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Dear Reader,

It's the time of year when many people think about *renewal*. And while this word certainly relates to the processes of nature, renewal is important in human lives as well. Throughout our English Bibles we find several forms of the word *renew*. Usually these Biblical terms refer to a positive change that results from the Lord's work in someone's life.

In April, two significant events — Passover and Easter — remind us Believers of the Lord's renewal work. God renewed His Chosen People when He liberated them from captivity in Egypt. But even greater is the freedom from sin and the renewal that God offers to everyone through the death and Resurrection of Yeshua/Jesus.

Current events in our world, particularly the situation in Ukraine, remind us how much humanity still needs God's renewal. As our Lord taught us, we should be praying Matthew 6:10 regularly: "*Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.*"

In this *Levitt Letter*, along with articles on Passover (cover; p. 6) and the Lord's resurrection (8) and ascension (12), you'll discover more about the End Times (10), continued attacks on Jews and Israel (21, 34), stories of Holocaust survivors (28), our regular features of science and medicine, and more.

As you pray for those needing renewal, please also continue to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6),




Greg Miller, Editor
Zola Levitt Ministries

P.S. Israel is welcoming tourists again! Zola Tours has set dates for our Fall Tour 2022 and tentative dates for our Spring Tour 2023 (see info on p. 36). You can bless Israelis by touring Israel or by supporting ZLM and our benevolence funds that proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

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How Jesus Fulfilled the Passover

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By Justin Dillehay / TheGospelCoalition.org

This year, the Jewish celebration of Passover begins on Friday, April 15, the same day as the Christian celebration of Good Friday. The proximity of these two religious holy days is nothing new. Jesus was crucified during Passover, and as a Jew, He went to Jerusalem to celebrate it.

But Jesus didn't go to Jerusalem that final time just to celebrate Passover. He went to *become* our Passover. The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 5:7, "*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.*" To understand this, we must recall the first Passover, recorded in Exodus 12.

The First Passover

Egypt has been devastated by nine plagues. God is judging them. More than that, God is keeping His promise. He swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that their children would have

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REMEMBER:

Passover Week: Sunset April 15 to sunset April 23
Resurrection Sunday/Easter: April 17
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day):
Sunset April 27 to sunset April 28

How "Righteous" Does One Need to Be?

By Susan Michael
IsraelAnswers.com

The historical account of the Holocaust would not be complete without the amazing stories of the brave individuals who risked their lives to save Jews. This is why Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, works tirelessly to locate and honor them as "Righteous Among the Nations."

While it can be said that the majority of Europeans turned their backs on the Jews, there was an amazing minority who helped them. They are rays of light in an otherwise very dark era. They restore our hope in humanity.

Many studies have been conducted to determine what gave these brave
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Photo from the Hall of Names at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, credit: Jolpe (Wikimedia Commons)

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souls the courage and moral strength to be rescuers. And while we evangelical Christians would like to think that they were all very spiritual Christians who understood the Biblical significance of the Jewish people, nothing could be further from the truth.

Yes, there were those lovely Christian saints such as Corrie ten Boom’s father who read from the Bible every day and was motivated to rescue Jews by his strong Christian faith. We think of the ten Boom family as truly being “righteous.” But most rescuers were just regular everyday people.

The 27,921 Righteous documented by Yad Vashem so far come from 51 countries; they are Christians (from all denominations) as well as Muslims, religious and agnostic, men and women, people from all walks of life, of all ages, educated professionals and illiterate peasants, rich and poor. Some were even anti-Semitic. The only common denominator among these brave souls is the humanity and the courage they displayed by standing up for their moral principles.

What gave them the courage and moral strength to do what they did? What made

them risk execution, or imprisonment, and endanger their own families?

Most studies agree that the rescuers all exhibited strong individuality. They were independent and did not need the approval of others. They also had strong convictions about helping the weak. Most said that the fact that the needy individual was a Jew had no bearing on their decision to help. They simply felt that they should help those needing their help.

So how righteous does one need to be to rescue Jews? Actually, not righteous at all. We just need to care about those around us who are suffering and needy. How could something so basic to humanity as caring for others have been so rare?

How could there not have been more evangelical Christians in their ranks? That is the real question.

God can use anyone or anything to fulfill His will. Psalm 115:3 states, “Our God is in Heaven; He does as He pleases.” Even so, God desires us to be His willing (and compassionate) human vessels. —David ★

IDF Medic Saves Palestinian Baby

UnitedWithIsrael.org



19-year-old Corporal Adam

While mainstream media outlets would have the world believe that Israeli soldiers don’t care about Palestinian lives, **a recent video proves the opposite.**

Two Palestinian women arrived at the border crossing in December 2021 with an unresponsive baby. Immediately

a quick-thinking soldier snapped into action and performed lifesaving CPR on the infant. Then, concerned that an ambulance wouldn’t arrive fast enough, he called for a taxi.

The incident was caught on camera. The soldier, 19-year-old Corporal Adam, was relieved to hear that the child is doing well. “A few hours later, I saw this family coming back to the checkpoint. They came to thank me and tell me that the baby was fine. It’s a great feeling to save a baby. I’m glad I could help him,” he said.

Unfortunately, it is rare to see a story of Israeli compassion like this in the secular news media. God bless this young IDF soldier. —Kirsten ★





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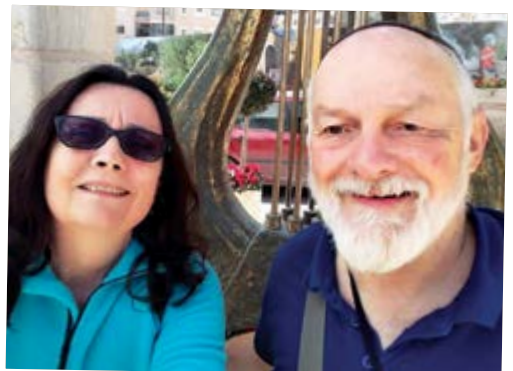


Robert (Robin) Hopper III

FEBRUARY 14, 1946—JANUARY 17, 2022

Robin and Sue Hopper served as ZLM **To the Jew First** emissaries from 2012 to 2019. Handing out Bibles to Israelis was the highlight of their life together. They met at the Eitz Chaim Messianic congregation near Dallas. They were also members of the Shalom, Shalom congregation, founded by Zola and now led by Todd Baker. (Sue is still a member at Shalom, Shalom.)

Raised Baptist, Robin discovered he had Jewish ancestry through his maternal grandmother. From that time, he became enamored with the Messianic Jewish message and movement.



Sue (left) and Robin Hopper

How Jesus Fulfilled the Passover *continued from cover*

the land of Canaan for an inheritance (Genesis 15:18–21), yet they’ve been stuck in Egypt for centuries. God will soon get them out and bring them home.

But first, there is one last plague—the most severe of all. With the fourth through the ninth plagues, Israel was exempted. Their cattle didn’t die. Their crops weren’t destroyed. Their land didn’t go dark. They didn’t do anything to avoid those plagues; God simply spared them.

The final plague will be different. God will target everyone. God plans to strike down all the firstborn in Egypt, including the firstborn of Israel.

Even though Israel is God’s Chosen People, and though they’ve been oppressed for centuries, the truth is that they are sinners, too. Ezekiel 20:4–10 confirms they’d been worshiping the false gods of Egypt. God can’t just ignore that sin.



Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), painting by Francisco de Zurbarán (1598–1664), Museo del Prado

The message of the tenth plague is that God is holy and just. But the message of Passover is that God is also merciful. On that first Passover, God showed how He could be both just and merciful at the same time. **We can call it salvation through substitution.**

God’s provision, noted in Exodus 12:3–13, is simple: Take a lamb—a mature, year-old male without blemish. Examine it for four days to ensure there’s no flaw in it. On the 14th day of the month—the night the death angel kills the firstborn—kill that lamb. Then apply its blood to your doorposts and lintel. When God sees the blood, He will *pass over* you.

That’s the meaning. God spares Israel’s firstborn, not because they are better than Egypt’s firstborn, but because a spotless lamb dies in their place and its blood covers their door.

Salvation through substitution. According to the New Testament, the message of Passover is also the message of Good Friday.



Ecce Homo (Behold the Man!), painting by Antonio Ciseri (1821–1891), Museo Cantonale d’Arte

Good Friday and the True Passover Lamb

If you wonder how an animal could substitute for a human, the answer is that ultimately it couldn’t (Hebrews 10:4). How God could pass over human sin because an animal died was a problem still demanding resolution (Romans 3:25).

Good Friday is when God finally resolved it.

Just as Israel stood exposed to God’s wrath in that tenth plague for their idolatry, so we stand exposed to God’s righteous wrath for our idolatry. All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. And apart from some provision, every one of us was going to perish eternally under God’s wrath in the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. This must happen because God is holy and just.

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But in His infinite love, God had a way to be just and merciful at the same time: salvation through substitution. **While the Passover was meant to paint a picture of that, it wasn't the real thing.** The Gospels, however, reveal the true Substitute. John the Baptist noted, *"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29).

As with all typology, Jesus is greater than the Old Testament type. This time God didn't ask us to provide the lamb — He provided the Lamb. And this Lamb was no beast — He was fully God and fully Man — like us in every way except sin (Hebrews 2:17; 4:15).

And yet as with all typology, Jesus corresponded to the Old Testament type in many ways. Like the Passover lamb, He was a mature Male (Luke 3:23); His bones were not broken (Exodus 12:46; John 19:36); He was thoroughly examined and found spotless (1 Peter 2:22); and He was slain for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3; Revelation 1:5). We've been redeemed, *"not with perishable things like silver and gold — but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot"* (1 Peter 1:18–19).

That's what Paul means when he says that *"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed"* (1 Corinthians 5:7). Our salvation comes through His substitution. That's why God can say to us, "When I see His blood, I will pass over you."

The Blood Must Be Applied

According to Exodus 12, it wasn't enough for the Passover Lamb to be slain. For God to pass over them, its blood had to be applied to their doorposts and the lintel. If they had omitted that, the lamb wouldn't have done them any good. In the same way, John Calvin noted, "As long as Christ remains outside of us and we are separated from Him, all that He has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race will remain useless and of no value for us."

You must look on the Lamb who was pierced for you and embrace Him by faith as your only protection from God's wrath. **Faith is the instrument by which His blood is applied to you.** If you knock at His door in humble faith, you'll find there is plenty of room in His house for you. And when God sees the blood, He will pass over you.

Salvation through substitution. This is the message of Passover. It's the message of Good Friday.

And it's the hope of all the world.



Detail of *Christ Crowned with Thorns*, painting by Matthias Stom (ca. 1600–after 1650), Norton Simon Museum

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed."
(Isaiah 53:5)

Please see the resources, [The Miracle of Passover](#), offered on [page 20](#). ★



The Origin of the Pascal [or Easter] Lamb, engraving by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1794–1872) for *Die Bibel in Bildern* (1860)

Once again, it's the spring feast season. In Leviticus 23, we read of the feasts God instituted that were to be observed year after year. God knew that humans easily forget. So that the Jewish people would not forget who God is and what He has done for them (including His deliverance, provision, and blessing), **God specified seven special times each year for His people to observe and celebrate.**

There are many levels and much depth to each of these *moedim* (Hebrew for "appointed times") — these special feasts. In Zola Levitt's book, *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, he explained the meaning of each of the feasts in words anyone can easily understand. The more one studies and learns the meanings of each feast, the more our eyes are opened to the beauty of each of the individual feast days.

But why must they be celebrated every single year?

In 1982, I took French I. If I had a dollar for every time I had to repeat aloud the conjugations for the French verbs I learned, I'd be rolling in dough. Repetition was the key to learning the language. Again and again, in every class we would repeat, "je, tu, il, nous, vous, ils..." After a year of studying the French language, I knew that if I wanted to retain my knowledge, I would have to consistently speak and write what I had learned.

Yet now, forty years later, I remember very little French. I can say "thank you," "good morning," and a few other phrases, but my knowledge of the language has faded. I do not remember

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my French vocabulary or conjugations because they were not a consistent part of my life.

The Lord God wants His people to remember who He is and what He has done for us. But just as I learned from my French studies, what we don't repeat, we don't retain. In Psalm 103:2, David writes, "*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.*" King David knew how vitally important it was to remember the benefits of the Lord — as should all of us.

If you observe the Jewish feast days, I pray you do so with joy and thanksgiving. I also pray that the *moedim* or other special times this year will cause all of us to be grateful and thankful as we remember God's unending faithfulness to us, *year after year.* ★

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The delightful festivals of joy, when Israel rejoices in the blessings of the Lord, are included in the DVDs.



Four Reasons to Believe in Jesus' Resurrection

BY LEE STROBEL (r) RelevantMagazine.com



Detail of *Resurrection of Christ* (1912), painting found in Saint-Étienne Church in Bilwisheim Gallery

Even as an atheist, I understood one thing about Christianity: It rises or falls on the Resurrection of Jesus.

After all, anyone can claim to be divine, as Jesus did directly and indirectly. Yet, if Jesus predicted He would die and rise again three days later — and then did it — that would be good evidence He was telling the truth about His identity. In other words, *Easter is the ballgame*.

As a law-trained journalist at the *Chicago Tribune*, I also knew something else: Dead bodies stay dead. I had seen lots of corpses during my career as a reporter, and none of them ever regained life, especially after three days.

So I figured it would be easy to disprove the Resurrection and thus liberate my wife from her newfound faith in Christ. **Give me a weekend, I told her, and I can shred Christianity's central claim.**

Well, it wasn't that easy.

Sources Outside of the Bible Confirm that Jesus Was Executed

Maybe, I thought, Jesus never really died on the cross as the four Gospels claim. But unfortunately for me, the evidence for Jesus' execution is so extensive that even the atheist New Testament scholar Gerd Lüdemann called it "indisputable."

That's because we not only have multiple accounts of Jesus' death in the New Testament, but **we also have five ancient sources outside the Bible that confirm His execution.**



Gerd Lüdemann (1946–2021)

No wonder the peer-reviewed *Journal of the American Medical Association* concluded: "Clearly, the weight of the historical and medical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead before the wound to His side was inflicted."

The News Spread Quickly

My next line of defense was to say the Resurrection is a legend. But I learned that famed classical historian A.N. Sherwin-White of Oxford said it took more than two generations in the ancient world for legends to develop and wipe out a solid core of historical truth.

Yet we have a report of the Resurrection, preserved in 1 Corinthians 15:3–7, that comes far too quickly after Jesus' death to

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Detail of *Heralds of the Resurrection* (1867), painting by Nikolai Ghe, Tretyakov Gallery



be considered a legend. In fact, scholar James Dunn said “we can be entirely confident” that this report was formulated within *months* of Jesus’ death. And that’s not the only early report we have. The four Gospels contain others that date back to within a generation of Jesus.

The Tomb Was Empty

My third approach was to try to undermine the empty tomb — until I discovered that even the opponents of Jesus implicitly conceded the tomb was empty on that first Easter morning.

Perhaps, I reasoned, the body was never entombed in the first place. I have heard skeptics claim that the Romans didn’t allow the burial of crucifixion victims.

However, the *Digesta*, a summary of Roman law, says: “The bodies of persons who have been punished should be given to whoever requests them for the purposes of burial.” In fact, in 1968, archaeologists found the buried remains of a crucifixion victim with the spike still through his anklebone.



Detail of a Bible card published before 1923; art by Heinrich Hofmann

There Are Eyewitness Accounts

Finally, I focused on eyewitnesses. While we only have one or two sources for much of what we know from ancient history, **we have nine ancient sources** — inside and outside the New Testament — confirming the testimony of the disciples that they encountered the resurrected Jesus.

Could they have been hallucinating or experiencing grief-generated visions of their leader? No way, psychologists told me. Hallucinations are like dreams — they happen in individual minds. Our earliest report of the Resurrection says **500 people saw Him at the same time**. “That would be a bigger miracle than the Resurrection itself,” one expert told me.

Besides, the Christian persecutor Saul of Tarsus wasn’t psychologically primed to have a vision of the risen Christ. Neither was James, the half-brother of Jesus, who was a doubter during Jesus’ lifetime. They both died, however, as leaders of the Church. Why? Because the resurrected Jesus had appeared to them.

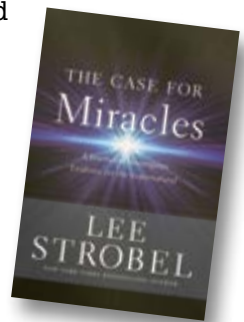
Finally, I reached my verdict: the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus was clear and convincing. That’s why I repented of my sins and received Him as my Forgiver and Leader on November 8, 1981. Ultimately, I would see my morality, worldview, marriage — and even my career — transformed as a result.

In my book, *The Case for Miracles*, I argue that miracles aren’t only possible, but they’re actual. And no miracle means more than the atoning death of Jesus on the cross — and His Resurrection from the dead, by which He proved His identity as the unique Son of God.

For Christianity, this really is the ballgame. ★



Detail of *Ascension of Christ* (16th century), painting by Dosso Dossi



Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Miracles*



In [March](#), we looked at the Rapture, that moment when Jesus will come and take Believers with Him to Heaven. Believers will then experience seven years in Heaven as the Tribulation Period takes place on Earth.

Now back to Zola. —Editor

Heaven

Once we're in Heaven with Jesus, we have important matters to transact. We are not issued wings and harps, but instead have a momentous conference with the Lord — aimed at preparing us for our wedding. We, the bride of Christ, shall become the Lord's wife.

The first event is a review of our lives (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Each of us meets individually and privately with the Lord at this "Judgment Seat" to evaluate our lives on Earth. The emphasis is not on our sins, which are forgiven, but on our works. Believers are saved "unto good works" and have responsibilities as disciples of Christ. If not for our appointed tasks on Earth, we could have gone to Heaven the moment we were saved. As it is, we will or will not have accomplished certain assignments, according to our gifts.

Paul expounds on the standards in the Judgment Seat of Christ, and how our works are reckoned (1 Corinthians 3:11–13). He writes that no foundation for this life can be laid outside of that in Christ. (Good works done outside of Christ by unbelievers are not relevant to this Scripture because unbelievers won't be going to Heaven. Those works, plus sins, are presented at the Great White Throne of Judgment, after the Kingdom.)

Paul divides our works into two categories — "gold, silver, and precious stones" and "wood, hay, and stubble" — two very different rankings of quality. Jesus will test all of our works with fire. The analogy is clear, since fire reveals the difference between works of gold, silver, and precious stones, and those of wood, hay, and stubble. That is the real purpose of the Judgment Seat.

Each Believer has a life of great variety to present to God, and we are not always sure which of our works are of high value in Heaven. We recall from the Gospels the story of the man who prayed, fasted, and thanked God that he was not like the poor beggar who lay on his face at the back of the synagogue, pleading to God, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." As the Lord explained, it was the beggar's humility and plea for mercy that were the real gold, silver, and precious stones, while the hypocrisy of wood, hay,

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The Last Judgement, from *The Small Passion* (ca. 1510), woodcut by Albrecht Dürer, The Metropolitan Museum of Art



* "Believer" is short for "believer in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."



and stubble belonged to the supposedly righteous man in the front.

In 1 Corinthians 3:14, Paul emphasizes that we will be rewarded for our works that survive the fire. The rewards of the Christian come at the end of this life, in Heaven, not on the Earth. In verse 15, Paul also says we shall suffer loss for our works of wood, hay, and stubble. We note the phrase “but he himself shall be saved.” God is clear that salvation is a free gift, not an earned prize; we cannot lose our salvation by bad works or sins, which were forgiven when we believed in Christ. **We will suffer loss of our rewards, in effect, for our bad works, but we won’t fall back out of Heaven.** Peter thought the heavy net of fish he had “caught up” might break, and some fish fall back in the water (John 21:11). But the Lord had selected the fish on this occasion, and none were lost once they were caught up.

The fire does not consume the Believer, for God has fire that does not totally burn up, such as the Burning Bush and the Lake of Fire. The fire is only to purify away the bad works, as fire sterilizes bacteria in foods. The Judgment Seat of Christ is to prepare us as a spotless bride for our Lord (2 Corinthians 11:2). If we still had the memory of bad works we had done in our lifetimes of service, we would have, as it were, a guilty conscience, and would not be the pure virgins the Lord requires. The Judgment Seat is the final preparation for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Just as earthly brides adorn themselves in the finest garments, so we will go before the Lord cleansed of all bad works, forgiven, and in that sense, as perfect as He is Himself.

It surprises many Believers that we will then be, in our purity, equal to Christ. But that is our destiny; the Scripture is clear. Christ could not marry less a bride than He Himself, and we shall reign with Him in the Kingdom as the Queen on the Earth.

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

Next month, we will look at the Marriage and Jesus’ return. — Editor

Dear Reader: If you’re like me, then Zola’s Judgment Day insights may have convicted you. Devoted Believers can so heavily focus on grace that we forget how much our works actually matter. We were “*created in Christ Jesus for good works*” (Ephesians 2:10)!

— Kirsten ★



Q. Why is the Ascension of Jesus Christ important?

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A. The Ascension of Jesus Christ occurred when our Lord was physically taken up to Heaven in the presence of His disciples, forty days after the resurrection (Acts 1:9–11). Jesus is now at the right hand of God the Father (Acts 7:56; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3), where He will remain until He returns to Earth at His Second Coming.

The Ascension is important for several reasons:

1. It marked the end of Christ's physical ministry on Earth and the end of His humiliation.
2. The Ascension enabled Jesus' ministry as the Heavenly High Priest and Intercessor before God the Father on behalf of the Church (Hebrews 4:14–15; 7:25). Because He is our Advocate, we can boldly draw near to God to receive grace in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16).
3. The Ascension fulfilled the Messianic prophecy of Psalm 68:18, which Paul observes was fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:7–8).
4. Jesus' Ascension was essential for the Holy Spirit to come to indwell all Believers (John 16:7; Acts 1:7–8; 2:1–4).
5. The Ascension of Christ declares His superiority and authority over everything in the universe (Ephesians 1:20–23).
6. The Ascension was necessary so that Jesus could prepare a place in Heaven for Believers (John 14:1–2).
7. Finally, the Ascension set the stage for the Second Coming. For just as Jesus left Earth after His first coming, so He will return in like manner at the Second Coming. Christ will return in clouds of glory, just as He ascended to Heaven in a cloud of glory (Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:9). He will return and place His feet on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4), from which He ascended some 2,000 years ago (Acts 1:12). The Son of Man will be accompanied by angels when He returns, just as angels were there when He departed (Matthew 24:31; Acts 1:10). Jesus will return to Earth in a physical, bodily, and visible manner, the same way He ascended to Heaven 2,000 years ago (Acts 1:11).



The Ascension (1775) by John Singleton Copley, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is the crowning achievement to the Incarnation.

It is the triumph of salvation for humanity by the risen, ascended Savior. He stands supreme, sovereign, and is ready to save to the uttermost all who come to God through Him with penitent faith (Hebrews 7:25).

"Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess."

—Hebrews 4:14 ★





A Rainy Day in Jerusalem

Dr. Todd Baker
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TJF Team Leader

On a rainy and cold day in Jerusalem, TJF team member August Rosado and I had another fruitful time of ministry among the people of Israel. We returned to the impressive Malcha Mall, where we shared the Gospel of Yeshua the Messiah with several people. One of those who was open to our message was a lady named **Michelle**.

In our conversation with Michelle, August and I defended the Jewish people's divine right to live in the Land based on the eternal covenant God made with Israel. Michelle was happy to hear that we do not believe the anti-Israel notions and smears of the secular news media.

Then we explained how the Jewish Bible focuses on the promised Messiah who comes from the Jewish people to bless the entire world with salvation (John 4:22; Romans 1:16). We noted that God's Word enables the honest reader to plainly see that His Son Jesus is the only One qualified and proven to be the Messiah. Much to our surprise, Michelle said that she wished there



Todd and Michelle

were more people like us to spread this message of Good News throughout Israel!

We told her that is exactly what Adonai Yeshua (the Lord Jesus) has called us to do in the Land of Israel—His homeland and the place to which He will return soon (Zechariah 14:4). Then we emphasized that **part of our calling is to give back the Scriptures, God's inerrant Word, to the Chosen People.** God inspired His people to write both Testaments, and the whole Bible testifies that Jesus is the Messiah, and that people are saved—they receive eternal life—only by believing in Him (John 20:31; 1 John 5:13).

Michelle gladly accepted a copy of the Scriptures in Hebrew that we offered her. She assured us she was going to read the Bible and the Messianic materials we gave her. She was overjoyed to hear and receive God's Good News of salvation in Jesus the Messiah for the Jewish people.

This report details a previous year's outreach because of the pandemic's travel restrictions. — Editor ★



Dry Bones



FROM THE DRY BONES HAGGADAH

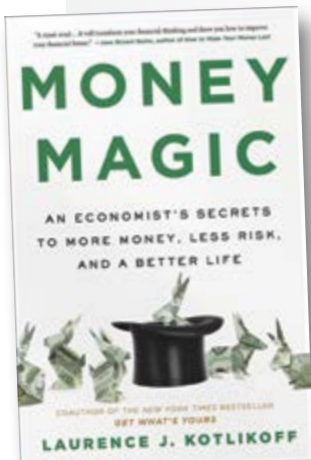
Stewardship Secrets for Real Life

Mark Levitt
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Real people make regular, personal decisions about:

- Education and debt
- Job and career choices
- Marriage and children
- Shelter options
- When to retire
- Managing promised income such as Social Security and pensions.



Much of this article is excerpted from financial columnist Scott Burns' evaluation of the book *Money Magic: An Economist's Secrets to More Money, Less Risk, and a Better Life*. The book's author, Laurence Kotlikoff, is an economist,

professor at Boston University, and a prolific researcher. Burns has co-authored several books with him. In *Money Magic*, Kotlikoff deals with empowering choices rather than investment returns.

His idea of "consumption smoothing" involves maintaining an even keel of consumption throughout our lives. Below are examples of measuring the lifetime economic consequences of ordinary, yet important, decisions.

- **College debt may not pay off.** Kotlikoff demonstrates that college education debt was mutually exclusive from having the career for which a student prepared.
- **Plumbers may trump doctors.** Considering the education, training, and debt involved in becoming a physician, plumbing may be a better career for focusing on a stable lifetime standard of living.
- **Marriage is one of the best investments we can make.** Marrying

can increase a person's lifetime standard of living by about 25%.

- **Appreciation is not the paramount benefit of homeownership.** The best benefits of homeownership are:
 - 1) the invisible, tax-free "imputed income" of the residence we enjoy compared with renting, and
 - 2) providing a reserve fund for long-term care.
- **Social Security is our biggest lifetime asset.** Because benefits increase 8% for each year of deferral, it's almost always better to spend down other assets to maximize benefits. Skeptical? A National Bureau of Economic Research paper measured the value of Social Security as a virtual asset. The study revealed that Social Security's value was larger than the combination of investments, home equity, and defined-benefit pensions for all but the top 10% of all households. More succinctly, Social Security is the most important resource for 90% of all Americans.

Depending on life expectancy, the book advocates postponing Social Security benefits until age 70. Full-retirement age (67 for those born in 1960 or later) may make better sense for baby boomers, considering Scott Burns' recent column ["Social Security: It's a Money In — Money Out Problem."](#)

My December 2021 article (p.14) is entitled, "Social Security's Paradigm Shift/Pivotal Prognosis." It notes that waiting longer could result in reduced benefits in 2033, should Congress balance its budget with declining resources.

Retirement isn't all about "the number" — the mythical financial wealth figure required to retire. Like the rest of life, retirement is about managing your personal decisions. *"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it"* (Prov. 10:22). ★



ZLM Bulletin Board



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Fans scuffle during a match in Antwerp, Belgium

Jewish Lives Don't Matter ...

... to the dozens of soccer fans in Antwerp, Belgium who were filmed months ago doing Nazi salutes and chanting about killing Jews. "My father was in the commandos, my mother was in the SS. Together they burned Jews 'cause Jews burn the best," they recited, as well as "Hamas, Jews to the gas," while making the Nazi salutes. Fans of the Club Brugge Belgian soccer team shouted, "Whoever doesn't jump is a Jew," as they sprang up and down during matches. These soccer-fan chants increasingly occur beyond sporting events, such as at a high school graduation party in the Netherlands.

Only 13% of Evangelicals Tithe ...

... while half give away less than 1% of their income. The study reflects data collected from 1,000 American evangelical Protestants. The average giving is 2.4% of income to church and 0.8% to charity, for a total of 3.2% of household income. ZLM estimates that 3% of our viewers donate to our outreach — to whom we offer heartfelt thanks.



Camel Beauty Contest

Saudi Arabia's annual King Abdulaziz Camel Festival offered nearly \$66 million in prizes. Winners were selected based on the shape of their heads, necks, humps, dress, and posture. Over 40 camels were disqualified from the 2021 pageant because they received Botox injections, facelifts, and other cosmetic alterations.



FREE ITEM

Pamphlet of the Month

An effective estate plan addresses four common financial challenges: 1) dying too soon, 2) outliving one's resources, 3) emergencies, and 4) mental/physical disability. The **Better Estate Planning** pamphlet overviews several planning tools. Topics include: The will as cornerstone, Placing property in trust, Power of attorney, Joint ownership, Living will, Income and asset management, Potential tax savings, and Income for life. The Technical Advisory Section discusses federal gift and estate tax considerations. To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box. **Request POM #13.**

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Zola
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Deliverance from Hidden Faults

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cleanse me	from hidden faults	who can discern	his errors

**“Who can discern his errors?
Cleanse me from hidden faults.”**

- Psalm 19:12

All of us have unhealed parts, “hidden faults” (מִנְסִתְרוֹת) of which we are not fully aware. Therefore, King David prayed, *“Who can discern his errors? Cleanse me from hidden faults”* (Psalm 19:12). We are cleansed by confession, that is, by looking within our hearts to uncover deeper motivations. For example, if we are honest with ourselves, we may discover that we are angry or fearful people, despite how we otherwise wish to regard ourselves. If you find yourself unable to let something go — such as some pain or failure of the past — remind yourself that you must do so if you want to move on with your life. **Focusing on how things could have been different will only enslave you to the past.** The goal of *teshuvah* (repentance) is to turn us back to God for life. To do this, however, we must be willing to let go of what makes us sick.

Note that the Hebrew word translated “errors” (שְׁגִיאוֹת) comes from a root word (שָׁגָה) that means *to wander, stray, or transgress*. The question raised by David is rhetorical: “Who can discern his errors?” And the answer is: no one — apart from divine intervention. David asked God to purify his heart from “hidden faults,” those shortcomings that were

unknown, unseen, and unconscious to his own awareness. **These are “mindless” sins,** unthinking offenses, hidden dispositions, character defects and actions that a person unwittingly performs, perhaps because of deep forces from which he was oblivious. These are the “secret sins” set in the light of God’s face (Psalm 90:8); the sluggish darkness of the human heart that leads to death and ruin: *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurably sick; who can understand it?”* (Jeremiah 17:9).

How many of us are fully aware of what we are doing when we are doing something? How many of us are completely transparent both to ourselves and to God, with no unclear motives? We must always be vigilant. There is always the force of habit, or the subconscious desires or conflicts of the inner life, that work on us, not to mention the sins of our past and the present devices used by the enemy of our souls. **May the Lord help us to be completely healed, with a pure heart that is not inwardly divided, even if presently there are parts of ourselves that seem to resist that healing. Amen.** ★



Faith for the Future

DVD Set

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Stepping Out in Faith Leaving the familiar for an unknown destination requires putting faith into action. In Genesis, the Lord called Abram to leave his home and travel to the land of Canaan. The journey included difficult situations but culminated in a promised homeland for the Hebrews. Today, may we Believers boldly place our trust in Him and step out in faith!

Conflicting Directions and Destinations Abram/Abraham was promised descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. Little did he know that his two sons (born from different mothers) would father two nations whose hostility toward each other would last millennia. Sometimes our journey of faith leads us into conflicts and challenges that require greater trust in God.

Delivering the Unexpected We Believers must prepare ourselves for times when God intentionally delays the fulfillment of His promises until we think it is too late. How could a couple in their 90s have a child? God can and does deliver the unexpected.

Sacrifice and Loss Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son testifies to his bountiful faith in the Lord's promises. We Believers need to trust that God will lead us to the future He has lovingly prepared for us.

Toward the Unknown Seeking a wife for Isaac, Abraham trusted that God would lead him to the perfect mate. Rebekah showed faith when she accompanied a stranger to an unseen land and husband. Following the Lord always leads to the perfect outcome.



Love and Marriage Isaac and Rebekah's meeting led to a loving relationship. Believers should remember that singleness and marriage are both gifts from God, and His ways are always best.

Not by Sight Isaac and Rebekah's sons Esau and Jacob held opposite worldviews. While one trusted and valued only what he could see and touch, the other was satisfied to wait for the Lord's timing.

Life's Detours God reminds us of His provision and blessing, but situations don't always work out according to our plans. Sometimes the Lord uses our present circumstances to drive us toward what He has prepared for our future.

Patient Endurance Jacob was promised a land, but was sent abroad for 20 years. He was promised Rachel, but had to wait an extra seven years for her. Good things come to those who wait on the Lord.

Stepping Closer to Destiny Jacob confronted his brother, who felt betrayed. Jacob's wants were still foremost in his mind when he wrestled with an "angel" until he received a blessing. Faith in God pays the most blessed dividends.





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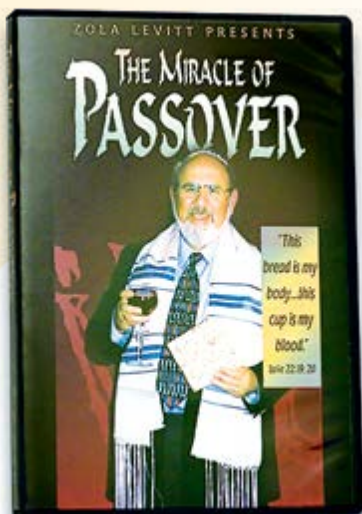
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Scripture quotations come from the popular Complete Jewish Bible.



Israeli-Arabs Condemn False Amnesty International Report



BY ADINA KATZ / WorldIsraelNews.com

Following the release of Amnesty International's biased report against the Jewish state, alleging Israeli "apartheid," Israeli-Arabs and organizations working toward coexistence condemned the report, saying its findings were "false and defamatory," Tazpit Press Service reported.

Lorena Khateeb, an Israeli member of the Druze community and a social activist, stated that "as an Israeli-Arab citizen, I condemn Amnesty's report."

Yoseph Haddad, an Arab-Israeli who served in the Israel Defense Forces and was wounded in combat, tweeted: "Amnesty — Who are you to decide that we live under an apartheid regime? You have no idea about the reality in Israel."

"Stop the lies and stop promoting your agenda on my back and the back of Israeli-Arab society!" he demanded. "Amnesty International has already broken the record for hypocrisy, but to compare Israel to an apartheid regime is not only a distorted lie but an insult to all those South Africans who actually lived through apartheid. It is contempt for and cynical exploitation of the concept."

The "Together Vouch for Each Other" organization, which promotes coexistence in Israel, stated that "as an Israeli-Arab NGO, we condemn Amnesty International's false and defamatory report. We are Israeli-Arabs who live, study, and make a living here. We are all an integral part of the society and enjoy equal rights."

"We are working to correct what needs to be corrected from within, but to say that Israel is apartheid is a gross misrepresentation of the reality and an insult to those who suffered under apartheid in South Africa. This



Tweet from Lorena Khateeb

is an accusation that we collectively and categorically reject. **We call on Amnesty International to stop advancing their anti-Israel agenda on our backs," the organization said.**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) remarked: "The State of Israel is a strong and vibrant democracy that grants all its citizens equal rights, regardless of religion or race. The State of Israel was established as the national home of the Jewish people with broad international support, in light of the lessons of the Holocaust. The State of Israel will continue to promote the values of democracy and inclusiveness, in whose light it was established and continues to exist." ★

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Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space.

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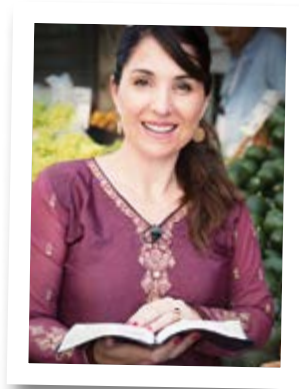
Letters, emails, and comments from [www.levitt.com](#) and [YouTube](#)

Garden of Eden

Dear Sarah,

Regarding the possibility that the Garden of Eden was in Israel — Jerusalem to be exact — there's no question about it. Keep going! You are on the right track and doing a great job. Thank you! — M.F. (AZ)

From D.S.: I have been following Sarah Liberman's series on the Garden of Eden and Jerusalem (in the [Personal Letter](#)). I'm so excited about the subtleties I never knew about this topic. The insight about the red heifer in the December issue was just outstanding. I hope you will seriously consider compiling all this information in a small booklet. I would purchase several for friends and family. God put this inspiration on my heart, so I am just following His leading. I have been a follower and supporter of your ministry for probably four decades. Sarah probably doesn't realize the impact she has had on me and many others. Please send her my love in the Lord. Thanks so much!



Sarah Liberman

Dear D.S.,

I agree that Sarah likely underestimates the influence of her Bible teaching. Thank you for following, supporting, and trusting this ministry all these years. — David

Dear Sarah,

I love your writings, and I adored your five-part series. It was so wonderful! I looked every day to see if your last letter of this edifying series was online at [levitt.com](#) to read since I couldn't wait until February to read the conclusion. You opened my eyes for sure. — J.A.

Dear J.A.,

Rather than checking your mailbox each day, you can simply subscribe to our free newsletter email list ([levitt.com/ml-reg](#)) and receive an email notice whenever new issues are posted. — Greg, [levitt.com](#) webmaster

Thanks to the Bearded Bible Brothers!

Dear Caleb and Joshua,

Just wanted to take a minute to encourage both of you! We're gentile Believers who are still learning to be Torah pursuant. Now we are so blessed to include your videos from *Our Jewish Roots* as part of our weekly family Shabbat tradition! Our daughter is off to college but continues to include ZLM's teaching, which she observes on her own in her college dorm room. We've been studying the Jewish roots of our faith for about nine years now. We especially appreciate your being uniquely qualified to elucidate complex topics concisely with both love and humor. Blessings! — M. and M.

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Joshua and Caleb,
"The Bearded Bible Brothers"

Shalom M. and M.,

Thank you for your kind message and the wonderful pictures! You guys certainly know how to throw a Shabbat party! We are so grateful to hear the amazing testimonies of how God's Word has touched people's lives — bearded and un-bearded alike. Caleb's oldest daughter has recently entered the world of college as well. Therefore, we understand the unique position of letting go and trusting Yeshua to lead your child's path. In the end, it is our dedication to passing on Biblical teachings and virtues to our own children that will end up turning the world to Messiah. We pray that the Lord blesses and directs your daughter in all of her studies and that the Lord blesses and keeps your family in His strength, health, prosperity, power, and anointing. — Joshua and Caleb

Different media outlets?

Dear ZLM,

Each week your television show encourages us to watch extended programming on social media — Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. I do not subscribe to any of these outlets. **Have you considered GETTR and Rumble?** Many people have grown disgusted with the first three due to their bias and censorship of conservatives. If you choose to continue on the first three and not on GETTR and Rumble, I will not be able to watch your extended programming. Thank you. — P.S.

Dear P.S.,

Several years ago, some television viewers reasoned that since certain national Christian TV networks featured shoddy programming (such as prosperity Gospel), then our Bible teaching that appeared on those networks must also be worthless. My father periodically explained that ZLM is comparable to a single store owner in a shopping mall. Renting a small amount of space (buying a 30-minute slice of airtime) doesn't entitle us to dictate standards for fellow tenants.

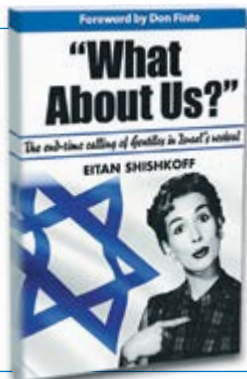
I've never heard of GETTR or Rumble. But **Greg Hartwig, our webmaster at levitt.com, has promised to look into those new outlets in the near future.** Thanks for accompanying your constructive criticism with a potential solution. — Mark

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What About Us? book

How do the Scriptures touch on the relationship of Jews and gentiles at the end of this Age? Messianic Jewish pastor Eitan Shishkoff ("Our Man in Haifa") focuses on friendship as the answer. Personal, warm, and solid in theology.



Hebrew Lesson

From L.M.: I wanted to let you know what a blessing John Parsons' devotionals are to me. I put them in a special folder to reread. I believe the Holy Spirit moves him to write what he does.

Dear L.M.,

We'll make sure that John knows how much you value his monthly Hebrew Lessons. Lots of time, energy, and prayer go into every article. —David



John Parsons

Carson's wives

Dear Mark,

What an odd article for a religious news magazine to put out ("Three Wives in Johnny Carson's Shoes," [January Levitt Letter, p. 14](#)). I loved it! It was like it was written just for me and my circumstances. Since I am now taking care of my widowed, 82-year-old mother who has dementia, I am dealing with so much I was not really prepared for. I am considering retiring early to take care of her full time as her mind totally slips away.

How to approach my ex's Social Security benefits was an issue I needed to address, but that was at the bottom of my long list of to-dos. As a baby boomer now taking care of a parent, any articles addressing the ins and outs, ups and downs, and encouragement and advice you can share would be well-received! Blessings for your obedience to His calling. —G.M.

Dear G.M.,

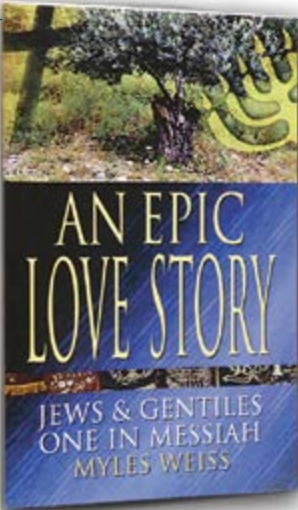
My parents are both 89 and thankfully are still living on their own. I agree with you about the invaluable financial wisdom Mark relays from others. We are praying for you as a caregiver. —Kirsten



Planning Christmas gifts

Dear Kirsten,

Just a comment on your article "A Charitable Heart" ([December 2021 Levitt Letter, p. 6](#)). You mentioned that some people start planning their Christmas gift
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An Epic Love Story study booklet by Myles Weiss

The God of love is a matchmaker who desires a Bride for His Son, the Bridegroom of Heaven. This Bride, the Church, will consist of both Jews and gentiles. Yeshua's sacrifice enables gentiles to be grafted into the life of Israel and share in the promises of God. Understanding the role of Israel—God's timepiece—is crucial to preparing for the Lord's return.

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list in advance. I tried that one year, writing down things my husband suggested he needed or wanted. I had about 12 items on my list. By the time Christmas rolled around, however, I had crossed off every item! He already had bought them himself! I never did that again. I truly enjoy the articles in the *Levitt Letter*, and I'm happy we can support this ministry. — C.T. (MI)

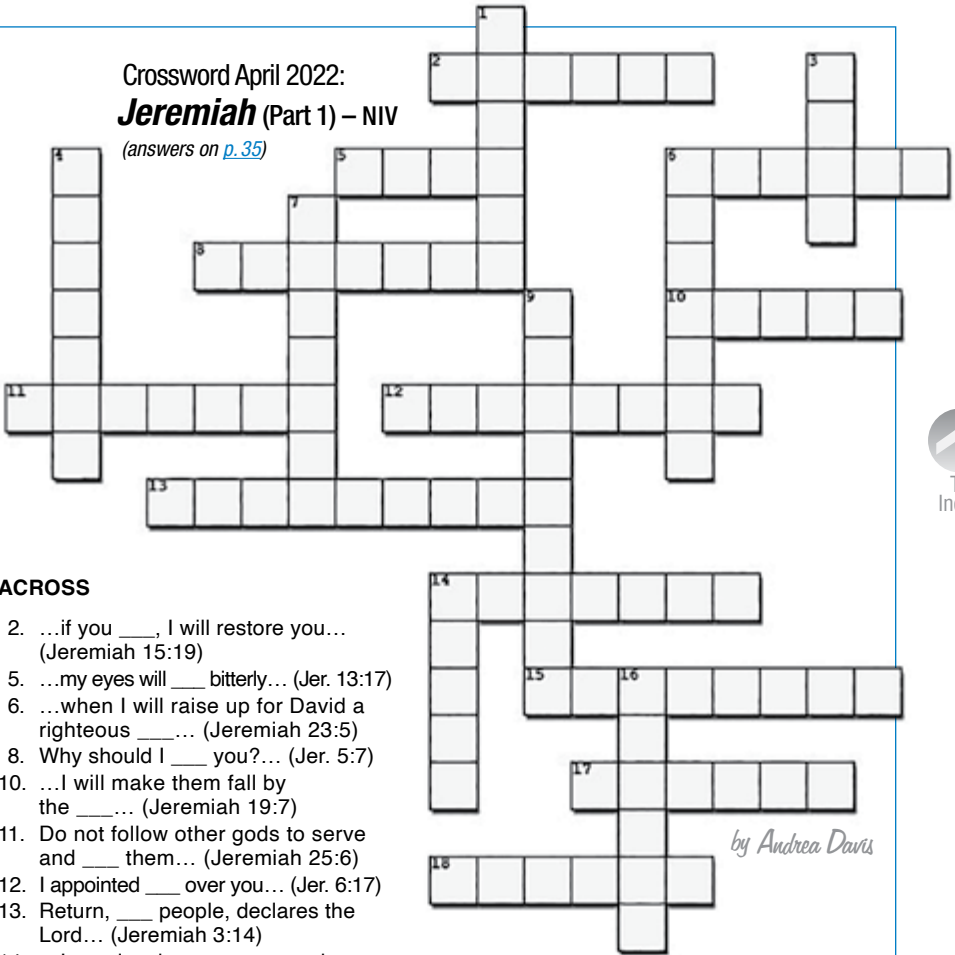
Dear C.T.,

The older I get, the more I value gifting fun family experiences at Christmas. Nonetheless, our grandbabies still get toys and presents! Sounds like your hubby is an efficient self-gifter. — Kirsten ★

Crossword April 2022:

Jeremiah (Part 1) – NIV

(answers on [p.35](#))



ACROSS

2. ...if you ____, I will restore you... (Jeremiah 15:19)
5. ...my eyes will ____ bitterly... (Jer. 13:17)
6. ...when I will raise up for David a righteous ____ (Jeremiah 23:5)
8. Why should I ____ you?... (Jer. 5:7)
10. ...I will make them fall by the ____ (Jeremiah 19:7)
11. Do not follow other gods to serve and ____ them... (Jeremiah 25:6)
12. I appointed ____ over you... (Jer. 6:17)
13. Return, ____ people, declares the Lord... (Jeremiah 3:14)
14. ...I appointed you as a ____ to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5)
15. Lord, my ____ and my fortress... (Jeremiah 16:19)
17. Is there no balm in ____?... (Jer. 8:22)
18. He had Jeremiah the prophet ____ and put in stocks... (Jeremiah 20:2)

DOWN

1. ...you will be My ____, and I will be your God. (Jeremiah 11:4)
3. My people have committed two ____ (Jeremiah 2:13)

4. ...I will break the yoke of the king of ____ (Jeremiah 28:2)
6. But ____ is the one who trusts in the Lord... (Jeremiah 17:7)
7. ...sound the ____ throughout the land... (Jeremiah 4:5)
9. They have returned to the sins of their ____ (Jeremiah 11:10)
14. For I know the ____ I have for you... (Jeremiah 29:11)
16. ...the whole land will be ____ (Jeremiah 4:27)

by Andrea Davis



“Super-Computer” Chip Powers Autonomous Driving

BY RICKY BEN-DAVID (r) TimesOfIsrael.com



left: A Mobileye car doing a pilot drive in New York City
right: Mobileye's EyeQ Ultra, the advanced, high performing system-on-chip (SoC)

Jerusalem-based autonomous driving systems company Mobileye unveiled an advanced, ultra-fast “super-computer” chip that was built to power future fully autonomous vehicles (AVs).

Mobileye said the new EyeQ Ultra chip can handle all the needs and applications of Level 4 autonomous driving. Level 4 provides high automation without the need for human intervention in limited areas, but humans can still manually override if necessary. The new chip is expected to be used to power self-driving passenger, shared transport, and delivery vehicles.

The chip can process Mobileye's True Redundancy vision-sensing technology, which uses cameras as well as sensors. The EyeQ Ultra chip can also process Mobileye's crowd-sourced Road Experience Management mapping technology that creates high-definition maps of road infrastructures worldwide, and its Responsibility-Sensitive Safety driving policy.

“By developing the entire self-driving solution — from hardware and software to mapping and service models — Mobileye has a unique perspective into the exact requirements for the self-driving system that enables us to reach the performance-and-cost optimization that will make consumer AVs a reality,” said Amnon Shashua,

co-founder and president of Mobileye. Shashua added that some 100 million cars across 188 vehicle models currently use Mobileye technology.

Mobileye first introduced the EyeQ chip in 2004, developing different products based on the systems to warn of and help prevent collisions. The company now works with some of the world's largest automakers including Volkswagen, Ford, Honda, and BMW.

Mobileye began testing AVs in Munich in 2020. It was the first European city to approve the pilot, which built on Mobileye's existing program in Israel where the company has been testing self-driving vehicles since 2018. The pilot has since grown to include Detroit, New York City, Tokyo, and Paris.

Later this year, pending regulatory approval, Mobileye anticipates pilot projects for autonomous taxis and ride-hailing services in Munich and Tel Aviv. Mobileye also has partnerships to supply self-driving systems to California delivery startup Udelv, which plans to have a fleet of autonomous delivery vehicles on the roads within two years.

Udelv recently introduced the Transporter, its new Mobileye-powered electric vehicle designed for commercial delivery fleets. The company aims to commercially deploy the Transporter in 2023 and have 50,000 units on the road by 2028. ★

courtesy: Mobileye, an Intel company



Israeli Drug Slows Alzheimer's-Causing Protein



credit: National
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BY NATHAN JEFFAY (r) TimesOfIsrael.com

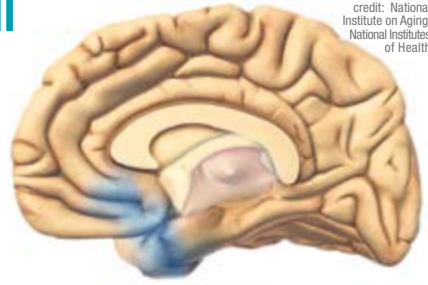
Israeli scientists say they have developed a drug that slows protein deposits on the brain that are a cause of Alzheimer's disease. The drug may also be useful for treating some autism cases.

The Tel Aviv University team saw an improvement in the symptoms in mice. **The biggest success was a dramatic decrease in the excessive buildup of a protein in the brain called tau.** The protein performs important functions in normal brains, but among Alzheimer's patients it tends to build up excessively, becoming misfolded and abnormally shaped.

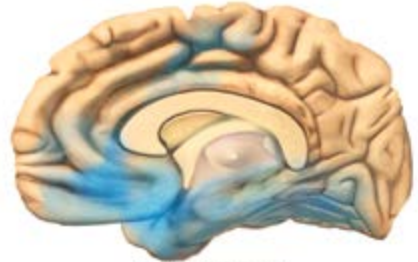
The scientists edited the genomes of the mice to give them a rare developmental disorder called ADNP syndrome, which involves symptoms that are close to those of Alzheimer's.

For years, biochemist Prof. Illana Gozes of Tel Aviv University has been working on an experimental drug for ADNP called NAP, which is based on NAPVSIQP, a snippet of a protein essential for brain formation.

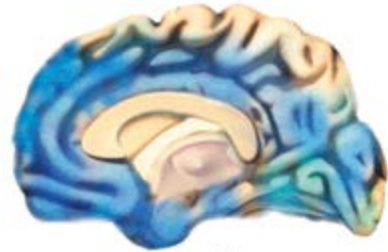
Now, she has used genome editing techniques to produce mice with ADNP and examine the impact of NAP on the different symptoms. She illustrated a strong reduction in tau buildup, and noted that if the same effect is seen in human trials, it could make the drug a good candidate for preventing the onset of Alzheimer's.



Preclinical AD



Mild to Moderate AD



Severe AD

Stages of Alzheimer's disease
as it spreads through the brain



Prof. Illana Gozes

"This is the first time we have examined the impact of NAP using a genome-edited animal model, and indications are that it protects against the same deposits that are found in the brains of people with Alzheimer's," Gozes added.

In addition to the reduction of tau buildup, Gozes noted that changes to the brain's electrical activity that are common to Alzheimer's patients were also reduced after the administration of NAP.

Her team also observed a lessening of other symptoms associated with ADNP, including slowed development and problems walking.

One of the symptoms of ADNP is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Gozes is hopeful that positive outcomes in the lab experiment indicate that NAP may help treat some ASD cases. She observed, "This study is an important milestone on the way to developing a drug, or drugs, that will help children with autism stemming from genetic mutations, as well as Alzheimer's patients." ★

British Citizenship Saved My Mother

BY PETER CRUTCHLEY / BBC.com



background: Elsie's sister Esther (fourth from right), who died at Auschwitz, attending a dinner with Jewish friends in June 1942. **Only five people in this group survived the Holocaust.**

left: Elsie's birth certificate, held at the Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies

Lill Saether's Jewish great-grandparents and their eight children, including Lill's grandmother Florrie, arrived in Newry, Northern Ireland in about 1890 from Kaunas, Lithuania, then part of Russia.

Florrie married Joseph Mendle in Newry in 1906 and had three children there — Abraham in 1908, Elsie in 1909, and Sadie Miriam in 1911. Florrie already had British citizenship, and the rest of their family became British citizens in January 1911.



Three eldest Mendle children: Elsie (right) with brother Abraham and sister Sadie Miriam

Leaving for Norway

The family left Northern Ireland for Oslo in August 1911 because relatives who had emigrated to Norway wrote to them about the good prospects

in the country. In 1937, Joseph and Florrie became Norwegian citizens.

While Abraham emigrated to the U.S. in 1930, Elsie and Sadie Miriam remained in Norway but kept their British citizenship, which would end up saving their lives. Their younger siblings, Esther and Harry Isidor, were born in Norway and were Norwegian citizens.

Nazi-occupied Oslo

German forces invaded Norway in 1940 despite its neutrality in World War II. The Nazis controlled Norway in collaboration with the Norwegian Nazi Party under its leader, Vidkun Quisling.

Life in Nazi-occupied Oslo became very difficult for Jewish people, as Saether explained. "The Jews were subjected to special provisions, their radios were confiscated, and there were random arrests of men. After Quisling's inauguration in February 1942, all Jews had to go to police stations to have their ID-cards stamped with a J."

The situation deteriorated quickly with the arrest of male Jews on October 26, 1942. Elsie's brother, Harry Isidor and the other men were held in prison,

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while her father was in the hospital. Elsie managed to save her Jewish boss from arrest by telling the police she hadn't seen him when they came calling at his shop. He later escaped to Sweden with his family.

The Nazis and Norwegian police arrived at the Mendle house on November 26 to arrest the female family members. "My mother knew some nationalities were exempt from the arrest order, among them citizens from the USA and UK, and Germany's allies," Saether said. "She told the police that she and her sister, Sadie Miriam, were British subjects, so they were not arrested. My grandmother, who recorded all these events in her diary, was also left because her husband was ill in the hospital. The Nazis agreed to wait for two weeks before arresting my grandparents, but they took the youngest sister, Esther, away."



Elsie Mendle risked her life to save family and other Jewish people

That afternoon, Esther and Harry Isidor were among 532 Jews who left Oslo on a prison ship. The youngest was four months, the oldest was aged 80. The journey took four days in horrendous weather. After docking in Stettin, they were loaded onto trains in cattle wagons and arrived at Auschwitz on December 1. Both Esther and Harry Isidor were among those led directly to their execution in the gas chamber.

Heroic Women

A week later Elsie risked her life by rescuing her father and another Jewish man from the hospital. **The death penalty awaited Jews who tried to flee and those who helped them.**

Outside the hospital they were picked up by Norwegians with cars, who took them to different houses where they went into hiding, as did Elsie's mother and sister, Sadie Miriam.

Saether added that it's important to remember the heroism of many Norwegians. "There were quite a lot who engaged in hiding Jews and transporting them out of the country. Many of these heroes were women."

The Jews remained hidden until they escaped to Sweden a week later in lorries holding about 20 people each. They hid under the canopies behind sacks of pellets or potatoes. It was freezing cold and they had to sit completely still. They were let off close to the border and walked in silence in the dark and snow through the forest, holding on to each other as best they could. They were given refuge in Sweden. Then in April 1943, Elsie traveled to Scotland to work in the Norwegian Consulate in Glasgow. She returned to Norway in October 1945.

Remembering the Past

On Holocaust Memorial Day, Saether's thoughts were with her lost family members and all the victims. "It makes me cry when I think of the hatred behind people treating other human beings in such a gruesome manner. I think of the uncle and aunt I never had. Me and my girls and my grandchildren are the only living relatives from the five children my grandparents had. It must never be forgotten. We have to learn from the Holocaust so it never happens again, to Jews or any other ethnic or religious group."

Believers must keep these heroic stories alive. ZLM promises to help our viewers, readers, and visitors to levitt.com to Never Forget. —David ★





Some of the confiscated relics

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Rare Antiquities Stolen from Judea and Samaria Recovered

By Judith Sudilovsky / JPost.com

Thousands of rare antiquities were confiscated and a Palestinian antiquities dealer and thief was arrested in February in the village of Qalil near Nablus. This action follows a months-long undercover investigation and intelligence surveillance by the Civil Administration (COGAT).

Included in the confiscated finds were rare coins from among the oldest used in the Land of Israel, relics from the Persian and Hellenistic periods, and coins from the time of the Great Jewish Revolt. They are estimated to have a value of hundreds of thousands of shekels.

According to COGAT, the operation was part of the extensive efforts undertaken by the Civil Administration's Archaeology Unit over recent years to preserve archaeological finds and to root out the theft of antiquities in the Judea and Samaria area with the help of advanced technology.

"The Civil Administration is pursuing many avenues, both public and confidential, in order to preserve the archaeology of Judea and Samaria," said COGAT head Brig.-Gen. Faris Atila. **"Following a long and intricate operation, thousands of rare archaeological items that had been stolen by a specialist in archaeological theft were located."** The operation

was important, with significance in breaking the chain of traffic in antiquities in Judea and Samaria. The Civil Administration will continue working tirelessly against the shameful phenomenon of destruction and theft at the archaeological sites of Judea and Samaria, protecting the cultural and historical assets of the area."

David Friedman Warned: "Don't Be So Jewish"

JNS.com

Former U.S. ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, was warned by a State Department staffer in 2017 not to be "so Jewish."

Friedman recounts the anti-Semitic episodes in his new book, *Sledgehammer: How Breaking with the Past Brought Peace to the Middle East*. The book centers on how the White House under former U.S. President Donald Trump successfully achieved the Abraham Accords and a new era of peace in the region.

An excerpt from the book noted this exchange between Friedman and another staffer:

*Word of my stubborn insistence
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David Friedman

credit: Matty Stern, U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv





on standing with our ally Israel had now circulated widely within the State Department. Another senior staffer decided to call me and offer the following advice: **"Mr. Ambassador, don't be so Jewish."**

"What?"

"Don't be so Jewish. You represent the United States of America. Tone down the Judaism in your work."

I was furious. "Do you think I am under any disillusion as to who I represent? I'm not a politically correct person but I have to ask you, why do the laws of political correctness not apply to Jews?"

"Just a free word of advice."

The remarks were made before Trump's first visit to Israel in May 2017, when the administration was still debating whether to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, where it is today.

Friedman helped arrange a visit for Trump to the Western Wall on that trip, making him the first sitting U.S. president to do so.

One-Third of Students Think Holocaust is "Exaggerated or Fabricated"

[JNS.org](https://jns.org)

Nearly 33% of students in elementary through high schools in the United States and Canada who participated in a new survey said they weren't sure if the Holocaust happened, or if it did, they thought it was "exaggerated or fabricated."

Almost 3,600 North American students from grades six through 12 participated in the study commissioned by the Ontario-based organization Liberation75. Over 78% of the respondents were Canadian.



source: Wikipedia

Jewish child Holocaust survivors in Auschwitz upon liberation

The survey also showed that 54% of students knew how many Jews were killed in the Holocaust and 92% of the students wanted to know more about the Holocaust. Meanwhile, 40% of students surveyed pointed out that social media was where they learned about the Holocaust.

"I think that the study is so important in an age of misinformation and disinformation," said Alexis Lerner from Western University, who led the study. "When students aren't getting Holocaust information and genocide information in the schools, they're not getting fact-based information. And so they're turning to these alternative sources of information."

No Canadian province or territory requires Holocaust education as part of their secondary-school curricula. In the United States, 22 states mandate Holocaust education in secondary schools, according to Liberation75.

Marilyn Sinclair, the founder of the organization that is committed to Holocaust education, suggested provincial and territorial governments across Canada should require teachers to educate students about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism "to ensure our youth know about the dangers of what happens when hate goes unchecked and we don't stand up for each other." ★





Archaeology

Ancient Hebrew Amulet Found at Joshua's Altar



BY ARYEH SAVIR (r) JewishPress.com



credit: Roi Haddi/Samaria Spokesperson's Office

Ancient amulet found at Joshua's altar in Samaria

An ancient amulet made of lead and written in ancient Hebrew was found among the remains of the excavation carried out at the archaeological site on Mount Ebal in Samaria, where the Biblical-era altar of Joshua bin Nun is located. The amulet is inscribed with the letter Alef and a mark reminiscent of a lotus flower.

The Book of Joshua describes how Joshua built an altar on Mount Ebal, acting on instructions from Moses after the Israelites had crossed the Jordan River.

Haifa University archaeologist Adam Zertal, who passed away in 2015, identified the remains of an altar found at the site as the one described in the Bible, where Joshua distributed the land among the tribes.

Zertal's research showed the area to be a unique ritual site for offering sacrifices. The dating of the altar to the period of the Israelites' entry into the Land, the similarity between the excavated structure and the altar described in the Bible, and the fact that only kosher animal bones were found at the site, led the researchers to conclude that this is the altar Joshua built on Mount Ebal.

Researcher Zvi Konigsberg, who assisted Zertal in the excavations between 1982 and 1988, described how "after the excavation, we left many piles of dirt we had dug up. Given that the piles may contain valuable finds, a group of Prof. Zertal's friends moved them to a safe place, where they could be inspected. Many years later, the technology for properly sifting the dirt was developed."

One of the items discovered was the tiny amulet, measuring less than one inch by one inch. The amulet is "opaque as an oyster," implying that it used to contain something inside. The lead expert at the Israel Antiquities Authority tried to open it but gave up after it began to crumble at the edges. The researchers then found a lab in Prague that performs sophisticated photographs that allow for the construction of a three-dimensional model. The results showed many grooves in the amulet, one of them resembling a bull's head, known in ancient times as an "Alef," the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

"Another mark found on the amulet resembles a lotus flower, a significant image in ancient Egypt," noted Konigsberg.

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courtesy:
<https://zvi.koenigsberg.academia.edu/>

Koenigsberg revealed that a thorough examination of the plasterboards discovered inside the altar will soon be carried out. He explained that during Joshua's conquest, plaster was used only in places of worship. "It would be fascinating to examine the boards with technologies that were not yet available to us at the time of the excavations. Sophisticated infrared devices

may reveal writing that is mentioned in the Bible regarding Joshua's altar," Koenigsberg added.

"The discovery of Joshua's altar by the late archaeologist Prof. Adam Zertal is one of the most significant discoveries in the history of archaeology in the Land of Israel."

Joshua's altar is the only currently known remnant from the period of the Israelite conquest of Canaan. Prof. Zertal believed that this was the altar around which the covenant ceremony mentioned in the Book of Joshua took place.

Yossi Dagan, head of the Samaria Regional Council, said that the new find "proves again the deep and inseparable connection between the Jewish people and Samaria and the Land of Israel in general."

In 2010, Prof. Zertal headed the excavations at El-Ahwat, which he identified as the Biblical Harosheth Haggoyim. This was a fortress described in the Book of Judges as the cavalry base of General Sisera, the commander of King Yavin's army (Judges 4).

"The discovery of Joshua's altar by the late archaeologist Prof. Adam Zertal is one of the most significant discoveries in the history of archaeology in the Land of Israel," Dagan asserted. He noted that "unfortunately, the Palestinian Authority, together with partners from Europe and the extreme left, is trying to erase the history of the Jewish people in Samaria every day. Recently, there was additional damage inflicted on the site of Joshua's altar. The government must take full responsibility for these historic and important sites in Samaria, to preserve and develop them," Dagan concluded. ★



courtesy: Samaria Regional Council

Samaria settlers restoring the wall of Joshua's altar site, which was destroyed by the Palestinian Authority in 2021

Presbyterian Leader Targets American Jews



credit: Westminster Presbyterian Church

BY DEXTER VAN ZILE / CAMERA.org

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), targeted American Jews with hateful anti-Israel rhetoric twice in recent months.

In a recent sermon, Nelson declared, "The continued occupation in Palestine/Israel is 21st century slavery and should be abolished immediately."

Nelson then called on American Jewish leaders to join his mendacious attack on the Jewish state, proclaiming, "I would also hope that the Jewish community in the United States would influence the call to join the U.S. government in ending the immoral enslavement."

As offensive as that sermon was, he used far worse rhetoric in a video posted on the PCUSA's website last June. In the video entitled, "This is Not What God Intended," Nelson declared that his fellow Christians need to start looking at Jewish individuals in the United States who are supporting "evil" Israeli policies, which he characterized as "20th century slavery" and "some of the worst atrocities the world has ever seen."

This is beyond the pale. One can criticize Israel legitimately, but to portray the suffering caused by Israeli policies as "some of the worst atrocities the world has ever seen" is simply a lie.

Has Nelson not been paying attention to the mass murder of civilians by the Assad regime in Syria?

Why has Nelson said nothing about Palestinian violence and hostility toward Israel and Jews? Does this



Rev. J. Herbert Nelson II, outspoken anti-Zionist

violence and hostility meet with God's plan for the Palestinian people?

Why is it necessary to target American Jews with such hateful criticism? A significant majority of Americans support Israel. American Jews represent a small percentage of the American population and are dwarfed in number by Christians who support the Jewish state.

Why is Nelson singling out American Jews for their support for Israel in a video? Why direct the PCUSA's animus toward Jews who live next to Presbyterians throughout the country? Why bring up "money" and "power" and juxtapose it with the rewards of a Christian death, unless of course one was intent on implicitly invoking the notion of carnal Jews polluting the American body politic?

Is this what God intended? Is this "effective" peacemaking?

This propaganda echoes CAIR's [the Council on American-Islamic Relations] targeting of American Jews. ★





Jewish HUMOR etc.

*A cheerful heart is
good medicine—
Proverbs 17:22*

From classic Jewish comedians

"Marriage is a wonderful institution — but who wants to live in an institution?"

(Groucho Marx)

"This is the sixth book I've written — not bad for a guy who's read only two."

(George Burns)

"I once wanted to become an atheist, but I changed my mind. They have no holidays."

(Henny Youngman)

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous — everyone hasn't met me yet."

(Rodney Dangerfield) ★



Answer Key for April 2022 Crossword (p.25)

Across:

- 2. Repent
- 5. Weep
- 6. Branch
- 8. Forgive
- 10. Sword
- 11. Worship
- 12. Watchmen
- 13. Faithless
- 14. Prophet
- 15. Strength
- 17. Gilead
- 18. Beaten

Down:

- 1. People
- 3. Sins
- 4. Babylon
- 6. Blessed
- 7. Trumpet
- 9. Ancestors
- 14. Plans
- 16. Ruined



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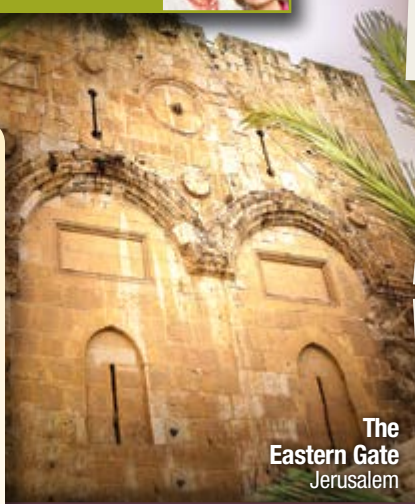
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