

Levitt Letter



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

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Thanksgiving

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The American Day of Thanks-Giving

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On October 3, 1789, George Washington, our first president, issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, 1789 as an official holiday of "sincere and humble thanks." The nation then celebrated its first Thanksgiving under its new Constitution. In the declaration, Washington wrote:

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor..."

"...to the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God..."

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Refugees: 'Honorable Life' Possible in West, Not in Gulf States

By Donna Abu-Nasr, Vivian Nereim, and Deema Almashabi
Bloomberg.com



Searching for a new home, Yassir Batal says Germany and its unfamiliar voices and customs are more enticing for his wife and 5 children than the wealthy Arab states whose culture, religion, and language they share.

Like so many other Syrians who have escaped civil war, the 36-year-old has ruled out heading

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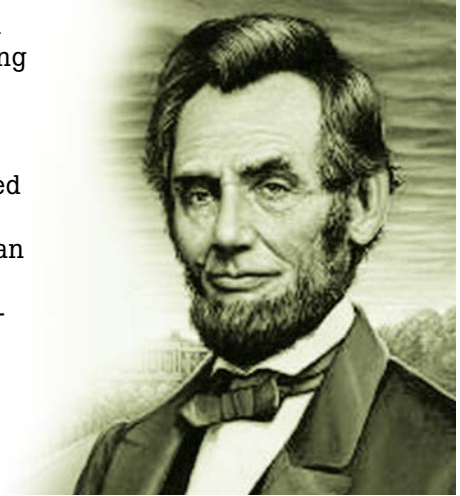


The American Day of Thanks-Giving *cont. from cover*

"...I assign Thursday the 26th Day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the People of this country..."

"...And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions..."

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln made the traditional Thanksgiving celebration a nationwide holiday to be commemorated each year on the fourth Thursday of November. In the midst of a bloody Civil War, President Lincoln issued a Presidential Proclamation in which he enumerated the blessings of the American people and called upon his countrymen to "set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of "Thanksgiving." ☆



Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. (Psalm 95:2)



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Refugees... *Continued from cover side-story*

south through Jordan to Saudi Arabia or beyond. They wouldn't be welcomed the same way, he explained.

"In Europe, I can get treatment for my polio, educate my children, have shelter, and live an honorable life," said Batal, as he left a United Nations office in Beirut, Lebanon, the city that's been the crossroads for more than a million refugees since the violence started in March 2011. "Gulf countries have closed their doors in the face of Syrians."



It speaks volumes when migrants choose European hostility over fellow Arabs in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.
—Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch

The Times, They are a-Changin'

Myles To Go
By Myles Weiss
ZLP Host



...Fast!

The pace of world events is picking up as we approach the coming of Messiah. Our newest TV series, [Times of the Signs](#), clearly expresses this idea. In it, seasoned leaders declare that we can see end-times Scripture prophecies unfolding more rapidly.

The mass emigration from the Middle East is fraught with ominous import. When the movement of the masses took Europe by storm in early September, a simultaneous dust storm of historic proportions besieged Israel.

As the natural haze engulfed Israel, a spiritual haze overtook the West. I thought we had "peaked" in our massive denial of Islamic aggression and its long-term plans for a worldwide caliphate! But the new wave of migration includes a Trojan horse that deploys ISIS fighters whose goal is the subjugation of Europe and the Western world ... and there is no cohesive resistance.

The tragedy of genuinely displaced persons unfortunately brings with it mixed motives and agendas. As Europe faced the new arrivals, some disturbing under-currents appeared:

- ISIS claimed that it had embedded 4,000 jihadists among the refugees
- Saudi Arabia and other Sunni nations refused to help their Arab (but Shi'ite) brothers in seeking asylum (see side article on cover)
- Germany, seeking to replace its declining workforce, caused by an aging population and shrinking growth, declared that it would be a haven for about ½ million new arrivals per year
- Reports of young Moslem men shouting obscenities, throwing feces at European authorities, and yelling "Allahu akbar!" (which means "Allah is GREATER," not "God is great").

During a parliamentary debate that exposed deep divisions over how the Netherlands should respond to the crisis, Dutch political leader Geert Wilders called the wave of refugees pushing through Hungary and other countries "an

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Hazy, dusty conditions in Israel

(photo: Sept. 8, 2015, Lahav Harkov)



Islamic invasion of Europe, of the Netherlands.”

Israeli Messianic leaders at “Revive Israel” noted: “We are seeing the worst refugee crisis since World War II. Europe is being overwhelmed with refugees fleeing Syria and the region. There are heartwrenching images of men, women, and children fleeing for their lives, some dying on the way. While the media place much of the blame on EU policy in failing to receive and assist these refugees, the true cause of this crisis is being largely ignored: **radical Islam.**”

The free world is being manipulated in a stunning fashion, with some even drawing parallels to the 20th-century Jewish refugees from Nazism. However, this is not an accurate comparison.

The wealthy Moslem states are not willing to assist their “brothers”—though the Saudis *did* offer to build 200 mosques in Germany!—while Israel absorbed 800,000 Jewish brothers and sisters after WW II.

On a personal note, when my grandparents came to America, they *required* their family to learn English. Education and assimilation were highly valued, and they hoped that our family would become Americans even while retaining our legacy as Jews.

As a young boy, I watched them scrub the front stoop (steps) AND wash the street outside their tenement flat in NYC. No welfare or assistance came their way. And neither was there cursing or throwing feces; just deep gratitude for the opportunity to start a new life. ✨

Tent City: A sea of air-conditioned tents sits empty in Mina, Saudi Arabia. Used 5 days per year by haj pilgrims, the fireproof units are divided into camps that include kitchen and bathroom facilities.



Good Medicine!

Katharine Weiss
ZLP co-host



Don't you just love a good laugh? I know I do. Laughter and joy are incredible gifts and a powerful healing force. I love to be silly with my two sons and my husband. My favorite time of day is when we are together laughing and enjoying each other. As we close the Feast of *Sukkot* (Tabernacles) we begin preparation for Hanukkah. This appointed time is known on the Biblical calendar as the *Season of Joy*.

In the Book of Nehemiah the Jewish people (including the elders and the Levites), all gathered around at this time to read from the Torah. The Scripture reminds us that they gathered together to welcome in a season of abundant joy: Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, **for the joy of the Lord is your strength**" (8:10).

Isn't that an appealing mandate?

Go and enjoy great food and delicious drinks! Share your bountiful blessing of provisions with those in need. Giving generously and joyfully is an approved way to honor the Lord and all that He has provided for us. Your generous support strengthens this ministry's ability to joyfully continue sharing Yeshua's message with the world.



This is a continued season for celebrating the giving of the Torah (connotatively the entire body of Jewish law). The Jewish people hold special services in the synagogues to acknowledge the holiness, joy, and fullness the Torah brings to their lives.

As Believers, we know that *Yeshua HaMashiach*—the King of the Jews and Savior of the world—became flesh and is the Word of God incarnate. Jesus is the *Torah Ha-Emet*—the True Torah. We likewise should celebrate the Joy of True Torah (Yeshua) in our lives. Yeshua is the Living Torah, the Living Word, written upon our hearts so that we can find true *shalom* (peace) in our embrace of the Truth given from God. Indeed, **Yeshua did not come to destroy the Torah but rather to fulfill it in our lives.**

During this season of thanksgiving and celebration, put your trust in the Lord and let Him be joy in your life. As King David said; "Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee" —Psalm 25:1–2.

During this season leading up to the Festival of Lights (Hanukkah/Dedication, December 6–14) and our time together with friends and family, let's *choose* laughter, generosity, praise, and adoration to the Author of the Bible: the Lord of Hosts, *Yeshua HaMashiach* (Jesus the Messiah).

Like King David, may we lift up our eyes, heart, and soul to Him and trust in the Lord for salvation, strength, and JOY in this season! ✨

A Day in the Life

OUR MAN IN HAIFA By Eitan Shishkoff (r) with wife Connie



In Israel when a young soldier finishes the first phase of training, there is a special ceremony in which he or she declares commitment to serve, obey, and, if necessary, give up life to defend the people of Israel. No matter how many times one witnesses this rite of passage, it is extremely moving.

My wife and I traveled to a base in northern Israel to support a young man whose family had been part of our congregation years ago when he was a boy. His folks live in the States, so he invited us to watch as he took the oath of an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldier. Hundreds of other young men and women made the same

commitment that afternoon. Each was given a rifle and a Bible. Each one shouted in agreement with the conditions of joining the national defense force. And each was greeted with tender, enthusiastic approval by family members who had come to cheer them on.



New IDF soldiers



In the life of an Israeli young person, this is normal. Almost every boy and girl, following high school graduation, is required to serve in the army, navy, or air force. During my family's mere 23 years as Israeli citizens, we have experienced several armed conflicts that threatened our nation. Defending Israel is no luxury. Yet this dimension of Israeli society also bonds us together and causes a shared affection for our young people.

After the IDF swearing-in ceremony, we drove across the country to a wedding. Weddings are another opportunity to experience the fabric of shared life. This particular wedding joined a young man and woman from two Israeli Messianic families. It was a huge affair. Many hundreds of Believers came from all over Israel and from other nations to celebrate the couple together. Weddings are always special. But when the couple is devoted to Yeshua and filled with the capacity to bring fresh discovery of Him as Israel's Messiah, it's extra cause for joy.

The modern Israeli Messianic movement is still in its early stages. People of my generation (I was born in 1948, so am a Baby Boomer) are the first Jewish followers of Jesus to live as Jews celebrating our heritage—living and worshiping in Israel in Hebrew—in nearly 2,000 years. So each new couple, each new household that is established in this land with devotion to Yeshua, is making history. That was my thought at the wedding we attended: "This is historic."

A young Israeli soldier begins his service. A young Israeli couple begins their married life together. Two events occur in one day. It's a day in the life of reborn Israel. I rejoice that you are celebrating with us. ☆

Actions and Thanksgiving

CLASSIC ZOLA
From 1986:
29 years ago



*The Church in Heaven, after the Rapture—from our study booklet, **Glory! The Future of the Believers.***

Once the Believers arrive in Heaven with the Lord, we have important matters to transact. We are not issued wings and harps but instead will have a serious conference with the Lord, aimed at preparing us for our wedding. **We are currently the Bride of Christ; in Heaven, we shall become the Wife of the Lord.**

The first event reviews our earthly life of service for the Lord:

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Cor. 5:10).

It appears that we each meet privately with the Lord at this “judgment seat” in order to evaluate with Him our lives on Earth. The emphasis is not on our sins (which were forgiven at the cross) but on our works. The Believer is saved “unto good works” (Eph. 2:10) and has a responsibility as a disciple of Christ. If we were not appointed to certain tasks on Earth—e.g. as workers in a field or soldiers in the spiritual battle—we could go to Heaven the moment we are saved. But we have accomplished, or not, certain assignments given to us according to our gifts.

Paul expounds quite specifically on the standards in the judgment seat of Christ, and how our works are to be reckoned:

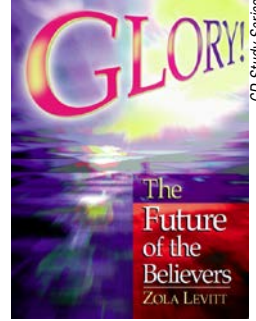
For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is (1 Cor. 3:11–13).

Paul establishes that no foundation for this life can be laid outside of that in Jesus Christ. Good works done outside of Christ—those done by unbelievers—do not come into this Scripture, because the unbelievers will not be going to Heaven. What good works, and sins, the unbelievers accumulate in this life will be presented at the Great White Throne of Judgment after the Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:11).

Then Paul divides the work into two categories: “gold, silver, and precious stones” and “wood, hay, and stubble”—two rankings of very different quality. The Lord will try all of our works with fire: a clear image since fire will show the difference in quality. Fire would not harm precious metals and stones, but wood, hay, and stubble will burn away. And that is the purpose of the judgment seat.

Each Believer has a life of great variety to present to the Lord, and no one can be sure which works are considered of high value in Heaven and which are worth those flammable materials. We recall the Gospel story of the man who prayed and fasted and thanked God that he was righteous, not like the beggar who prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Yeshua explained that the beggar’s humility and pleas for mercy were gold, silver, and precious stones, and the boastful man’s “righteous” works were worthless hypocrisy of wood, hay, and stubble (Luke 18:9–14).

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Paul specifies that we shall be rewarded for our works that survive the fire:

If any man's work abide which he hath built there upon, he shall receive a reward (1 Cor. 3:14).

We shall receive jewels in our crowns for the good works done in this life. It is well to remember that the rewards of the Christian come in Heaven and not on this Earth.

Paul also specifies that we shall suffer loss for the works that do not qualify: the wood, hay, and stubble.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Cor. 3:15).

Please notice in that passage the phrase “but he himself shall be saved.” God is very clear that **salvation is a free gift, not an earned prize.** We cannot lose our salvation by bad works—and certainly not by sins, which were forgiven the moment we came to belief in Christ. We shall suffer for our bad works, but we shall not fall out of Heaven (John 21:3–11). Peter thought the net with fish might break and some fish fall back into the water. However, the Lord had selected the fish, and once “caught up,” none was lost.

The fire is not meant to consume the Believer. God has fire that does not burn—remember the burning bush and the lake of fire—but only purifies away the bad works, as fire removes bacteria from food. The judgment seat of Christ is meant to prepare us as a spotless bride for the Lord (2 Cor. 11:2). If we went into our wedding to the Lord with the conscious memory of bad works from our lifetimes of service, we would have a guilty conscience, and we would not be the pure virgins the Lord deserves as His bride. Thus, the judgment seat of Christ is the final preparation for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Just as any earthly bride adorns herself in her finest garments, so we will go before the Lord cleansed of all bad works, forgiven of all sins, and as perfect as He is.

It often surprises many humble Believers that we will be Christ's equal in purity. But this is our destiny; the Scripture is very clear. Christ could not marry a bride less than He is Himself. And we shall reign with Him in the Millennial Kingdom as the Queen on the Earth.

This, then, is true Christianity, a transcendence of this worldly life, this worldly body and mind, and this entire worldly labor. We trade it all for a state of eternal bliss in the presence of God Himself in Christ Jesus. ★

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But *take heart,* I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33



Gulf States' Response to Refugees

BY BEN HUBBARD (r) NYTimes.com



The Arab nations of the Persian Gulf have some of the world's highest per capita incomes. Their leaders speak passionately about the plight of Syrians, and their state-funded news media cover the Syrian civil war without cease.

As the migration crisis overwhelms Europe and after images of a drowned Syrian toddler crystallized Syrian desperation, humanitarian groups increasingly accuse the Arab world's richest nations of not doing enough to help out.

"Burden sharing has no meaning in the Gulf; the Saudi, Emirati, and Qatari approach has been to sign a check and let everyone else deal with it," observed Sarah Leah Whitson, executive director of Human Rights Watch for its Middle East and North Africa division. "Now everyone else is saying, 'That's not fair.'"

Jordan (\$11,000 annual per capita income) has received 630,000 refugees.

Lebanon is richer, and has taken in more than 1.2 million Syrians, making them about one-quarter of the population.

Turkey (\$20,000 per capita income) has accepted the most, about two million.

Those average incomes are a fraction of the figures for Qatar (\$143,000), Kuwait (\$71,000), or Saudi Arabia (\$52,000), none of which has taken in any refugees.

At the onset of the Syrian refugee migration, Kuwaiti commentator Fahad Alshelaimi claimed in a TV interview that his country was too expensive for refugees, but appropriate for laborers.

"You can't welcome people from another environment and another place who have psychological or nervous system problems or trauma and enter them into societies," he stated. ☆



Salvation Has Come to the City of Akko

BY DR. TODD BAKER (below)

Our ministry's 34th Gospel outreach to Israel this past June proved to be one of the best! Evangelist and Bible prophecy teacher August Rosado joined the **To The Jew First** team for this mission trip. Each time we travel to Israel to spread the Gospel of Yeshua to Jews and Arabs, I seek the Lord in prayer. This time He directed us to the city of Akko in the extreme north—a first visit for me in the decades I have been witnessing in Israel.

After success ministering in an Akko shopping mall where Jewish vendors accepted complete Bibles (both Testaments) and Messianic tracts in Hebrew, August and I moved on to the Old City of Akko. As we passed a knick-knack shop, the young Arab owner stopped us and asked if we would like to see her shop.



Todd & Isabel video capture

When we followed Isabel inside, she admired my Messianic necklace (r) that combines the Star of David and Cross. As we chatted, Isabel confided that she was a nominal Christian—not practicing—and struggling with depression. This admission drew us into a long conversation that led August and me to ask Isabel if she had the assurance of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Every true Believer should have the certainty



that when she dies, she will go to Heaven to be with the Lord (1 John 5:11–13). Isabel answered that she did not. When asked if she would like that assurance, Isabel answered, "Absolutely."

August and I explained the Gospel to Isabel in careful detail from the Scriptures. Once she understood, we asked if she would like to pray with us and vocally express her trust for salvation in the crucified and risen Messiah. When she assented, August and I led Isabel in prayer to receive *Yeshua HaMashiach* (Jesus Christ). Isabel prayed and sincerely voiced her trust that Jesus had died to pay the penalty for all her sins and had been raised from death to give her eternal life. Isabel's face immediately lit up as her depression drained away. She reported a feeling of renewal

and joy now that she'd asked Jesus into her life.

When August and I again asked Isabel (on camera) if, based on the authority of God's Word and what Yeshua did for her on the cross, she now has assurance of a heavenly destination, she

answered with a jubilant "Yes!" She is confident of the salvation that God has promised every repentant believer in Jesus Christ (see John 3:16; 5:24; 6:29, 47; Romans 10:9–10). August and I celebrated with Isabel for her receiving the Lord's promise of eternal life and for our acquiring a new sister in the born-again forever family of God. On future trips to Israel, team members will visit Isabel to help her grow in her faith. Please pray, Dear Readers, that she will grow in her faith. And see [the video](#) of Isabel's confession. ★



Ask the Chaplain

Dr. Todd D. Baker
Zola Levitt Ministries
Staff Theologian



Q Do you believe that the Saturday Sabbath should still be followed? The Scriptures clearly say that it is for all generations and forever. Most Christians I talk to say it's been changed to Sunday, but I can't find in the New Testament where Yahweh changed it to Sunday.

A The Word of God makes quite clear that Sabbath observance was a special sign between God and Israel (Ezekiel 20:20): "And hallow My sabbaths that they may be a sign between Me and you, so that you may know that I the Lord am your God."

In Deuteronomy 5, Moses restates the Ten Commandments to the next generation of Israelites. Here, after commanding Sabbath observance in verses 12–14, Moses gives the reason the Sabbath was given to the nation Israel: "Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out... Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day" (Deuteronomy 5:15).

God intended the Sabbath to remind Israel not of Creation, but of their Egyptian slavery and the Lord's deliverance. Note the requirements for Sabbath-keeping: Under that law, a person could not leave his home on

the Sabbath (Exodus 16:29), he could not build a fire (Exodus 35:3), and could not cause anyone else to work (Deuteronomy 5:14). Breaking the Sabbath law resulted in death (Exodus 31:15; Numbers 15:32–35).

New Testament passages show us four important points:

1) Whenever Christ appears in His resurrected form, the day mentioned is always the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1, 9, 10; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1, 13, 15; John 20:19, 26).

2) From Acts through Revelation, the Sabbath is mentioned only in connection with evangelism to the Jews and usually in a synagogue (Acts chapters 13–18). Paul wrote: "... to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews" (1 Corinthians 9:20). Paul did not go to the synagogue to fellowship with the saints, but to convict and save the lost.

3) Once Paul declares, "From now on I will go to the gentiles" (Acts 18:6), the Sabbath is never again mentioned.

4) Instead of suggesting adherence to the Sabbath day, the remainder of the New Testament implies the opposite (including Colossians 2:16).

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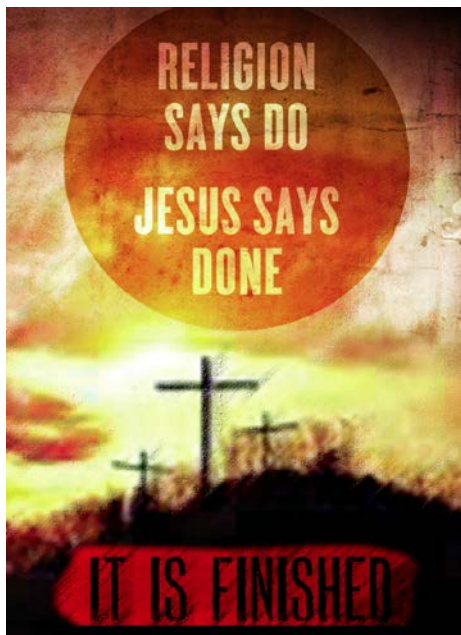
Looking more closely at point 4 above will reveal that there is no obligation for the New Testament believer to keep the Sabbath, and will also show that the idea of a Sunday “Christian Sabbath” is also unscriptural. As discussed above, there is one time the Sabbath is mentioned after Paul began to focus on the gentiles: “Therefore let no one judge you by what you eat or drink, or regarding a religious festival, a new moon, or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of things to come; reality, however, is found in Christ” (Col. 2:16–17). **The Jewish Sabbath was abolished at the cross where Christ “canceled the written code, with its regulations”** (Col. 2:14).

This idea is repeated more than once in the New Testament: “One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord” (Romans 14:5–6a). “But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years” (Gal. 4:9–10).

Some claim that Constantine, in 321 A.D., “changed” the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. Consider on what day the early Church met for worship. Scripture never mentions any Saturday Sabbath gatherings by Believers for fellowship or worship. However, clear passages mention the first day of the week. For instance, Acts 20:7 states, “On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.” To the Corinthian Believers, Paul urges “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income” (1 Cor. 16:2). As Paul designates this offering a “service” (2 Cor. 9:12), this collection must have been linked with the Sunday

worship service of the Christian assembly. Historically, the Church met on Sunday, not Saturday, and this practice dates back to the first century.

The Lord gave the Saturday Sabbath to Israel, not to the Church. The Saturday Sabbath has never been changed. But the Sabbath is part of the Old Testament Law, and believers in Yeshua (Christians/Messianic Jews) are free from the bondage of the Law (Gal. 4:1–26; Romans 6:14). Sabbath-keeping is not required of the Christian—Saturday or Sunday. The first day of the week—Sunday, the Lord’s Day (Revelation 1:10)—celebrates the New Creation, with Christ as our resurrected Head. We are not obligated to follow the Mosaic Sabbath, resting; but are now free to follow the risen Christ, serving and following. The Apostle Paul said that each individual Christian should decide whether to observe a Sabbath rest: “One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind” (Romans 14:5). **We are to worship God every day, not just on Saturday or Sunday.** ✨



WISE AS A SERPENT / By Mark Levitt

Pearls for College Girls



Dear Reader:

“[Fatherly Porn Advice](#),” the September Levitt Letter’s Note from Mark that was addressed primarily to young men, encouraged learning from guilt without buying into shame. Below are highlights of equally worthy fatherly advice; this one written by Ralph Strangis (play-by-play commentator for the Dallas Stars ice hockey team) to his daughter Savannah. The recent *Dallas Morning News* article is entitled, “I Trust You, But Not the College Guys.”

What worries me is the world of young college men, a largely brutal lot. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 are like walking stupid-bombs just waiting to go off at any moment. When I was in college, my brain was overrun by wild animals. My primary purpose was to get drunk and chase girls. Stuff happened, usually around 2 or 3 in the morning.

Victims shouldn’t be blamed for the crimes committed against them, but it’s still wise to do what you can to stay out of risky situations. College men don’t always conduct themselves with class and grace, so here’s my advice to Savannah:

Dear Savannah—

Try not to put yourself in bad situations. Try to always leave yourself outs. Try to always have a good friend with you.

Drinking isn’t going to do much for you. But if you do drink, don’t get wasted to the point of passing out. Especially if you’re at somebody else’s house. Especially if there are ANY college men in the vicinity.

Don’t drink anything anyone else has mixed for you. If you’re going to

have a beer, you pop the top or cap yourself.

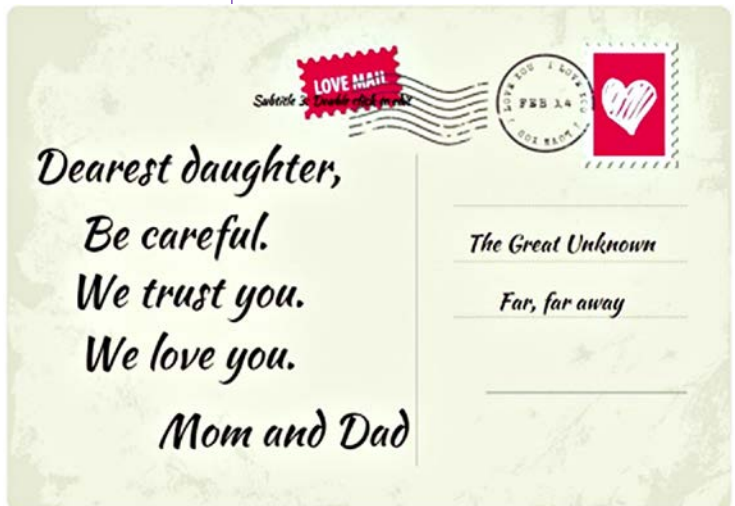
Wear a watch. The later it gets, the more alcohol is consumed, the greater the likelihood of something stupid or worse happening.

Be careful about whom you invite to your place. Men or women. It’s your home, and that’s a very special thing, and it’s only for your closest friends and family to see and visit.

Keep up with your martial arts. Carry Mace. Have your cellphone handy.

I love you, and I trust you, and I’m a phone call away. Oh and remember, I also have some experience getting on an airplane at a moment’s notice to come see you. ★

Ephesians 5:18 advises, “Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.” And Ecclesiastes 4:10 espouses the buddy system. “For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.” Young men can benefit from this wisdom just as young women should heed my prior Note’s pearls apropos steering clear of porn... and shame. “Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon Thee” (Psalm 31:17).



ZLM Bulletin Board

Gaza Still in Ruins

“The Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity”—Abba Eban.

More than a year after the war about tunnels in Gaza, cement has flooded into Gaza’s black market, with much ending up again in terrorist tunnels. According to the *NY Times*, 60% of the recipients sold their full allotments on the black market rather than rebuild their houses! Mofeed al-Hassaina (Gaza-based minister of housing and public works), other Palestinian leaders, and United Nations representatives confirm that Israel has done its part in allowing cement into Gaza. Empty coffers, they say, are the primary problem because international donors have sent about \$340 million of the \$2.5 billion they pledged for Gaza’s reconstruction.

Arabs Not Honoring Promises



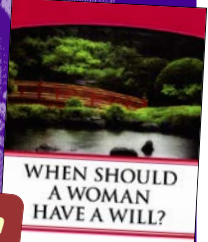
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...for Baltimore (215/211), New York (208/333), St. Louis (112/159), Milwaukee (105/93), and Washington (103/105)? “Across the U.S., cities have been experiencing a surge in murders and violent crime,” reports the August 27 edition of *TIME* magazine. The numbers in parentheses compare murders in each city from January through mid-August 2015 with totals for 2014. Years ago, the U.S. State Department issued travel advisories against visiting Israel. Now that Israel is statistically safer than many American metropolitan areas, shouldn’t the State Department warn against travel to Baltimore...and D.C.?

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Immigration, World Poverty, Gumballs

Can mass immigration to America reduce world poverty? The world’s desperately poor currently number 5.6 billion people, and earn less than \$2 per day. Each year, that 5.6 billion number increases by 80 million. The 6-minute, [6,000-gumball video](#) features author/journalist **Roy Beck**, who concludes that immigration can never significantly impact world poverty; it is better to enable the poor to help themselves where they are. Though aimed at the U.S., this captivating presentation applies equally to Europe’s current tidal wave of refugees—and upholds Israel’s wisdom in defending its own sovereignty.



“Come Home!”

Zola Tours to Israel



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Hebrew Lesson



Opening Your Heart

John J. Parsons

וְאֶהְבֶּתְךָ עִלְמָא אֶהְבִּיתִךָ עַל־כֵּן מִשְׁכַּחְתִּיךָ חֶסֶד

“I have loved you with an everlasting love,
therefore I draw you in kindness” – Jer. 31:3

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The Hebrew name for the LORD God is YHVH (יהוה), a word that means “God is Present” (Exod. 3:14) and “God is Love” (Exod. 34:6–7). Each of the four letters of the name represents a vowel sound (i.e., breath), which suggests that God’s Spirit is as close as our very next breath. Like the wind that cannot be seen, so is the spirit the essential part of our identity. Therefore, we see how Yeshua *breathed* on His followers and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22).

Allow God to love you. There is nothing left for you to do other than to open your heart and receive. “It is finished,” were Yeshua’s last words from the cross, meaning, “It has been *perfected*—it is complete and present for you; there is nothing left to add.” Never, ever, give up hope; never believe that you are beyond the reach of God’s love. **Even in your worst moments, and despite your character defects and your many sins, God sees what is beautiful and worthy of redemption in you.** Yeshua stands at the door and knocks, asking for you to open the door of your heart to receive His love (Rev. 3:20).

When we open our hearts to God’s love and Presence, we are set free from the need to justify ourselves or to be admired by others; we can let go of our fear of rejection and our hopeless perfectionism because we no longer need the acceptance or approval of others to find our worth. God’s love sets us free from the trap of comparing ourselves to others, and we are free to “accept that we are accepted” just for who we are.

It is a terrifying possibility that we can disallow what we need most of all, and that we can choose the self-imposed exile of a loveless and tragic existence. God forbid that we should miss God’s heart for us! Above all, then, we must repent of our self-hatred, of self-abuse, and we must forever repudiate the lie that we are unable to be truly loved and accepted by God. We must begin first of all with God’s unconditional love for us revealed at the cross of Messiah, and only then can we move forward spiritually.

May the LORD help us open our heart to His Presence this very hour. Amen.



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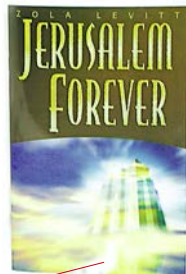
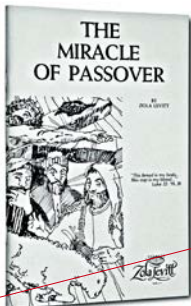
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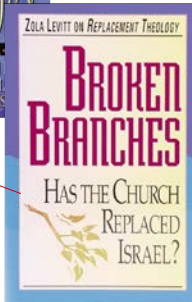
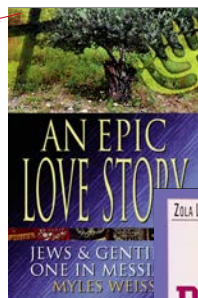
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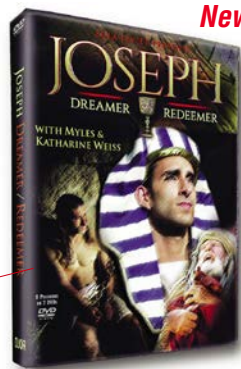
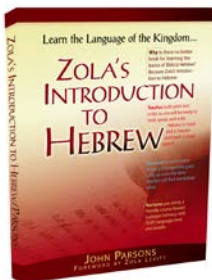
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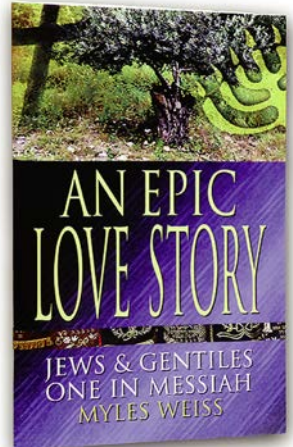
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(Also see Myles's [response to S.D. on p. 24](#))

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Islamic “Justice”

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An Islamic State defector from the *Hisbah* (the Islamic State religious police) told a shocking tale of petty power plays and a cult of vicious violence. **Lena** (not her real name) told the media, “I was horrified by what I saw, the brutality and corruption. I left because I saw so many terrible things, so much destruction, beatings.” She fled the would-be caliphate after her boss, a female ISIS judge, was given over to another female judge, for beheading.

She said, “Um Abdullah was married with four children. She was kind. ... If a female defendant brought to her was poor, she would give her a very small fine. One time she had to sentence a woman to a beating, so she beat the woman with her pencil so it would not hurt but still be within the law. But another judge, a Tunisian, Roaa Um Khotaba al-Tunisi, was a real monster. She was married to a Libyan fighter, and he was killed in battle. The ISIS leaders said she should marry again because she was young, maybe 30.

“For her wedding present she asked the emirs to cut off the head of an unbeliever (*kafir*). Her request went to the top of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who said she could have a prisoner beheaded, but it had to be a woman. At about the same time my judge, Um Abdullah, disappeared. She had been accused of being a spy, working for the Saudi Intelligence Services. She was captured and taken to jail. The Tunisian asked for the head of Um Abdullah, and she was sentenced to death. When I asked others in Hisbah what she had done, I was told not to ask, for my own safety. You can imagine how frightened I felt because I was her clerk. I feared I would be next, be beheaded. I don’t know if she is dead or alive but I fear the worst.”

Lena also spoke about the role of foreign converts in the ISIS administration. She reported that five British women in the *Hisbah* receive preferential treatment compared to local jihadists. They were allowed to carry guns and would travel around the Caliphate. All five were converts and had only been Moslems for a few years.

Although she was initially entranced by what she saw as the romantic idealism of the foreign fighters, she later described them as rapists, looters, and thieves only after “money, gold, and slaves.” She spoke about a woman sentenced to 80 lashes for speaking to a man in a shop, even though the man was her husband, and of many other abuses of power.

She convinced her husband to flee Syria with their young children. She now lives on the run. She said, “We cannot stay in Turkey. There is no work for Syrians, and ISIS murder people here. We will go anywhere we can be safe, maybe Europe.”

If this were a Hollywood produced tale, the screen-writers would be accused of exaggerating! —Myles





Letters to ZLM

For ministry products and TV programs, visit the [web store](#) and [video archives](#).

Comments from [www.levitt.com](#)

From B.S. I love *Zola Levitt Presents*, the *Levitt Letter*, and you. Wish I could be with you, but my prayers are.

From T.H. When I read the *Levitt Letter*, something came over me; I started crying. The costumes your actors wear in your TV programs' dramatizations in Israel make me wish I could wear a tunic as the apostles did. I feel closer to Jesus; I feel him! He gets me crying with His anointing. It feels good to get the frustration out.

From F.K. I recently rediscovered your ministry while channel surfing. Several years ago I was an active viewer who always enjoyed *Zola Levitt Presents*. I am now signed up for the *Levitt Letter* news magazine and am getting to know your new ministry team.

Greetings B.S., T.H., and F.K.—

You each express deep appreciation for our ongoing efforts, and Katharine and I want to say, *Todah Rabah!* (Thank you very much!) on behalf of ministry workers at ZLM. It is VERY encouraging to hear that you are being touched spiritually and feel that you are growing in the Lord as you read the *Levitt Letter* and watch our weekly *Zola Levitt Presents* television program. We are a "mom and pop" operation that depends on the prayers and financial gifts of Believers who "get it"—i.e., appreciate the message we deliver from Yeshua. Your acknowledgment helps us continue to do this, but also please know that we are absolutely BLESSED to shout this message "from the housetops" (Matthew 10:27).

Keep the faith!
Shalom —Myles
and Katharine



**"No weapon that is formed
against you will prosper.."**

Isaiah 54:17

GOD IS WATCHING OVER ISRAEL!



Saying Good-bye

Dear ZLM,

My deepest condolences to Robin Hopper over the “absence” of his mother. ([Sept. 2015 Levitt Letter p. 13](#)) My mother went to be with the Lord this past June 5th. She was 86.

Since I was born-again in 1994, most of my saved life I sat under “big gun” ministries: name it, claim it, blab it, grab it, confess what you want.

I am not defending or criminalizing them. However, when the “tempest” roared into my mom’s life in January, I was quick to grab my six-shooters and command the devil to back off. By March, Mom was praying for the Lord to take her home. She was very troubled that I was walking the wrong path.

However, she had the “faith of a child” (Matthew 18:3). So, on the third day of June, when the doctors said they could not “fix” her, they removed the breathing tube and entered her into hospice. I was in much distress. “But God, You promised.” That evening, God spoke to me. “Son, you know I am a just Judge. I will take all things into consideration.”

My sister and I were with our mom for the next 48 hours, watching and hearing every gasp of air. The painful part was not witnessing the ordeal; the painful part was letting go, trusting God to know what’s best. Goodness, I knew where she was headed, but it felt like admitting defeat. I experienced a big-time faith failure.

These last few weeks, God has been very gracious to me. I am nothing special. But He has been rebuilding me in His Most Holy Faith. Robin Hopper used “bitter” to close his article. My mind drifted to Exodus, when God made the Jews eat “bitter herbs” with the Passover lamb.

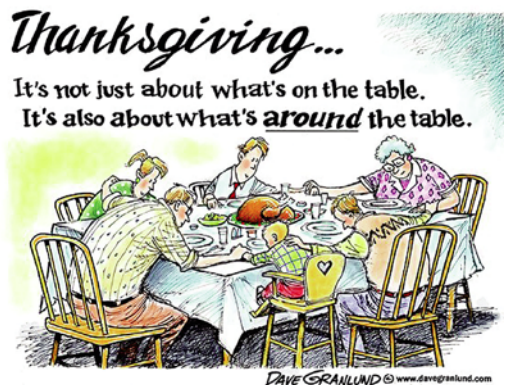
Especially recently, **God makes me eat bitter herbs. I do not know the purpose. But He does.** God has purpose in everything He does. Shalom —R.J.G.

Greetings Brother R.J.G.—

Your articulate letter brought up many parallels with my own journey and pain of losing loved ones. My father died when I was a teen, my mother in 2000, and my sister in 2002. Both my mom and sister died in faith. In fact, when I was on my first Gospel outreach to Africa, my mom said “Yes!” to Yeshua in California. In a classic NY-Jewish-mother style, when the young Bible teacher asked, “Hannah, do you know what you’re doing?” she responded with her smiling wisecrack style, “Just don’t tell Myles!” She didn’t want to admit that I was right about Messiah, and that she was seeing the truth I had declared for years.

My sister also received the Lord. Here’s the thing though: I don’t know about my dad’s eternity. He died many years before I ever heard the Gospel. But I DO KNOW THIS: I can trust the character, mercy, and righteous judgment of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Let’s face it though, there are mysteries in this life. “We see in part...” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

The Lord has shown me that I can trust Him to be completely just with those I love. There is definite peace in knowing Him, and you have the extra assurance of your mother’s clear faith in God’s salvation. We mourn, but not as those who have no hope (1 Thes. 4:13). Shalom and blessings —Myles



What Am I To Believe?

Dear Myles,

Help! I'm drowning. I've been a Christian for 50 years, since I was a boy. After recently reading a friend-recommended book, becoming a Messianic Believer appeals to me. I can see how the Romans and Constantine polluted and caused the separation of the two faiths, while at the same time cloaking Christianity in pagan acts of worship. I also know that God is a jealous God who will not accept any false teaching or worship.

Another friend suggested studying Romans 9. Now I'm so confused I don't know which way is up. Please tell me what is the correct answer here. I can't go to my pastor because of his Christian background, and I can't go to my friend with him being a Messianic convert.

I've seen your program on Daystar and know that you are Jewish and your wife is gentile. I asked the Lord for insight, but I'm not able to receive insight for all the clutter in my head. Thank you for any help you can give me. —S.D.

Shalom Brother S.D.—

First, PLEASE take a deep breath and remember that **God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power and of love and of a sound mind.** (2 Timothy 1:7).

Your desire to understand the connection between the Jewish history of the Church and contemporary worship practice is a good thing. God is revealing the unity in the Spirit that we have as Jewish and gentile Believers (Ephesians 4:3). You don't need to become a Jew to follow Yeshua! This was settled in Acts 15.

There is no caste system with God. We have unique gifts as Jews and gentiles, and we need each other. Zola's booklet *How Can a Gentile Be Saved?* explains how God grafts the gentiles into His plan, and my booklet *An Epic Love Story: Jews & Gentiles—One in Messiah* may also put your mind at ease. (Each is \$3 at store.levitt.com.)

Your pastor is NOT your enemy. He may have helpful insight into the Scriptures. The Adversary would like to emphasize a false division and isolate you. Stand firm! It is true that the early Church under Emperor Constantine took a bad turn, but you are part of the solution. Love the Jewish believers in Yeshua, love the international Church, and reach for peace. Warmly —Myles and Katharine

Our Man in Haifa, Eitan Shishkoff, also addresses this unique alignment in *What About Us? The End-Time Calling of Gentiles in Israel's Revival* (available at amazon).



Nomenclature

Dear Myles and Katherine,

I had been a Christian for about twenty-two years, but my heart cried out for more. Our pastor invited a Messianic ministry to come and teach on the festivals, the significance of the Jewish calendar, and share some Messianic worship. I was completely drawn in. I had finally found what I was missing—the Hebrew Roots of my faith.

About eight months ago, I found the Daystar channel and shows like *Zola Levitt Presents* that resonate with my beliefs. The one that pulled me was [your interview with Dr. Robert Mawire](#) and his messages of time in Israel with various leaders.

I have found and gravitated toward the draw of the true Church, the Church that Rav Saul taught to Jews and gentiles alike. I wish I could attend a Messianic congregation, but there's none nearby.

Thank you for teaching both Jew and gentile the truth about Yeshua. **I know James and the Jerusalem council said there was no need for gentiles to convert to Judaism, but my heart yearns for the roots of my faith.** I know the term *Messianic* refers to Jews as Believers, and I also heard it used to refer to gentiles who embrace the Hebrew roots of their faith. Is it acceptable for Christians to refer to themselves as Messianic Believers or should we remain “gentile Christian Believers in support of Jewish Believers,” our big brothers and sisters?

Thank you for your time and for bringing the Messiah to life and the message of the salvation He gives to the world. *Shalom aleichem* (Peace be upon you), J.C.

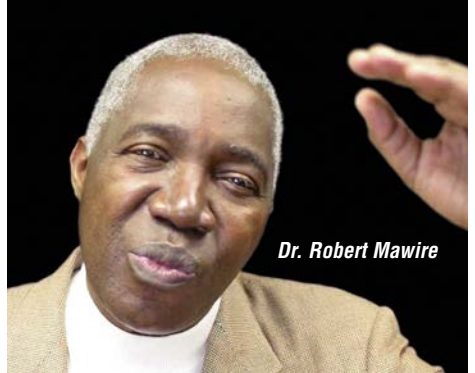
Shalom achi (peace, my brother), J.C.—

Regarding [Dr. Mawire's interview](#): AMEN! He is a tremendous encouragement as his testimony reveals. God has given him a remarkable love for Israel.

Regarding nomenclature, I have been wondering out loud for several years whether the Messianic Jewish Believers are “a movement in search of a label.” Zola, for one, simply said, and I paraphrase, “Call me what my people were called at Antioch... Christians!” He had no angst about the label.

These days, with heightened awareness of the historical Church's persecution of the Jewish people, Jews are more circumspect about identifying with the institutional Church. We Jewish followers of Yeshua are also committed to reminding our Jewish friends and family that WE ARE STILL JEWS. Hence, “Messianic Jews.” If you accept the Messiah, you are Messianic.

So, use what seems right to you. But please remember: As a gentile Believer, you are not a second-class citizen. In fact, it is the “two becoming one” that satisfies the heart of God (Eph. 2:14–21). Check out our 9-CD set and workbook entitled [Discovering Our Jewish Roots](#) (on [page 20](#)) to assist you in learning what you are grafted into. Shalom —Myles



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Selfies Instead of Passwords



SCIENCE: BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN (r) Israel21c.org

Everyone hates using passwords, especially on a mobile device. And it's not hard for a hacker to steal your password anyway. When Israeli startup **IsItYou** looked for an easier, more secure way to authenticate users, founder Benjamin Levy didn't have to look farther than the mirror. "The face is the strongest element that humans use in identifying one another, and each face is unique," he explains.

It only takes a selfie to set **IsItYou's** face-recognition technology in motion, allowing users to authenticate themselves quickly and without having to remember a password. Levy demonstrates how even a lifelike face mask can't fool the system. Banks in the Netherlands, United States, and Japan are already using **IsItYou** to help stanch multibillion-dollar losses from sophisticated fraud.

"Banks need to authenticate people who don't come into the branch anymore. Though the teller may know you in person, nobody knows if the person claiming to be you during a remote transaction is really you." Levy envisions that as more companies adopt **IsItYou** technology, you could call a customer-service line and be asked to look at your smartphone for a second as an **IsItYou**-enabled application authenticates you, rather than you answering questions like "What was your grandmother's maiden name?"

In the crowded space of face-recognition technology, **IsItYou** took on the difficult challenge of mobile-user authentication. "**IsItYou** doesn't work like the face recognition on TV and in the movies," says Levy. "Google, Apple, and Facebook all have some sort of face recognition; a lot of it is simply cataloging, but it's not mission-critical. If they make a mistake and it's not Joe but Jim, annoyance is the worst result. If I make a mistake, money goes missing."



Illustration: Reuters

In 2012, the Israeli company's team of engineers, designers, mathematicians, and user-experience and machine-vision experts set out to make the mobile world of commerce, payments, banking, and social media safe for users.

IsItYou marketing manager Michal Nissenson explains that the biometric authentication solution had to be up to the challenge of mobile conditions. "Our technology works in a dark room, in a bright room, if there's shade on your face, if you're holding your phone at an angle—and that aspect is unique," she says. "Your mobile phone is not like your computer. You move with it. Most face recognition involves walking up to a box and standing there for 10 seconds while it takes your picture with controlled background and lighting. That doesn't happen on phones."

The technology protects users in case their mobile device is lost or stolen. "Say Michal steals my phone and goes into my bank; instead of a password she'll need to authenticate herself on my phone. She's not me, and so she can't get into my account," says Levy, who has an advanced degree in cyber-media and its impact on brand attitudes. "Even if someone hacks your phone, they haven't hacked *my* server. So I protect the phone and also what you can do through the phone." ☆





Alternative to Animal Testing

MEDICINE: BY DAVID SHAMAH (r) TimesOfIsrael.com

In recent years, many countries, especially in Europe, have banned animal testing for cosmetic or drug development, preventing many companies from developing new products. Thus, new methods that enable researchers and developers to legally duplicate animal testing procedures are creating great interest.

A recent study by scientists at Hebrew University, working with colleagues at the Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology in Germany, shows that acetaminophen [Tylenol] can be toxic at far lower doses than previously thought. The widely used over-the-counter analgesic is primarily metabolized by the liver, and a too-high dosage can simply overwhelm the organ, forcing it to shut down operations. Based on a scaffold structure equipped with human liver cells, the Hebrew U-Fraunhofer version of "liver-on-a-chip" goes further than other similar technologies.

"The liver organs we created were less than a millimeter in diameter and survive for more than a month," said Prof. Yaakov Nahmias, the study's lead author and director of the Alexander Grass Center for Bioengineering at the Hebrew University. "We realized that because we are building the organs ourselves, we are not limited to biology, and could introduce electronic and optical sensors to the tissue itself. **Essentially, we are building bionic organs on a chip.**"

Besides providing researchers new information about how acetaminophen acts in the body, the study results emphasize the importance of the newly emerging "human-on-a-chip" technology as a scientifically valid alternative to animal testing.

"We knew that acetaminophen can cause nephrotoxicity as well as rare but serious skin reactions, but up until now, we didn't really understand the mechanism of such effects," said Prof. Oren Shibolet, head of the Liver Unit at the Tel Aviv-Sourasky Medical Center and an expert on acetaminophen who was not directly involved in the research. "This new technology provides exceptional insight into drug toxicity, and could in fact transform current practice." ☆



Israeli Attacks on Iran Were Planned, Abandoned



BY BATSHEVA SOBELMAN / LATimes.com

Accounts published in conjunction with former Prime Minister Ehud Barak's biography suggest that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu planned to strike Iran more than once in recent years but met with internal opposition.

In a taped interview with the authors of his upcoming biography, Barak—who served as defense minister in Netanyahu's second government (2009–2013)—described three occasions from 2010 to 2012 when plans to strike Iran fell through for different reasons.

Israel's top leaders at the time—Netanyahu, Barak, and then-Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman—reportedly believed that Iran would soon enter a “zone of immunity,” beyond which a strike would be more complicated and less effective. In advance of what would have been the next stage of government decision-making, the three held a meeting with Israel's top security chiefs, including the chief of staff and the heads of the country's intelligence agencies: Mossad, Shin Bet, and military intelligence.

“At the decisive moment, the army's answer was that [Israel's] cumulative capabilities did not pass the threshold of an operation,” Barak said about the 2010 discussions. In other words, the military was not ready to strike Iran.

When the matter next came up in 2011, the military's new chief of staff, Benny Gantz, said the army did have the necessary capabilities and a wider security cabinet of eight ministers was convened. At that point, according to Barak, two of Netanyahu's more hawkish ministers, Moshe Yaalon and Yuval Steinitz, objected that the potential losses Israel could face were too great.

The following year, plans coincided with a joint military exercise with the United States and Israel did not want to implicate its important ally and get into diplomatic trouble, Barak said. He added that he persuaded then-U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta to postpone the exercise by several months, but that ultimately, the new timing was inconvenient as well. ☆



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with Defense Minister Ehud Barak, 2012

(GPO / Getty Images)

An Interesting Premise

BY DAVID BRINN (r) JPost.com



Jerusalem-based fiction writer **Matt Rees** and Israeli political insider **Yehuda Avner** wrote a novel based on the question: What could have happened to the Nazi war effort and its program to exterminate the Jews of Europe **if Israel had come into existence in 1938 instead of 1948?** In Avner and Rees's parallel universe, the Peel Commission's recommendation to establish a Jewish state in the Land of Israel is accepted by the British Cabinet in 1937, resulting in the State of Israel declaring its independence in 1938.



The Ambassador is centered on the life and actions of Dan Lavi, a young diplomat whom Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion sends as Israel's first ambassador to Berlin. His instructions: Cooperate with Hitler's henchmen, such as Adolf Eichmann, in order to bring as many Jews as possible to Israel. Sometimes that stance puts him at odds with his embassy staff, some of whom would be happy to use their special access to eliminate the Nazi upper echelon. The convincing settings and dialogue result from Avner's decades-long career in closed meetings and diplomatic intrigue.

"As Yehuda explained it, there was always this real tension in the embassies where he served—diplomacy and espionage," says Rees, a former Israel bureau chief for *TIME* magazine. "It was very important to show that's what our guy was wrestling with. Because the reader has to face that question, too: What would I do? Try to save the Jews or kill as many Nazis as I can?"

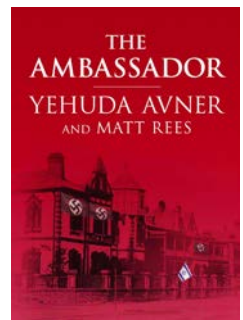
While the book contains numerous fictional plot twists, they're based on historical events and factually accurate dialogue: for instance, the 1942 Wannsee Conference, where Nazi leaders gathered to coordinate the "Final Solution," and Eichmann's visit to Auschwitz for a test run of the gas chambers with Soviet prisoners as the victims.

"That's all based on Eichmann's personal description, including how he felt his knees buckle and how his driver had to help him away," says Rees. "What's interesting is that he could go back to his office and then ship people there without any qualms."

"There's one thing in the book that changes history, and that's the creation of Israel. But after that, there's not too much crazy nonsense," he adds, admitting that Avner occasionally rejected some more outlandish plot suggestions with "No, that's too James Bond."

"Ultimately it's truly possible that these things could have happened," says Rees. "And I think that's the message that Yehuda [who died not long after] wanted to pass on—if you intervene in history, it can have an effect. One person, or one state, can really change history."

The Ambassador might also change the present. In an era when Israel is rarely mentioned except in the context of the Palestinian issue, Rees agrees that the book couches the creation of Israel in terms of what it was: a homeland and sanctuary for Jews. "It is a reminder of what Israel is all about." ★



Prince Albert II



(AP Photo/Claude Paris)

Monaco Apologizes For Deporting Jews

By Claude Paris & Angela Charlton
Associated Press

Monaco's Prince Albert II (*above*) delivers his speech before unveiling a monument to Jews deported from the Riviera principality during World War II. The ceremony was part of a larger effort to shed light on a troubling chapter in the country's history.

Prince Albert II presented the monument Aug. 27, marking 73 years since Monegasque authorities under Nazi occupation rounded up several Jews on the night of Aug. 27-28, 1942.

UN Grants Hamas Group Observer Status

WorldJewishCongress.org

"The UN has gone too far," declared World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder after a United Nations Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations voted to grant NGO status to the Palestinian Return Center (PRC), a group with apparent ties to the terrorist organization Hamas.

Lauder said of the vote, which grants the PRC access to many UN bodies: "Recognizing the PRC as an NGO is another step down the slippery slope toward legitimizing Hamas, a ruthless terrorist organization. This vote is a victory for terror and a setback for peace in the Middle East and beyond." In 2010, the Israeli government deter-

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mined that the PRC had ties to Hamas and banned the organization. Its report noted that the PRC is an organizational and coordinating arm of Hamas in Europe and claimed that its members are senior Hamas officials—

who maintain direct contact with Hamas's senior leadership in Gaza and elsewhere—operating to promote the terrorist group's agenda in Europe.

The concern, according to Israel's report, is that NGO status "enables organizations to strengthen their global influence and to widely spread their activities."



Selfie Exposes Anti-Israel Propaganda

By Shlomo Mordechai / *Israel Today*

A photo ostensibly showing an Israeli soldier aiming his rifle at the neck of a Palestinian youth has been making the rounds on Facebook. But an Israeli web-surfer exposed the stunt by uncovering a follow-up picture showing the "soldier" and the youth posing for a selfie!

A closer look at the viral picture also reveals a number of errors:

- The helmet is not a real military issue.
- This version of the M-16 assault rifle was retired by the Israeli army a long time ago.
- The rifle does not have the standard shoulder strap.
- There is no magazine in the gun.





Hitler Image Popular in Asia

Israel Today

Asian countries like India and Thailand do not teach the historical truth about the Holocaust. That may explain why many of those countries' youths are unaware of the atrocities and have adopted the image of Hitler as a superhero.

collage was supposed to represent "a picture of superheroes who protect the world;" Hitler represents a "conceptual paradox to the superheroes," he noted. The banner eventually came down. Still, Hitler's image can be found in a variety of Asian fashions, from T-shirts to bike helmets, even an Adolf statue in the likeness of Ronald McDonald soliciting donations for flood relief. ☆



T-shirt featuring Hitler as a Teletubby




In the likeness of Ronald McDonald

An embarrassed dean of the Chulalongkorn Art School in Bangkok had to explain the appearance of the Führer sandwiched among images of Batman and Superman on a school banner. This



Navajo Moose

Earlier this month, an eBay seller sold and an eBay buyer bought what they thought was a "unique vintage Navajo Moose sterling silver pendant." What the buyer got was a sterling silver rendering of the Hebrew letters *chet* and *yud*, spelling *chai*, the Hebrew word for *life*. Why a moose? Well, if you take a close look at the *chai*  and use your imagination, you might see the *yud* as the head and antlers of a moose standing with front legs and back legs perfectly aligned.

We think that's a stretch, but in Fort Worth, Texas, there may be more moose than *chai* pendants. This one is claimed to be unique. We searched all over but at first we couldn't find a photo of a moose, Navajo or not, that looked like this piece of jewelry. But then we discovered a Navajo moose earring that did bear a resemblance to a *chai*, that is, if you remove the antlers. So was the seller right? Navajo Moose or *Chai* Pendant? You be the judge!



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Excavation Proves Existence of Temples



Half-shekel coin

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY TOMMY MÜLLER / *Israel Today*

They wash, sift, and dig through the dust of the past. Several thousand volunteers work year after year with Bar Ilan University archaeologist Gabriel Barkay in Jerusalem.

Since 2004, a quarter of a million have participated in the sifting project in which Temple Mount dirt is systematically scanned for priceless historical artifacts. The debris comes directly from the Temple Mount and was discarded recklessly in a garbage dump in the nearby Kidron Valley by the Palestinian Waqf (Islamic Trust) that administers the site.

Two Moslem shrines—the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock—now adorn the holy place where the two biblical Jewish Temples—one built by Solomon, the other by Herod—once stood. The Dome of the Rock’s golden cupola serves as the symbol for Palestinian claims to the Holy City. The Temple Mount is the most sacred place in Judaism and only third holiest in Islam.

For more than 13 years, non-Moslems have been barred from entering the Dome of the Rock and may enter Al-Aqsa only during restricted hours. The Waqf bars Jews and Christians from all religious activities, and prayers are strictly forbidden.

During the late 1990s, the Waqf began illegal construction of a large underground mosque at a location known as Solomon’s Stables. Heavy construction machinery was used to remove the dirt and rubble. Within a short period of time, important historical artifacts dating to Temple times were dug up and removed.

Professor Barkay says that the Waqf is behaving “like a bull in a china shop,”

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Sifting The Evidence: Prof. Barkay leads the search for Temple Mount artifacts thrown out by Moslem authorities.



Excavation... continued



adding that the destruction of archaeological relics is similar to acts of ISIS and the Taliban. “The work was carried out with bulldozers without any archaeological supervision,” Barkay explains.

“During this barbaric act, almost 400 truckloads of debris were taken away from the Temple Mount and carelessly dumped in the Kidron Valley.”

Barkay says subsequent construction demolished structures dating to the 12th-century Crusades, and ancient stones from early Jewish buildings were used in the construction of the underground El-Marwani Mosque.

Tel Aviv University archaeologist Israel Finkelstein describes it as “the greatest devastation to have recently been inflicted on Jerusalem’s archaeological heritage.”

Barkay started the rescue mission in 2004. On the grounds of the Emek Tzurim National Park on the lower slopes of the Mount of Olives, about a half-mile from the Temple Mount, Barkay and volunteers from all over the world have been searching for the remnants of Jewish history.

“The volunteers do not need any experience,” the archaeologist says. “They can’t destroy anything because everything has already been destroyed. They can only help to save historical information.”

Barkay and his teams have discovered many small objects in the debris, most no more than two inches in length. Because the artifacts have been uprooted and thrown together, it is no longer possible to know from which strata they originated, so their scientific value has been seriously compromised.

“We have found items representing all periods of the Temple Mount,” says the professor. These findings support the existence of the Temples and back up Jewish claims to Jerusalem and the biblical Land of Israel. The Temple Mount was in Jewish hands long before Islam existed and the Moslems built their mosques there. That is something the Palestinians and other Moslems emphatically deny as they seek to destroy archaeological evidence and rewrite history.

**Our ZLP TV series [The Stones Cry Out](#) presents a powerful testimony of the ancient Jewish presence in the land of Israel. It will build your faith and equip you to answer the replacement theologians in your life!
—Myles**



A volunteer displays a find from Temple Mount rubble. You can support such archaeological work through our [Temple Mount Fund](#) benevolence.



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Moslem Failures Are Jews' Fault

MIDDLE EAST MEDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE / MEMRI.tv.org



In an August 2015 interview on Egyptian TV, filmmaker **Khaled Yousuf** (above) said that the Jews were behind the failure of Egyptian films at the Cannes Film Festival and also responsible for Islam's image as a terrorist religion.

Khaled Yousuf: We are constantly being told in Europe and everywhere that we have a terrorist religion. "How come?" we ask. "Not because of ISIS," they say. "When someone leaves your religion, you say that you must cut off his head. So your religion is a terrorist religion." We try to explain and make them understand, but to no avail. According to their mentality, such a thing is illogical.

I am not a religious scholar so I might be wrong, but as far as I know, the Jews would join Islam in its early days, when the entire Muslim community numbered 300–400 people. The Jews would join Islam in droves, 20 or 30 at a time, and two days later, they would leave it, saying: "It's not for us." This way, they undermine the faith of the believers. This was the birth of the idea that whoever joins Islam should do so wholeheartedly.

By the way, the Jews are still doing this to us, even in cinema. When we would go to the Cannes Festival, they would try to make the Egyptian film fail. They tried to make the press give it bad reviews. So they would buy up all the tickets to the movie theater. That way, you would get the impression that the place was packed. Yes, when you went in, you would see that there was a full house. Five minutes later, the first twenty would get up and leave. Ten minutes later, another group of 30 or 40 would also leave. By the time a third of the film was over, the theater would be empty. What would the press say? "The film was a disaster and everybody left in the middle." The same thing happened at the advent of Islam.



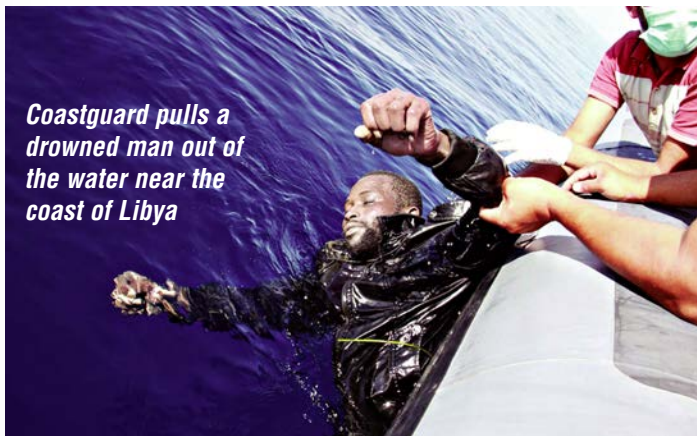
Moslem Refugees Threw Christians Overboard

By Hada Messia, Livia Borghese, and Jason Hanna / CNN.com

Moslems who were among migrants trying to get from Libya to Italy in a boat threw 12 fellow passengers overboard—killing them—because the 12 were Christians, according to Italian police. Italian authorities arrested 15 people on suspicion of murdering the Christians at sea.

The original group of 105 people left Libya in a rubber boat. Sometime during the trip north across the Mediterranean Sea, the alleged assailants—Moslems from the Ivory Coast, Mali, and Senegal—threw the 12 overboard.

Other people on the voyage told police that they themselves were spared "because they opposed the drowning attempt and formed a human chain." The 12 who died were from Nigeria and Ghana. ★



Coastguard pulls a drowned man out of the water near the coast of Libya

Jewish Humor, etc.

Postage

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her holiday cards. She asks the clerk, "May I have 50 Hanukkah stamps, please."

"What denomination?" asks the clerk.

The woman replies, "Oy vey, has it come to this? Okay, give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform!"



A cheerful heart is good medicine — Proverbs 17:22

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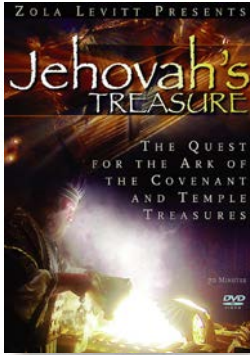
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