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Dear Reader,

We Americans are into what some people once called the “carefree days of summer.” But these days aren’t so carefree, are they? It seems like we’re swamped with distressing information — the continued war in the Ukraine, violence in Israel and the U.S., discouraging economic reports, and more. It’s hard to look at the news or social media without seeing stories that frustrate, confuse, or worry us. What do we do? Where can we find answers?

Entering the second half of 2022 brings us to Independence Day, our country’s birthday. As the July cover story underscores, America was founded on Biblical roots. While that solid foundation doesn’t guarantee continued stability, it should remind us that our only hope is found in God and His Word. Yeshua emphasized this key truth when He declared that those who hear and do what He says will remain strong regardless of the storms that come (Matthew 7:24–25).

This *Levitt Letter* offers lessons about hearing from God during difficulties (p. 4), persevering in faith despite our struggles (13, 16), a new perspective of anti-Semitism (21), getting protein from locusts (28), ongoing Israeli innovation, and much more.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). As you pray for His strength, help, and peace, please remember to *sha’alu shalom Yerushalayim* — pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6),



Greg Miller, Editor
Zola Levitt Ministries

P.S. Since you value the Bible teaching offered through our publications, TV programs, online Bible teaching resources, and more, please continue to support ZLM. In turn, we’ll continue sharing the Gospel of Yeshua not only at home but also abroad. Both Kirsten’s article (6) and Mark’s report (13) should reassure you that your prayers and donations help us advance God’s Kingdom. Thank you for partnering with this ministry.

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

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America's Biblical Roots

By David M. Friedman / JNS.org

One of the most common forms of anti-Semitism in America is the accusation that Jews have dual loyalty — that they support Israel more than America. In the four years that I was U.S. ambassador to Israel [during the Trump administration], I was on the receiving end of that terrible canard more than a few times — often by Jewish Americans.

It's shameful, and it's nonsense. **Not only does support for Israel by American Jews not compromise support for our host country, but also this support is a quintessential American value.** While America has no national religion, the values of the Bible are infused within our foundational roots. And it is the God-given nature of those values that makes them unique and makes America so great.

The Bible is God's gift to humankind — the formula for how to lead a just, fulfilling, and meaningful life. By many accounts, it is the most important written work of all time.

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History is Repeating Itself in Israel

By Dr. Robert Stearns
JPost.com

In the early 1990s, after the fall of the Soviet Union, Russian and Ukrainian Jews flooded into Israel, with their home region in financial crisis and their future as the Eastern European Jewish community gravely uncertain.

Now it is happening again as thousands of Ukrainian Jews have fled the horrors of war to begin a new life in Israel.

Ukrainian families have suffered unimaginable hardship from the Russian invasion. For its part, Israel has willingly opened its doors to a mass influx of these refugees,



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History is Repeating Itself in Israel *continued from cover*

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Jewish Ukrainians arriving at Ben Gurion airport in March

leaning heavily on its humanitarian organizations to help absorb the new immigrants who arrived with virtually nothing in their possession.

How does a nation with its own fair share of political and social challenges (not to mention constant existential threats against its population) unite around such a massive undertaking—and so rapidly?

Since the rebirth of the State of Israel, its land has become a physical and spiritual refuge for the Jews from the far reaches of the Diaspora, an unparalleled mass pilgrimage.

As a Christian who has spent much of my adult life in Israel and among the Jewish people, if I am honest, my own faith tradition has no equivalent of such an interdependent community, of a people united by an inherent oneness despite the barriers of language and cultural differences.

But history nevertheless is repeating itself in Israel—with the Jews doing what Jews have always done: live as a people.

In my view, the biggest story in the news headlines today is not what Putin's Russian aggression has done—as horrific as it has been and rightly condemned throughout the international community. For me, **the more compelling narrative is what the people of Israel have done in opening their borders**, yet again, to those from war-torn foreign lands.

From the refuseniks to the Ethiopians, to the Czechs and Poles and the Westerners from the Americas... all have found a new

life in Israel. In just 74 years, nearly 3.5 million of them. For a nation with a total population of less than 10 million, that is truly a remarkable number.

As long as the world has a strong Israel, the “wandering Jew” will have a place to call home. And

that's something to inspire the rest of the international community. And it's just one of the many reasons that our appreciation for and solidarity with Israel must grow alongside every history-making example that its people provide.

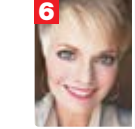
As of late May 2022, over 10,000 immigrants had arrived in Israel from Ukraine and over 7,000 from Russia, according to Israel's Aliyah and Integration Ministry. — Editor ★

Historical Ukrainian Jewish population

Year	Pop.	±%
1650	40,000	—
1765	300,000	+650.0%
1897	2,680,000	+793.3%
1926	2,720,000	+1.5%
1941	2,700,000	-0.7%
1959	840,446	-68.9%
1970	777,406	-7.5%
1979	634,420	-18.4%
1989	487,555	-23.1%
2002	100,000	-79.5%
2010	71,500	-28.5%
2014	67,000	-6.3%

source: Wikipedia





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Welcome Becky!

Becky, a Dallas native, is the new bookkeeper at ZLM. Becky is married and has two sons. She has worked in bookkeeping for over 30 years. Becky filled the position formerly held by Cynthia, who recently retired after several decades as the ministry's bookkeeper.

Sarah, Zola's granddaughter, is helping Becky with the transition. Sarah also assists with other ministry tasks when she's not working her regular job as a speech language pathologist. ★



Becky (left) and Sarah

God Speaks in the Desert

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The Judean Desert

The Hebrew for desert is מדבר. The Hebrew for speaking is מדבר. While both are from the same root word, the Hebrew word for desert is pronounced *midbar* and the word for speaking is pronounced *medaber*. Perhaps it's no coincidence that the two words overlap, for God often speaks in the desert.

The Book of Numbers is called "In the desert," or *B'Midbar* in the Hebrew Bible. Reading it can seem dry, like the desert. But if we will stop, still our souls, wait, and listen, **we can hear God's voice in the driest of places.**

Sometimes our most powerful experiences with God are in desert times. One pastor said that while a *dessert* is something we do want but don't need, time in the *desert* is something we don't want but do need! God calls us into the desert for His purposes.

The Israelites spent 40 years in the desert. Here's how God described that time: *"I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved Me and followed Me through the wilderness, through a land not sown"* (Jeremiah 2:2).

God reflects on those years as almost like a honeymoon — Israel had made a covenant and agreed to be His people, and He led them into their destiny with Him. The Lord refers to their time in the desert with Him as a time of intimacy. He appeared in a very dramatic way to them at Sinai, where He gave them His Word. But despite God's guidance, provision, and presence, it was not all smooth sailing.

Later, God explains His interesting choice of honeymoon destination: *"Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD"* (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).

The desert reveals the priorities of our hearts

Desert times are times of revelation, testing, refining, and humbling, which can bring deeper intimacy with God. **There are several parallels between Israel's 40 years in the desert and Yeshua's 40-day fast and temptation.**

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." — Matthew 4:1-3

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Notice Yeshua's reply:

"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

—Matthew 4:4

Yeshua, thinking about God's desert agenda for the Israelites, quoted Deuteronomy 8. The number 40 often signifies a period of gestation — 40 years; 40 days and nights — and both of these desert experiences were times of preparation and testing.

This is not the only time that God leads people into the desert. Hosea 2:14 says of Israel:

"Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her."

God will lead her into the *midbar* (desert) and *medaber* (speak) to her heart. God continues:

"There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth as in the day she came up out of Egypt."

—Hosea 2:15

God desires the loving response of willingness, and He longs to bless. **It's hard to imagine a parent deliberately letting their children suffer hunger or thirst, yet this is what God did with His people.** But there was a purpose: God tested them to purify their hearts and their response to Him. Thus we should not be surprised when He does this to us too.

Perhaps you're in a desert time. It's a season all Believers* go through occasionally. It's a time where the priorities of our hearts are revealed. But this isn't a punishment or a mistake. It's not because God loves us less, has forgotten about us, or doesn't want to bless us — quite the opposite. He delights to replenish, restore, and provide — but He's looking for the loving response of a willing heart, fully dedicated to Him and no other. If He led Yeshua into the desert, we can expect He will do likewise with us!

Would you pray that those encountering desert times would hear God speaking intimately to them in their time of need? The people of Israel have been through so much. Would you take time now to pray for the people of Israel to respond to God as they did at first — with love and trust? And may God strengthen you too, when you encounter the desert, with anticipation that in the desert, He will speak. ★



A rare and unusual bloom of flowers near Sde Boker, in the Negev Desert

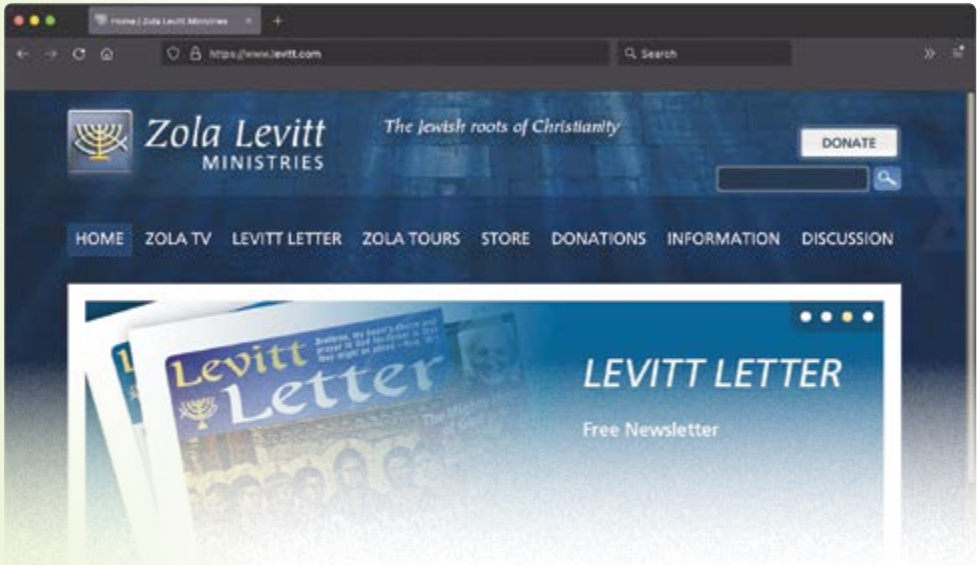
* "Believers" is short for "believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."



The Temptation of Christ (1854) by Ary Scheffer, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool

Above and Beyond

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Our Jewish Roots



The Zola Levitt Ministries website home page, www.levitt.com

David and I have been involved with ministries since we were babies. Both sets of our parents served in churches and with various outreaches. Because of this, we have a unique perspective on how special Zola Levitt Ministries really is.

Recently I looked again at ZLM's website, levitt.com. Have you been there recently? An abundance of information and invaluable teaching is available to you 24/7. As I browsed the site again, I saw that even the Board Meeting notes are there for anyone to read! (<https://www.levitt.com/about#docs>) Everything is open and accessible.

Giving to others

In the past year, many ministries have made unfortunate headlines for a variety of reasons, including the mishandling of contributions. It breaks my heart when I hear of this. But I have some good news: ZLM is solid and trustworthy. It is a pleasure to report that this ministry goes above and beyond by giving to others in

ways that many don't realize. Mark Levitt is not a boaster. He's somewhat quiet about what ZLM does for others behind the scenes. So I'm going to share a few things that I learned by reading the Board Meeting Minutes from May 2021.



Mark Levitt

THOSE WHO CAN'T GIVE BACK

This *Levitt Letter* didn't cost you a penny. We mail it to you free each month, asking only those who can give to do so. That helps offset the increasing publication and

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production costs. You may not know, however, that we send this monthly newsletter to 600 inmates. Incarcerated people with little or no income, who are hungry for the Word of God, can read all the incredible articles and teachings completely free. That makes me proud of ZLM.

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Ilan Barkay, Tour Guide with Immanuel Tours, Jerusalem

ISRAELI HARDSHIP

If you've been on a Zola Tour, you know that our guides and drivers are the best in Israel. Since COVID sidelined Israel's tourism industry beginning in 2020, this ministry has financially helped our beloved guides and drivers by assisting them during the pandemic! Again, that's not something Mark has advertised, yet I believe it's something you should know. ZLM is truly a ministry in the greatest sense.

When you give, you're literally reaching throughout the world with your contributions. You help keep hope alive for prisoners and food on the table for our Israeli tour family. Of course, there's much more this ministry does, but I encourage you to discover that for yourself. Look at the website and discover how donations are used when they are given to this ministry. I believe you'll be happily surprised. I know I was. ★



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America's Biblical Roots

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What's in second place?

It's debatable, but here's my suggestion: The U.S. Declaration of Independence. That brilliant document fundamentally changed the way that we Americans think about the relationship between a government and its citizens.

The Declaration of Independence provided that every human being is created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The notion that essential human rights came from God and not man was a revolutionary concept. It makes those rights permanent, undeniable, non-negotiable, and immune from the vagaries of politics.



United States Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776



Detail of *Declaration of Independence*, painting (1819) by John Trumbull, U.S. Capitol

Not surprisingly, all of the unalienable rights identified in the Declaration of Independence find their home in the Bible, undoubtedly the strongest single influence on the drafters of the Declaration of Independence.

Not only were our founders strongly influenced by the Bible, but we also know from where they derived that influence. The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "*Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem*" (Isaiah 2:3).



So, not just philosophically, but geographically as well, it is irrefutable that **our great American Republic has its roots in Jerusalem.** To understand this connection between the birth of America and the values that emerged from the city of Jerusalem is to understand all that has transpired since.

It is to understand why the Pilgrims risked their lives in the 17th century to reach a New World and establish what many referred to as a "new Jerusalem."

Understanding America's Biblical heritage is to understand why the U.S. opened a consulate in Jerusalem in 1844, 104 years before the State of Israel came into existence, when the new consul general planted an American flag at the Jaffa Gate and declared that the United States of America hereby "extends its protection to the Jews of Jerusalem."

It is to understand why almost every state in the union has cities and towns named after those in Biblical Israel.

It is to understand why President Harry Truman caused the U.S. to be the first nation to recognize the reborn State of Israel in 1948.



Detail of *Landing of the Puritans in America*, painting (1883) by Antonio Gisbert (1834–1901), Palace of the Senate, Madrid

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Detail of Official Portrait of President Truman, painting (1945) by Greta Kempton, White House

It is also to understand why, in 1995, both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, by overwhelming majorities, passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act that recognized Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel and mandated the transfer of our embassy to that city.

America’s physical beginnings may be traced back to Plymouth Rock. But America’s spiritual beginning — its bedrock foundational principles, its understanding of the God-given rights of every human being — occurred with *“The word of the LORD [emerging] from Jerusalem”* (Isa. 2:3).

Do Jews betray a “dual loyalty” when they support Israel? Absolutely not. **Jews who support Israel stand for the very best of our American heritage and our American values.**

But as we grow more and more untethered from our values, we grow weaker as a nation. Moses saw this problem and warned about it: *“You are not to do as we are doing here today, with everyone doing whatever seems right in his own eyes”* (Deut. 12:8). What an apt description of modern times.

We are a blessed nation because we are a nation of laws and values. Our nation was founded on principles of personal responsibility, equality, opportunity, generosity, and accountability — lessons that emerged from the kings, priests, and prophets of Jerusalem.

I challenge all Israelis and all Americans to become “guardians of Zion,” to stand for Zion, for Jerusalem, as the eternal undivided capital of the Jewish state, and as the wellspring of all that we hold sacred and worth preserving. In so doing, we will stand for all that makes America and Israel the two greatest nations on Earth and the last and best hope for our collective humanity.

Author David Friedman is the former United States Ambassador to Israel under President Trump.

Since we celebrate America’s Independence Day this month, you may want to re-watch our series, *Faith of our Fathers* at www.levitt.tv/media/series/DFOF or see the DVDs on p. 20. ★



David Friedman



credit: U.S. Embassy



America’s Godly Heritage book by David Barton

America’s Godly Heritage sets forth the beliefs of many well-known Founding Fathers concerning the proper role of Christian principles in education, government, and the public affairs of the nation. The beliefs of Founders such as Patrick Henry, John Jay, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Mason, and many others are clearly presented.

The Bulletproof George Washington book by David Barton

Colonial George Washington’s perilous experiences in the French and Indian War are chronicled in this riveting account of God’s providence and protection. The only officer on horseback to avoid being shot down, young Washington openly attributed his miraculous escape from harm to the intervention of a sovereign God. A story once found in student textbooks, this awe-inspiring adventure is recaptured in a modern edition, complete with maps and illustrations.



The Myth of Occupation

by Zola Levitt
from 2002
20 years ago



At times it wearies me to keep repeating the same truths about history against the perversion of those truths by the mass media and government leaders. **Nowhere at no time in no century did the "Palestinians" own an inch of real estate within Israel's borders, or anywhere else.** This is demonstrated conclusively by the Bible, secular history, and archaeological discoveries. As my friend Dr. Tom McCall, an Old Testament scholar, proved time and time again, the Palestinians are not even a genuine nationality. And yet, the world chants this occupation mantra.

But here are some facts.

Today's "Palestinian people" are not under occupation, since 98% of the land upon which they live is under the control of Yasser Arafat [now Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority]. In 2000, then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak offered the greatest land for peace deal in history, but Arafat refused it and started the [Second] Intifada.

The Arabs currently occupy 21 nations that were not previously Arab nations. They were not the original people governing these lands. Egypt is a perfect example. No Arab built the pyramids or obelisks that stand as ancient reminders of greater civilizations. In fact, the Arabs have never really been good with their hands. They simply were able to run over nations and kingdoms with the sword, establishing their own dictators to subjugate the commoners. I saw a 7th-century map of the Middle East that showed that the Arab people we see today originated from one country, as it were — Saudi Arabia. From there, they expanded all over the Middle East, forcing their way into the establishment or takeover of 21 nations.

Today, we see Islamic imperialism dominating other nations like Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia, etc.

The statement that the only people — the Chosen People — with a divine land grant for a tiny sliver of Mediterranean real estate are "occupying" Arab land

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Yasser Arafat (1929–2004)



is beneath comment. The Palestinians' claim that Israel has attacked them is ludicrous. Israel always acts in defense of itself. Israel is doing police work, hunting down gangsters, thugs, and terrorists.

The hatred of Jews is not relegated just to Muslims. Anti-Semitism is rising exponentially throughout Europe and North America. **As long as the myth of occupation continues to be believed and perpetuated around the world, the "plight of the poor Palestinians" will incite more and more people to violent acts against Jews everywhere.**



A pro-Palestinian demonstration near the Prime Minister's office in London, England, on May 9, 2021

Jesus told His Jewish disciples that they would be *"hated by all nations"* (Matt. 24:9). The more the world turns against the Chosen People, the more desire there is for peace in Israel, which lays down the red carpet for the antiChrist. He will eventually succeed in securing a seven-year peace treaty with Israel, which will usher in the Tribulation.

The news we read today about terrorism and Israel and peace conferences should make every student of Scripture sit up and take notice. Major pieces of the prophetic puzzle are coming together, and we may be living in the final days before the Rapture of the Church.

With the last days winding down, this is the time to concentrate our efforts on evangelizing the lost, especially the Jews. Jesus said that the fields were white for harvest (John 4:35). Will you be a laborer in the Lord's fields? You may do so by praying, sending, or going (or all three!). Get involved in finding out about mission opportunities through your local church. Pray for those who give their lives in true evangelistic service to the Chosen People. Send these workers with your offerings and watch God bless you with eternal fruit. And go to the field yourself. Learn about witnessing to others, particularly the Jewish people (see *The Witnessing Series* DVD for detailed teaching). Then, do it. Share your changed life with Jew and gentile alike before the Lord calls us home. ★



[Whose Land Is It?](#)

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Program 1: Zola irrefutably reasons why only the Jews are the Holy Land's rightful owners; then defeats arguments that attempt to undermine the Abrahamic Covenant.

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Program 3: Two scholarly Christians — Arab-American journalist Joseph Farah and Professor Ergun Caner (a former Muslim) — unveil the fallacies in Ashrawi's assertions.



Q. What is a dispensation?

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A. The word “dispensation” comes from the Greek word *oikonomia*, which refers to management, administration, or stewardship (as of a household). We derive our English word “economy” from this word.

Oikonomia is used nine times in the New Testament. Paul relates it to his commission to preach the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:17; Ephesians 3:2; Colossians 1:25). In Ephesians 1:10, Paul speaks of the end of this present age and the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom as “*the dispensation of the fullness of the times*,” which describes the completion of history and God’s plan for the ages. Thus a dispensation can also mean a specific time period in which God tests individuals, humanity in general, or Israel and the Church regarding obedience to His revealed will.

H.A. Ironside, in his book, *In the Heavens*, stated: “There are various economies running through the Word of God. A dispensation — an economy, then — is that particular order or condition of things prevailing in one special age which does not necessarily prevail in another.”

Dispensationalism is the belief that God’s outworking of His eternal plan for humanity, centered in Jesus Christ, can be distinguished by different periods of His unfolding, progressive revelation. **This theological system proposes that there are at least two (the Old and New Testament periods) or as many as eight distinct periods (dispensations) in history.**

Dispensationalism maintains a Biblical distinction between Israel and the Church. It also recognizes that both redeemed Israel and the Church (all born-again Believers) will comprise the people of God in the end.

Classic dispensationalism identifies seven distinct periods in Scripture related to God’s plan for humanity:

- 1. Innocence** (Genesis 1:1–3:7)
- 2. Conscience** (Genesis 3:8–8:22)
- 3. Human Government** (Genesis 9:1–11:32)
- 4. Promise** (Genesis 12:1–Exodus 19:25)
- 5. Law** (Exodus 20:1–Acts 2:1)
- 6. Grace** (Acts 2:2–Revelation 20:3)
- 7. The Millennial Kingdom** (Revelation 20:4–6)

The dispensations are not different paths to salvation, but various ways God relates to humans living in a particular period. There is a uniform pattern found in each dispensation: (1) Responsibility to God’s revelation, (2) Man’s failure to obey that revelation, (3) God’s judgment, and (4) God’s grace given to save from that judgment.

Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven and which are on Earth — in Him.

— Ephesians 1:9–10 ★



The Marlboro Marine

Mark Levitt
ZLM Director
since 1988



Marine Lance Cpl. James Blake Miller in 2004

In 2004, Marine Lance Cpl. James Blake Miller served with Charlie Company of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. They had entered Fallujah, an insurgent stronghold in Iraq's Sunni Triangle. His famed photo with blood, dirt, and a cigarette made the front page of more than 150 newspapers. Bachelorettes wanted to marry him; mothers wondered if he was their son.

While his photo reflected determination in the midst of difficulty, Miller became adored by too many Americans to remain at risk in battle. Consequently, at age 20 he was sent home, PTSD and all, to the foothills of Jonancy, Kentucky.

As a boy, Miller became an ordained minister by mail order. He knew many Bible verses and had a passion for preaching. But the battle and its aftermath took a toll on him. Miller's story came to mind as I recently contemplated this ministry's destiny in light of diminished contributions, five cancelled Holy Land tours, and many missed on-location TV shoots. These have taken a toll on us.

Moving Forward

Now, however, it's time to move past those difficulties and return to the fight, which is exactly what we're doing. You may recall that TBN said goodbye to *Our Jewish Roots* for two reasons: our studio set needed updating and they require our programs to feature fresh TV footage from Israel. We recently updated our studio set

(see photos on p. 14) and new Bible teaching from Israel is in production!

New TV Networks

In [last month's Levitt Letter](#), we announced two new national television networks:

- **NRB-TV** has 13 broadcast affiliates and nine cable systems. It's available on DirecTV and via satellite and Roku. They air *Our Jewish Roots* on Thursdays at 6:30 pm CT. 
- **GEB-TV** reaches 27 million households with stations in Tulsa OK, Phoenix AZ, Palm Springs CA, Louisville KY, Atlantic City NJ, Greenville SC, Nashville TN, and Trinidad and Tobago. It's also available on DirecTV, Roku, LifeStream, Apple TV, Amazon TV, and Europe's Eutelsat. GEB-TV carries *Our Jewish Roots* on Thursdays at 5:30 pm CT. 

We've also added three full-power stations plus a three-station Colorado network.

- **KEEN-17:** Las Vegas, Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. 
- **KWHB-47:** Tulsa, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. 
- **WHNO-20:** New Orleans, Mondays at 7:30 pm. 
- **KQDK-33** in Denver, **KQCK-39** in Cheyenne, and **KWHS-51** in Colorado Springs are broadcasting *Our Jewish Roots* on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. 

With the pandemic's pounding, including our staying home from Israel, our ministry needs your help to continue fighting the good fight (1 Tim. 6:12). Like Lance Cpl. Miller back in the day, our cash reserves are coping with post-traumatic stress disorder. Fortunately, we have the mightiest Warrior on our team (Isa. 42:13). We praise Him daily (Psalm 106:1) for our challenges, victories, and you. ★



Studio Refresh at OJR

Clayton Herring
Assistant Producer
Berg Productions



As mentioned on [page 13](#), *Our Jewish Roots (OJR)* needed a new set design. Our director, Ken Berg, along with his staff, spent months designing, purchasing, and building the ideal set from which Dr. Jeffrey Seif, along with David and Kirsten Hart could present new *OJR* programming to our viewers. ★



Ken Berg (*standing*), head of Berg Productions, which produces all of the programs for *Our Jewish Roots*. Ken oversaw the new set design project.



(l to r) Hosts David and Kirsten Hart on the set with *OJR* teacher Dr. Jeffrey Seif.



ZLM Bulletin Board



Do Jewish Lives Matter?

Probably not to **Greg Rath** (r), former mayor of Mission Viejo and Republican primary candidate for California's 40th Congressional District. "The Jewish community is very well organized in the U.S., and they control a lot of politicians," Rath ranted at an Orange County Islamic Foundation forum. That's the reason that Israel receives such generous foreign aid, he asserted. The Simon Wiesenthal Center called the comments "more anti-Semitic pandering." Rath later apologized for his comments, referencing how politically engaged the American Jewish community is in Washington, D.C.



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Israeli Desalination for Arizona

Visiting Jerusalem on Jerusalem Day, **Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (l)** stated that desalination has made Israel the world's water superpower and a role model for Arizona. He met with top leaders in Israel to discuss how Arizona can learn to make the Arizona desert bloom (Isa. 35:1-2). Ducey also toured Israel's security fences and hopes to apply their surveillance and technology to Arizona's southern border with Mexico in order to eliminate human smuggling, drug cartels, and crime.

FREE ITEM

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The Bearded Bible Brothers

Siblings and Messianic Believers **Joshua and Caleb (r)** work at Berg Productions, the company that produces and distributes *Our Jewish Roots*, this ministry's TV show. **The brothers have created dozens of enlightening short videos (mostly 3- to 6-minutes) on various Biblical topics.** Check out their growing collection of "Joshua and Caleb" videos on [youtube.com/OurJewishRoots](https://www.youtube.com/OurJewishRoots), [rumble.com/OurJewishRoots](https://www.rumble.com/OurJewishRoots), and others ([see p. 24](#)).



"COME HOME!"

Zola Tours to Israel



See page 36 for details





Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection

HebrewLesson

The Sigh of Faith

by **John Parsons**
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לֵב טָהוֹר בְּרָאֵלֵי אֱלֹהִים וְרוּחַ נְכוֹן חִדַּשׁ בְּקִרְבִּי
 be'-keer-bee' cha-deish' nah-khon' ve-roo'-agh e-loh-heem' be'-rah'-lee tah-hohr' lev'
 within me renew resolute a spirit O God create for me pure heart

“Create for me a pure heart, O God,
 and renew a spirit that says ‘yes’ within me.”
 - Psalm 51:10

We groan inwardly as we eagerly await our adoption and redemption (Romans 8:23). We sigh deeply because we are suspended between two worlds, living in the ambiguity of an “already/not yet” expectation, enduring ourselves as imperfect vessels longing for perfection. We are trapped between what is and what will be, seeing the unseen, yearning for healing, believing that we shall never die, even as we die (John 11:25–26). We are restless for our eternal home and long for God’s presence as we walk through shadowy vales, facing various temptations, whispering our prayers in the dark. And though we must learn endurance and trust in God’s sovereign purposes, our faith nevertheless compels us to cry out, “How long, O Lord?” and “*Come, Lord Yeshua*” (Revelation 22:20).

Our ongoing challenge is to keep a steadfast attitude despite the struggles we face. Therefore we inwardly pray words from Psalm 51:10, “*Renew within me a spirit that says yes*” (*ruach nachon* — רוּחַ נְכוֹן). **Surrender means accepting God’s will for our lives — saying yes to the promise of love**, even if we presently feel empty inside and wonder how much longer we can hang in there. **Saying yes implies saying no to other**

things — including fear, anger, and doubt. Tragically there are people who have exchanged hope for bitterness and despair. Asking God to give us a spirit that says yes is really a prayer for focus, direction, and the willingness to keep pressing on to our Heavenly destiny.

Though life is a struggle, we do not lose heart or faint. Even though the outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. For we know that if the tent that is our Earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our Heavenly dwelling [that is, substance and reality].

— 2 Corinthians 4:17–5:2

Amen, Lord, bring us home to You. ★



The Stones Cry Out DVD Set

Twelve 30-minute TV programs (3 DVDs)

Archaeological discoveries continue to validate the Biblical record. To film “dig” sites and interview experts, Zola journeyed to Israel and Jordan. Just as our Lord said about this remarkable Land, *The Stones Cry Out*.

The Tunnel Zola walks the tunnel under the western edge of the Temple Mount. We get a journalist’s perspective of the Palestinian uproar that erupted when the tunnel was opened to the public in 1996.

A Tale of Two Temples An unearthed marketplace shows the Roman destruction of the Temple. Mount Gerizim to the north hosts the excavation of a Samaritan temple patterned after the Jerusalem Temple.

Rulers in Stone Caesarea, on Israel’s Mediterranean coast, has yielded first-century finds such as the first extra-Biblical reference to Pontius Pilate, and a full-size Temple replica. At Tel Dan, the “House of David” has been confirmed archaeologically.

The Jerusalem That Was Bible Lands Museum houses a model of Jerusalem as it would have looked in 586 BC. In the City of David, we examine a four-room house, typical architecture for ancient Israelites.

Past and Future Destruction Ongoing excavations at Hazor have unearthed Canaanite idols and confirmation of the city burning as recorded in Joshua 11. The Valley of Armageddon holds prophetic archaeological significance.

Archaeology and the Scriptures In Jerusalem, Zola explains the history of the Citadel, also called “David’s Tower.” We talk with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Cities of the Past Zippori was a thriving cultural center in Galilee that probably influenced Jesus as a boy in Nazareth. Ekron was one of five prominent Old Testament cities of the Philistines.

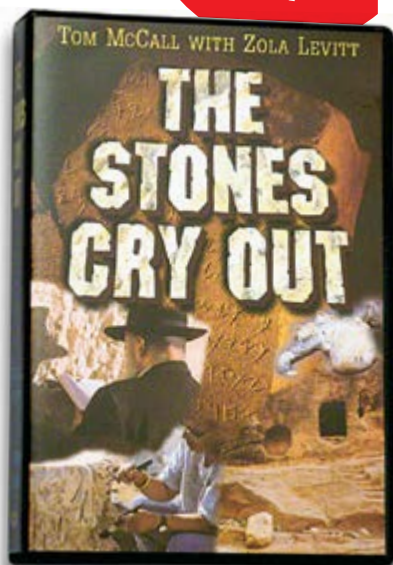
Shadows from the Past A chamber of tombs, near the Garden Tomb but dated to the time of the First Temple, helps us understand burial customs of that day. We visit the Qumran cave where the first Dead Sea Scroll was found.

A Tale of Three Cities In Biblical times, a business relationship existed between three Jordan Valley cities: Beit Shean, Rehovot (west of the Jordan River), and Pella (east of the Jordan River). We visit excavations in each city.

The Rose Red City The ancient Nabataeans were famous for their skill in rock carving. Petra, their capital southeast of the Dead Sea, is the “rose-red city” known for its magnificent buildings carved into the native rock.

A Man Crucified On display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, a man’s heel bone that was pierced by a nail is the first archaeological proof of Roman crucifixions in Israel.

Truth from the Stones Zola discusses how the artifacts shown throughout this series illuminate Scripture, and how Believers can be encouraged when *The Stones Cry Out*.





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What is Faith? The Lord called many people in the Bible (like Abram, Noah, and David) to take risks. Trusting in the Word of God became the cornerstone for the creation of the Hebrew people and was valued by many of those who created a nation in the New World.

Faith by Trial Neither personal ambition nor comfort is a goal for a life of faith. Our examples are Noah, the ark builder, and Zerubbabel, rebuilders of the Temple. The *Mayflower* brought Pilgrims who based their New World "promised land" on a Biblical lifestyle.

Faith in the Unseen Even someone's small faith can grow into something spectacular. Christopher Columbus heard the Holy Spirit speak and encourage his four voyages to the New World. Historical records reveal his devotion and desire to serve the Lord.

Faith to Build a Nation Upon **The Bible's accounts of Israel becoming a nation inspired America's Founding Fathers.** They believed that God's Word is the ultimate source for establishing faith and righteousness.



Actors in OJR's series *Faith of Our Fathers*

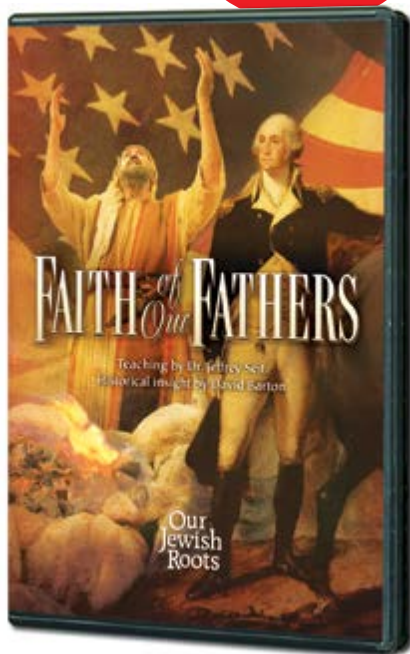
Faith in our Leaders Bible heroes like Ruth and David weren't perfect but succeeded by placing their hope and trust in God. Firsthand accounts and original source documents portray George Washington as a man of faith who experienced divine guidance and protection on multiple occasions.

The Cost of Faith Risks accompany a faithful life. Consider the Bible's Esther and Mordecai.

John Adams helped gather representatives of the thirteen colonies around a set of principles that would become the Declaration of Independence.

The Actions of the Faithful Living out faith sometimes requires boldness. The Bible chronicles Peter's actions, e.g. his attempt to walk on the water. Benjamin Franklin called members of the Constitutional Convention to prayer.

The Application of Faith Narratives about men and women of faith pervade the Holy Scriptures. Most of our Founding Fathers believed in the Bible's God of Israel. Their deeds and writings testify to putting faith into action.



Calling Anti-Semitism What It Really Is: Jew-Hatred!

BY ALAN ROSENBAUM (r) JPost.com

In a video address broadcast to attendees at the *Jerusalem Post* London Conference in March, Ronald S. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, discussed topics including anti-Semitism, the war in Ukraine, the Iranian threat to Israel, and the importance of maintaining the unity of the Jewish people.

“Anti-Semitism is a holdover from the 19th century and it has lost its meaning!”

Lauder suggested that “Jew-Hatred” is a more apt and accurate term than anti-Semitism. “Anti-Semitism is a holdover from the 19th century,” said Lauder, “and it has lost its meaning.

No one cares when they hear anti-Semitism. From now on, let’s all call it what it really is — the hatred of Jews, or Jew-Hatred.”

Addressing the war in Ukraine, Lauder stressed that no one could ignore the destruction and devastation occurring there. He noted that the war has created more than 10 million refugees seeking food, shelter, and safety.

Lauder praised the response from surrounding countries that have found homes, shelter, and jobs for refugees. He added that the Lauder Jewish school network in Europe has returned young Ukrainian children to classrooms in Vienna, Berlin, Warsaw, Budapest, and elsewhere. Meanwhile, in Israel, refugee families have found jobs in the Negev.

Lauder cautioned that were Israel to be attacked by its enemies, other countries would do little to stop such an assault. The only people who will protect Israel, he added, are the Israeli people.

The most significant threat to Israel’s existence today, he noted, is Iran.



top: Iranian flag
right: Ronald S. Lauder



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“While Israel must use all diplomatic means to prevent Iran from gaining a nuclear weapon, the country must do what is in its best interests to stop that from happening. It must make it very clear that it will never accept a nuclear Iran,” he emphasized.

Lauder suggested that the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora [Jews living outside Israel] and the divide between religious and secular Jews is a serious issue with long-term consequences. “Today, I can tell you as president of the World Jewish Congress that Israel is losing the support of the Diaspora,” he stated. He added that Israel needs the Diaspora, and the Diaspora needs to look to Israel as its second home.

“Our world is going through a great trauma as this conference convenes,” Lauder noted. “We don’t know how it will resolve itself. But ... if the Jewish people act as one, if we continue to watch out for each other — from Ukraine to Israel to the United States and all points in between — then we will be so much stronger to face whatever comes our way.” ★





Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space. For ministry products and TV programs, visit our [web store](#) and [video archives](#).

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

Glad to find OJR

From M.P.: For many years I watched Zola Levitt on television and even heard him speak once at a church. I have ordered many teaching materials from ZLM and shared them with others. I did not know your ministry was still on TV and I'm very glad I found it. I have set my DVR to record it and I am looking forward to seeing it regularly.

Dear M.P.,

Our Jewish Roots is alive and well on TV! (We updated the program's name from Zola Levitt Presents.) We continue carrying on Zola's heart to present the Jewish roots of Christianity to everyone possible. —Kirsten



Abortion

From S.W.: Thank you for creating a beautifully sensitive video — “Joshua and Caleb take on a difficult topic — Abortion” [on YouTube]. I have a friend who almost had an abortion in her younger years (a pregnancy that resulted from an abusive relationship that was outside God's plan), but she realized the truth you noted and chose life. Her son is in his early 20s now; she is forever grateful that she brought him into the world. God blessed her with a godly husband who considers her children as his own. God redeemed her life, and she now has a powerful testimony.

Other friends chose abortion, and it has taken many years of God's healing in their lives. One lady became a counselor at a pro-life organization because of how the abortion affected her.

I have another friend who was adopted because her teen mom couldn't care for her. She met her biological mom a few years ago, and now their relationship is flourishing. The biological mom was so glad to learn her daughter had been raised by Christians who loved her daughter and gave her a wonderful life. God can redeem any situation if we will let Him. Thank you for presenting God's truth and His love for those who need to hear it. Shalom.

Dear S.W.,

My birth mother went to Sweden to obtain an abortion when she was pregnant with me. I am eternally grateful that I miraculously returned to the U.S. after her failed attempt. She gave birth to me, and then I was adopted. I agree that God can redeem any situation.

Joshua and Caleb ([see p. 15](#)) are gifted teachers. Their videos are usually

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entertaining and humorous, when not addressing weighty topics like this one. I'm thankful that you appreciate their message on this sensitive topic. May we Believers give grace to those who feel abortion is their only option, and pray diligently for the troubled state of our world. — Kirsten

Count me out

From O.J.: I am canceling my subscription to the *Levitt Letter* because some articles were somewhat questionable, according to the Holy Scriptures.

Adonai, the God of Israel, says plainly in Exodus 20:4 that you are not to make a representation of any gods, which is an abomination to the Almighty. You mention pagan practices and holidays such as Christmas, Easter, etc. along with articles about the actual Biblical Holy Feasts of the Lord. You're mixing the holy with the profane. Is your staff trying to please both man and God?

You also print art of the supposed Christ and call the Holy One of Israel by the wrong name: Jesus. The Messiah is Hebrew; there is no J in the Hebrew alphabet. The name Jesus was constituted by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the 3rd century. He did not read the Holy Bible, and he worshiped a make-believe sun god. The name Christ comes from the Greek culture that served numerous gods, which is idolatry. So, I ask you what Elijah, the man of God asked: Whom are you people worshipping, serving, and writing about?

If Yahovah is your God, then you should worship, write, and teach about Him. However, if this elevated false Christ that you write about and illustrate in your newsletter is who you worship and serve, then write about him. You can't serve both! The Holy Scriptures of Yahovah don't mention Christmas, Easter, or any other pagan holiday. The word "Easter" is the English interpretation of the Babylonian goddess *Ishtar*. I want no part of your mockery of the true faith.

Dear O.J.,

Rather than elevate a "false Christ," ZLM exalts *Yeshua HaMashiach*— He is known by most people as "Jesus" or by the title "Christ." This word, found in the Greek New Testament, means "anointed one" and is the Greek equivalent of "Messiah." About the name "Jesus," please see my article in the [October 2020 Levitt Letter \(p. 7\)](#) on how the word "Yeshua" in Hebrew became "Jesus" in English. (It has nothing to do with Constantine.)

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Remember that “Jesus” starts with a “J” in English as does “Jerusalem” (*Yerushalayim* in Hebrew).

Zola’s Passover presentation includes him discussing the *Ishtar* connection to what many refer to as Easter — though recent scholarship casts some doubt on that connection. — Greg H., Webmaster

Hebrew Lesson

From C.C.: I wanted to give a shout out for John Parsons’s monthly Hebrew Lesson in the *Levitt Letter* in 2022:

- **January:** [Heeding the Call of Hope](#)
- **February:** [Surrender to Peace](#)
- **March:** [The Hope of Despair](#)
- **April:** [Deliverance from Hidden Faults](#)

John addresses very accurately the state of the human heart in many Christian men and women. He’s quite sensitive to and intuitive about today’s anxious and oppressive End Times climate. Thank you, John. I sincerely appreciate your insightful teaching and encouragement. God bless!

Social media platforms

From P.S.: I wanted you to know that many ZLMers who are interested in your extended Bible teaching have moved from YouTube to Rumble.

Dear P.S.,

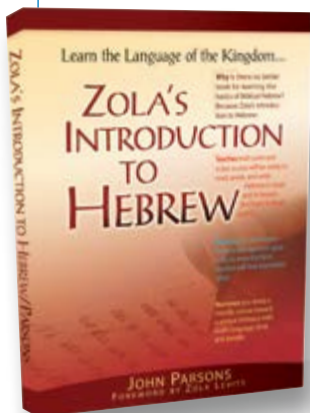
We understand that many people have switched to other video platforms, and we’ve started to use them as well. Our account is **OurJewishRoots** on the video/social media sites below. — Greg H., Webmaster

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From R.M.: I'm so happy to watch "Daniel's 70th Week — Bible Prophecy with Dr. August Rosado" [on YouTube]. I went to Israel with Zola Tours in 2008, and my life was forever changed! God bless this ministry and all who serve in it. I pray for it daily.

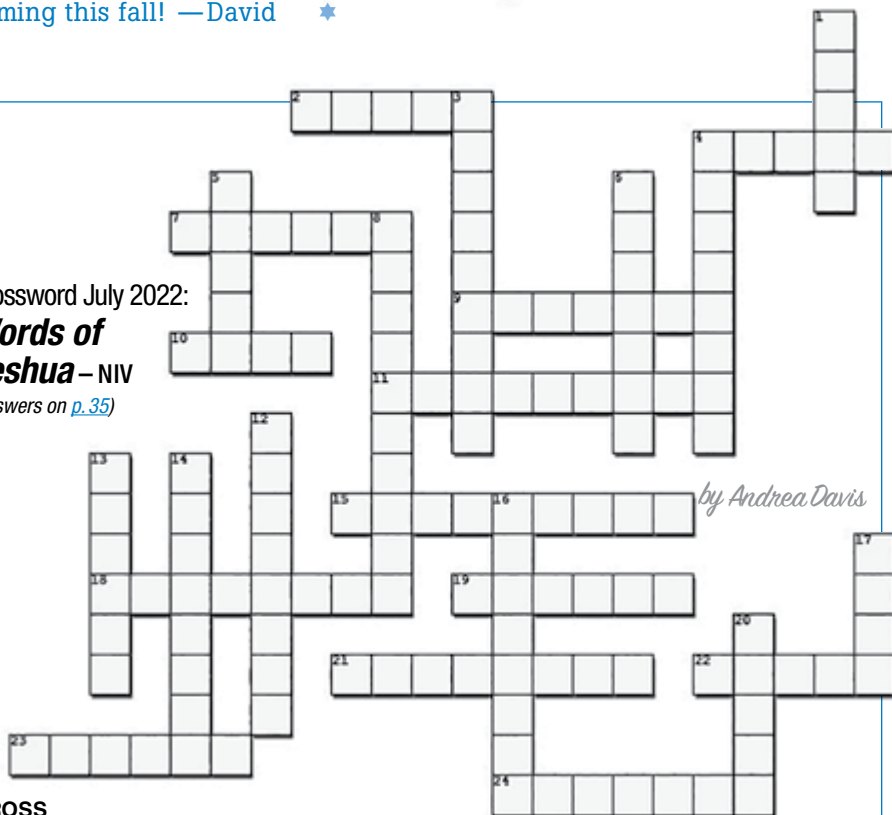
Dear R.M.,

Our lives are enhanced with every journey to the Holy Land. We are so grateful for your prayers. And we're happy that our Israel tours are resuming this fall! —David ★

Crossword July 2022:

**Words of
Yeshua – NIV**

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



by Andrea Davis



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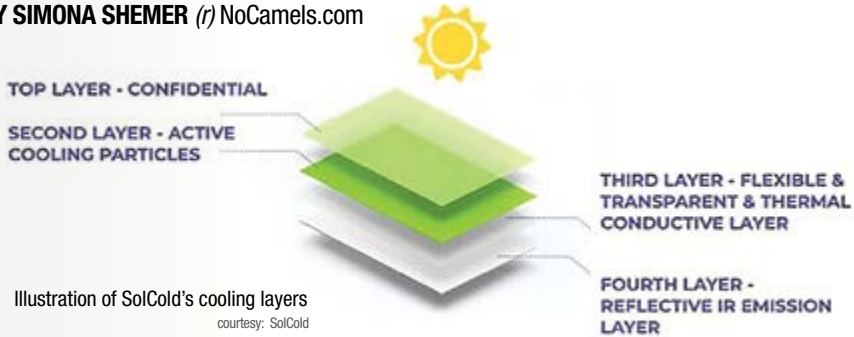
2. Man shall not live on ___ alone... (Matt. 4:4)
4. I do not accept ___ from human beings. (John 5:41)
7. ...But unless you ___, you too will all perish. (Luke 13:3)
9. ...a ___ is not without honor except in his own town... (Mark 6:4)
10. ...your Father knows what you ___ before you ask Him. (Matt. 6:8)
11. Do not store up for yourselves ___ on earth... (Matt. 6:19)
15. ...I have not come to call the ___, but sinners. (Mark 2:17)
18. ...Son, your sins are ___. (Mark 2:5)
19. Enter through the ___ gate... (Matt. 7:13)
21. I am the good _____. (John 10:14)
22. Each tree is recognized by its own ___. (Luke 6:44)
23. For My yoke is easy and My ___ is light. (Matt. 11:30)
24. ...The Son of Man is the Lord of the ___. (Luke 6:5)

DOWN

1. ...Therefore I tell you, do not ___ about your life. (Luke 12:22)
3. Therefore go and make ___ of all nations... (Matt. 28:19)
4. This is the first and ___ commandment. (Matt. 22:38)
5. ...Worship the Lord your God and ___ Him only. (Luke 4:8)
6. ...didn't you know I had to be in My ___ house? (Luke 2:49)
8. Watch and pray so that you will not fall into ___. (Mark 14:38)
12. ...Watch out that no one ___ you. (Mark 13:5)
13. ...The Son of Man must ___ many things... (Luke 9:22)
14. ...But take heart! I have ___ the world. (John 16:33)
16. Watch out for the ___ of the law... (Mark 12:38)
17. You are the ___ of the earth... (Matt. 5:13)
20. I am the way and the ___ and the life. (John 14:6)

Using Sunlight for Cooling

BY SIMONA SHEMER (r) NoCamels.com



SolCold is an Israeli-developed technology that, when applied to a surface through paint or film, can be activated to cool cars, buildings, food containers, clothing, and aircraft, using radiation from the sun.

The company's tech is so "cool," in fact, it has already nabbed 15 cooperation agreements with well-known global and Israeli companies to run pilots to test the innovative material. One of those agreements, with German auto giant Volkswagen, was announced recently with Konnect, the Volkswagen Group's innovation hub in Tel Aviv.

SolCold was founded in 2016 by Yaron Shenhav, current CEO, and Hebrew University of Jerusalem nanoscience professor Guy Ron of the Racah Institute of Physics. The company's cooling material has been a complete product since the summer of 2021, with recent additions that include new cooling mechanisms using infrared light and new filtration.

The cooling effect is created when sunlight generates a reaction in SolCold's cooling material, converting the heat accumulated in the object into radiation and releasing it in a process called anti-Stokes fluorescence, a technology developed by SolCold.

SolCold's collaboration with Volkswagen began in 2019. "When we had the first product up and functioning, the second thing we did was build a demo center, where we took objects to cool them down. One of the items was a car, and we cooled it down

by 52–57° Fahrenheit," Shenhav explained. After Volkswagen heard about it, they approached SolCold and asked the company to test the product on a Volkswagen vehicle.

SolCold's film is made up of four layers. Shenhav explained that "the basic concept is to have a cooling engine in the middle, and then the prevention of heat covering.... We're almost completely eliminating the heat from being absorbed, the sunlight from being absorbed, and now allowing the cooling engine to make the temperature drop below that of the shade." The result is a 60% reduction in energy consumption.

While the product is currently available as a film, the company is working to develop it into a paint as well. They also expect the tech to be used in a variety of products. "It's not going to be at all specifically for cars—it's going to be on your t-shirts, on the electronic box outside your apartment, on the rooftop of your house," Shenhav added. ★



top: A Volkswagen with SolCold's cooling tech on the rooftop
right: SolCold team working on the film that harnesses sunlight to cool



Remote Health Tracking Device



BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN (r) israel21c.org

OmnySense, an Israeli company, is upgrading the basic thermometer to a remote health-tracking device. It reliably measures not only body temperature but also respiratory rate, pulse rate, ECG, and blood oxygen.

"Everybody knows how to use a thermometer," explained OmnySense CTO Ian Solomon. "There are all sorts of health-tracking solutions for niche markets like diabetics, but we're doing it for general needs."

The OmnySense device incorporates a microphone that listens to breath sounds. A pulse oximeter and electrocardiograph (ECG) electrodes reside in the grooves where fingers hold the device. Via a free app, the respiratory and ECG information is sent to medical personnel for further analysis.

"Patients at home can have their health tracked on an ongoing basis. If they want to have a telemedicine session, then all the data, trends, and analysis are available to the remote physician before the call. The physician can easily see if the person is getting better or worse over time," Solomon noted.

He added that the device is "focused on adults and the elderly. The Western population is getting older, while the number of physicians and nurses is staying roughly the same, so telehealth is increasingly important in providing data. The beauty of our device is that you can use it yourself, unlike a stethoscope that you can't place on your own lower back to hear the lung sounds."

But the OmnySense microphone is simpler than using a stethoscope. "When your mouth is closed around the thermometer, you've got a 'sound box' running from your nose to the bottom of your

lungs, and the microphone can hear basically everything from within," Solomon said.

Dr. Doron Menachemi, director of the Brunner Institute for Cardiovascular Research at Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, is leading a clinical trial of the device through the end of 2022. The trial is comparing the respiratory sounds as detected by the OmnySense device to the same sounds as detected with a standard stethoscope from 10 locations on the chest and back of participants.

OmnySense was founded in Tel Aviv in May 2019 by Ian Solomon, Yossi Aldar, and Amir Elhasid. At first, investors were skeptical of OmnySense. But when COVID created travel and other difficulties, they realized its value.

Solomon says OmnySense expects U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval in about a year.

"We submitted utility patents and 11 design patents covering our device every which way, because when this hits the market, everyone will want to copy it," Solomon predicted. ★

It reliably measures not only body temperature but also respiratory rate, pulse rate, ECG, and blood oxygen.



The OmnySense device



Biblical Energy Bars Made of Locusts



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courtesy of Hargol

Hargol “John the Baptist” photoshoot for its Biblical Protein energy bars

Locusts were sent as a plague in Egypt in order to convince Pharaoh to free the Israelite slaves, according to Exodus 10:12–15. But locusts are not only a pestilence. Although consuming most insects is forbidden, the Bible explicitly permits eating locusts (Leviticus 11:22).

Scripture indicates that John the Baptist survived on “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6; Matthew 3:4).

Noting these Biblical traditions, Dror Tamir, co-founder and CEO of Israel-based Hargol FoodTech, has developed a locust-based Biblical Protein energy bar.

Tamir was raised on a kibbutz in northern Israel. In the 1950s, swarms of locusts caused extensive damage across Israel. Tamir recalled his grandparents describing how most farmers took pots and ladles into the fields to scare away the locusts and prevent them from destroying their crops.

By contrast, the Jews from Yemen and Morocco, recognizing a free and kosher protein source, collected the locusts and ate them.

These stories stayed with Tamir as he developed his career as a serial nutritional entrepreneur.

Over the past seven years, Tamir and his colleagues have been developing protein-based foods made from locusts. Their current line includes protein powders and gummies made from dried and ground locusts.

In the future, they are planning to offer sausages, burgers, bread, pasta, cookies, and crackers, all made with locust protein powder.

Biblical Protein is a subsidiary of Hargol FoodTech that produces Biblical

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courtesy of Hargol

A Hargol locust protein burger





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Protein energy bars, jars of whole locusts, and more. Despite the curiosity factor, Tamir emphasized that selling whole locusts is not their primary emphasis.

The Biblical Protein energy bars, which were developed in two flavors (locust, honey, & raisin, and locust, honey, & apples) are currently out of stock. According to Tamir, although the entire inventory sold out, the company's leadership wasn't fully satisfied with the production quality. They are currently searching for another producer in the U.S.

Tamir's team is well aware of the challenge of overcoming "the yuck factor" involved in selling locusts to consumers. "In Western Europe and the U.S., consumers are no longer used to eating insects," he said.

In other parts of the world, however, "two billion people consume grasshoppers as part of their diet. The developed world moved away from insects. In order to change the perception, we do not show you the whole animal," Tamir explained.

Tamir called the basic flavor of locusts "umami" (savory) — similar to pecans, coffee, chocolate, and mushrooms. He emphasized that "in the finished product, like gummies or the chocolate protein shake, you will not be able to tell that there are grasshoppers inside."

According to Tamir, there are 10,000 species of grasshoppers around the world and 14 species of locusts. All locusts are grasshoppers but not all grasshoppers are locusts.

The powder that forms the basis of the Hargol products is rich in nutrients. In addition to containing 72% whole protein, the powder is a source of Omega-3, Omega-6, Omega-9, iron, zinc, folic acid, calcium, and other vitamins and minerals.

By drying and grinding the locusts they cultivate, Hargol seeks to produce an alternative protein that can feed the world — one that is healthier and more sustainable than meat or vegetable sources of protein. The production methods help reduce the company's ecological footprint. Their products are largely unprocessed, especially when compared to whey and soy.

Hargol products have kosher supervision, which allows them to cooperate with other food producers in Israel.

Tamir called locusts "nature's most efficient protein source." He cited a 2013 United Nations report that indicated a crucial need for someone to develop the technology to grow locusts commercially. Previously, the only way to source locusts was to collect them in the wild during the four weeks a year when they swarm. The Hargol team worked for six years before they finally developed the technology to make locust cultivation profitable.

"When we look at the way we eat, we need to become more responsible. We need to understand the impact of our diet on the planet and on our health. This is a Biblical story and also the story of the future," Tamir concluded. ★



Hargol's Biblical Protein energy bars



courtesy of Hargol



SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Gaza Islamic scholar Abd Al-Hamid Dabbous

Islamic Scholar: Goal of Jihad? Make People Convert to Islam

JNS.org

Abd Al-Hamid Dabbous, an Islamic scholar in the Gaza Strip, declared that jihad is the “pinnacle of Islam” and makes Islam “glamorous, strong, and lovable.”

According to a report by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), on an April broadcast on Al-Quds Al-Youm TV (Palestinian Islamic Jihad), Dabbous said that jihad is how Muslims defend their lands and spread Islam to the entire world.

He stated that Muslims don’t want to terrorize people but convert them to Islam. He added that if non-Muslims do not accept Islam and refuse to pay the *jizya* poll tax “in humiliation,” then they will fight them until they attain martyrdom or victory.

“Through jihad, Allah conquers lands as well as hearts and minds,” Dabbous asserted. “Jihad is the means by which the Muslims, first of all, defend their lands, their lives, their honor and their religion. It is a means to spread this religion because the bottom line is that Allah sent down this religion so it would spread throughout the world until all the people become Muslims.”

Actress Noa Tishby Appointed as Israel’s Anti-Semitism Special Envoy

WorldIsraelNews.com

Israeli artist, author, and model Noa Tishby will serve as the first Special Envoy for Combating Antisemitism and the Delegitimization of Israel. The 47-year-old was born in Tel Aviv and served in the Israel Defense Forces. She currently lives in Los Angeles, where she has been an outspoken supporter of Israel on social media.



Noa Tishby

credit: Alon Shefransky (Wikimedia Commons)



credit: Ministry of Foreign Affairs via IPS

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and actress Noa Tishby

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Israel's Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, who appointed Tishby to the unpaid position, called her "one of the world's most influential Jews." He noted that her appointment "is another step that will strengthen Israel and our fight against anti-Semitism internationally at a moment

when Jews around the world once again face an alarming and dramatic resurgence in anti-Semitism."

In a video statement from Lapid's office, Tishby called anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism "one and the same." She pointed to the surge in attacks on Jews around the world during and after the conflict with Hamas in Gaza in 2021 as proof that "the danger facing Jews and the State of Israel is more prevalent now than at any time since World War II and the Holocaust."

Last year, Tishby published the book, *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth*, which she describes as a history of Israel and Zionism.

Libyan Fencers Withdraw from Competition to Avoid Israeli Athletes

JNS.org

Libya's national fencing team pulled out of April's World Fencing Championships in the United Arab Emirates to avoid facing Israeli opponents in the competition.



The team was scheduled to compete against Israel, according to an official draw, but athletes and staff withdrew their participation from the championship's final competition to avoid the matchup.

Libya was ranked 2nd in Africa and 19th globally in fencing, according to the Middle East Monitor.

The team's withdrawal came after Kuwaiti fencer Mohamed al-Fadli also withdrew from the world championships for refusing to face an Israeli opponent in the group stage of the competition. In September 2019, he withdrew from an international tournament in Amsterdam after he was placed in a group set to compete against an Israeli athlete.

Jordanian fencer Eyas Al-Zamer also recently withdrew from the World Junior Fencing Championship in Dubai after being drawn to play against an athlete from Israel. Israel's national junior women's team went on to win the gold medal at the same championship. ★





Archaeology

Reconstructing Assyrian Siege Ramps at Lachish



BY EMILY JONES (r) CBN.com

The Assyrian empire was a superpower that waged a bloody campaign against the Kingdom of Judah in 701 BC, all while openly mocking the God who delivered His people out of Egypt.

After all that Hezekiah had so faithfully done, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities, thinking to conquer them for himself.

— 2 Chronicles 32:1

The Assyrians controlled land extending from modern-day Iran all the way to Egypt. Instead of using the firepower and warplanes we see in battle today, the Assyrians dominated with siege ramps.



credit: Yosef Garfinkel

The Assyrian ramp at Lachish, constructed using 3 million stones

For the first time, a team of archaeologists recently reconstructed how the Assyrians may have built a massive siege ramp used to conquer the Biblical city of Lachish — the second most important city after Jerusalem in those times. The archaeological remains from the city of Lachish can be seen today in Southern Israel.

The team of researchers from Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Oakland University used archaeological excavations at Lachish, Assyrian and Biblical texts, iconography, and 21st-century drone images to **create a detailed digital map of where the ramp stood nearly 3,000 years ago.** They published their findings in the *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*.

Assyrian King Sennacherib personally oversaw Lachish's destruction and ordered his army to build a ramp that could reach the walls of the city.

The researchers discovered that the ramp was made up of 3 million small stones weighing about 14 pounds each. Gathering that many stones would take time, so Assyrian soldiers likely quarried them as close as possible to the far end of the ramp — about 260 feet away from the city walls.

"At Lachish there is indeed an exposed cliff of the local bedrock exactly at the point where one would expect it to be," said Prof. Yosef Garfinkel of Hebrew University.

Sennacherib's men worked around the clock to build the ramp, passing each stone by hand, man-to-man.

"Time was the main concern of the Assyrian army. Hundreds of laborers worked day and night carrying stones, possibly in two shifts of 12 hours each. The manpower was probably supplied by prisoners of war and forced labor of the local population. The laborers were protected by massive shields placed at the northern end of the ramp. These shields were advanced towards the city by a few meters each day," Garfinkel explained.

The prophet Isaiah witnessed Assyria's attack against Judah and mentions them in his prophecies, saying: *"Not one of them grows tired or stumbles,*

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credit: British Museum

not one slumbers or sleeps; not a belt is loosened at the waist, not a sandal strap is broken” (Isaiah 5:27).

According to the researchers, the men finished the ramp in 25 days. “This model assumes the Assyrians were very efficient, otherwise, it would have taken months to complete,” Garfinkel noted.

While the residents of Lachish watched the Assyrian army build the ramp, they would try to defend the city by shooting arrows and throwing down stones.

In the final stage of the ramp, wooden beams were placed on top of the stones. The beams held battering rams weighing up to a ton. The battering rams would pound the city walls by swinging back and forth.

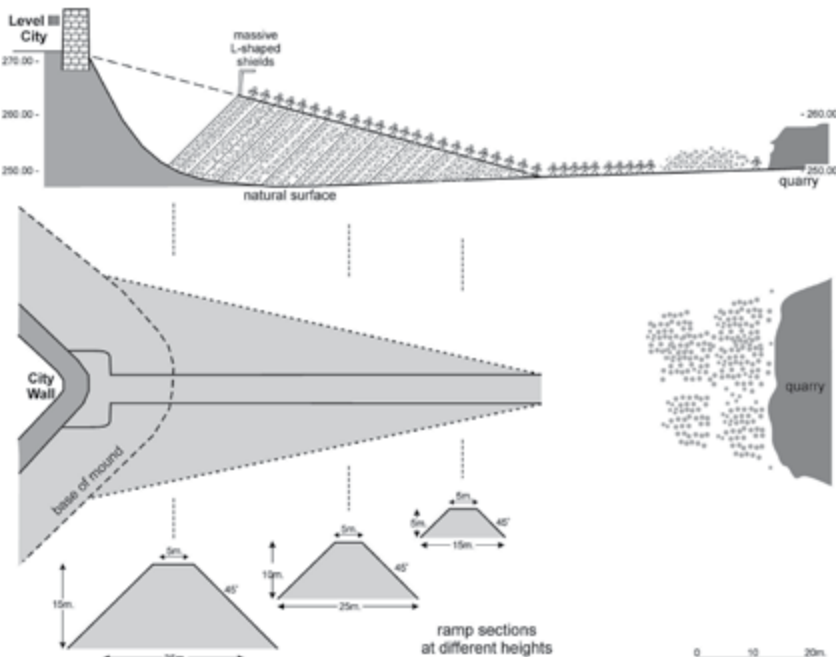
As Sennacherib was laying siege to Lachish, he sent a message to King Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem taunting them as his men surrounded the Holy City.

... On what are you basing your confidence, that you remain in Jerusalem under siege? When Hezekiah says, “The LORD our God will save us from the hand of the king of Assyria,” he is misleading you, to let you die of hunger and thirst. — 2 Chronicles 32:10–11

Sennacherib also ridiculed God, saying: *“Just as the gods of the peoples of the other lands did not rescue their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not rescue His people from my hand” (2 Chronicles 32:17).*

Upon hearing this, King Hezekiah and the Prophet Isaiah cried out to God. *“And the LORD sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the commanders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace.... So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib king of Assyria and from the hand of all others ...” (2 Chronicles 32:21–22).*

Garfinkel believes there is more to be discovered about the Assyrian destruction of Lachish. He is planning further excavations at the archaeological site. ★



An illustration of the estimated siege ramp construction process



Biden's New Press Secretary Accused of "Anti-Semitic Hostility Toward Israel"

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Karine Jean-Pierre at a press briefing in 2021

The new press secretary at the White House — appointed by U.S. President Joe Biden in May — is raising concerns with some in the pro-Israel community for her previous work with anti-Israel organizations.

Karine Jean-Pierre, a Haitian-American, previously served as principal deputy press secretary. She is the first black and LGBTQ person to hold the position.

"Karine not only brings the experience, talent, and integrity needed for this difficult job, but will continue to lead the way in communicating about the work of the Biden-Harris administration on behalf of the American people," the president said in a statement.

News of her appointment also came with criticism about her earlier role (from April 2016 to August 2020) as national spokesperson and senior adviser with the left-wing political group MoveOn.org, a group that **supported the boycott of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and challenged anti-BDS laws.**

In a 2019 op-ed in *Newsweek*, Jean-Pierre asserted that candidates cannot call themselves progressive if they supported AIPAC.

"Unfortunately, AIPAC's policy and conference speaker choices aren't its only problems. Its severely racist, Islamophobic rhetoric has proven just as alarming," Jean-Pierre wrote. "The organization has become known for trafficking in anti-Muslim and anti-Arab rhetoric while lifting up Islamophobic voices and attitudes."

"As a child of Holocaust survivors and as an American Jew, I am appalled and frightened that Biden has chosen Ms. Jean-Pierre, who has shown essentially anti-Semitic hostility towards Israel, and is willing to lie about and vilify Israel and Jews to promote her Israelophobic agenda," said Mort Klein, national president of the Zionist Organization of America. "Americans should be deeply concerned that this outrageous, incomprehensible anti-Israel, pro-terrorist and pro-Iran appointment indicates the dangerous direction the Biden administration is going to take against America's greatest ally, Israel, and U.S.-Israel relations."

Others have raised conflict of interest concerns due to Jean-Pierre being married to CNN correspondent Suzanne Malveaux. ★



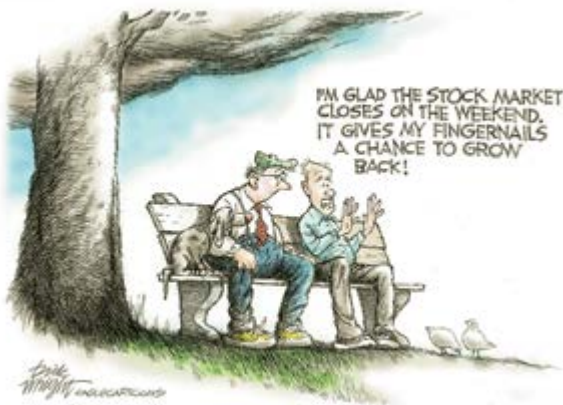
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A cheerful heart is good medicine—
Proverbs 17:22

Proud Bubbe

Sadie was shopping when she encountered her old friend Becky. Becky was looking after her two grandchildren while their mother was shopping.

Sadie said, "Oh Becky, what beautiful grandchildren. How old are they?" "Well," Becky *kvelled* (gushed), "the lawyer is six months, and the doctor is two years." ★



More classics from Jewish comedians

"When I was a kid, one day I asked my father, 'Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?' He answered, 'If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you.'" (Jerry Lewis)

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." (Groucho Marx)

"My wife and I have a perfect understanding. I don't try to run her life, and I don't try to run mine." (Milton Berle)

"By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere." (Billy Crystal) ★

Answer Key for July 2022 Crossword (p.25)

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