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Dear Reader,

"If what you believe were not true, would you want to know it?" Some Believers ask this question seeking to open a door to communicate the truth of the Gospel. Often, however, a lot of people refuse to accept that their thinking could be wrong, even after they are confronted with the truth. This is the case for many individuals in our world who refuse to accept the truth of God's Word or who continue to believe the lies or half-truths that the global media promotes as fact — especially related to modern Israel.

As difficult as it is to swim against the current, we Believers must continue embracing and sharing Biblical truth, praying that someone's eyes will open to it. Both Paul (1 Tim. 4:16) and James (1:25) encouraged and noted the benefits of such perseverance.

This edition of the *Levitt Letter* offers reminders that some people eventually realize the truth, like the *New York Times* reporter to whom Zola wrote in this month's Classic Zola (8). For examples of people seeking to expose the lies, see "U.S. Public Libraries Peddle Palestine as a Country, Push Anti-Israel Propaganda" (28). Also in this issue, you'll discover more about Biblical faith (14), a sneak peek of the new *Conquest of Canaan* television series (6), insights on supporting Israel (12), Israeli innovations (26, 27), and much more.

As you continue to pursue and speak truth, please also remember to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — *pray for the peace of Jerusalem* (Ps. 122:6),




Greg, Editor
Zola Levitt Ministries

P.S. Don't miss "Our Pack of Wolves" (10), in which Mark notes the reality about ZLM's ongoing financial challenges. We are thankful for your faithful donations and prayers, which enable us to continue sharing God's truth to the spiritually hungry everywhere.

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Brethren, my heart's
desire and prayer to
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— ROMANS 10:1

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This Isn't About Israel — It's About Global Jihad

By Pastor Doug Reed / Israel365News.com

While Americans debate from thousands of miles away, Israel recently made one of the most consequential decisions in its modern history — voting on the annexation of Judea and Samaria. Predictably, Western voices — pundits, politicians, and even pastors — are in an uproar, clutching the pearls of the long-dead “two-state solution.” But let’s be clear: This move isn’t about peace treaties, land swaps, or failed diplomacy.

This is about survival. And it’s about stopping the march of radical jihadist Islam before it reaches your doorstep.

The Two-State Fantasy Is Dead

We must stop pretending. Israel has offered the Palestinians a state multiple times — in 1947, 2000, and 2008. Each time, the answer was “no.”

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REMEMBER:

Yom Kippur: Sunset Wed., Oct. 1 to sunset Thur., Oct. 2

Sukkot: Sunset Mon., Oct. 6 to sunset Mon., Oct. 13

What Do Chickens Have to Do with Yom Kippur?

By Winn Crenshaw
LifeInMessiah.org

Generally, when one associates “Jewish” with “chicken,” it might come in the context of “Jewish penicillin.” According to *Bubbe* (Yiddish for Grandmother), “A nice bowl of chicken soup will cure anything!”

However, as *Yom Kippur* approaches, in many ultra-Orthodox communities around the world, chickens are much more important than just as an ingredient for soup.

The tradition pictured (p. 2) is called *kapparot*. It involves swinging a chicken over one’s head on the eve of *Yom Kippur* while reciting a prayer:

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credit: Ronen Zvulun / Reuters



An ultra-Orthodox Jewish family performing the *kapparot* ritual in Jerusalem

"This is my exchange, this is my substitute, this is my atonement. This chicken will go to its death, while I will enter and proceed to a good long life and to peace."

After reciting the prayer, the chicken is slaughtered. The chicken can then be eaten or given to the poor as an act of charity.

This prayer and tradition may seem very strange to Christians. However, in some observant Jewish communities, *kapparot* solves a problem that arose when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70. With the only place sacrifices could rightly be offered removed, the rabbis were confronted with a dilemma: **How could one obtain forgiveness** without a Temple, the Holy of Holies, and the priesthood?

In the small city of Yavneh, located southwest of Jerusalem, a council of rabbis met in A.D. 91 to address the issue. It was decided that three *mitzvot* (commandments), if done well enough, might obtain forgiveness for the participant. Those three good deeds were prayer, fasting, and the giving of alms.

In the ninth century, however, Persian rabbis felt that *mitzvot* alone were not enough to ensure forgiveness. Perhaps they remembered that during the Temple days, blood had to be shed. So they reckoned that with no Temple, perhaps God would look

favorably upon the blood of a chicken and grant forgiveness.

The New Testament has the solution to the "problem" of forgiveness. As noted above, the *Kapparot* Prayer reads: "This is my exchange, this is my substitute, this is my atonement." In contrast, 2 Corinthians 5:21 teaches us, *"He made the One who did not know sin to*

be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." God exchanged Yeshua (Jesus) for our sin.

The New Testament also emphasizes this in another place:

But the Messiah has appeared, high priest of the good things that have come. In the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands (that is, not of this creation), He entered the most holy place once for all, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow, sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb. 9:11–14).

Yeshua's blood is effectual for forgiveness while the blood of goats and bulls, and yes ... even chickens ... is not.

What good news the above passages give to anyone seeking forgiveness! Rather than doing something for God in hopes of being accepted, forgiveness is provided to those willing enough to accept it! Yeshua is "... my exchange ... my substitute ... my atonement." ☆





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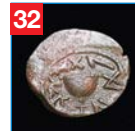


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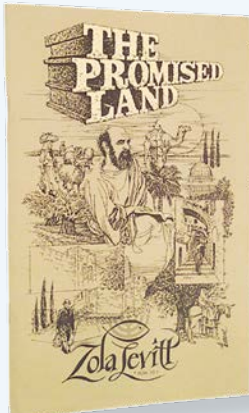


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This Isn't About Israel — It's About Global Jihad

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credit: Yonatan Sindel / Flash90

Israeli soldiers and rescue personnel at the scene of a terror attack outside Rami Levy supermarket in Gush Etzion, Judea, July 10, 2025

Why? Because the goal was never a state *next* to Israel. The goal has always been a state *instead* of Israel.

From Hamas to Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and even the supposedly “moderate” Palestinian Authority (PA), the objective is clear and written into their charters: destroy Israel and replace it with an Islamic state. **They don't want peace. They want conquest.**

This is why every peace negotiation fails. It's not because Israel is unwilling to compromise. It's because jihad doesn't compromise. It conquers — or dies trying.

Judea and Samaria: Israel's Biblical Heartland

Judea and Samaria are not just arbitrary regions. These are the Biblical heartlands where Abraham walked, David ruled, the prophets thundered, and Scripture unfolded.

To suggest that Jews have no right to live there is to erase thousands of years of history and to surrender truth to propaganda.

Yet, the global community condemns Israel for taking control over what already belongs to it — legally, historically, and Biblically. It's as if the world wants Israel

to stay vulnerable, under siege, and keep apologizing for existing.

Enough!

It's Not About the Palestinians

Here's the hard truth that few dare to voice: The so-called “Palestinian people” are being used. They are pawns in a larger game — not by Israel, but by the jihadists who control their leadership and their narrative.

From Hamas in Gaza to the PA in Ramallah, **they are not building a state. Hamas is building rockets and digging tunnels. Hamas and the PA are raising children to become martyrs.**

And the real puppet masters aren't in the “West Bank” (Judea and Samaria) or even Gaza. They're in Tehran, Ankara, and Doha. This isn't a national liberation movement. It's a religious war — a war with a global aim.

The Goal Is Global Sharia — and the West Is Next

Western Christians, it's time to stop sleepwalking. The problem isn't “over there.” The problem is coming here. In many places, it already has.

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Europe is crumbling under the weight of imported jihad. Entire neighborhoods in Paris, Brussels, and London are ruled not by local governments but by Sharia courts.

Churches are empty. Mosques are overflowing. And the multicultural dream has devolved into a nightmare of intimidation, censorship, and violence.

And we think we're immune?

The same ideology that chants "From the river to the sea" in the "West Bank" is marching in our streets, indoctrinating on our campuses, and manipulating our media.

credit: Oren Cohen / Flash90



Entrance to a Hamas Tunnel in Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip, on November 28, 2024

The jihadi agenda is not to live in peace. It is to dominate. It is to establish a global caliphate. And every concession, every appeasement, only fuels their confidence.

If Israel — the one free democracy in the Middle East — falls, the rest of the West won't be far behind.

It's laughable how many in the West, especially in the Church, try to play moral referee in this conflict. Safe in their suburbia, sipping lattes, they post long-winded think pieces about "justice for Palestine" and "Israeli apartheid," while ignoring the fact that Hamas uses their own people as human shields and teaches preschoolers to hate Jews.

Do they not see that this is spiritual warfare? Do they not understand that

Israel is on the front lines not just of a physical war or political conflict, but of a clash of civilizations?

Israel is not perfect. But it is fighting to exist in a region where its neighbors chant for its destruction on a daily basis. And for those of us who claim to follow the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — and who claim to believe the Bible — we have no excuse to stay neutral.

You can go back to your delusions, believing that all people want peace, that all religions are basically the same, that modernity will save us. Or you can wake up to the reality that we are watching

prophecy, geopolitics, and spiritual warfare converge in real time.

Israel's vote to assert sovereignty over Judea and Samaria is not a power grab.

It's a declaration that they will no longer play a rigged game. They will no longer be bullied into suicide by international pressure.

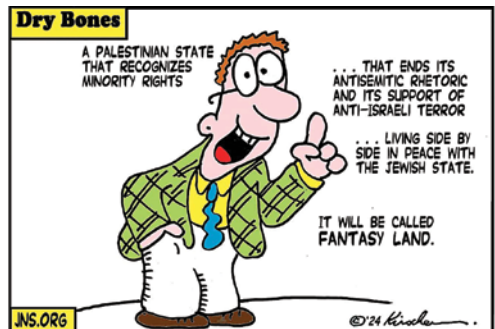
And if the Church doesn't stand with Israel now, we may soon find ourselves

wondering why our own cities look like war zones, why our freedom is eroding, and why the very faith we claim is under siege.

Because the jihad isn't just coming for the Jews.

It's coming for all of us. ☆

[Please see the Stand with Israel Collapsible Drink Koozies on p. 31.](#)



Conquest of Canaan



Caleb looks at the Brazen Serpent Sculpture atop Mount Nebo

Israel's Security Cabinet recently announced a plan for the takeover of Gaza City. Rather than reclaiming the land originally held by the Jewish State, this military control of the city is intended to root out every Hamas holdover.

Why wasn't this strategy implemented from the start of the war? International intervention is and has always been the problem. Yet despite propagandist cries of "genocide" and "occupation" from the international media, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu quickly asserted about the Gaza Strip: "We don't want to keep it ... we want to hand it over to Arab forces that will govern it properly without threatening us. That's not possible with Hamas."

Truthfully, there will never be a possibility of peace between Arabs and Jews since the Arabs are squatting on Israel's ancestral territory, which God gave to His Chosen People. The 2005 Gaza Disengagement placed both Israel and the Arab inhabitants of the Gaza Strip under a curse. Throughout Scripture, God warns

against dividing His Land. In fact, this is one of the points held against the nations at the judgment noted in Joel chapter 3. God confronts these nations with a chilling warning: *"Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head"* (Joel 3:4).

The ultimate question is why this tiny piece of real estate known as Israel, which is approximately the same size as the state of New Jersey, has the most contested boundaries on planet Earth? Why are the nations so consumed with cursing, berating, or occupying

the Jewish land, yet turn a blind eye when Arab tribes continue to ethnically cleanse each other even as they murder Jews and Christians? While faithful followers of Zola Levitt Ministries know the answer to this question, the majority of the world — including many churches



Joshua, Israel, and Caleb at the ruins of Ancient Jericho, also known as Tell es-Sultan

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Filming at Joshua's Altar on Mount Ebal (Josh. 8:30)

and denominations — apparently don't understand the imperative of the Jewish right to the Land of Israel.

This is why God moved on our hearts to travel to Jordan and Israel this past spring to film an important series. Beginning this month, viewers of the *Bearded Bible Brothers* will finally get to see *Conquest of Canaan*.

Our teaching begins in Jordan, as we follow the path blazed by the original Joshua and Caleb. Then, we consider the Biblical battles that our namesakes carried out in order to possess the Promised Land. Rather than simply retelling the Biblical story of the Israelite conquest, this series contrasts the Hebrews' victories with Satan's innumerable attempts to overtake Israel's territory through the ages.

From the original Canaanite occupation of Shem's designated land inheritance to its invasion by the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and others, we consider

the grand war map that leads to the devil's final invasion during the Tribulation. Satan has always tried to halt God's promises of an eternal land inheritance for His Chosen People, because if he can get God to break His Covenant with the Jews, then perhaps he can escape his final judgment.

Many familiar faces will appear during our journey, including evangelist Israel Hanna and Sergeant Major Chaim Malespin of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Because of the dangers of filming at certain places in Judea and Samaria, we had to embed with troops from the IDF to reach the sites of well-known Biblical battles in the enemy-occupied territory currently known as

the "West Bank."

Who has a right to the land? Who are the pretenders? In *Conquest of Canaan*, we answer these questions as we reveal the (sometimes shocking) Biblical and historical truth! ✨

Love, Caleb and Joshua

P.S. Please scan the QR code to watch the [Conquest of Canaan](#) trailer.





Classic Zola

Darkness In Gaza

by Zola Levitt
from 1996
29 years ago

When a syndicated column by Anthony Lewis, a consistently anti-Israel, pro-peace-process reporter, appeared in *The New York Times* (May 1996) exposing Arafat's oppressive PLO regime, Zola was surprised by Lewis's about-face and wrote an open letter to him, published in the June 1996 *Levitt Letter*. —Editor

Dear Mr. Lewis,

During our 1994 correspondence, you asked in your letter of July 12 how I "would deal with the two million or so Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza." I pointed out that people who are fortunate enough to live in a democracy can cooperate and prosper along with that democracy. I gave the example of my father (and probably yours) who was not a co-religionist with the majority of Americans when he came here, but who assimilated to mutual benefit into this culture. To date, you haven't answered that letter.

The real issue is not religion or land, but democracy versus dictatorship. You have always taken the side of the Palestinian dictatorship, and now you are compelled (and honest enough) to report that "People are intimidated. There is an overwhelming sense of fear. The PLO regime is corrupt, dictatorial, oppressive." The Palestinian Dr. Eyad R. Sarraj, whom you quote, claims that "during the Israeli occupation, I was 100 times freer." You detail Dr. Sarraj's reports of arbitrary arrests, systematic torture, and repression of human rights in Gaza.

Mr. Lewis, why are you surprised? I am one of probably thousands of people who warned you of this obvious development during the years of the "peace negotiations." Why didn't you listen? Now the chickens have come home to roost, and the best I can say for you is that you're at least willing to report the facts, contrary as they may be to your previous positions. "The mood in Gaza is not a healthy one ... people feel alienated, depressed, hopeless." It's going to get worse as the PLO's dictatorial powers increase. The so-called peace process has done irreparable damage, dooming a much smaller Israel to absorbing constant terrorist attacks from sectors you favored giving to the PLO.

I still would answer your question of what I would do with the Palestinians the same way as I did two years ago, but with much less confidence in Israel's future. My answer then was, "with limited autonomy and not a giveaway of Jewish land." The giveaway, however, has been largely accomplished, and now we can only draw a hard line in the sand and enter a period of prolonged conflict against a much stronger and better-located enemy than we had in the *intifada*. The future of Israel is in grave doubt, and thus so is the future of Jewish people everywhere. ☆

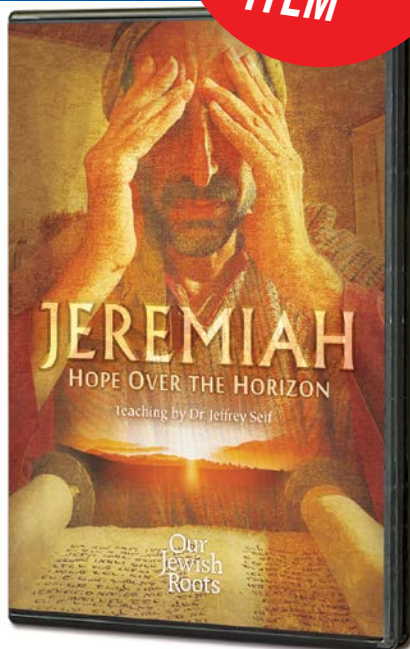


Jeremiah: Hope Over the Horizon

DVD Set

9 programs on 2 DVDs

Known as the weeping prophet, Jeremiah was assigned to warn his countrymen of the imminent judgment and deportation at the hands of the Babylonians. Nonetheless, a message of hope and deliverance is woven throughout Jeremiah's writings. This nine-part series features Bible teaching by Dr. Jeffrey Seif, dramatic reenactments by Israeli actors, commentary from Dr. Michael Brown, and applications in studio discussions with David and Kirsten Hart.



Young Man's Visions The Babylonian war machine was coming to Judah. The Lord chose a young Jeremiah to be His prophet and to deliver the call to return to the ways and values that God specified in His Word. Israel's culture, like America's, had veered off the path and was about to reap the consequences.

Sounding the Alarm Idolatry was rampant, so the God of Israel promised destruction for the people of Judah who were living in sin. Jeremiah sounded the alarm, but no one listened. Likewise, many of those living around us today refuse to admit their sin or turn to the Lord.

Corruption and Closed Minds Lies and greed corrupted Judah's leaders, much to Jeremiah's dismay. He wept when they believed false promises of peace and rejected God's justice, righteousness, and truth.

Faith Abandoned and Reimagined Jeremiah's message to repent went unheard. Consequently, judgment came to those who had abandoned the Lord. Jeremiah took comfort in knowing that following destruction, restoration would come through the New Covenant.

No Escape Jeremiah relentlessly proclaimed God's message. The Babylonians were coming to destroy Judah and deport its citizens. They relied on political alliances for their security. The Lord, however, had withdrawn His protection, so catastrophe was inevitable.

Promises Made Brighter days were coming when Judah's iniquity would be forgiven. God would save His people from captivity and return them to the Promised Land. He promised to write His Law on their hearts and remember their sins no more.

Ruin and Renewal Speaking the truth can bring trouble from those who don't want to hear it. Jeremiah experienced persecution, yet he grieved to see sin's devastating effects on God's people. The same God who brought ruin would also bring renewal, through Yeshua the Messiah.

Hope and a Future Jeremiah records God's promise to deliver His people from captivity after 70 years. Later, the Lord will cause a branch to emerge from David; He will bring justice and righteousness to the Earth. All people in Messiah are grafted into this tree.

Jeremiah in Retrospect This final program features an interview with author and radio host Dr. Michael Brown. Dr. Jeffrey Seif subsequently discusses applications from the life and writings of Jeremiah.





My email exchange with “S.D.” (below), a generous ministry supporter, prompted one of our ministry’s newsletter editors to ask whether I might have appeared to cry wolf. Most assuredly I hadn’t — particularly since more than one wolf seems willing to take a bite out of ZLM’s viability. **Let me discuss three of those many wolves.**

Dear Mark,

We started watching with your father many years ago. Thank you for your faithfulness all these years. I am so sorry to hear of your yellow alert status and especially the possibility of losing your ECFA standing.

Respectfully,

S.D.

Dear S.D.,

You are referring to the following comment from the August *Levitt Letter* Note from Mark on page 11: “Our ambitious endeavors of late ... have caused us to run significantly into the red and erode enough seed money to jeopardize our [financial stewardship] ratings.” The ratings organizations — those who merely review our finances while ignoring our ethical principles, Bible teaching content, and streaming/social media undertaking — periodically reduce our stars and scores despite the consistency of our weekly broadcasts and newsletter mailings. —Mark

Wolf #1: Rating “snapshots” of our finances rather than valuing our consistent Bible teaching over the decades as well as our promising transition endeavors to reach more souls.

Fortunately, our ECFA accreditation will remain intact since we consistently abide by their Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship. To understand better, you might read “Why ECFA Does Not Rate Ministries.”¹ Please rest assured that no matter how precarious our finances may appear to numbers-only evaluators, we

remain true to God’s calling and solid stewardship.

We do rely on viewer donations and deeply appreciate when donors make offerings — whether they’re giving from their abundance or contributing all they can to help save a struggling ministry they value and rely on. **We need both kinds of donors, so I encourage them equally.**

Wolf #2: The new generation’s mentality and declining TV viewership.

Here’s an excerpt from an article by “Tyler Durden” titled “Is Generation Z the Useful Idiot Generation?”²

A sizable proportion of young Americans lean heavily to the left, often with limited understanding of history, moral grounding, or the foundations of Western civilization. Whether it’s the result of leftist indoctrination on college campuses or the intellectual decay sparked by endless hours on social media, the effect is apparent: Radicalism is here to stay.

- They spend over four hours daily on their phones, mostly consuming content from TikTok and Facebook, which reinforces existing beliefs.
- Religion has declined: over one-third report no affiliation, and 60% didn’t grow up attending [church] services — contributing to moral disconnection.

By and large, these young adults aren’t hard-core ideologues; they’re merely ignorant. About half of young Hamas supporters say they don’t want to wipe out Israel and prefer a two-state solution. Call them the Useful Idiot generation, mouthing slogans and causes they don’t understand and from which they would recoil if they did.

The older generations are to blame in that we created the environment that

¹ ecfa.org/content/ratingministry

² zerohedge.com/political/gen-z-useful-idiot-generation

produced this unmoored generation. Socialism and anti-Semitism will continue to fester and grow if we don't stand up and reform our universities, reinforce our basic values, and balance our social media. Gen X led the political correctness movement, while Millennials served as foot soldiers in the woke crusade.

Rather than placing blame, ZLM continues efforts to reach viewers where they are with teaching designed to engage them and distract them from secular diversions. This competition for their attention explains the BBB's approach to entertaining while teaching the Bible.

Wolf #3: ZLM's necessary, though increasing, expenses.

Caleb explained and justified our hefty TV production budget:

Shalom, Mark.

Josh and I came up with our television production contractor rates by adjusting downward from industry and ministry standards. Josh and I freelanced for both secular and Christian production houses, so we're well informed. Everyone who works for us now has accepted nominal wages because they believe in our mission. They all take on secular projects in order to pay their bills while working for us and the Kingdom.

Our production crew in Israel works multiple jobs to make ends meet and uses their vacation days to film for us. Our workdays last more than 12 hours, and the environments are typically harsh and require a lot of hiking to reach certain locations. We've finally honed a team there that can produce the highest quality product with a joyful spirit. Our local crew has opened doors to places we normally couldn't go, not only to translate but also to protect our pocketbook.


As all my family and friends can attest, I am beyond frugal with my household budget, to the extent that everyone makes fun of me for being cheap. I strive to hold ZLM's purse strings tighter, without dishonoring the name of Jesus by lowballing those who work for His glory.

Months ago, I started purchasing all of our office needs from my own pocket. Whether pens, paper, coffee, water, paper towels, or Kleenex, I didn't want to increase the burden on the ministry. Josh and I frequently bring in breakfast or take our crew to lunch. We love people, and we want to minister to everyone whether they are behind the scenes or TV viewers.

The same goes for our main office's staffers. We honor God by paying them fairly but moderately. So **please help us make ends meet**, since we truly depend on donors like you. ☆



Support ZLM Through eBay

Did you know that you can support ZLM when you sell on eBay? Whenever you list an item for sale on eBay, note the "CHARITY" heading at the bottom of your listing. Click on  **Edit** on the right side, then slide the top right button to activate "Donate for this listing." From there, enter "Zola Levitt Ministries" in the Search box. In the results, choose Zola Levitt Ministries, then on the next screen, choose the percentage you want to donate. After your item sells, eBay will send your donation to ZLM.

Likewise, whenever you buy on eBay, you can donate to ZLM simply by adding \$1 or more to your purchase price.

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How American Christians Can Stand with Israel

By Dani Naveh / CBN.com



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Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion welcomes an Israel Bonds delegation to Jerusalem in 1950.

Recently as I was in New York, Facetime-ing with my three children in Israel — our family routine whenever sirens alert people to rush to nearby bomb shelters — our worst fear happened. **An Iranian missile struck our family home.** Through the phone, my wife and I heard an explosion. Our children, though shaken, survived, but as they left the shelter, they saw our house and yard engulfed in flames.

During these challenging times, I am reminded that true friendship is not merely spoken; it is demonstrated. Soon after arriving in Israel to be with my children, I received phone calls and emails of support from my friends at CBN. My family's home was in ashes, but our spirits were intact.

The bond between Christians and Jews, forged through spiritual kinship, is more vital today than ever before. Israel is facing a battle on multiple fronts, but in our darkest hours following the horrific day of October 7, 2023, we have also seen the brightest lights — many of them

coming from our Christian brothers and sisters across the U.S.

As the president and CEO of Development Corporation for Israel/Israel Bonds, I've witnessed this outpouring of support not only in words and prayers, but also in meaningful action. Since the attacks of October 7, individuals and institutions around the world have invested over \$5 billion in Israel through Israel Bonds. And a growing share of these investments came from Christian supporters who understand that supporting Israel economically is one of the most concrete ways to stand with the Jewish people and secure Israel's future.

On May 10, 1951, in New York's Madison Square Garden, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion launched this extraordinary initiative with a simple but powerful idea: allow friends of Israel to invest in her future. Seventy-four years later, Israel Bonds continues to offer that same opportunity — not just to invest in a bond, but to invest in a nation, a people, and a promise. Since that historic

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day in 1951, Israel Bonds has generated over \$54 billion in sales from around the world.

For many Christians, this commitment to Israel stems from deeply held beliefs. As Psalm 122:6 commands, *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure.”* But prayer must be accompanied by action. In the Book of Ruth, we find a moving declaration of loyalty from Ruth — a non-Jewish Moabite woman, recently widowed — to her mother-in-law Naomi: *“Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God”* (Ruth 1:16). That enduring message of solidarity has echoed across generations and faith traditions. Today, it resonates once again.

I write not only as the leader of a financial institution but also as someone who’s lived through decades of Israeli history. I served as an Israeli cabinet minister during years when peace felt within reach and during times when war knocked on every door.

Recently, I’ve traveled the U.S., meeting with Christian pastors, lay leaders, business executives, and families. Many have asked me:

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What Is the Biblical Definition of Faith? Part 2

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Faith is essential for justification — being declared righteous and accepted by God (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). But saving faith goes beyond mere intellectual acknowledgment of correct Biblical facts concerning Jesus Christ and the existence of God. As James 2:19 points out, even demons believe in God's existence. On the contrary, **authentic faith involves personal trust and reliance on Christ**. This faith is always coupled with repentance (Mark 1:15) — turning away from self and instead turning toward God — forming two inseparable parts of conversion.

CompellingTruth.org offers one of the best definitions of Biblical faith and its outworking in the lives of those who receive salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (Scripture references in parentheses added):

Faith is an active trust in God, a belief that what He says is true and results in action.... When we have faith in God, we believe that we are sinners deserving of eternal punishment (Rom. 3:23; Matt. 25:46). We believe that Jesus came into the world to live a perfect life, die on our behalf, and rise again victorious over sin and death (John 3:14–18; Rom. 5:6–11; 1 Cor. 15:3–5, 20–22; 2 Cor. 5:18–21).

We trust in Jesus to save us from our sins. We have faith that He gives us His Holy Spirit, as He promised (John 14:15–17; 16:4–15). We then trust in the Holy Spirit to do His work of sanctification in us (Rom. 8; 2 Cor. 3:18). We live to honor God, relying on His forgiveness and trusting that His ways are truly best (John 15:1–27; Rom. 13:8–14; 2 Cor. 5:17; Col. 3; 2 Pet. 1:3–11).

Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). Saving faith, however, is more than just a one-time action; it's an ongoing trust in Jesus Christ, *"the Author and Finisher of our faith"* (Heb. 12:2). He saves us from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, and the presence of sin — past, present, and future. Therefore, the Christian journey — from redemption to glorification — is a lifelong walk of faith, trusting Jesus daily for His power to overcome sin's influence and control.

Faith in the God of the Bible is never a wasted investment because God is forever faithful in all that He has done, is doing, and will do. **God always remains faithful, even when we are unfaithful** (2 Tim. 2:13). Therefore, Hebrews 10:23 encourages: *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."* ☆



"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

HEBREWS 11:16



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the peace of
Jerusalem

Israeli and American Innovation

Over 12 days in June, Israel launched more than 1,500 sorties against Iran to knock out their nuclear and ballistic weapons programs. Israel's missions necessitated stretching the combat range of U.S.-built F-35 fighter jets. Collaborating with Lockheed Martin, Israel Aerospace Industries attached two auxiliary, aerodynamic fuel tanks that maintained the aircraft's stealth profile. The innovations could help the U.S. improve the range of its fighter aircraft while reducing its dependence on refueling planes, which lack stealth and are vulnerable in war.



Israeli F-35I "Adir" jets

credit: 1st Lt. Erik D. Anthony / U.S. Air Force

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The IDF's One-Armed Sharpshooter

After losing an arm in battle, **Izzy Ezagui** retrained himself to become a sharpshooter once again and returned to combat. Remarkably, he became even faster and more precise with only one arm. "I'm just a Jewish nerd from Miami," he stated. "Playing video games ... refined my hand-eye coordination ... How could I not fight to protect my people?" In 2008, he enlisted in the IDF and eventually lost his arm to a 120 mm mortar. Even before surgery, he already had determined to continue serving in combat. He quit his pain meds "cold turkey." Shortly after the massacre on October 7, 2023, Izzy returned from retirement to fight again.



credit: Izzy Ezagui

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"COME HOME!"

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The Festival of Sukkot

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הודו ליהוה כי-טוב כי לעולם חסדו

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His love endures forever" – Psalm 136:1

הוֹדוּ	לַיהוָה	כִּי-טוֹב	כִּי	לְעוֹלָם	חֶסֶדְוֹ
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chas-doh	le-oh-lahm	kee	kee - tohv	la'Adonai	ho-doo
His love	forever endures	for	for He is good	to the LORD	give thanks!

Read Hebrew right to left!



The American holiday of Thanksgiving certainly has its roots in the Jewish tradition of giving thanks to God. Some historians believe that the Pilgrims derived the idea for the holiday from the Biblical festival of *Sukkot* (Lev. 23:34), often called "Tabernacles" in the Christian tradition. According to these scholars, before coming to the New World, the Pilgrims lived in exile for a decade among the Sephardic Jews in Holland, since Holland was considered a safe haven from religious persecution at the time.

Because the Pilgrims were devout Calvinists and Puritans, their religious idealism led them to regard themselves as a "new Israel." It is likely that they both observed the Jews of Holland celebrating the festival of *Sukkot* and learned that the holiday commemorated Israel's deliverance from religious persecution in ancient Egypt. After emigrating to the "Promised Land" of America, it is not surprising that **the Pilgrims may have chosen the festival of *Sukkot* as the paradigm for their own celebration of thanksgiving to God.**

As the Torah commands: "[Celebrate the feast] so that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God" (Lev. 23:43). The highly religious Pilgrims regarded their perilous journey to the New

World as a type of "Exodus event" and therefore sought the appropriate Biblical holiday to commemorate their safe arrival in a land full of new promise.

The Lord instituted the holiday of *Sukkot* for us to recall His sheltering Presence during the 40-year sojourn of Jewish ancestors in the wilderness (Lev. 23:39-43). During this time, many families construct a *sukkah* — a small, hastily built hut in which meals are eaten throughout the festival's seven days. My family decorates our *sukkah* with hanging fruit, art from our children, and seasonal lights. Inside the *sukkah*, we have tables, chairs, and other items to make the shelter our temporary "home."

The theme of the holiday is the transience of life and our gratitude to God for His ongoing care. We remember that we are "strangers and sojourners" like our fathers, and that we are just passing through this world on our way to the Heavenly City (Heb. 11:9-10). During the Feast of *Sukkot*, which occurs during the time of the fall harvest in Israel, we are commanded to "rejoice in your feast" (Deut. 16:14). When we wave our *lulavs* (bouquet of the fruit of the earth and the harvest), it is customary to joyfully sing the refrain of thanks: *Hodu La'Adonai ki tov, ki le'olam chasdo*: "Give thanks to the LORD for He is good; for His love endures forever" (Ps. 136:1). ☆



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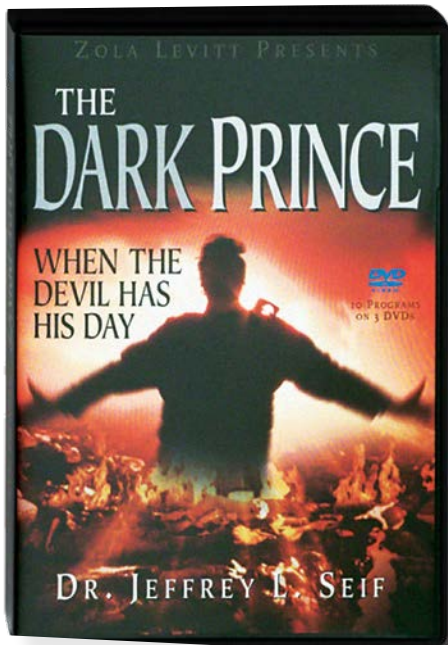
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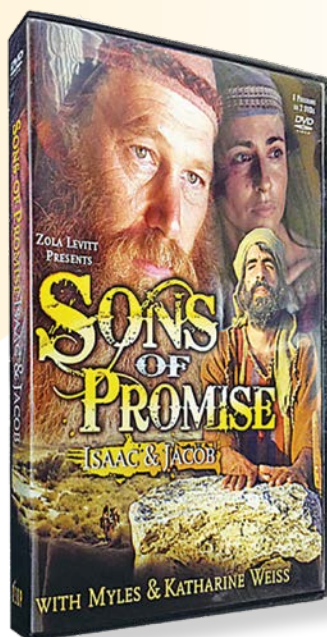
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The Wells of Salvation Abraham's servant ventures out to find a wife for Isaac — God's Covenant continues from generation to generation. Myles interviews Jan Willem van der Hoeven — a Dutch-born student of Corrie ten Boom, longtime resident of Jerusalem, and champion of the Jewish people. Mark Levitt interviews a representative of Bridges for Peace.

The Bridegroom and the Bride Isaac and Rebekah's love for each other represents that of Yeshua and the Bride of Christ. Myles interviews Saul Singer, co-author of Start-up Nation; Mark interviews a Jewish National Fund spokesman. Through JNF, ZLM contributors have planted a forest of trees in Israel.

Blessing, Covenant, Contention The conflict between Ishmael and Isaac precedes the contention between Jacob and Esau. Mark interviews an archaeologist digging near the ancient City of David.

Mayim B'sason (Water from the Wells of Salvation) In the face of famine, Isaac re-digs Abraham's wells, and God confirms His eternal covenant with the Hebrew people. Myles and Katharine interview the Lone Soldiers, remarkable Jewish young people who leave the comfort of their families and foreign homes to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

Brothers and Birthrights The struggle of Jacob and Esau over their destinies began in the womb and continues to our day. Mark interviews Eitan Shishkoff about Tents of Mercy, his multifaceted ministry that touches many in Israel.

The Promise of Heaven Touches Earth In spite of Esau's murderous rage, Jacob dreams of a Heavenly touch. God's Covenant continues into the third generation. Illustrating this continuation, Myles and Katharine interview young Israeli Messianic leaders.

For the Love of Rachel Jacob serves Laban repeatedly to earn his bride, demonstrating the importance of patience and commitment in God's plan. Mark interviews Dr. Todd Baker, who leads To The Jew First, our Gospel outreach to Israel.

L'dor V'dor (From Generation to Generation) Jacob wrestles with God, and his transformation provides hope for us all. Myles interviews his own firstborn son, Jonathan, about the blessing of a Yeshua-centered home life.

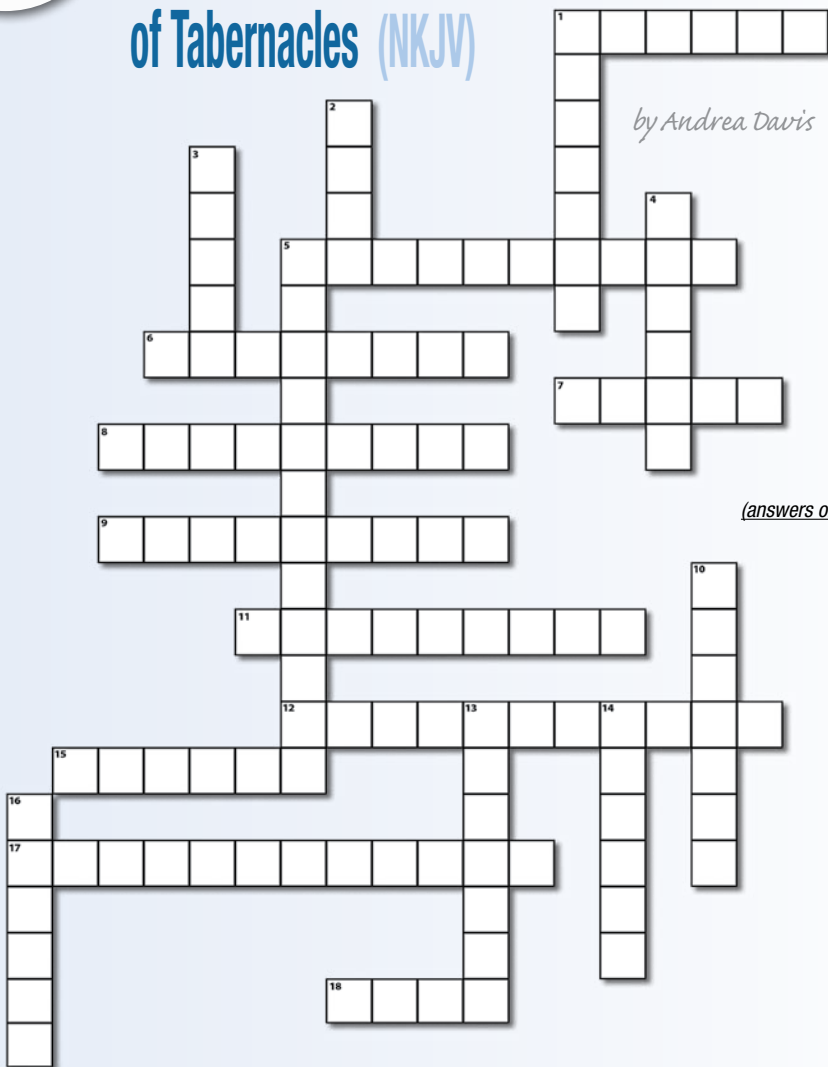




Crossword October 2025:

Yom Kippur (Day Of Atonement) & Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles (NKJV)

by Andrea Davis



(answers on p. 35)

Across:

1. But this He spoke concerning the __, whom those believing in Him would receive... (John 7:39)
5. ...He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal __. (Heb. 9:12)
6. ...And the Lord has laid on Him the __ of us all. (Isa. 53:6)
7. ...Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will __ with them... (Rev. 21:3)
8. ...He has appeared to put away sin by the __ of Himself. (Heb. 9:26)
9. Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of __... (Lev. 23:27)
11. ...all the nations which came against __ shall go up from year to year to worship the King... (Zech. 14:16)
12. ...The fifteenth day of the seventh month shall be the Feast of __... (Lev. 23:34)
15. ...that the children of Israel should dwell in __ during the feast of the seventh month, (Neh. 8:14)

17. ...And made __ for the transgressors. (Isa. 53:12)
18. And the __ became flesh and dwelt among us... (John 1:14)

Down:

1. It shall be to you a __ of solemn rest... (Lev. 23:32)
2. who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the __... (1 Pet. 2:24)
3. ...and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for __ days. (Lev. 23:40)
4. ...for the __ things have passed away. (Rev. 21:4)
5. having wiped out the handwriting of __ that was against us... (Col. 2:14)
10. ...it shall be a statute __ throughout your generations... (Lev. 23:31)
13. ...So far has He __ our transgressions from us. (Ps. 103:12)
14. so __ was offered once to bear the sins of many... (Heb. 9:28)
16. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of __ water. (John 7:38)





Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space. For ministry products and TV programs, visit levitt.com. Access the web store and free video archives by clicking on the headings "Store" and "Watch."

What do the BBB believe about Jesus?

From E.A.: I'm thinking about subscribing to this channel because I would like to see more of the BBBs' videos and content. I just have one question before doing so: Do the Bearded Bible Brothers believe that Jesus is God in the flesh, that He died on the Cross to save us from our sins, and that one day Jesus will come back for His Church?

Or do you believe that Jesus was merely a moral man, that He was not God in the flesh, that He hasn't ever been on this Earth, and you're still waiting for Him — as I think the Jewish people believe?

Dear E.A.,

We are Messianic Jews — Jews who believe that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah. He is God made flesh, Who died on the Cross, was buried, and rose from the dead. He is returning for His Bride, and one day will judge the living and the dead. In fact, Jewish Believers in Yeshua were first called Christians before gentiles accepted that moniker (Acts 11:26). —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

God is Doing a New Thing

From C.W.: Shalom BBB. Not only do I believe that Abba is ushering in a golden age for the U.S., but I also believe that He is bringing the Body of Messiah and the *ecclesia* into a new wineskin. That means not doing things the same old way. Rather, breaking out into the new, thinking outside the box, listening for His guidance in doing the new/creative options we had never considered. So, BBB, I encourage you to move ... march forward as He leads this operation, and battle in the Spirit. I'm praying with you.

Dear C.W.,

We agree with you. Yeshua makes all things new. Our God is a creative Creator. He doesn't want us to be stagnant in our lives or personal ministries. Growth is always expected. We should always strive to do our best as we are working unto the Lord (Col. 3:23). Our goal remains the same: bring the lost into His Kingdom. We want to make sure we remain open and versatile to every new change God has in store for us. —Love, Joshua and Caleb

Blessed by ZLM's Newsletters

From J.E.F.: What a blessing it was to read Dr. Todd Baker's teaching, "What does it mean to be born again?" in the May and June 2025 *Levitt Letters*. I had to write my family and explain a lot of what you said in those articles.

To everyone who supports ZLM, I am an inmate in Florida. There are a lot of us who really are blessed to receive the *Levitt Letter*. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and for blessing us with these newsletters and teachings.

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The Lobstermen series

From P.P.: BBB, I wanted to offer a word of encouragement. You are on the right track. You appeal to all ages. I know an 80-year-old, unsaved, Jewish woman who thinks you two are cute. Others have told me how impressed they were by your escape from Jerusalem after October 7 with the help of Rep. Cory Mills. **The Jewish community (not just Messianic) is paying attention to you.** And the more anti-Semitism ramps up everywhere, the more they'll notice who their friends are. I'll pray for your success.

Dear P.P.,

Thanks for the encouragement! Our heart's desire is to bring lost people to Yeshua. Although we've worked behind the scenes in ministry our whole lives, God has decided it's time to use our skills in film production to minister in a different way. Our fondest film memories were from *Ben Hur* and Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments*; the captivating imagery changed the way people perceived the Bible and God Himself.

Yeshua, with His engaging stories and parables, also changed the way the Jews perceived God. With the constantly advancing technology and entertainment mediums, we cannot hope to communicate with unreached people without utilizing modern story-telling methods to declare the Gospel! —Love, Joshua and Caleb

The Lobstermen Official Trailer

From M.Q.: Zola Levitt didn't see this coming over 40 years ago.

Dear M.Q.,

Neither did we. But God did. And He set things into motion; otherwise, we wouldn't be hosting the *Bearded Bible Brothers* for a new generation. Stay tuned and see how our mission has become laser-focused to lead the lost to Yeshua. But don't worry; the sheep will still be groomed. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



Excited to Find the BBB

From B.B.: I was a big fan of Zola Levitt and watched him until his death. I loved the way he presented the Feast Days in all his regalia with props. It was quite interesting and informative. But **I stopped watching when the format changed** and when I couldn't get Daystar or other Christian networks.

I am so excited that I recently saw you talking about the third Temple with Daniel Maritz. So, I subscribed to the *Bearded Bible Brothers* on my DVR and am looking forward to watching y'all. I am a big fan of eschatology and read all I can find on the subject. I'm a retired police officer. The Lord has kept me around for 80 years for some reason, and I'm so glad He has! God bless you and may He keep you ever in the hollow of His hands.

Shalom, B.B.,

It's amazing how God has brought you full-circle, back to the same ministry you once engaged in. Stay tuned as we continue to teach important Biblical eschatology in light of the rapidly approaching End Times. Yeshua is coming soon, and perhaps you will bear witness! —Love, Joshua and Caleb

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Believers During the Tribulation

From M.R.: You quoted Matthew 24. Yeshua said He would come AFTER these things. **Friends, I love you. But we are going through the tribulation.** Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you. God bless you.

Dear M.R.,

We disagree, and recommend that you watch our television series *Roadmap to Armageddon*, where we delve into the chronological events of the Last Days and the End Times, according to Scripture. It's important to note that Yeshua was speaking directly to lost Jews in Matthew 24, while He addressed the Church and the Saints in the Book of Revelation. There is also a difference between Yeshua's Coming where He touches down on the Earth, and the *Harpazo* where we are taken up to meet Him in the clouds as noted in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

The danger of replacement theology. #shorts on YouTube

From S.7.: The Bible never refers to Jews as children of God. They are referred to as children of Israel. The children of God are the Believers of Jesus.

Dear S.7.,

Actually, Scripture *does* refer to Jews as children of God. Please see Deuteronomy 14:1. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

All Hogs Go to Heaven? on YouTube

From T.L.: I think the old show with Scriptural study was led by the Holy Spirit. Lately, I really don't find this show fulfilling my soul; it feels like just another Netflix program. I'm sorry, guys, but I think you're losing your way, and I pray you take this the right way. Shalom.

Shalom T.L.,

Our old social media program still continues online where we talk about Biblical topics and current events. That format works well for the Internet, which is free from restrictions. ZLM has always presented a television program that was specifically formatted for broadcast.

This new *Bearded Bible Brothers* program is replacing *Our Jewish Roots* on television stations. It's designed, as you said, to fit the current Netflix-style audience, to bring the Gospel to a new generation who can't patiently watch Bible studies. But our Bible study format still continues as well as our new podcast-style interviews. We are now offering varieties of Bible teaching for everyone, to reach all generations for Yeshua. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

Bearded Bible Brothers unwrap the War with Iran! on YouTube

From E.M.: Unfortunately for you guys, **history is not on your side.** It's on Iran's side; Persia is the one to bring Babylon down, and Israel is part of Babylon, the little horn the Bible speaks of. The Bible says Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the gentiles until the time of the gentiles is fulfilled. Well, this is the time.

Dear E.M.,

The little horn is the Beast who speaks blasphemy against El Elyon (Dan. 7:8, Rev. 13:6) — not Israel or Jerusalem. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb ☆



Hasmonean Brigade's First Unit Completes Basic Training

JNS.org



credit: IDF

Soldiers of the ultra-Orthodox Hasmonean Brigade during their training

The first regular company of the Hasmonean Brigade in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) completed seven months of combat training in August, culminating in a "Beret March" toward the Western Wall.

Fifty ultra-Orthodox soldiers entered the Western Wall Plaza in the Old City of Jerusalem blowing shofars and singing songs calling for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple. During a ceremony at Judaism's second-holiest site, the troops received their berets following morning prayers together with their families and senior IDF commanders.

The company's march, which started in the hills of Jerusalem, followed seven months of "tough training all over the country," noted the company commander, identified only as "Col. A." He added that the troops "completed a full training course like all the other brigades, but with special additions we managed to include for them."

The Hasmonean Brigade was named after the dynasty that began after the Jews

threw off the yoke of Hellenistic rule during the Maccabean Revolt (167–141 B.C.) against the Seleucid Empire.

As the IDF's first fully Haredi unit, it is structured to allow soldiers to serve without compromising their religious way of life. Recruits must follow a strict *halachic* lifestyle — in keeping with Jewish law. Observant Jews also serve as commanders.

Enlistees were asked to sign a document accepting its rules. One clause states that recruits will at all times maintain a religious way of life, be careful to use "clean" speech, keep beards and sidelocks throughout their service if they entered the army with them, and wear Sabbath clothes during Sabbath prayers and meals "as is customary in ultra-Orthodox society (and even a suit and a hat)."

Despite political and social opposition from within ultra-Orthodox society, the brigade was opened in January, drafting approximately 50 recruits and 100 reservists, with long-term plans to enlist up to 4,000. ✨



Microbes Offer a Living, Green Alternative to Cement in Buildings

By Sue Surkes
TimesOfIsrael.com



credit: Disrupt Design Lab, Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, the Technion

A 3D printer produces the Technion's innovative building material.

A potentially game-changing construction material utilizes microorganisms, rather than cement, to bind sand particles together. The material also absorbs atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Project CyanoGems uses microorganisms that photosynthesize — using sunlight to create food from carbon dioxide and water. During photosynthesis, carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere and oxygen is emitted.

In addition to removing atmospheric carbon as they photosynthesize, the microorganisms form communities into biofilm — a slimy, sticky, surface — and they create calcium carbonate, which in nature is used to create materials such as shells, bones, and teeth.

The research and development team from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology included academics from architecture, city planning, biotechnology, and food engineering. According to Assistant Professor Shany Barath from the Architecture and Town Planning Faculty, who led the project with Prof. Yechezkel Kashi from the Biotechnology and Food Engineering Faculty, one ton of these microorganisms can absorb 1.8 tons of carbon dioxide.

Barath noted that the carbon emissions associated with the Technion process were significantly lower than those in the concrete industry. The latter burns fossil fuels to heat limestone and other minerals at high temperatures to produce one of the key ingredients in cement, emitting high levels of carbon dioxide. In contrast, the Technion material is produced by a 3D robot printer and dries at room temperature.

Even though the material dries, the selected strains of microorganisms continue to live and photosynthesize as long as moisture, sunlight, and carbon dioxide are available. Thus, each building component is designed to provide the maximum surface exposed to the air and the sun.

The project's next step is to produce full-scale prototypes used by the architectural industry — such as bricks, panels, and cladding.

Regarding cost, a material that is 3D printed on-site can potentially save on manpower, scaffolding, and other expenses, Barath noted. The team continues to work on scalability in a non-laboratory environment.

Last year, the project won a Breakthrough Research Prize, awarded by the Jewish National Fund of Canada with the support of KKL-JNF. ★



A Lifesaver for Hemorrhagic Shock or Cardiac Arrest

By Abigail Klein Leichman
Israel21c.org



A young man arrived at the emergency room of Hadassah University Medical Center in Jerusalem in traumatic cardiac arrest after shrapnel tore his inferior vena cava, the big vein in the middle of the belly. As the trauma surgeon opened the man's chest to start internal cardiac massage, the doctor also instructed his team to use HemaShock, which they'd learned about when treating soldiers.

Applied in cases of dangerously low systolic blood pressure caused by hemorrhagic shock or cardiac arrest, the unique exsanguination tourniquet squeezes all the blood from the patient's arms or legs and blocks its reentry to the limb. This brings the patient's own blood, with all its clotting factors and intact oxygen-carrying capacity, into the core organs. There's no need to wait for a blood transfusion, and the heart doesn't have to pump blood all the way to the limbs. HemaShock can be quickly applied by a single medical caregiver, even during transport.

"Lo and behold, the patient's heart started beating again. They were then able to operate and repair the vena cava," noted Dr. Noam Gavriely, founder and chief medical officer of OHK Medical Devices, the Israel-based parent company that developed HemaShock and other products.

In another case, a 30-year-old German woman had moderate vaginal bleeding after a surgical procedure. A few days later, while hiking with a friend, she collapsed. When medics reached her by helicopter, she was unconscious and had very low blood pressure. Attempts to revive her with fluids and medication failed, so they applied the HemaShock device they had on the helicopter.

"Immediately, her [systolic] blood pressure went up above 100. She woke up, complaining that it's painful. But it saved her life. So, they gave her pain medicine and took her to the hospital, where she was treated and soon went home," Gavriely stated. "This incident taught us that HemaShock can be helpful in gynecology and obstetrics as well, for example in cases of post-epidural drop in blood pressure or postpartum hemorrhaging."

A medical team in Slovenia recently submitted a paper for publication showing that HemaShock increased the number of hemorrhagic shock patients who experienced return of spontaneous circulation,

with a statistically significant increase in the amount of carbon dioxide exiting the body — meaning the tissues were getting more oxygen.

credit: Screenshot



HemaShock squeezes all the blood from the patient's arms or legs and blocks its reentry to the limb.

Efrat Gavriely is the founder's daughter and a former intensive care nurse who

now works for the company. She explained that while HemaShock is undergoing trials in hospitals, it's "intended for first responders with very basic training and not a lot of utilities in the field."

HemaShock earned FDA and CE approval and currently is used in eight countries. Meanwhile, additional clinical trials are occurring in Israel and elsewhere. ✨



The HemaShock device is applied in emergency cases of dangerously low systolic blood pressure caused by hemorrhagic shock or cardiac arrest.

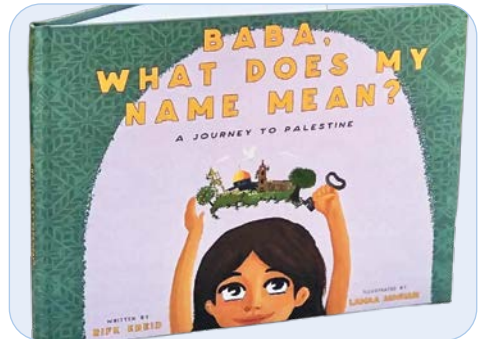
credit: OHK Medical



U.S. Public Libraries Peddle Palestine as a Country, Push Anti-Israel Propaganda

While much attention has focused recently on the indoctrination of our youth against Jews and Israel at universities and schools, public libraries should not escape scrutiny. Not only are there plenty of anti-Semitic and anti-Israel propaganda materials available to adults, but similar materials also target kids. Children across the country can go to their local libraries to find books and events that espouse fake history about Israel and demonization of Jews.

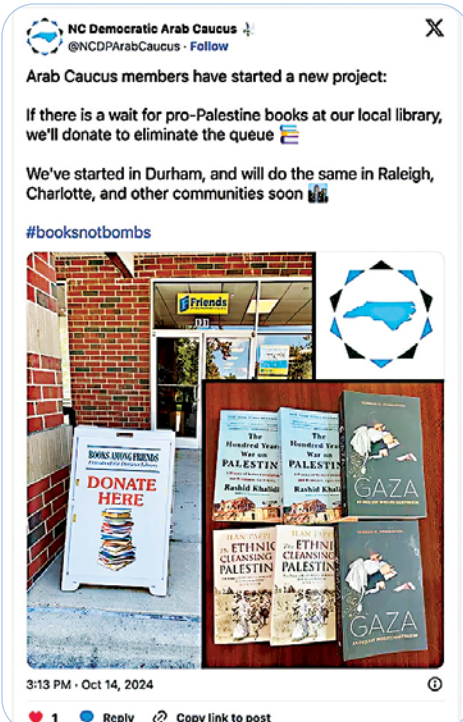
These events prompted us to review materials at the public library in Chapel Hill. We decided to focus on books for kids since they are a prime target for anti-Israel propaganda.



One of the most egregious items that we found is a picture book called *Baba, What Does My Name Mean? A Journey to Palestine* by Rifk Ebeid. It does not contain the words “Jews” or “Israel,” and the Hebrew place names are replaced with Arabic ones; for instance, Jerusalem is only referred to as *Al-Quds*. A page with a map of Israel indicates only “Palestine’s unique terrain.” On the last page of the book, a girl is given a “superhero” keffiyeh [Arab headdress] while saying, “I know one day we will be free.”

We Are Palestinian: A Celebration of Culture and Tradition, by Reem Kassiss, asks readers: “Do you know one of the countries in (the Fertile Crescent)? You guessed it, Palestine!” This is false since “Palestine” has never been a country. The Jewish presence in the land is omitted. The ancient Hebrew city of Hebron is renamed *Al Khalil* and is said to be famous for blown glass and food. There is no mention in this book of the Cave of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in Hebron, which is the reason for the city’s fame and its importance to Judaism. Kassiss writes of the *nakba* (the “disaster” that is Israel) and “Palestinian” poets from the 20th century. Why isn’t there anyone

credit: Screenshot / X



NC Democratic Arab Caucus post on X

In one instance, a library in North Carolina planned a “Family Cultural Festival” to “explore global cultures with food and crafts from Costa Rica, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, and more.” After some pushback from the North Carolina Coalition for Israel community, the word “Palestine” was removed. Even so, the North Carolina Arab Caucus started asking people to donate “pro-Palestine” books to local libraries in Durham, Raleigh, Charlotte, and other North Carolina cities.

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listed from before that time? Because the current version of “Palestinians” and their associated “culture and tradition” weren’t invented until the mid-1960s.

Also problematic is *Young Palestinians Speak, Living Under Occupation*, by Anthony Robinson and Annemarie Young. This book includes anti-Israel maps showing purported loss of Palestinian land in addition to tacitly blaming Israel and the Jews for Arab suffering.

Given our concerns about these materials, the library staff agreed to meet. We explained that hate often starts with misinformation, and that some of the library’s holdings — like those we highlighted above — erase Jewish history and are not historically accurate. The library director explained that they obtain materials that reflect the community, and that their goal is diversity of perspective. Also, they purchase books that readers want to read.

The library asked us to submit a formal “Request for Review” of these books.

We complied, sending them a detailed list of concerns, keeping in mind their stated collection guidelines, which include popular demand, critical reviews from the industry and media, established authority of an author or their publisher, current or long-term significance of a work, accuracy and timeliness, reflection of diverse ideas/information/stories and experiences, relationship to existing collection, and price.

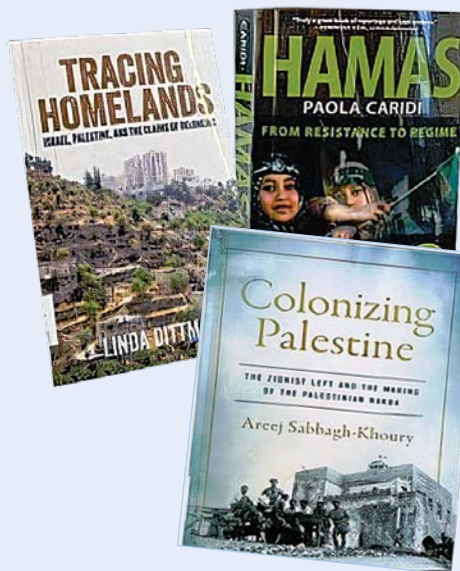
After a few weeks, the library responded to us, stating that the books met their collection guidelines. Apparently, readers want materials that exclude Jews, Jewish history and Israel, but contain inaccurate information.

As for long-term significance, it’s

well documented that lies about Jews and Jewish history have led to an uptick in anti-Semitism.

The invention of a “Palestinian people” cobbled together from disparate groups, along with a pretend culture, is not trivial. These constructs are springboards for so many other lies about Jews and Israel. Children are vulnerable to such propaganda, which gives a false legitimacy to the notion that there should be “two states for two peoples.” Yet if one of the “peoples” does not exist, this ideology cannot hold.

The problem goes far beyond Chapel Hill. Similar materials can be found in other U.S. libraries — from Los Angeles to Chicago, and New York to Boston. We ask those who care about truth, accuracy, and the survival of the Jewish people to investigate their local libraries. Challenge the anti-Israel propaganda. The time to speak up is now. ✨



Some books on display at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, NC

credit: ncisrael.org





credit: DAIA

SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

A kosher meal found on the Iberia Airlines flight in August

“Free Palestin” Scrawled on Airline’s Kosher Meals

By Canaan Lidor / JNS.org

Jewish passengers aboard an August flight from Buenos Aires to Madrid had the phrase “Free Palestin” [sic] scribbled on their kosher meals.

DAIA, the umbrella group of Jewish communities in Argentina, wrote on X that one Jewish passenger aboard Iberia flight IB0102 — Salvador Auday — received the full phrase written on the label of his kosher meal, whereas others had only “FP” written on their meals.

“We condemn this discriminatory act and have contacted the airline’s authorities to demand explanations and immediate actions,” wrote DAIA, which also called the case a “serious anti-Semitic incident.”

According to the AFP news agency, the Iberia captain personally approached the Jewish passengers to apologize on behalf of the airline.

In a statement, Iberia stated that they were looking into the circumstances that led to the incident.

Iran Planning to Kill Israeli Leaders

JNS.org

In August, Iran posted a list of senior Israeli officials that it intends to assassinate. Among those listed were Israeli

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (listed as “criminal against humanity”), Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz (listed as “minister of terror”), former Israeli Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai (“the regime’s prison guard”), IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir (“leader of terror”), Israeli Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar (“killer of children,” misspelled in the chart as “Tamer Bar”) and others, who were given similarly bombastic titles.

Katz posted Iran’s hit list to X and noted: “Iran publishes the list of senior officials in Israel’s political and security leadership designated for elimination. I suggest to the Iranian dictator Khamenei that when he emerges from his bunker, he [should] occasionally look up to the sky and listen carefully for any buzzing. The participants of the ‘Red Wedding’ are waiting for him there,” Katz wrote.

“Operation Red Wedding,” likely a reference to the HBO series *Game of Thrones*, left much of Iran’s senior military staff dead in the opening hours of June’s 12-Day Israel-Iran war.

Iran is still nursing its wounds from the war, which saw the destruction of most of the Islamic Republic’s nuclear and ballistic missile facilities. According to Katz, the operation “took years of planning, intelligence gathering, and training. In recent months, our intelligence capabilities grew stronger. The plan became actionable.” ☆

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Iran's chart of senior Israeli politicians and military leaders it intends to assassinate

Muslim Relatives Kill New Christian

MorningStarNews.org

As he had done since accepting Christ at an evangelistic event in April, Kasajja Abdul Maliki of Kaliro District in Uganda locked himself in his house during Friday mosque service on July 18 to pray and study the Bible. Soon afterward, the 37-year-old was dead.

Shamina, daughter of Maliki's older brother Lubega Kalimu, stated that she heard him praying loudly "in the name of Issa [Jesus], petitioning Issa to save the family members. I then alerted the family members about Maliki's strange way of praying, who hurriedly went to his house. They pushed the door very hard and got inside and found Maliki

still praying with the Bible placed beside him." She added that the **relatives tore the Bible to pieces**.

Soon, other members of the family arrived. They "were so angry and started shouting, 'Allahu Akbar [God is greater],' and began striking Maliki with kicks and blows," Shamina told *Morning Star News*. Other family members came with knives and sticks. As Maliki screamed for help, her father "pierced [Maliki] through his chest" with a sharp knife, Shamina explained.

Previously, family members had questioned Maliki about his absence from mosque prayers. He responded that he was getting training as a welder. Then a week before his death, a Muslim neighbor informed relatives that Maliki was seen leaving a church building. ✡



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Please see the cover article, "This Isn't About Israel — It's About Global Jihad," and the article on [p. 12](#), "How Americans Can Stand with Israel."



Archaeology

Jewish Coin from the Jewish Great Revolt Discovered

credit: Emil Aladjem / IAA



Above: This bronze coin, dating to the Jewish Revolt against the Romans, includes the Hebrew inscription: "For the Redemption of Zion."

Right: The reverse of the coin features a lulav flanked by two etrogs, with the inscription "Year Four."



Archaeologists recently discovered a bronze coin from the fourth year of the Jewish Great Revolt against Roman rule. Minted just months before the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70, the coin bears an inscription in ancient Hebrew: "For the Redemption of Zion."

Yaniv David Levy, a coin researcher with the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), found the coin while working an excavation in the southwestern corner of the Temple Mount. "The coin is made of bronze, and its state of preservation is quite good," Levy explained. "On its obverse side, you can see a model of a goblet. On its reverse is



Rabbi Amichai Eliyahu

credit: <https://con-servative.com>

a lulav, a palm frond used in the *Sukkot* festival ritual." Other symbols of *Sukkot* also appear on the coin.

Similar coins were produced in Jerusalem under the supervision of Shimon Bar Giora, one of the commanders in the final year of the revolt. Analysts dated the coin from A.D. 69–70. Coins from year four of the uprising are considered to be rare.

Rabbi Amichai Eliyahu, Israel's Minister of Heritage, declared, "The coin ... truly expresses the longing throughout the generations for redemption, for revival, for a free Jerusalem. Two thousand years later, we are privileged to discover this evidence in excavations in Jerusalem;

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The archaeological excavation where the coin was discovered

another moving testimony that our roots here run so deep, they cannot be uprooted. This is a strengthening and encouraging message to the people and to the nation of Israel, just before the national day of mourning of the 9th of Av."

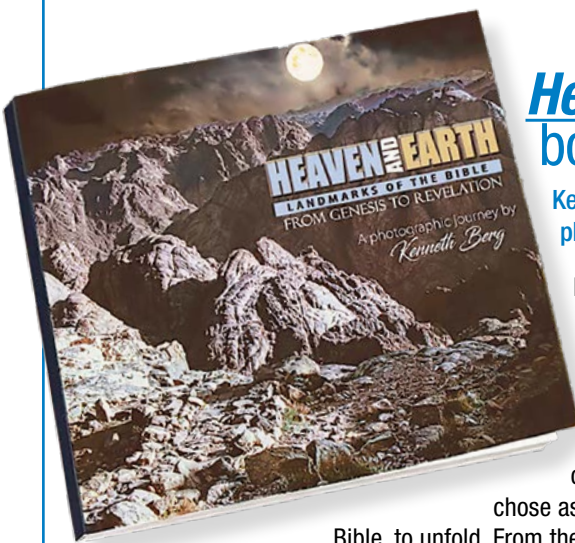
The coin was unearthed the week before *Tisha B'Av* (the ninth day in the month of Av). Several tragic events in Jewish history happened on this day, including the destruction of the First and Second Temples.

Jesus prophesied the destruction of the Second Temple decades before A.D. 70,

when some of His disciples were admiring it. As noted in Luke's Gospel, "[Jesus] said, *'These things which you see — the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down'*" (Luke 21:5–6, NKJV).

The historian Josephus recorded that 1.1 million Jews were killed when the Romans sacked Jerusalem and destroyed the Second Temple.

The recent excavations were conducted by the IAA, in collaboration with the City of David and the Jewish Quarter Reconstruction and Development Company. ☆



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Munich Locals Shield Synagogue from Anti-Semitic Rally

CombatAntiSemitism.org

screenshot: Sandra Demmelhuber / X



Advocates
guarding the
Munich
synagogue

In a powerful display of solidarity, hundreds of residents of Munich, Germany formed a human chain around the city's main synagogue in July. The concerned citizens stood shoulder-to-shoulder to protect the Jewish community as a mass anti-Israel demonstration passed in front of the building during *Shabbat* services.

City officials allowed the protest — organized by the group **Palestine Speaks** — to march along a route that passed within feet of the Jakob Synagogue. The demonstration featured chants of "Death to the IDF" and displays of Palestinian flags, with protesters reportedly glorifying Hamas and vilifying hostages held in Gaza as "war criminals."

Despite an increased police presence — including 150 officers, mounted patrols, and security checkpoints — the decision to allow the rally's timing and location raised alarms. Jewish leaders and public figures warned that it posed a threat to communal safety. Holocaust survivor and German-Jewish community leader Charlotte Knobloch condemned the approval, calling it a "deliberate provocation" meant to intimidate worshippers. "They chose this exact time — Friday night — because they wanted to send a message," she asserted. "It was not coincidental."

Activist coalition Munchen ist Bunt rallied citizens under the banner "We protect our synagogue!" Residents formed a peaceful, interfaith barrier against hate.

The advocates included musicians, clergy, local politicians, and everyday citizens united by one purpose — standing against anti-Semitism.

In nearby St. Jacob's Square, former Mayor Christian Ude, former Regional Bishop Susanne Breit-Kessler, and others spoke alongside Knobloch. Bavaria's anti-Semitism commissioner, Ludwig Spaenle, warned that the protest wasn't about geopolitics but about scapegoating Jews: "This is no longer a question of Israeli policy — these are demonstrations against Jews, plain and simple."

One nun, Sister Gisela, wore a yellow hostage pin. "To stand with our Jewish brothers and sisters is the very least we can do in the face of this hatred," she declared.

Public outcry intensified after city officials claimed that there was no "sufficient indication of risk" to ban the demonstration. Many considered such rationale dangerously naive amid rising anti-Semitic incidents across Germany and around the world.

These days, anti-Semitism feels increasingly pervasive — from the halls of power to the corners of everyday life. Thus, what happened in Munich was something far too rare — ordinary people choosing to show up, link arms, and say with quiet courage that their Jewish neighbors will not stand alone. And neither will those who dare to stand with them. ✡





Jewish Humor, etc.

A cheerful heart is
good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22

Culture Wars

Moishe was eating in a Chinese restaurant and was chatting with his Chinese waiter. Moishe commented upon what a wise people the Chinese are.

“Yes,” replied the waiter, “we’re wise because our culture is 4,000 years old. But Jewish people are also very wise, are they not?”

Moishe replied, “Yes, we are. Our culture is 5,000 years old.”

The waiter was surprised to hear this. “That can’t be true,” he replied, “where did your people eat for a thousand years?”

Answer Key for OCTOBER 2025 Crossword (p.21)

Across:

1. Spirit
5. Redemption
6. Iniquity
7. Dwell
8. Sacrifice
9. Atonement
11. Jerusalem
12. Tabernacles
15. Booths
17. Intercession
18. Word

Down:

1. Sabbath
2. Tree
3. Seven
4. Former
5. Requirements
10. Forever
13. Removed
14. Christ
16. Living



BBB DVR Recording Reminder

Please check your DVR to ensure that you have updated your settings from *Our Jewish Roots* to the new title, *Bearded Bible Brothers*.

Notice to Daystar Viewers

The *Bearded Bible Brothers* TV program no longer airs on Wednesdays but is available for viewing on Fridays (6PM ET, 5PM CT, 4PM MT, 3PM PT).



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