See our *Sons of Promise* TV series at www.levitt.tv/media/series/DSOP for more understanding of the phenomenal "start-up nation." —Myles and Katharine



Shame On Germany!

BY MICHAEL FREUND / JPost.com

In a throwback to its darkest past, the German government recently decided to back an initiative that singles out Jewish-owned businesses and targets them for detrimental treatment. Joining 13 other European Union members, Berlin has reportedly agreed to support efforts aimed at applying special labels of origin to products manufactured by Jewish-owned factories in Judea and Samaria.

The goal, of course, is to harm the livelihood of Jewish businessmen and entrepreneurs as a way of undermining the “settlement” enterprise. Needless to say, goods made by Palestinian-run plants in the territories will not similarly be branded.

This is an absolute outrage, one that is both morally obscene and historically indefensible, and the government of Angela Merkel should be ashamed of itself. And in light of its own sordid record during the mid-20th century, Germany and its leaders have a special responsibility to be exceptionally sensitive to such issues, particularly when they relate to Jews. After all, it was 80 years ago, in April 1933, the Nazis launched a nationwide assault on Jewish-owned businesses throughout Germany, painting yellow-and-black Stars of David on storefronts and discouraging people from patronizing them.

No one is suggesting that Berlin is planning a second Holocaust, but there is no escaping the painful historical irony here. However contrite Germans have been over their wartime record, they still do not see anything wrong with bestowing special treatment upon the Jews.

But what makes this exercise so exceptionally absurd is that those it harms the most are, in fact, the Palestinians: More than 23,000 permits were grant-



ed to Palestinians to work in Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria in 2012.

And as a recent foreign ministry report noted, nearly half of these Palestinian workers are age 18–29, which means that the Jewish “settlements” are a major source of employment and income for young Palestinians joining the workforce.

Moreover, their average daily pay is 88.3 percent higher than Palestinians in the Palestinian-controlled areas. This means that efforts by Germany and others to delegitimize Jewish-owned businesses in Judea and Samaria could end up impairing the Palestinian economy far more extensively and painfully than Israel’s.

The duplicity of the campaign targeting Judea and Samaria is all the more apparent when one considers that no such campaigns are being contemplated for Chinese products made in Tibet, Russian items manufactured in Chechnya, or Spanish goods from Catalonia. Only when it comes to the Jewish State do they draw a line in the sand.

As the Anti-Defamation League’s Abraham Foxman put it, “If the only country you single out is Israel, that’s anti-Semitism.”

It surely is. ★ (See “Hitler” on p.15.)

This is disgusting and harkens back to the yellow Star of David patches from Nazi Germany. Shameful! —Myles

JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.

A Fish Out of Water

Grandpa had immigrated to America and hadn't been here long. He was having a little trouble learning the new ways of America, but he was very proud of his grandson, David. The boy was a marvel!

One afternoon, David came running into the house, all excited. "Zayde, guess what? The Giants won today!" "Azoi," said Grandpa. "So tell me, David, is that good or bad for the Jews?"

God's Infinite Wisdom

Irving was thinking about his new wife, Eve. He decided to talk it over with God.

"Hashem, tell me; How come you made her so kindhearted?" God responded, "So you would love her, my son." That was good.

Irving spoke again. "Why such a good cook?" God answered, "So you would love her, my son."

"One more question, please," Irving said. "Why did you make her so beautiful?" "Again, so you would love her." Irving nodded, and sat thinking a moment. "God, if I may ask one more thing. Why did you make her so dumb?" God almost chuckled; "So she would love you, my son." ★



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