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

inside: What is the Purpose of Good Works? p.12

By Charles Gardner IsraelToday.co.il

Richard Harvey faced two main obstacles as he considered the validity of the Christian faith as a teen. **First**, he was Jewish. His family (formerly known as Hirschland) fled Germany with the rise of the Nazis and many of his relatives perished in the concentration camps. And **second**, there was the question of Jesus being raised from the dead. That was something that he couldn't get his head around.

Most of the boys at his elite public school in England were nominally Christian, with only a few taking their faith seriously. Richard tried to prove the latter group wrong while at the same time immersing himself in classic literature. But those books didn't give him the ultimate answers he sought, especially about life.

He regularly attended chapel services — although not required for Jewish pupils — and loved to hear the Song of Simeon chanted. Simeon was

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Purim: God's Providence in Esther

Chosen People.com

Though God's name is not mentioned in the Book of

Esther, His presence is there throughout the story. The greatest theme in the book seems to be the belief in and the evidence of God's control. We see instances of this in Mordecai's dialogue with Esther in Esther 4:8–17.

First, we see a belief of God's control at a national level. In the story, after learning the plan





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of state-sanctioned genocide against the Jewish people, Mordecai pleads with Esther to talk to the king. Esther explains that if she approaches the king without being summoned, she will be killed. Mordecai replies that she will perish whether or not she speaks out, because of the national decree to kill all the Jewish people. Yet in the midst of his warning of pending danger, notice his words in verse 14: *"If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place...."*

Incredibly, Mordecai is certain that the Jewish people will be saved, even if Esther does nothing! This assurance shows that Mordecai believes in God's providence. Mordecai's belief would certainly be based on an accurate understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures. God has always promised to preserve the Jewish people (for example, in Jer. 31:35–36). That promise remains in effect today — the Jewish people are still around, despite the plans of wicked men like Haman through pogroms, the Crusades, the Holocaust, and many other attempts to eradicate them.

Second, the Book of Esther reveals how God's control affects us on an individual level Morde-

God may have ordained Esther to be the means of the salvation for the Jewish people in that situation! Challenged and inspired by her cousin's words, Esther replies that she will take the risk and go to the king, remarking, *"if I perish, I perish"* (v. 16). Apparently, Esther leaves the matter in God's hands; she had declared a fast earlier, of which prayer would have been a central part. Her faith in God's control allowed her to step out into the firing line, so to speak.

This is a lesson for all of us Believers*, whether Jew or gentile. Believing that God is in control of all things means that we don't need to fear anything or anybody. Therefore, we are free to live obedient and sacrificial lives for Yeshua's glory, as servants in a hostile world. Things may not turn out for us as they did for Esther, and we aren't promised that we won't suffer. Rather, we're promised something far greater — that the God who is in control of all things will work them for our good, so that we will be conformed to the likeness of Yeshua, and ultimately be glorified with Him in eternity (Rom. 8:28-30).

<u>Please see the DVD set *Esther: For Such a*</u> <u>*Time as This* on p. 17.</u>

cai tells Esther that if she does nothing in the face of danger. she will die anyway — but encourages her, saying, "who knows whether vou have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (v. 14). Mordecai believes that



^{* &}quot;Believers" is short for "believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."

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Israel's Right to the Land! study booklet by Dr. David L. Hocking

Just as its title implies, this booklet answers head-on the question: "What right does Israel have to its land?" Featuring an introduction by Zola, *Israel's Right to the Land!* pulls abundant evidence from the Scriptures, and directly addresses the 12 key issues that resolve this topic once and for all.

Let's spread the Word on who owns the Land ("from the river of Egypt to the River Euphrates" — Gen. 15:18) by divine right!

<u>Please see Zola's article</u> <u>"Hitler Would Approve" on p. 10</u>.

The Empty Tomb

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a devout Jew who received a promise from God that he would see the Messiah before he died. When the infant Jesus was brought into the Temple to be blessed, Simeon expressed to God how happy he was to *"depart in peace ... for my eyes have seen Your salvation"* (Luke 2:29-30).

In his book, *But I'm Jewishl*, Harvey recalls: "I used to wonder if I would ever find that same sense of peace." He debated with his Christian friends, but the Resurrection was a stumbling block until suddenly, while discussing it, he "saw" an empty tomb. "I knew that Jesus was not there — that He had in fact risen from the dead. Call it a dream or a vision or just my imagination running riot, but for me there was a ring of truth to it."

The other obstacle, he thought, was being Jewish. Then an evangelist came to his school. In conversation with the man after one of his talks, Harvey realized that his pride was holding him back. "That night I got down on my knees by my bed and in tears asked Jesus to come into my life and forgive my sin."

Around this time, a Christian revival swept the school with up to 70 boys meeting regularly for prayer and Bible study. Harvey's father and brother also became Believers.

Richard went on to university, changing

from politics and economics to theology when he realized he was more interested in what it meant to believe in Jesus. But he developed something of an identity crisis as he was pulled both ways — by Jewish friends wanting him to return to Judaism and by Christians suggesting he was now no longer a Jew.

"As I studied the history of the early Church, I wondered, 'Whatever happened to the first Jewish Christians? Why did they disappear, and how can they



reappear today?' I did not know that God would call me to be part of the answer to my own question."

He subsequently became an evangelist with Jews for Jesus and later for the Church's Ministry among Jewish people (CMJ). Today, at age 67, he is president of the British Messianic Jewish Alliance and an associate lecturer at All Nations Christian College, preparing missionaries for international service.

Richard's wife Monica came from a traditional Orthodox Jewish home.

She, too, questioned everything as a teenager, and born-again Christians kept coming across her path. When she took up the saxophone, she discovered that her teacher was also a Christian — and Jewish!

Monica also got down on her knees in tears crying out to God to show her the way. She knew a decision to follow Jesus would prove costly, since most Jewish followers of Jesus face a hostile reception from their families and community.

Her company sent her on a training course where, on the first day, she was paired with yet another Believer who







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helped her understand how Jewish Jesus was. "He showed me the prophecy in Isaiah 53 about the Suffering Servant, which sounded uncannily like Jesus! For the first time, it all made sense — I saw that Jesus had come for Jewish people too."

She finally gave up the fight and surrendered her life to her Messiah at a football stadium in London, where she went to

hear Argentinian evangelist Luis Palau. There, after Palau had invited people to come forward and commit their lives to Christ, she broke down and "just sobbed and sobbed." She explained: "I went home that night with a great burden lifted from my shoulders. It felt like I was walking on air. I floated home."

Jewish evangelism continues to be wrapped in controversy (not much has changed in 2,000 years) and those involved — whether Jew or gentile — experience widespread hostility, resistance, and downright ignorance even from fellow Christians. As Harvey explains: "When Jewish people believe in Jesus, they do not 'convert' from being Jews to being gentiles. Far from it; believing in Jesus is the true fulfilment of what it means to be Jewish."



Richard and Monica Harvey

There are now some 10,000 Jewish Believers (generally known as Messianic Jews) in the UK and approaching a million in North America.

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Rack to

Mine Eyes Have Seen

Zola's After-Christmas Musical DVD One 30-minute TV program

In this "after-Christmas musical," Zola narrates the moving story of Simeon, the aged-but-faithful servant who waited to see the Messiah face to face. This beautifully staged half-hour presentation will have you singing along with Simeon and Anna about the arrival of the King of kings, the Holy One of Israel.

Note: The actor portraying Baby Jesus is Zola's grandson.

Soundtrack available on *The Works II* CD (<u>p.19</u>) and in MP3 format from iTunes and Amazon.



Bringing Them Home

Kirsten Hart Studio co-host of *Our Jewish Roots*





Families of Israeli hostages rally outside The Hague in the Netherlands

Bringing Them Home

I see the phrase "BringThemHome" or "BringThemHomeNow" on my social media platforms almost every day. Though so many people are advocating for the safe return of over 130 Israeli hostages being held by Hamas, their status is uncertain. But as Israel's war continues against the perpetrators of evil, the hostages remain in the thoughts and prayers of caring and concerned people worldwide.

that they would appear happy and calm in the initial news reports after their liberation. Only later did we discover the disturbing details about the physical and psychological abuse they endured during their captivity in Gaza. Those experiences will forever affect them.

Lingering Questions

People have so many questions about the remaining hostages: Are they still

The Evil is in the Details

You've probably heard the saying, "The devil is in the details." I'd like to suggest a revision: "The *evil* is in the details" — especially regarding what the hostages are going through. While we don't know specifics about their captivity,

we must assume the worst, since we know that terrorists are holding these innocents.

Recently, I read that Hamas gave some of the freed hostages sedatives and extra food before releasing them to ensure



Israeli Americans in Philadelphia with their Bring Them Home banner

alive? What are the conditions they are being held in? Are they being moved constantly? Will they be released *if* they are still alive?

Perhaps the biggest question each of us should ask is this: How can I — one



humble person in this world — make a difference to them?

What We Can Do

As Believers, we must trust that our prayers actually make a difference, because we are praying to Almighty God. In Luke 1:37, an angel told Mary: "Nothing is impossible with God." Years later, Jesus stated: "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God" (Luke 18:27). If we believe these verses, we should have faith in the God who is still working in our world. Jesus emphasized that even



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Kfir Bibas, who was nine months old when he was kidnapped by Hamas

> Poster from The Hostage and Missing Families Forum

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faith as small as a mustard seed can cause a mountain to be moved (Matt. 17:20).

Don't give up on the hostages' safe return. Believe that nothing is impossible for God! Pray, pray, pray, and believe. Many lives are counting on your mustard-seed faith.

Am Yisrael Chai (The people of Israel live)! ☆



What the Prophets Longed to See

Caleb & Joshua Colson The Bearded Bible Brothers





Twice in the Gospels, Yeshua said "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see,

and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it" (Luke 10:23-24).

In a time when God literally walked and talked with mankind in the Person of Yeshua (Jesus), the majority of the Chosen People did not treasure the great gift that they were given. When the Son of God spoke, most didn't understand or believe. They chose to live in bondage, while He Christians have the greatest opportunity to present the solution to the world's problems: God's unconditional love!

look to the future glory without embracing the present glory Yeshua suffered so greatly to give us. We live with the power and authority of the King of the universe,

> yet we act like our hands are tied when calamity strikes. Then we bemoan our own existence.

Hebrews 11 declares that many Prophets, kings, and righteous people were justified by their faith but did not immediately receive what God promised. The writer of Hebrews specifically mentions Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah, who *"all died in faith*,

who could set them free stood at the door to their hearts.

Yeshua declared in John 8:56: "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." Imagine getting an image of future hope and being content with God's promise, though you knew that fulfillment wouldn't occur in your lifetime. Instead of being content like Abraham, however, most Believers not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the Earth" (Heb. 11:13).

What the Apostles longed to see

Today, we stand at the precipice of the End Times. Prophetic events occur before



Rally the troops! Let's leave this planet in victory!

our eyes, assuring us that Yeshua's coming is near. Even though the Apostles experienced the joy of Yeshua's presence, all they longed for was His return. What a blessed time we live in today!

Unfortunately, many despairingly obsess on the future escape of this flawed world, instead

of watching the hourglass countdown to rally Messiah's cause. With all the hopelessness, fear, and calamity gripping society, Christians have the greatest opportunity to present the solution to the world's problems: God's unconditional love! We should embrace every moment before our transformation to glory. When you see the finish line clearly ahead, why would you choose to limp across it?

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What will you see?

Rally the troops! Let's leave this planet in victory! Get active, excel beyond our predecessors, and engage the lost with all the tools at our disposal. Resist the temptation to build a tribulation bomb shelter and watch the world burn while awaiting the Rapture. Instead, join together as one Body to usher in the conclusion of the Last Days with the greatest move of God ever seen. All it takes is the same step the Patriarchs made in the past: faith!





Glory! The Future of the Believers

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study booklet and teaching CD By Zola Levitt

Prophecy studies often deal with the Tribulation, the antiChrist, Armageddon, and other cataclysms to befall an unbelieving world. This delightful study deals with the happy events prophesied for Believers:

• the Rapture • the Marriage Supper • the Kingdom, etc.

The future for those who believe.

<u>Please see Zola's article</u> <u>"Hitler Would Approve" on p.10</u>.





Classic **Zola** Hitler Would Approve

by **Zola Levitt** from 1991 33 years ago

We have noted many times that Israel is the real issue in the various Middle East crises. Whether it's tanks and bombers in the Persian Gulf area, street riots in Jordan, civil violence in Lebanon, or poison gas factories in Libya, the problem lies with the unwillingness of the Muslim world to accept the Jewish state in their midst.

American opinions vary about Israel but are generally supportive: "The Jewish people deserve a homeland; they're a sister democracy; they're an ally who does what it says it's going to do," etc. But some Americans, including some professing Christians, feel that Israel counts for nothing. They favor selling out Israel for the sake of what they suppose will be better relations with Arab dictatorships.

Replacing Israel

Churchgoing Americans who are unfamiliar with the Bible can usually be found among this last group. Running parallel with the plan to replace Israel with a Palestinian country are churches wanting to replace Israel with the Church itself. They sometimes teach a theological substructure of anti-Semitism called "Replacement Theology." This says that the Church has inherited Israel's blessings and that the Israel we see is a mere political entity and not a fulfillment of prophecy.

This obtuse philosophy started in the early Church and was embraced by Augustine. It seemed, apparently, that the Israel of the time, dispersed throughout the Roman Empire, would be no adequate welcomer of a returned Christ. Thus, they did away with the return entirely. Christ had come to establish His Kingdom and the Church was it. All the blessings written in Scripture to Israel were allegedly given to those who would receive Christ, and thus be members of the Church, the "spiritual Kingdom." The Lord would not literally return at all. This theology endured for a long time because Israel was dispersed for a long time. Yet the Cod who supposed to forget

time. Yet the God who supposedly forgot His covenants and promises finally restored Israel to their Promised Land. This embarrassed quite a few theologians. We now seem to be stuck with a returned and restored nation of Israel, just as the Bible promised voluminously (including Deut. 30:1–5 and Ezek. 37:11–14) and an outmoded "theology" that some still embrace.

A Different Replacement Theology

But the stuff is dangerous. For instance, Islam is the result of an Arab-styled "replacement theology" for both Judaism and Christianity — transferring the blessings of Isaac to Ishmael, and substituting Mohammed, in effect, for Jesus. Hitler, too, made good use of the philosophy. Hal Lindsey's book, *The 1980's: Countdown to Armageddon*, explains the astounding fact that some Christians thought they were doing their duty to God in exterminating Jewish people in the Holocaust! Adolf Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf:*

Hence, today I believe that I am acting in accordance with the Almighty Creator: By defending myself against the JEW [emphasis Hitler's], I am fighting for the work of the Lord.







In the upcoming Middle Eastern struggle over the Palestinian issue and the Land of Israel, the world has a chance to reverse the Holocaust mentality: The world can do a small favor for the Jewish people by allowing them a very moderatelysized and virtually unblessed Promised Land. Or, as an alternative, the world can subdivide the land between the handful of Israelis and a terroristic society backed by nearly 200 million hostile supporters. If what is written in the Scriptures means anything, then surely Believers must support an undivided State of Israel peopled by the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If they do otherwise, they help the antiChrist accomplish his attempted mission — the annihilation of world Jewry and the God of Israel with them.

A Different Kingdom

The antiChrist will be grateful for professing "Christians" who have no biblical orientation and cannot see the land and people of Israel as being different from any other land or people. They will be present on Earth during His reign, having missed the Rapture, and they will appear to be very religious. The antiChrist can use their "theology" as Hitler was able to use the liberal theologies of the primarily German school of Higher Criticism. Israel will seem presumptuous - worshiping in their Temple and awaiting the coming of their private Messiah — to these moral but unspiritual ones. Indeed, it

"subhuman." The road to Holocaust is paved atop such Israel is the real well-intentioned issue in the various but thoroughly anti-Middle East crises. biblical systems. Those who are subjected to these awful ideas today should adjourn to churches where the Lord is honored and the Scriptures are taught. Pastors teaching this "unholiness" should be questioned about how they can continue to ignore the evidence -Israel in all its restored glory.

Recommended Resources

I strongly recommend Hal Lindsey's book, as well as our booklet, *Israel's Right to the Land!* [please see p.3], which gives the biblical argument for the all-important land covenant. Another booklet, *Glory: The Future of the Believers* [please see p.9], clarifies what for some has become elusive knowledge — the idea that the future is as clearly mapped out in Scripture as the past is.

Finally, no Believer should forget the crucial admonitions of Scripture regarding the Land of Israel and Abraham's seed:

"I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3); "...for he that toucheth you [Israel] toucheth the apple of His [God's] eye" (Zech. 2:8); "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps. 122:6). ✿

will seem an insult to the "kingdom" they already have on Earth for this relative handful of zealots to be anticipating a completely different kingdom.

It will seem reasonable to assault these supposed religious inferiors, just as it once seemed reasonable to some to consider them





Ask the Chaplain

What is the Purpose of Good Works? Part 2

Scripture teaches that we are saved by faith, not by good works. Salvation is an unmerited gift of God, given to a repentant Believer through faith in Jesus Christ, apart from any works. So, do good works have any part in a Christian's life? Yes!

Dr. Paul M. Elliott (**TeachingTheWord. org**) provides excellent insights: "Christ is the *root*, good works are the *fruit*. That is the proper order. Christians are not Christians because of their good works. Christians are Christians because they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the order. Christ comes first — the preeminent Christ. He takes up residence in the heart of the Believer, and good works result. Christians are able to be fruitful in good works, bringing forth fruit that is pleasing to God, because of our position in Christ."

The Apostle Paul explained: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8–10).

Good works demonstrate genuine salvation. If someone claims to be saved by faith in Jesus Christ and yet doesn't show it by good works, that person's faith is dead — it's not authentic. James 2:14–26 emphasizes the importance of faith that is accompanied by works. Faith *precedes* works, and faith also *produces* works. Actually, the Holy Spirit, who lives inside every Believer, produces good works — the fruit, or evidence, of salvation (John 15:1–5; Gal. 5:22–23). Good works are deeds or actions that are pleasing to God. They include acts of charity, serving others, prayer, Bible reading, being a good parent or spouse, or ministering in and through the Church.

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A Believer's good works are the outworking of salvation: "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12–13).

Good works are the Believer's love offering to God (Eph. 5:2). Jesus said that our good works should shine like a light to cause unbelievers to glorify God (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11–12). Good works also provide an example for other Believers (Titus 2:7) and help meet their needs (Titus 3:14). Ultimately, the Believer's good works are pleasing to God (Heb. 13:16).

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. —Hebrews 10:24 ✿

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

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What Palestinians Really Want

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz Israel365News.com



Nadia Matar, co-chair of the Sovereignty Movement, is an outspoken advocate for Jewish sovereignty in the Biblical heartland. She rejects any attempts to establish an unprecedented "Palestinian state" in Judea and Samaria. So, why



is she holding a Palestinian flag?

"This was waved by the Palestinian Authority in the early 90s when the agreements were signed in Bethlehem," Matar explained. "The PA was hosting a pastor from South Africa, and they displayed this flag as he spoke. He obviously didn't know Arabic and didn't know what was waving above his head."

The Palestinian flag had Arabic writing, which Matar read: "yawm alsabt niqtal alyahudu. fi 'ayaam al'ahada. sawf niqtal almasihiiyn."

Matar then translated: <mark>"On Saturdays, we</mark> will murder the Jews; On Sundays, we will murder the Christians."

Matar explained this message as related to the current war:

The war here in Israel is not about Gaza. It is not about the settlements. It is a war by the Islamo-fascists who have a clear plan. They want to first destroy and kill the "Saturday" people — the Jews — and then kill the "Sunday" people — the Christians in Europe and America. The people in Europe and America need to understand that we are in this together. It is the Western Judeo-Christian world that is being attacked in stages.

They want a Palestinian state in order to destroy the entirety of Israel. But

Nadia Matar with a 1990s Palestinian flag

they also want a Palestinian state in order to continue on to Europe and America, to turn them into *dhimmi* — servants of a Muslim caliphate.

So, anyone who still wants a Palestinian state has to rethink what the Palestinians really want. You have to be against the Palestinian state and in favor of Israeli sovereignty because that's the only answer, the only hope of the Western world.

She coined a phrase that parodied the genocidal motto of the Hamas charter: "From the river to the sea, Israeli sovereignty."

Matar insisted: "You have to be in favor of Israeli sovereignty and against the Palestinian state. Not for my sake, not for our sake here in Israel. We have God on our side. The U.S. and the Christians need to support us for their sake because they are next. And this will only happen if they can weaken Israel with a Palestinian state. They will come out and do October 7 to you in London, in Brussels, in New York, in Florida," she warned. "So be against a Palestinian state for the free world, for the sake of the Western civilization. Be on the side of truth and of light. Together we will fight the darkness." 🌣



A Note from Mark

Golda: Powerful, Passionate, and Intelligent

A ZLMer recently wrote in to suggest that we offer the 2023 movie *Golda* on DVD. Consequently, I watched it and now heartily recommend it to you. Below are excerpts from my favorite review on IMDB.com. You can see the official movie trailer online. —Mark



In 1973, during the 19 days of the Yom Kippur War, Egypt 1969 and Syria staged a sneak attack against Israel. They hoped to recapture territory that Israel took in 1967, when defending itself during the unprovoked attacks of the Six-Day War. Director Guy Nattiv's film, *Golda*, uses overhead shots of maps and stark visions of the military conflict while the jarring music score adds tension.

Prime Minister Golda Meir

(1898–1978) was 75 years old in 1973 — the only woman ever to hold the PM position. Depicted in a series of strategy meetings among her top military advisers, she is tested by harsh circumstances while her stoicism makes her an elusive figure. As a chain smoker, she lights up frequently, even while receiving secret treatments for aggressive lymphoma.

A riveting moment comes at the movie's end, when a black-and-white snippet of the real Golda is shown on an old television set. She radiates resolve and charisma, using her power to charm and disarm. Golda, the "Iron Lady of Israel," was a matriarch with a strong sense of pragmatism, fighting for the survival of her nation while looking out for her soldiers. Sadly, Golda is called on the carpet for some of her military orders that were based on misinformation, and which tear at her gut.

Helen Mirren portrays Golda as a powerful woman who is both determined and humane. Despite being neither Israeli nor Mark Levitt ZLM Director since 1988 1230

Jewish, Mirren's performance is authentic and reflects Golda's distress at losing a soldier. Golda, who remains underdeveloped as a character, is often seen peering over an overfilled ashtray. Mirren's

transformative, prosthetic makeup job showcases Golda's frown, beetle brows, coarse wavy hair, pugnacious nose, and implacable



Anwar Sadat, the

Helen Mirren, 2023

president of Egypt in 1973, probably realized that he couldn't win the Yom Kippur War and primarily aimed to shake up the Middle East and undermine Zionism as an inevitability. After a shaky start, Israel emerged victorious, and the peace process began after that. The Middle East peace process was an aspiration for all parties involved to reach a peaceful outcome.

Dear Reader: You can watch this ministry's eight-program television series *Ezekiel and the MidEast "Piece" Process* in our free archives at **levitt.tv/media/ series/DEZK23**. Was the Yom Kippur War a foreshadowing of Israel's current war? Unfortunately, many Zionists are saying "Never again" once again. To see the free 77-minute documentary *Golda Meir* — *Matriarch of Israel*, go to **youtube.com/ watch?v=1-MtV-vX7H0**. —Mark \$



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Elena

ZLM Bulletin Board



Anti-Semitism in Girls' Basketball

Anti-Semitic slurs caused a high school girls' basketball game to be canceled after the third quarter. In January, Roosevelt High School (Yonkers, NY) hosted Leffell School, a private Jewish school from Hartsdale, New York. One Roosevelt player verbally derided a Leffell player:

"I support Hamas, you __ Jew." Commenting on the FoxNews.com story, one referee noted: "I would have handled it differently. I would have called a technical foul on each player hurling insults. After all the free throws, warn the team that each additional infraction will result in expulsion from the game. Warn the audience as well. Once warned, technical fouls can be called there as well. Then clear sections of fans." If only politicians and educators were equally resolute in dealing with such intolerable behavior.

37 THINGS PEOPLE "KNOW" ABOUT WILLS THAT AREN'T REALLY SO

the peace of Jerusalem

245,000 Living Holocaust Survivors

Almost 80 years after the Holocaust, nearly a quarter million Jewish survivors are still living in more than 90 countries. Nearly half (49%) live in Israel, 18% are in Western Europe, 16% reside in the U.S., and 12% live in countries of the former Soviet Union. With a median age of 86, 20% of them are over 90, and 61% are women.



Was Captain Kirk Jewish?

From 1966–1969, the USS Enterprise crew explored the galaxy on

the television program Star Trek. Canadian actor William Shatner portrayed the starship's legendary Captain James T. Kirk. Shatner, like Leonard Nimoy (<u>"Spock" — see p. 15</u> of the November 2020 Levitt Letter), was born and raised Jewish. His father was a Jewish emigrant from Bukovina in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, while his maternal grandparents were Lithuanian Jews.

FREE ITEM

Pamphlet of the Month

The booklet, 37 Things People "Know" About Wills That Aren't Really So, explains why too few people make adequate estate plans. It also briefly refutes dozens of common misconceptions about wills, including "Couples who own their property jointly don't need wills," "A will is the only way to leave property to others," and "A good will rarely needs revision."

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It is tragic that so many people go about their lives as if God doesn't exist. Instead of soberly acknowledging that their days are numbered in this world, they subconsciously assume that they will live forever, steadfastly ignoring any idea of judgment to come. Yeshua warned us, however, that *"nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light"* (Mark 4:22). We should tremble before such words. Each of us will give account for what we have done with the time given us (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36).

Moses therefore prayed to God: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may attain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Each soul is given a finite amount of time in this world. Thus, Moses asked God to teach us how to live in light of our ultimate destiny. For this we need wisdom — which primarily consists of knowledge of the holy (da'at kedoshim) and awareness of the awe of the Lord (Prov. 9:10). Note then the connection Read Hebrew right to left!

between learning to "number our days" and apprehending the sacredness of life. Reflecting on the brevity of life awakens us to consciously reflect upon the course of our lives and to distill the ultimate concerns of our hearts.

Consider, then, the measure of your days. Your life in this world will end far sooner than you expect, and then what will become of you? I am not referring to the end of the world, but rather the end of your world — when you will die and face the light of eternity. Today, this very moment, you are on the way, going someplace; your latter days are already <mark>upon you</mark>. If you are not prepared today, how will you be better prepared tomorrow? Today is the day of salvation, the hour that matters most. Don't put off genuine teshuvah — turn while there is still time. As Jim Elliot emphasized, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose." And may God enable us to say from our hearts, "For me to live is Messiah, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Amen.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."

JIM ELLIOT



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Across:

- 3. ...so that your Father in Heaven may _ you your sins. (Mark 11:25)
- 4. ...While we were still _, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)
- 6. ...for they repented at the _ of Jonah... (Matt. 12:41)
- 7. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will _ them repentance... (2 Tim. 2:25)
- 10. Repent of this _ and pray to the Lord... (Acts 8:22)
- 12. Those whom I love I _ and discipline... (Rev. 3:19)
- 15. ...John preached repentance and baptism to the people of _. (Acts 13:24)
- 16. ...Repent, for the Kingdom of _ has come near. (Matt. 3:2)
- 17. ...but if someone from the _ goes to them, they will repent. (Luke 16:30)
- ...there is _ in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)
- 19. ...preaching a _ of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mark 1:4)

Down:

- 1. ...they would have _ long ago in sackcloth and ashes. (Matt. 11:21)
- 2. ... _ and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance... (Acts 20:21)
- 3. Produce _ in keeping with repentance. (Luke 3:8)
- 4. _ yourselves, then, to God... (James 4:7)
- 5. Indeed, there is no one on Earth who is _ ... (Ecc. 7:20)
- 8. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new _ has come... (2 Cor. 5:17)
- They went out and preached that _ should repent. (Mark 6:12)
- I have given her time to repent of her _, but she is unwilling. (Rev. 2:21)
- 13. I baptize you with _ for repentance. (Matt. 3:11)
- 14. Therefore _ your sins to each other and pray for each other... (James 5:16)

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Letters to ZLM

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Letters, emails, and comments from levitt.com and our social media platforms

Accurate News about Israel

From R.P.: Sarah Liberman's articles (in the monthly *Personal Letter*) are so informative. I want to thank her for telling us about how evil Hamas is and how they went house to house to hunt for hostages, including women and children. What we are hearing and seeing on the news is how Israel is indiscriminately bombing the Gaza region and killing everyone in sight, even women and children. We also hear that the U.S. is stopping military aid to Israel because Israel isn't doing its part to stop the war. Is this true?

Dear R.P.,

The mainstream media's coverage of Israel's war with Hamas is definitely anti-Israel! But the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are neither indiscriminately bombing nor killing everyone in Gaza. Most news outlets are quick to believe and publish claims from the Gazans and Hamas, but only later does the truth become known (as with the Oct. 17 explosion at a Gaza hospital). Regarding the U.S. military aid to Israel, it has not end-

ed even though some American politicians and organizations are pushing for it to stop — typically those who still push for a "two-state solution" and those who don't support Israel's right to exist whatsoever. There are some trustworthy sources providing truth about Israel and the current war, including *The Jerusalem Post* (JPost.com) and Jewish



News Syndicate (JNS.org). Also, please see the article on page 26, "Volunteers Armed with AI Battle Fake News." —Editor

Supporting and Enjoying ZLM

From J.G.: I support your ministry with a monthly donation. Each month I look forward to the *Levitt Letter* and especially the *Personal Letter* from Sarah Liberman on the ground in Israel. The Bearded Bible Brothers are also a blessing. Love all.

Dear J.G.,

We are so thankful that you appreciate the smorgasbord of (free!) resources that we offer. Thank you for keeping our ministry afloat with your faithful monthly contributions. —David

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Timely Reminders

From P.P.: I know Jews in California who read the Torah as regular Jews and recently told me that they were reading the Book of Matthew as part of their Torah studies. Of course, they are looking at it from a Jewish —not Christian — perspective, but at least they are looking at it. So, remember your Jewish audience in preparing your television show. You don't know who may be watching.

Also, Zola wrote a book on UFOs years ago. People are becoming increasingly concerned about this phenomenon. I suggest you get L.A. Marzulli, who you've had on your program before, to discuss this.

Dear P.P.,

Thanks for reminding us to always consider the Jews in our audience. Our focus when praying and preparing for each message has always been to reach the lost, though God continually reminds us that there's a lot of sheep grooming that is also necessary in the Church.

Concerning demonic manifestations of UFOs, they aren't going away any time soon! As you noted, Zola exposed Satan's grand deceptions decades before anyone brought it to light. We plan to continue to dive into this subject more in the future. Thanks for suggesting L.A. Marzulli; he would be an excellent return guest to feature. —Joshua and Caleb

From a LongTime ZLMer

From J.L.: Shalom. Some 25 years ago, I saw *Zola Levitt Presents* while in Atlanta. Then I got ZLM's study tapes [now CDs] about discovering *Our Jewish Roots*. As the Word declares, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Thank you and continue to press on in Yeshua's name.



To

Dear J.L.,

While this ministry has a weekly television program and several social media outlets, we also offer many "tangible" teaching materials (DVDs, books, CDs). You can find the full catalog available at **www.store.levitt.com**. In addition, at **levitt.tv** you can view all of the teaching from Zola and all the others on *ZLP* and *OJR* free of charge. —Kirsten

The Pearl of a Great Price on YouTube

From C.O.G.: I love you guys, but we won't live forever in Heaven with Jesus. We will be given a recreated, perfect, new Earth and New Jerusalem.

Shalom C.O.G.,

First Thessalonians 4:17 says, "and so shall we ever be with the Lord." After the Rapture, we will live with God forever. As to the location of our occupancy, Yeshua promised He was going to prepare a place for us (John 14:3). Revelation 21 describes that place as the New Jerusalem. However, most people don't fully understand that New Jerusalem is a part of Heaven. This was the place that Abraham longed for — the future city whose Builder and Maker is God (Hebrews 11:9–10).

Believe it or not, Jewish people in Judaism also believe in the New Jerusalem, and they understand it currently resides in heavenly dimensions, hovering over the Old Jerusalem. Yes, Yeshua does build a new Heaven and new Earth, but the terminology of Heaven encompasses innumerable spiritual dimensions outside time and space where we will rule with Messiah. (See Eph. 2:6, where the Greek for "sit together" refers to a throne from which we will rule from the heavenly realm.)

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Once we ascend to those heavenly dimensions, we will descend no more. That will be our place of habitation — not Earth during the Millennium and not the New Earth. Since the old Heaven and Earth pass away, one assumes from the Greek *ouranos*, just as with the Hebrew *shamayim*, that this either refers to the firmament heavens (galaxies, skies) of our realm, or possibly the New Jerusalem is in a different Heaven from the current throne room "Heaven." Indeed, Scripture discusses many heavens. Rarely does the text differentiate between the sky "Heaven," galaxy "Heaven," spirit-world "Heaven," and God's resting place "Heaven." —Joshua and Caleb

The Seven Feasts on YouTube

From I.L.3: You lost me at Acts 19:2 KJV. Did you receive the Holy Spirit SINCE you believed, not WHEN? That's a big difference. The Bible states that the Word is a sword. That's why I use the KJV. You use a butter knife for a version.

Dear I.L.3,

We're sorry that you don't like our butter knife. But it is quick, living, and powerful! We actually choose the best English version for the moment that fits the original intent of the text. The original text was Greek, not KJV. If you literally translate that text from Greek to English, it says, "Did you take the Holy Spirit upon your act of faith?" Meaning, when you first acted out in faith, choosing Messiah as your Savior, did you receive that *Ruach Ha'Kodesh*?

The verb "to take faith" in Greek merely describes a present action in active voice in second person plural form. That is why all modern Bible translations say, "when you believe" or "when you took faith," instead of "since." Blessings in Messiah Yeshua. —Joshua and Caleb

The Bearded Bible Brothers

From G.B.: Thanks for the DVD of the Bearded Bible Brothers that I recently received. I finally had time to watch the two programs. [See <u>levitt.tv/media/watch/2322</u> and <u>levitt.tv/media/watch/2323</u>.] I saw the videos (or parts of them) on *OJR* but was

unaware of them before that. The DVD showed a side of the brothers I did not know about. Their humor balances their serious side. I am impressed with their knowledge and insight.

Dear G.B.,

We're impressed too! The Colsons have seamlessly stepped into their teaching roles on *OJR*. The responses we've received have been overwhelmingly positive. Here's to many more years! —David \$\$





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They Survived Includes interviews with Holocaust survivors Dr. Eric Kulka and Efraim Zuroff. Dr. Tom McCall also interviews the head of research at Israel's

Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum and the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem.

An Eyewitness at Dachau A visit to Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich. Includes interviews with Dachau survivor Bikolas Lehner and with an American eyewitness who visited the camp just after the war in 1946.

A Spy Among Neo-Nazis An interview in Israel with Yaron Svoray, investigative reporter and spy. He gives background regarding the motivations of his mission to go undercover for eight months among neo-Nazis in Germany.

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

Two Rabbis Includes interviews with Rabbi Stan Eisenberg in Fort Worth and Rabbi David Rosen in Jerusalem. Two rabbis in different hemispheres share a common concern about anti-Semitism.

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

Please see the article "Syrian Dictator Denies the Holocaust" on p. 34.



Volunteers Armed with AI Battle Fake News



The photo (right) splashed across social media purported to show body bags holding children in Gaza killed by the Israeli army. But it was a fake: Artificial Intelligence (AI) found that the image came from a video of a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Boston that used the body bags as props.

Another widely-published photo (p.27) claimed to show soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) firing inside Shifa Hospital in Gaza. That image, however, was from a video of an August 2013 attack by Egyptian security forces against protesters inside a Cairo hospital.

A picture supposedly showing Israeli military officers being held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip turned out to be a photo of military officers arrested in Turkey in 2016.

And a picture that claimed to show a wounded civilian in a Gaza hospital was actually lifted from a TV show in Malaysia.

Examples of deceptive content created to manipulate public opinion against Israel — are endless. That's why many "soldiers" are volunteering to fight this fake digital war. Among them are data scientists from Eternity, an Israeli data consulting and project company.

Eternity uses technologies including AI to provide business intelligence, analytics, and data services to hundreds of high-profile clients in retail, health, finance, and the public sector. "Usually, when there isn't a war, we develop data products and platforms for clients," said Ariel Oz, the company's chief technology officer. "Now, our engineers are using every free moment they have to try to help in this online war."



This photo of body bags isn't really from Gaza; it's from a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Boston.

The tools they use — AI algorithms, data analysis, bots — are part of their everyday job. Now, however, they're applying them to identify misleading, erroneous, and fake content about Israel's war Hamas, and to report and remove it.

"We can catch [potentially] viral content before it goes viral," noted Oz. "Many people, including professors, are posting 'facts' and give the impression that they know what they are talking about. Using AI, it's easy for us to see if it's true or not."

Eternity volunteers are also countering inaccurate information with accurate information and creating content "that we believe can change some minds on social networks," Oz explained.

Their efforts cover four categories:

• Identifying and flagging fake or unreliable information through









This picture, claiming to show IDF soldiers shooting in a Gaza hospital, is actually a 2013 photo of a shooting by Egyptian forces in a Cairo hospital.

analysis of images, videos, and texts;

- Identifying potentially viral fake or misleading content, and using reporting systems to get it removed before it goes viral;
- Using AI to create accurate written and visual materials in many languages for distribution by influencers;
- Automatically adapting messages according to the current security situation and its momentum on social networks.

Eternity employees volunteer "because we care," Oz added. "The most important thing to us is that we see that social networks are loaded with incorrect information and we're afraid that it will stay there. When my kids see it in a few years, they will not understand if it's real or fake news. So, we try to clean it up right now."





Medicine in Israel

Using Music to Test for Dementia

By Ariel Grossman NoCamels.com



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The Neurosteer device

Music has long been lauded as a rapid mood improver, as it boosts the brain's production of dopamine and serotonin, sometimes called "happy hormones." But now an Israeli startup is using music and its positive impact to determine potential mental deterioration in the elderly, by simply having them perform tests that involve listening to a range of musical instruments.

The test, being developed by Neurosteer, will soon be submitted for clearance by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the early detection of Parkinson's Disease as well as Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

During the 15-minute examination, patients are directed to complete a series of musical tasks, such as pressing a button every time they hear a particular melody or identify a specific instrument, while sensors on their scalp record their brain activity.

The sensors are connected to a highly sensitive, pocket-sized electroencephalogram (EEG) device specially designed by the company. An EEG device is

Neurosteer's device can be used on subjects when they're performing a wide range of activities to determine the impact on their brain activity.

normally a stationary machine found only in medical centers, which is used to diagnose brain disorders by recording electrical activity in the brain.

The Neurosteer device also detects electrical activity in the brain's frontal lobe and separates it into different neural networks. It then uses proprietary artificial intelligence (AI) to assess the interaction between those networks. which offers an insight into how well the brain is functioning. The device has already been approved by the FDA for general use.

Mood Lightener

The musical tests and AI algorithms were developed by Neta Maimon, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University's (TAU) School of Psychological Sciences and the School of Music. She said that music was chosen as a stimulus because of its impact on the brain. "With music, I can actually put the patient into the optimal state to conduct the tests," Maimon noted. "It's a very general kind of test, and you don't need to have musical experience to [take it]."

Multiple studies have shown that music improves a person's performance while undergoing both mental and physical



testing. And given the widely accepted principle that music can improve your mood, Neurosteer hypothesized that music-based tasks could test people in an enjoyable and performance-enhancing environment.

Neurosteer founder and CEO Nathan Intrator, a former professor at TAU's School of Computer Sciences, explained that music activates the brain so strongly that it can produce almost the same number of endorphins as produced when performing energetic exercise such as running. "This enables us to interpret the brain. We induce a certain condition using music, and then look for the response," he added.

objects to be repeated back a short time later.

The outcome of these practical tests can actually be swayed by the environment, Intrator explained. For example, someone administering the test who is irritable or doesn't connect well with the patient can adversely affect the results.

This, he explains, is one reason why Neurosteer uses AI and not a person to oversee the test outcome. The use of AI also means that the results can be processed and presented in real time.

Intrator established the startup to develop a more efficient and less cumbersome way to interpret brain activity than the traditional EEG. "My colleagues

Brain Business

Neurosteer's EEG device offers numerous advantages over a traditional brain scan. The traditional device is only used in laboratories. clinics. or universities. It also requires the patient to have up to 256 electrodes placed onto their scalp and to remain still for an extended period. Then, EEG recordings must be interpreted by qualified specialists, who send the results to the doctor who ordered the test. As such.



Neurosteer has developed a pocket-sized EEG device and musical tests for the early detection of neurodegenerative diseases.

thought I was crazy, because I was trying to reduce the number of electrodes [in the EEG]," he recalls. After several years of development at TAU, he founded Neurosteer in 2015.

In 2022, Neurosteer won the Alzheimer's Innovation Challenge, a competition launched by multinational healthcare company Roche and Israel's Start-Up Nation Central to find effective and innovative solutions

patients can wait weeks for the results.

On the other hand, Neurosteer's portable device can be operated in residential facilities as well as clinics. It has only three electrodes in the adhesive strip placed on the head.

Unlike Neurosteer's musical challenge, practical tests of cognitive capabilities (thinking, communication, understanding, and memory) commonly focus on correctly identifying the day, month, and year; writing a brief, grammatically correct sentence; and memorizing a few for patients suffering from this form of dementia. The brain sensing technology is currently being evaluated in several clinics in the U.S. and in Israel.

Intrator envisions a situation in which brain activity is monitored by a general physician in an annual checkup along with blood pressure, heart function, and weight. "I want someone to take a 15-minute test and know at the end of it whether they are at high risk of Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, or other diseases, all before the person even knows that there's a problem," he noted.





Nihad Awad at the 16th Annual Convention for Palestine in the U.S. near Chicago

CAIR Leader "Happy to See" October 7 Attack

By Gabby Deutch / JewishInsider.com

Nihad Awad, who leads the largest American Muslim civil rights organization, was "happy" to see Hamas's terror attacks in Israel. He said: "I was happy to see [the people of Gaza] breaking the siege and throwing down the shackles of their own land and walk free into their land that they were not allowed to walk in."

Awad, co-founder and executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), spoke at a November convention hosted by American Muslims for Palestine. Audience members cheered his remarks.

He continued: "And yes, the people of Gaza have the right to self-defense, have the right to defend themselves. And yes, Israel as an occupying power does not have that right to self-defense." Awad did not specifically mention Hamas, nor did he differentiate between them and the people of Gaza.

"The Gazans were victorious. No power on Earth will break them or defeat them," he asserted. "The Israeli enterprise [is] aided, abetted, financed, armed, and excused by the United States and the hypocritical Muslim powers."

Referencing the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Awad claimed that they control the U.S. government. "They have paid millions of dollars for corrupt members of Congress not to condemn its atrocities against Gaza." he declared. "Unless we free Congress, we will not be able to free Palestine."

Awad ended his speech by urging the audience to contact their elected officials: "We have to free so many people from the shackles of AIPAC and its affiliates who have sold the soul of America."

Many Iranians Support Israel JNS.org

A banner reading, "We stand with Israel" was displayed on a bridge in Tehran in mid-January. According to the London-based, Persian-language, Iran International television station, the banner also expressed support for an Iranian dissident activist who visited Israel earlier in January. The extraordinary show of support, which was unfurled in the Iranian capital at night, comes as the Middle East is engulfed in violence promoted by the Islamic Republic of Iran and amid mounting concerns of a regional war.

The large banner with red writing read: "We stand with Israel and "Vahid is our voice," referring to Vahid Beheshti, who addressed lawmakers at the Knesset during a visit to Israel earlier in January.

Beheshti told the Knesset's Israel Victory Caucus: "Soon you will have to deal with the elephant in the room, which is the Iranian government, and you should not be afraid of attacking Iranian bases



The banner displayed in Tehran

in Iran. This is the only language they understand.

"The good news is that you have an army of 80 million Iranians who are thirsty for freedom and democracy, who since 2009 have been trying to overthrow the government but have not yet succeeded because of the barbaric violence of the Iranian regime. If you support the Iranian people, you will see how they will lower the head of the octopus and we will all experience peace," Beheshti continued.

He said that the Iranian regime is at its weakest point since it seized power in the 1979 Islamic Revolution. "Help us overthrow the government, try to imagine what the Middle East would look like without the Iranian government, just imagine," Beheshti added.

How bold of Vahid Beheshti to encourage Knesset members and rally Iranians to overcome Iran's despotic regime! -David

Israel's Christian Population Increases

Tazpit Press Service / JewishPress.com

Israel's Christian population grew 1.3% in 2023. According to data from Israel's

Central Bureau of Statistics, 187,900 Christians currently live in Israel, making up 1.9% of the country's population. Demographic studies in recent years have found that Israel is the only Middle Eastern country with a growing Christian population.

The bureau reported that 75% of Israel's Christians are Arab, with 70% living in the Northern District, and another 13.6% living in the Haifa District. In September, the Tazpit Press Service reported that rising crime in the Arab sector was fueling Arab migration to Israeli cities, particularly Haifa and Nazareth. Of the non-Arab Christians in Israel, 36% live in the Tel Aviv area and central Israel and 38% live in Haifa and northern Israel.

The largest Christian community is in Nazareth, followed by Haifa, Jerusalem, and the northern city of Shfar'am. 众

Zola's article, "A Lower Moral Tier" in the February 2024 Levitt Letter (levitt.com/ newsletters/2024-02.pdf#page=10), states that Palestinian Christians "call themselves Christians because their parents did so ... They have no salvation doctrine, no knowledge of prophecy, and are typically either neutral about Israel or, more likely, hostile." - Mark





Archaeology Soldiers Find Ancient Oil Lamp

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich JPost.com





Sarah Tal/IA/

The ancient oil lamp

"It was covered in mud," Melchior recalled. "I cleaned it, and after I realized that it might be something special, I called the Antiquities Authority."

> At the same time, Segev uploaded a picture of the pottery to a Facebook group, which brought much interest. People speculated about the artifact's purpose, and many also advised the soldiers to contact the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

Sarah Tal, the IAA's archaeologist in the Western Negev region, received the lamp from the soldiers. She noted: "It is a pottery lamp from the Byzantine period known as a 'sandal lamp." Also called "sandal candles," they were filled with oil to provide light in ancient times.

"The war has led to extraordinary situations — also on the archaeological front," commented IAA director Eli Escusido. "The Land of Israel ... is full of history and ancient findings. We cooperate with the IDF to preserve them even in a war situation. I am happy that the ancient candle also brought enlightenment to the soldiers, and I congratulate them for their vigilance and their show of good citizenship."

Archaeologist Soldier Finds Ancient Mortar Near Gaza

Most of Israel's soldiers fulfilling their reserve duty in the war with Hamas were forced to put their regular careers on hold. This wasn't the case for Yair Amitsur, an archaeologist currently serving as a reservist officer near the

Two reservists in the Israel Defense

1,500-year-old, well-preserved oil lamp

Melchior and Alon Segev, were walking

in a field when they came upon a piece

of pottery stuck upside down whose

round shape attracted them.

in the mud in southern Israel near the

The active-duty reservists, Netanel

Forces (IDF) recently discovered a

Gaza border.

By Gavriel Fiske TimesOflsrael.com



Gaza border. He recently discovered an ancient stone mortar and turned it over to his employer, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

Lt. Col. (res.) Amitsur of the Gaza Division discovered the item during a routine





Archaeologist Sarah Tal and Lt. Col Yair Amitsur with the grinding mortar

<mark>patrol in a staging area in the Gaza</mark> <mark>envelope</mark>, along with Lt. Col. Elyashiv Bohbot, a division rabbi.

The bowl-shaped mortar (*makhtesh* in Hebrew) is made of basalt and weighs more than 22 pounds. Paired with a pestle (usually a long wooden pole), such items have been used since antiquity to grind dry grain and legumes into flour.

"We are familiar with basalt from the north of the country or other remote areas. In light of this, it's clear that the tool we found was brought here from a distance, and probably used in the past in the home of someone to grind grain or other products. We were excited to suddenly get a greeting from the past and have some good news to deal with for a moment," Amitsur said.

"We are doing important work here, but I look forward to the day when I can return to doing archaeology full-time," he added.

The remarkably well-preserved mortar was likely used in a home, as large-scale grinding was done by millstones. The mortar's age isn't known, but the IAA noted that similar items were used in the



Lt. Col. Elyashiv Bohbot with the grinding mortar



The mortar discovered near Gaza

region from "antiquity until the Mamluk period," or the late Middle Ages.

Commenting on the discovery, Eli Escusido, IAA director, noted: "We were fortunate that one of our employees, an archaeologist serving in the reserves, identified the ancient discovery and knew how to proceed."

IDF reservists who are called to duty come from every work sector including archaeologists. While the U.S. military has 1.34 million active-duty personnel and 766,700 reservists, the IDF has 169,500 active-duty personnel and 465,000 reservists. —Kirsten

Muslim Focus

Syrian Dictator Denies the Holocaust

By Shira Silkoff TimesOflsrael.com





Sea; they were pagans who creer converted to Judaism in the 8th century. They emigrated to Europe and from there came to this region. They have nothing to do whatsoever with the [ancient] people of Israel."

Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad declared in December 2023 that there is no evidence that six million Jews were killed during the Holocaust. He also accused the U.S. of funding the German Nazi party.

In a video of a speech that was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Assad asserted: "True, there were concentration camps, but what it shows you is that this is a politicized issue, not a humanitarian one and not a real one, is that we talk about these six million, but why don't we talk about the 26 million Soviets who were killed in [World War II]? Are the six million more precious?"

While some 26 million people from the Soviet Union were killed during the war, the Soviet population in 1939 equaled roughly 170 million people, compared to about 9.5 million European Jews. That is roughly 15% of the Soviet population as compared to almost 63% of the Jewish population. Furthermore, more than 8.5 million Soviets who died during WWII were soldiers killed in battles.

Continuing his tirade, Assad claimed that the Holocaust "was politicized in order to falsify the truth and later to prepare for the transfer of Jews from Europe to other areas, to Palestine." He added that "the Jews who came to Palestine are Khazar Jews from the east of the Caspian

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad

This anti-Semitic conspiracy theory has long been maintained by people who deny Jewish claims to the Land of Israel. Still, genetic studies and research have found no substantive evidence supporting the assertion.

Assad also claimed that "the rise of Nazism between the two world wars happened with American ... support, money, loans, and investments." While no official U.S. actions assisted the Nazis, the Union Banking Corporation initially helped finance Germans with ties to Hitler. However, that bank's assets were seized by the U.S. government in 1942 when their partnerships were uncovered.

In 2022, the United Nations estimated that more than 306,000 civilians had been killed in Syria during its ongoing civil war. Some human rights groups estimate the number at more than half a million. In 2021, the UN pointed the finger at Syria for "heinous violations of international humanitarian and human rights law perpetrated against the civilian population in Syria since March 2011. Such acts are likely to constitute crimes against humanity, war crimes, and other international crimes, including genocide." Assad's regime has also been accused of using chemical weapons against its own citizens. ☆









Jewish Humor, etc.

More from Jewish Entertainers

Folks who don't know why America is the Land of Promise should be here during an election campaign. -Milton Berle

I don't like heights. This is why I stopped growing during the fifth grade. -Billy Crystal

As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it. —Buddy Hackett

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible. -George Burns

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I have a problem with the strip that runs along the bottom of the news programs. Don't these idiots who run the news programs know we don't want to read? That's why we're watching TV. —Jerry Seinfeld

Answer Key for March 2024 Crossword (p.21)

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3. Forgive	15. Israel	1. Repented
4. Sinners	16. Heaven	2. Jews
6. Preaching	17. Dead	3. Fruit
7. Grant	18. Rejoicing	4. Submit
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