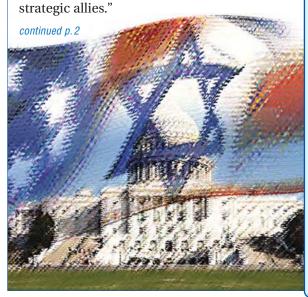


Decisions we make derive from core values we hold—a truism Believers see when we look at Israel.—Jeff

Support For Israel: Partisan, Bipartisan, or Both? By Jeff Jacoby www.Boston.com

In the wake of the diplomatic fights spirited along by the Obama administration, two high-ranking members of the U.S. House of Representatives—Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Minority Whip Eric Cantor—invited their colleagues to sign a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The letter reaffirmed the signers' commitment to the "unbreakable bond" and "extraordinary closeness" that exists between the United States and Israel, and declared that "our valuable bilateral relationship with Israel needs and deserves constant reinforcement." It expressed dismay at the "highly publicized tensions" between the White House and the government of Benjamin Netanyahu, and pointedly counseled the administration to resolve its differences with Israel "quietly, in trust and confidence, as befits longstanding



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For Jerusalem

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By Elie Wiesel www.WashingtonPost.com

Jerusalem is mentioned more than six hundred times in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures—and not a single time in the Koran. Its presence in Jewish history is overwhelming.

It belongs to the Jewish people and is much more than a city; it is what binds one Jew to another in a way that remains hard to explain. When a Jew visits Jerusalem for the first time, it is not the first time; it is a homecoming.

Since King David took Jerusalem as his capital, Jews have dwelled inside its walls with only two interruptions: when Roman invaders forbade them access to the city and again, when under

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The letter was polite, but there was no mistaking the implicit rebuke of the president for treating Israel so shabbily. Nor, one might think, was there any mistaking its bipartisan appeal: It was signed by 333 members of the U.S. House, more than three-fourths of the entire membership.

The Hoyer-Cantor letter wasn't the only apparent evidence in recent weeks that American friendliness for Israel crosses party lines.

At the national conference of AIPAC—the pro-Israel lobby—for example, two of the featured speakers were U.S. senators, one a staunch Democrat and the other an equally staunch Republican. In a Gallup poll released in February, Israel was one of the five countries most positively viewed by a majority of U.S. citizens: 67 percent expressed a favorable opinion of the Jewish state.

Peer closely, however, and the wall of pro-Israel solidarity turns out not to be quite so—well, solid.

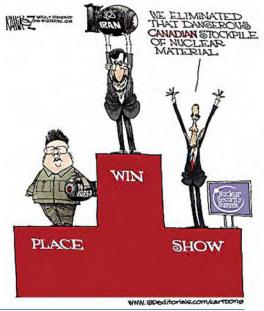
Take that Gallup survey, which found that 67 percent of Americans have a favorable view of Israel. The same survey also found that when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, 63 percent of the public stands with Israel—more than quadruple the 15 percent that support the Palestinians. There's not much doubt that the American mainstream is pro-Israel.

But look at the disparity that emerges when those results are sorted by party affiliation. While support for Israel vs. the Palestinians has climbed to a stratospheric 85 percent among Republicans, the comparable figure for Democrats is an anemic 48 percent. (It was 60 percent for independents.) And behind Israel's "Top 5" favorability rating lies a gaping partisan rift: 80 percent of Republicans—but just 53 percent of Democrats—have positive feelings about the world's only Jewish country.

Similarly, it is true that 333 U.S. House members, a hefty bipartisan majority, endorsed the robustly pro-Israel Hoyer-Cantor letter to Clinton. But there were only seven Republicans who declined to sign the letter, compared with 91 Democrats.

From a Zogby International poll, meanwhile, comes still more proof of the widening gulf between the major parties on the subject of Israel. In the recent poll commissioned by the Arab American Institute, respondents were asked whether Obama should "steer a middle course" in the Middle East. "There is a strong divide on this question," Zogby reported, "with 73 percent of Democrats agreeing that the President should steer a middle course while only 24 percent of Republicans hold the same opinion."

Taken as a whole, America's identification with Israel is as stout as ever—the "special relationship" between the two nations still runs deep. But the old political consensus that brought Republicans and Democrats together in support of the Middle East's only flourishing democracy is breaking down. Republican friendship for Israel has never been more rock-solid. Democratic friendship appears to be growing steadily less so.



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Jordanian occupation, Jews, regardless of nationality, were refused entry into the old Jewish quarter to meditate and pray at the Wall, the last vestige of the Temple.

It is important to remember: had Jordan not joined Egypt and Syria in the 1967 war against Israel, the Old City of Jerusalem would still be Arab. Clearly, while Jews were ready to die for Jerusalem, they would not kill for Jerusalem.

Today, for the first time in history, Jews, Christians, and Muslims all may freely worship at their shrines. And contrary to certain media reports, Jews, Christians, and Muslims ARE allowed to build their homes anywhere in the city. The anguish over Jerusalem is not about real estate but about memory.

What is the solution? Pressure will not produce a solution. Is there a solution? There must be, there will be. Why tackle the most complex and sensitive problem prematurely? Why not take first steps which will allow the Israeli and Palestinian communities to find ways to live together in an atmosphere of security.

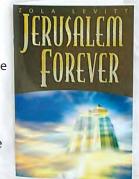
Why not leave the most difficult, the most sensitive issue, for such a time?

Jerusalem must remain the world's Jewish spiritual capital, not a symbol of anguish and bitterness, but a symbol of trust and hope.

Jerusalem Forever Booklet

Zola wrote that no other city in the world can claim God's personal favor like Jerusalem. Over 3,000 years old, Jerusalem is much more than the seat of the Chosen People in the Promised Land. It is literally an eternal city. Every Believer will eventually make Jerusalem his home

for 1,000 years plus eternity. This booklet's look at Jerusalem's past, present, and future will inspire you to praise God's faithfulness and motivate you to pray for the peace of Jerusalem like never before.



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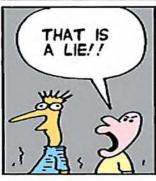
Dry Bones















Rumors of wars, economic upheavals, and the growing abandonment of biblical faith in many mainline churches signal the devil's hoary head rising (Matt 24:4-14). Israel's re-emer-

gence as a nation-state (Ezek 37:1-14) alongside those who seek its annihilation similarly demonstrates that God is at work (Ezek 38:1-39:29; cf. Zech 12:1-9).

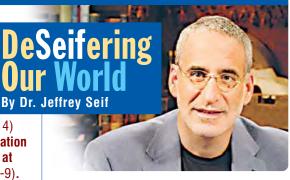
Such signs invoke fear in many. We biblically faithful, however, are encouraged by the power of God at work in a seemingly powerless world.

Isaiah 60:2 notes how "darkness shall [one day] cover the earth, and deep darkness the people." Then, the Lord will arise and people will come to Him and "proclaim the praises of the Lord" (vv. 3-6). The prediction of a turnaround speaks to Jesus' first coming, and describes how Believers act in response to Him. But Isaiah continues, predicting a future without violence or mourning (vv. 18, 20), with the fulfilled promise that God's "people shall inherit the land forever" (v. 21). This peaceful resolution seems to be approaching in Israel and in the world.

I am convinced that God is raising up an army of His own, and His will shall be done.

I liken individual witnessing to infantry-level combat—foot soldiers engaged one-on-one. I see corporate fellowships as navy vessels that come in all shapes and sizes, each designed for a particular mission. Unique ministries such as ours are comparable to the air force. ZLM is an intercontinental stealth bomber, carrying the atomic power of nationally-syndicated television. We open our bomb bay doors and drop our spiritual payload onto millions of people every week. Let me tell you what kind of "bang" we get for the buck.

We pay small fortunes to air our programs on Christian stations and



networks, feeding the faithful. Millions of dollars go to broadcast *Zola Levitt Presents* on <u>secular</u> television. I compare that sum to what a megachurch would spend on a mortgage, personnel, etc. for a congregation of about 10,000 people. For the same money that reaches thousands of parishioners in the pews, our TV program can reach *millions* of unharvested souls via the airwaves—a thousand times more.

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Pretty good "bang," huh?

Our new series *For Such a Time as This* examines an ancient Iranian (Persian) crisis as a model

for dealing with the current Iranian crisis. It soon will be delivered to way more than 10 million people and will deliver quite a payload.

Israel still awaits your visit. If you want a sneak peek at where you'll spend eternity, call 214-696-9760 and ask Tracie to send you a brochure. Trust me, you'll love it. You'll not only have the time of your life in Israel, but your pilgrimage there will testify to your love for Israel and the Jewish people. And it is safer than many American cities. (See Zola's column on p. 6.)

Consider flying with me to Israel this fall. We offer extensions to Greece and Petra to optimize your time in the Holy Land. (See p. 36 for dates.) If you're not game for that just now, please prayerfully consider helping ZLM fly through the airwaves to deliver our spiritual payload all over the world.

Your messenger,



Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

Dear Dr. Seif,

Just finished reading one of your correspondences which was very political. It came out that you are a Republican. I am a Believer in Jesus and a Democrat. I think it would be better for you to stick to Bible truths and stay out of politics. Do not send me any more of your political thinking. I do not agree with it. Sincerely, J.A.J.

Dear J.A.J.—

Well-intended citizens in both political and religious spheres wrestle with which public policies best serve the common good. Religion and politics both must speak to social issues, financial expenditures, war and peace, and to questions of morality like abortion, same-sex marriages, and securing our borders while welcoming the persecuted.

Dissent is forbidden in totalitarian regimes, Islamic nation-states, and communist cultures. Americans, however, opted for the messy business of democracy, debating our opinions in the marketplace of ideas.

As a theologian, I am called to speak up when I think abandoning Israel betrays biblical vision. If Christians in general oppose legitimizing same-sex unions, abortions, and the structuring of a welfare state that betrays biblical values, I believe they should say so. For me, at issue are the principles, more than which political party happens to hold power.

Democrats and Republicans have each prevailed during my 54 years, and I hope the back-and-forth between the parties will continue. I care more about biblical vision than about either party, and I am pleased to admonish both parties with the Bible whenever they stray from it.

My friend Messianic Rabbi Marty Waldman recently said that one of the differences between Christians and Jews is that Christians place a premium on answers whereas Jews value the questions. Rabbis love raising questions in the hope that it might prompt people to think, pray, and study. So does this ministry.



Zola Makes Observations In Israel

I, for one, won't abandon Israel, ever, and I have just come from over there with a report of some new developments.

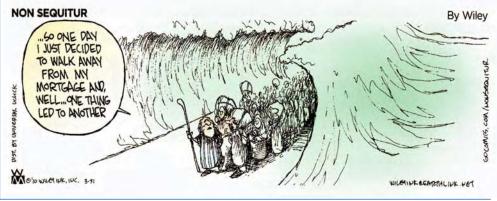
First of all, unrest in the West Bank, wildly exaggerated in the media, is on the order of the protests in Washington and far less than the problems last winter in Seattle. The Palestinians keep up a drumbeat of displeasure (at least in front of the cameras) while they enjoy the freedom to do so that only comes from living in a real democracy like Israel. If you want to have a perfectly quiet atmosphere, move to Beijing or Havana or Pyongyang, North Korea, if you take my meaning.

I learned something new about Arabs on this trip, and that is that they would not accept the term "Palestinian" under the British mandate that controlled the land prior to 1948. They replied that it was the Jews who were the Palestinians, and they wanted no part of such a name! They changed their tune in 1964 when Arafat and his henchmen came up with the idea of simply co-opting the term. The rest is history and the ignorance of the media. I also learned that the terrorist bombers of the Middle East are not

very good at what they do.
In one case, since the
Palestinians would not
accept Daylight Saving
Time—thinking of it as
some kind of Israeli
phenomenon—a bomb
blew up in the terrorist's
car an hour before its planned
destruction. A second terrorist
mailed a letter bomb, but neglected
to put enough postage on it. When the
letter was returned, he opened it and...

Safer Than U.S.A [info still accurate 10 years later!]

Many people taking tours to Israel worry needlessly about the dangers of terrorism or unrest there. "Statistically it's a joke," says Rochelle Sobel of the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT). "In terms of personal safety you are far safer in Israel than in the States." ASIRT became appalled that most people who go abroad are totally unaware of what to be concerned about when travelling the roads of other countries. "One percent of people who die abroad die from a combination of terrorism and disease." Road accidents account for the vast majority of travel casualties. ASIRT offers Road Travel Reports (RTR) on roughly sixty [now 150] nations, and you can request an RTR by calling (301) 983-5252 or visiting their website at www.asirt.org. But Israel is one of the countries where Rochelle suggests you don't need an RTR if you're riding a bus, because Israel's buses are among the safest.



SOUTH PARK'S Mohammed

news.bbc.co.uk

Islamists have warned the creators of the TV show



South Park they could face violent retribution for depicting the Prophet Mohammed in a bear suit.

A posting on the website of Revolution Muslim told Matt Stone and Trey Parker they would "probably wind up like Theo Van Gogh." (The Dutch filmmaker was shot and stabbed to death in 2004 by an Islamist angered by his film about Muslim women.)

The posting listed the addresses of Stone and Parker's production office in California and the New York office of *South Park's* broadcaster, Comedy Central.

"We have to warn Matt and Trey that what they are doing is stupid and they will probably wind up like Theo Van Gogh for airing this show," warned the posting, written in the name of Abu Talhah Al-Amrikee. "This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them," it added.

Al-Amrikee later told the Associated

Press the posting was not an incitement to violence; it had been published to raise awareness of the issue and to see that it did not happen again.

In the 200th episode of *South Park*, Mohammed appeared several times inside a bear suit. Figures from other religions were also depicted, including a drug-snorting Buddha and Jesus watching pornography. The 201st episode saw any spoken references to Mohammed bleeped out, while a prominent banner stating "censored" was used in the program. The images of the prophet in a bear outfit were substituted with Santa Claus in the same costume.

In 2006, Comedy Central banned Stone and Parker from showing an image of Mohammed in an episode that was intended to be part of a comment on the controversy caused by the publication of caricatures of the prophet by a Danish newspaper. An earlier episode in 2001 contained an image of Mohammed but passed without comment. "It was before the Danish cartoon controversy, so it somehow is fine," Stone said. "Then, after that, now that's the new normal. We lost. Something that was okay is now not okay."

Platinum Bible Teaching

Zola Levitt Presents wins on average two prestigious production awards each year. This ministry's production company, Berg Productions, recently received a Platinum "Remi" Award at the 43rd Annual World-Fest-Houston International Film Festival. Our Sar Shalom series won the award in the Religious TV category. WorldFest's mission is "... to recognize and honor outstanding creative excellence in film and video as well as validate brilliant abilities."



The Remi Award is the latest of 47 awards that Berg Productions has won for our program over the last 25 years. Our *Jehovah's Treasure*, offered on page 18, has earned multiple awards as have our *Ezekiel* and *Footsteps* series. Of course, the glory goes to God for this fine work that your support has made possible. Thank you and PTL!

Crisis Escalates In U.S./Israel Relations

It is said that when Uncle Sam sneezes, the world gets a cold. However, many in Israel feel like something more than a temporary cold is coming their way from the Obama Administration. At the very least, it seems like a very chilly cold shoulder.

Most political analysts agree with Michael Oren, Israel's current ambassador to Washington, that diplomatic relations between the two allies have not been this strained since the mid 1970s, when Israeli leaders resisted American demands that they pull all IDF forces out of the Sinai peninsula, seized during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Left-wing Israeli political pundits and politicians generally blame Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for the current crisis in relations with the White House. Their more centrist and right-wing counterparts put the onus squarely on the American President. They note that Obama has been hammering the coalition government almost from the moment it assumed power on March 31, 2009—demanding a complete halt to all construction in the disputed territories and, more disturbingly, in many portions of the Israeli capital city itself, including the ancient-walled Old City where the sacred Temple Mount strides Judaism's holiest hill on Earth.

I vividly recall that a similar crisis broke out when I was reporting for the CBS radio network. It was a 1999 dogfight between an earlier Netanyahu government and another American president. The Israeli leader publicly resisted Bill Clinton's demand that he withdraw troops from much of Judaism's second holiest site, Hebron. But Netanyahu eventually caved in to the constant drumbeat of pressure.



As a result, he forfeited the support of some of his coalition partners, causing his government to collapse. Snap elections gave victory to Labor party leader Ehud Barak.

Many people asked what prompted Netanyahu to give in to Clinton's relentless arm twisting. I surmised that Netanyahu's surprising acquiescence was doubtless the result of the deep angst expressed by the Israeli business community and some military leaders, worried that a substantial weakening of support from the world's reigning superpower signaled the end of the world, or at least of Israel's survival in it.

While Netanyahu undoubtedly does not plan to risk losing his current coalition majority, he faces the exact same dynamic from frightened business and military leaders who fear nothing more than a severing of seemingly vital ties with Washington.



Truman's Battle Over Israel's Birth

By Richard Holbrooke www.WashingtonPost.com

In celebrating Israel's anniversary, it should not be forgotten that there was an epic struggle in Washington over how to respond to Israel's declaration of independence on May 14, 1948. It led to the most serious disagreement President Harry Truman ever had with his revered secretary of state, George C. Marshall—and with most of the foreign policy establishment. The battle lines drawn then resonate still.

The British planned to leave Israel at midnight on May 14. At that moment, the Jewish Agency, led by David Ben-Gurion, would proclaim the new (and still unnamed) Jewish state. (Names like Judea, Zion, and Herzliya were considered.) The neighboring Arab states warned that fighting, which had already begun, would erupt into full-scale war at that moment.

The Jewish Agency proposed partitioning what was called "Palestine" into two parts—one Jewish, one Arab. But the State and Defense departments backed the British plan to turn Palestine over to the United Nations. Truman privately promised future Israeli president Chaim Weizmann that he would support partition—only to learn that the American ambassador to the United Nations had voted for U.N. trusteeship. Enraged, Truman wrote on his calendar: "I'm now in the position of a liar and double-crosser. I've never felt so low in my life..."

Beneath the surface lay unspoken but real anti-Semitism on the part of some (but not all) policymakers. The position of those opposing recognition was simple—oil, numbers, and history: thirty million Arabs on one side and about 600,000 Jews on the other.

This Government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and recognition has been requested by the Government thereof.

The United States recognizes the provisional government as the de facto authority of the new State of the state.

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Approved.

May 14, 1948.

On May 12, Truman held a meeting in the Oval Office to decide the issue. Marshall made the case for delaying (denying) recognition. Truman asked his young aide, Clark Clifford, to present the case for immediate recognition. The meeting adjourned in disarray. In the next two days, aides finally talked a reluctant Marshall into remaining silent if Truman acted. With only hours left until midnight in Tel Aviv, Clifford told the Jewish Agency to request immediate recognition of the new state, which still lacked a name. Truman announced recognition at 6:11 p.m. on May 14—11 minutes after Ben-Gurion declared independence in Tel Aviv—so rapidly that in the official announcement, the typed words "Jewish State" are crossed out, replaced in Clifford's handwriting with "State of Israel." Thus the United States became the first nation to recognize Israel. The secret of the Oval Office confrontation held for years, narrowly averting a crisis in foreign policy.

Israel was going to come into existence whether or not Washington recognized it. But without American support from the very beginning, Israel's survival would have been at even greater risk. Even if European Jewry had not just emerged from the horrors of World War II, it would have been an unthinkable act of abandonment by the United States. Truman's decision, although opposed by almost the entire foreign policy establishment, was the right one—and despite complicated consequences that continue to this day, it is a decision all Americans should recognize and admire.

Israel's Contributions in Medicine Skeletal Diseases

A new project by IBM Israel and an Italian orthopedic institute hopes to better understand rare hereditary skeletal disorders. The scientists are collaborating on a comprehensive system that will collect, classify, and analyze family histories of hereditary skeletal diseases. The Italians will work with the "wet" data, while the Israelis will keep their hands dry, dealing only with the images and readouts.

The new technology collates and integrates physical and physiological parameters in a computer program and could be applied to deepen our understanding of many hereditary diseases and conditions, says Boaz Carmeli, manager of IT for the healthcare and life science group at IBM Research Haifa. His team was handpicked by IBM International for its members' experience and expertise in this particular field.

The idea is that if skeletal imaging, gene data, and information about how our genes are expressed can be organized in one place, scientists will be able to create advanced tools to improve their diagnoses and treatment plans. This is especially relevant today, when scientists have more understanding of genetic diseases at the molecular level.

Traditionally, information about rare skeletal diseases such as multiple exostoses, where spurs of skeletal tissue form a hard bumpy mass under By Karin Kloosterman www.lsrael21c.org

a child's skin, has been confined to

hospital basements and databases. The new partnership between IBM Israel engineers and medical staff and scientists at the Rizzoli Orthopedic Institute in Bologna will bring all this data together, to create a platform for early diagnosis and treatment.

The Israeli and Italian teams plan to begin by using their new approach to basic research to advance the treatment of rare skeletal diseases. Because they are less common and affect fewer people, rare diseases are often neglected by drug companies. However, solutions may emerge as a result of the proposed computer-based integrated approach.

Expecting to complete it this year, project organizers hope their work will make treatment for rare skeletal diseases more personalized, faster, and less expensive.

Established in 1896, the Rizzoli Orthopedic Institute is the second largest institute in the world for the study of rare skeletal diseases. Physicians there see about 150,000 patients and perform about 18,000 surgical procedures every year. The IBM research team has about 3,000 employees worldwide working on cutting-edge technologies in medicine, nanotechnologies, and high-tech.



Somali Islamists Ban Radio Music

By Mohamed Olad Hassan and Mohamed Sheikh Nor, Associated Press

Rock, rap, and love songs once filled the airwaves in Mogadishu, Somalia's war-torn capital, one of the few pleasures residents had. But Islamist militants ordered music off the air in mid-April, labeling it un-Islamic in a hard-line edict reminiscent of the Taliban.

Stations immediately complied, fearful that disc jockeys would face the harsh punishment militants mete out here: amputations and stonings. The edict is the latest unpopular order from the Hizbul Islam group, which also has banned women's bras, musical ringtones, and movies.

Somalia has a tradition of music and most residents greeted the ban with dismay. Rock, rap, and love songs from Africa, Europe, and the U.S. could be heard on Somali stations before the ban.

"Now I think we are going to be forced to hear only the horrific sounds of the gunfire and explosions," said Khadiya Omar, a 22-year-old Mogadishu resident who called music a "tranquilizer" to help him forget life's troubles. Somalis in the country's capital can still listen to music on two stations: one that the government controls and another that is funded by the United Nations. Both stations are based in the small area of Mogadishu under the control of government and African Union forces. Similar edicts have been imposed on stations in the southern Somali regions held by the Islamist group al-Shabab.

The order to stop the music echoes the Taliban's strict social rules imposed on Afghans beginning in the late 1990s. The Taliban banned music and movies and didn't allow women to leave their homes without an escort by a male family member.

The ban on music means that even talk-radio stations will have to make changes. Stations will have to stop using music as a bridge between programs. A director noted that his station would have to re-record all of its commercials that contain music. "We are using other sounds, such as gunfire, the noise of vehicles, and birds to link up our programs and news," he said.

Somalia has not had an effective government for 19 years. Islamic insurgents control much of Mogadishu and have been trying to topple the country's fragile, U.N.-backed government.



Sandra may be retired, but she has not laid down her sword. Like many of you Levitt Letter readers, she keeps a watchful eye on the media. And she encourages newspaper editors to remember that Israel is one of America's best democratic allies. Below is an excerpted article from her local paper followed by her heartfelt reply.

California's Relationship With Israel

By R.V. Scheide, www.NewsReview.com

In March, the UC Berkeley Student Senate passed "A Bill in Support of UC Divestment From War Crimes," directing the student government to divest holdings in companies profiting from Israel's ongoing occupation of Palestine. The Senate plans to divest its holdings in companies that provided aircraft and support for Israel's highly criticized invasions of Lebanon in 2006 and Gaza in 2008.

The Berkeley Student Senate vote may be mostly symbolic, but it might indicate a growing willingness to openly criticize our strongest Middle Eastern ally. This comes amid the growing perception that the so-called Israel Lobby exerts undue influence on the American political process,

particularly in regard to U.S. Middle East policy.

They're a little naive, these kids from Berkeley. The Lobby is a formidable foe, and any significant change in Middle East policy is unlikely, at least in the near future. Still, the students can't be faulted for wanting to join the debate. That's what democracy is all about.

Sandra's response:

Like most writers about Israel, R.V.

Scheide appears to believe that all the woes in the Middle East are Israel's fault. Hello?!...Israel was attacked! Why don't the media and academia get that Israel has a right to defend itself from terrorists? What don't they get about terrorists who hide in schools and homes and use children as shields? Or who blow up buses and airplanes? I am really tired of the Israel bashing.

Hezbollah, Hamas, etc. are TERROR-ISTS! What is it you are not getting? If your article seeks to inspire everyone to divest from countries to penalize terrorists, OK. But if you want to penalize a country for defending itself from terrorists, I must divest from your publications.



How About an Arab "Settlement" Freeze?

By Ruth R. Wisse, www.Online.WSJ.com

Of the children of Abraham, the descendants of Ishmael currently occupy at least 800 times more land than descendants of Isaac. The 21 states of the Arab League routinely announce plans of building expansion. Egypt has established 10 new cities since 1996.

Jordan aims to build 120,000 properties for low-income Jordanians. Saudi Arabia estimates that 555,000 housing units were built over the past several years. Iraq announced last year that 10,000 units will be built in each province to accommodate citizens' housing needs. Arab populations grow. And neighborhoods expand to house them.

The Arab League was founded at the same time as Israel with the express aim of undoing the Jewish state's existence. Although much has changed over the ensuing decades, opposition to the Jewish state remains the strongest unifying tool of inter-Arab and Arab-Muslim politics. Trying to eliminate the Jews rather than compete with them has never benefited nations.

Ramat Shlomo, the neighborhood at the center of the present altercation, is actually in northern Jerusalem, home to 40,000 Jewish residents. Why does the White House take issue with the construction of housing for Jewish citizens within the boundaries of their own country?

The White House raised no objection when Jordan recently began systematically stripping citizenship from thousands of its Palestinian citizens rather than provide new housing units for them in a land much larger than Israel.

Perhaps Israel has been at fault for not doggedly insisting on unconditional acceptance of its sovereign existence, and for not demanding that Arab rulers adhere to the U.N. Charter's guarantee of "equal rights of...nations large and small." Preposterous as they would have thought it, perhaps Israelis ought to have called for a freeze on Arab settlements to correspond to unreasonable Arab demands on them.

Any peaceful resolution to the Middle East conflict will begin with a hard look at the map of the region in which 21 countries with 800 times more land are consumed with their Jewish neighbors' natural increase.



Israel's Invaluable Help To U.S. Military

By Dore Gold, WashingtonExaminer.com

During the recent tensions between the Obama administration and the Israeli government, a vicious rumor began to spread that the U.S. feels that Israeli "intransigence" in the peace process puts U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan at risk. The net effect of rumors of this sort is to reinforce the image of Israel as a strategic burden rather than as a strategic asset, which only exacerbated the current tensions. For years, there has been a whole cottage industry of anti-Israel forces, who have been trying to promote this view across the United States.

In fact, since it came into existence, the State of Israel has actually helped save the lives of countless American servicemen. For example, in August 1966, the Mossad succeeded in recruiting an Iraqi Air Force pilot who flew his MiG-21 to Israel. The intelligence on the MiG-21 was shared with Washington and would prove to be extremely valuable, considering the fact that the MiG-21 was the workhorse of the North Vietnamese Air Force in the years that followed.

Israel supplied the Americans with many other Soviet weapons systems, from 130mm artillery to T-72 tanks. Gen. George Keegan, the former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, was quoted in *The New York Times* on March 9, 1986, saying that the intelligence the U.S. received from Israel could not have been obtained if the U.S. had "five CIAs."

Keegan went further: "The ability of the U.S. Air Force in particular, and the Army in general, to defend whatever position it has in NATO owes more to the Israeli intelligence input than it does to any single source of intelligence." Even after the Cold War, Israel continues to be a vital American strategic partner. In 2007, the U.S. ambassador to Israel revealed that Israeli technology was being used by the U.S. armed forces in Iraq to protect them from Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that were responsible for most U.S. casualties in the Iraq War.

In short, Israel was helping save American lives in Iraq.

On March 15, 2007, the commander of EUCOM, Gen. Bantz Craddock, told the House Armed Services Committee that "in the Middle East, Israel is the U.S.'s closest ally that consistently and directly supports our interests."

During a recent speech, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu disclosed: "Israel shares with America everything" that it knows about their common enemies, especially intelligence.

The Obama administration has a special responsibility to contain its tensions with Israel. It would be a serious development if the disagreement over Israel's rights in Jerusalem spilled over into the strategic relationship between the two countries. And both sides need to make sure that unnecessary diplomatic tensions do not sacrifice their long-held strategic interests that have served the security of both countries.



Iran Developing Massive Launch Site

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Iran is building a new rocket launch site with North Korean assistance. Israel Radio quoted IHS Jane's as reporting recently. The new launcher, constructed near an existing rocket base in the Semnan province east of Tehran, is visible in satellite imagery, according to the report.

The defense intelligence group said the appearance of the launcher suggests assistance from North Korea, and that it may be intended to launch the Simorgh, a long-range Iranian-made missile unveiled in early February and officially intended to be used as a space-launch vehicle (SLV). SLV's can be converted to be used as long-range ballistic missiles for military purposes.

Both the missile and the launch pad, which according to *Jane's* is large enough to accommodate it, point to

cooperation from Pyongyang.

Tal Inbar, head of the Space Research Center at the Fisher Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies, said shortly after the unveiling of the Simorgh that the rocket is a worrisome development since the missile could one day be adapted into an ICBM, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead.

In August 2009, Israeli President Shimon Peres told his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev during a visit to Moscow, "The fact that Iran is investing billions of dollars in the development of long-range missiles, in parallel to its nuclear project, is clear indication of its intent." The president said there would be no point for any country to develop missiles capable of reaching targets so far and then loading them with conventional warheads.

Evoking Holocaust imagery during the meeting with Medvedev, Peres likened an Iranian nuclear bomb to a "flying death camp."



HebrewLesson

Jesus and Jerusalem

By John J. Parsons



שַׁאֲלוּ שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלָם יִשְׁלִיוּ אֹהֲבְיִךְּ:

Ask for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you (Psalm 122:6)



Jerusalem is central to the Jewish heart. When religious Jews pray three times a day, they always turn toward the Holy City. Synagogues likewise place the holy ark (the place where Torah scrolls are kept) on the wall closest to Jerusalem. Many observant Jews keep a small section of an eastern wall of their house unpainted as a sign of mourning for the destruction of the Temple. Every year we close the Passover Seder with the words La-Shanah Haba'ah Bi Yerushalayim! ("Next year in Jerusalem"). These same words are invoked to conclude the holiest day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur.

Yeshua called Jerusalem the "City of the great King" (Psalm 48:2; Matt 5:35). It is the place where He was crucified, buried, resurrected, and from where He ascended to Heaven. It is also the birthplace of the Church and the focal point of humanity's eschatological future. At the Second Coming, Yeshua will physically return to Jerusalem to restore the throne of King David. Then all the New Covenant promises given to Israel will be fulfilled as the Kingdom of God is manifest upon the Earth.

In our verse, notice that the phrase "sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim" reveals prophetic truth about our Savior and Messiah. The word sha'alu means "you ask" (as in ask a sheilah, a question), Shalom is the name of Yeshua, the Prince of Peace (Sar Shalom), and Jerusalem means "the teaching of peace" (Jeru-comes from the same root as the word Torah, which means "teaching"). The phrase sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim can be construed, "ask about the Prince of Peace and His Teaching." Yeshua is indeed the rightful King of Jerusalem who is coming soon to reign over all the Earth.

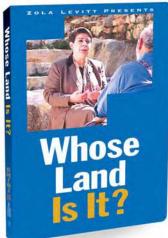
Friends, let us never forget Zion, "the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" (Heb. 12:22). She is "our mother" (Gal. 4:26) and we are her citizens—even if we are still *exiles* in this present Age. As the psalmist said, "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!" (Psalm 137:5-6).

Let us "ask about the Prince of Peace and His teaching" and "badger" the LORD until He returns to make Zion "the praise of the earth" (Isa. 62:7).



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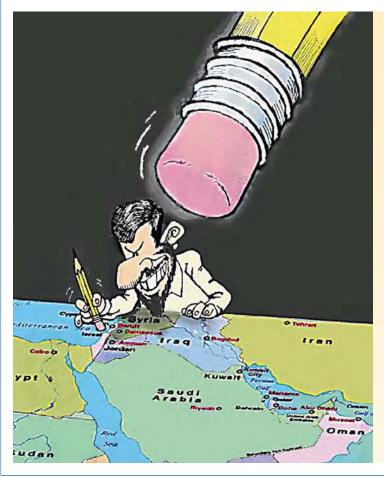


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"Cursed is he who curses thee."

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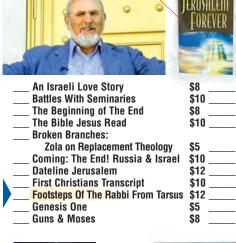
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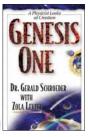
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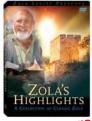
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Comparing Israel Tours: Some Tips

If you read *The Trip of a Lifetime*, Tracie's description of Zola Tours in the April *Levitt Letter*, you might mistakenly assume that any old Holy Land tour surpasses staying at home. But what factors should you consider when comparison shopping?

To begin with, you should deal with a well-established company that offers guaranteed departures. Some Holy Land tours are secular; others emphasize Catholic sites; some are even pro-Palestinian. You probably would prefer to travel with Believers who support Israel and who offer a study tour that features authentic biblical locations and teaching from both Testaments.

Landing in Tel Aviv rather than Jordan is the way to start. Be sure you'll stay in Jewish hotels and eat in Jewish restaurants rather than Palestinian ones. Ask if you'll have seasoned, licensed *Jewish* guides and drivers (preferably Messianic). Shopping is fine during free time, and our tours include sufficient stops for souvenirs, etc. But beware of tour operators who overdo shopping that primarily generates commissions for the guides and drivers.

Some tour groups are so large as to require ten (10!) busses or more. The logistics slow them down tremendously and push their travels into the evenings. Our one- to three-bus tours are big enough to have clout but small enough to be nimble. We typically return to the hotels by 5 p.m. for leisurely evenings.

Sufficient support personnel traveling with the group is a must for quality customer service. Each of our tour busses has a guide, driver, and coordinator. Plus, our Messianic land agent



has local offices wherever we travel. Beyond that, since our ministry groups have made pilgrimages three and four times per year since 1983, our guides, drivers, hotels, etc. *truly* value our business and care about our pilgrims.

You can find tours that are more and less expensive than ours. But nearly three decades of experience has enabled us to strike an optimal balance on comfortable accommodations, well-paced activities, down time, and teaching. We offer a superlative value.

For a list of Israel Tour Comparison Shoppers' Questions, call our travel manager Tracie at (214) 696-9760 or click on the "Tours" tab at www.levitt.com. Then click on the "Tour Q&A" tab. You'll also see comments on "Israel Travel Safety" and "Israel Travel Tips."

Our Holy Land study tours are not for everyone, and we have become very skilled at evaluating who should join our groups. The consistent outcome is that our pilgrims quickly develop a rapport and make wonderful new friends.







Letters to ZLM

Comments from www.levitt.com

From L.K. (PA): We watch your archived TV shows at **www.levitt.com** as part of our Spiritual studies in our homeschool.

From A.K.(OH): I read one book by Zola and loved it! I've ordered all of the booklets in the past and have shared them with friends!

From C.M. (FL): I thank the Lord for your ministry. I loved watching Zola and prayed that his ministry would continue after his death, you have done a wonderful job, and I still watch every week.

From D.Z. (TX): My husband loved your ministry. He passed away January 15 and I feel led to continue his offerings to your ministry in his memory. Thank you for being such a blessing to my husband and me.

From M.Y. (FL): Thank you for telling the truth. I do like the humor in your *Levitt Letter.* It really is OK to laugh.

From A.A. (MO): I was thrilled to find the Israeli flag in your catalog—have not found it on any other website. And the pins—well, I intend to share with my friends!!

From M.R.C. (OH): This donation is in addition to my monthly automatic donation. Love your programs and hope this helps in difficult times. Can't wait to read the monthly *Levitt Letter* from page

Flag of Israel

Proclaim your love for the Holy Land!
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and the Star
of David. *Please order from page 19*.

read the monthly *Levitt Letter* from cover to cover when it comes.

From T.K. (VA): I am very excited you now offer your videos on DVD. I have them on VHS and many people I talk to want to see them but no longer have a VHS machine. I can show the DVDs at church and other places. Shalom.... pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

From R.H.T. (TX): I strongly support your ministry in every way! I am a Catholic ordained deacon who loves Israel and Yeshua and you are in my heart-felt prayers. I am proud of my Ashkenazi ancestry and love our people!

From K.R. (OH): Don't know what station I saw it on, but it caught my attention and held me. I am now ordering the DVD about Passover. The man on it has the nicest, most approachable, humble manner that I have ever seen on television (or in person for that matter). I hope to find your show again. A lovely description of Jeff and a reason most of us tune in weekly to his teachings. Thank you for putting it in words. —Editor

So, How Do You Show You're Saved?

Jeff,

My husband believes that once you're saved, you're always saved and that you can live like the devil and still make it to Heaven. Can you help me with this? He doesn't think he needs to change his life to still be saved and go to Heaven when he dies. When he was a preacher for the Salvation Army for five years about 20 years ago, the elders were stealing and offered to cut him in; he lost faith in God and walked away from it all. Now he says that since he accepted Jesus back then, he's still saved now, even though he's been living like he pleases—drinking, committing adultery, lying, cursing, etc. Help me show him the truth please! Thank you and God bless. —D.O. (MO)

Dear D.O.—

My heart goes out to you. However, trying to reason with someone who refuses to reason is like giving medicine to a dead man. Jesus said: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Luke 8:8. The verses from 9 on convey Jesus' meaning.) Your husband is technically right: our salvation does *not* depend on our works (John 6:37 and Eph 2:8-9). But Christians follow Jesus in GRATITUDE for His supreme sacrifice. By ignoring the Christian life, your husband is missing out on the rewards of Heaven. By the way, what do you suppose your husband thinks about the fact that he is making others live through hell? —Jeff

International Ministry

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries Customer Service,

Thank you so much for rushing the products to us. Your programs give us deeper understanding of our Lord. May we suggest you make your programs more frequent—maybe 2-3 times a week? Also more lessons on biblical financial management so we will improve in our country to give more to support good news programs like yours.

Dr. B.A. (Cebu, Philippines)

Dear Dr. B.A.—

Thanks for your kind encouragement. Our small ministry, though, is barely able to afford weekly broadcasts. That's the bad news. The good news is that you can watch as many of our *Zola Levitt Presents* episodes as you want for free at www.levitt.tv—anywhere in the world. Please share this good news with your friends. —Mark



Let A Little Sun In Your Life

Dear Mark,

I really enjoyed reading the Vitamin D article on page 21 of the April *Levitt Letter.* I recently went to the doctor because I was having some problems with muscle weakness and depression. I noticed that when the sun was shining I was fine, but when it was cloudy I tended to get really blue. My breaking point was when I started crying uncontrollably for no reason. My doctor found that I was Vitamin D deficient! She put me on a Vitamin D supplement and advised me to spend 15 minutes a day in the sun. I have been doing this for 3 weeks and I cannot begin to tell you what a difference it has made in the way I feel. I do not ever remember feeling this good. I just wanted to tell you thank you for putting the article in the *Levitt Letter* because it was a huge encouragement to me.

Blessings and Shalom,

A.P. (Dallas)

Dear A.P.—

According to Patrick Cox, author of the article I cited, moderate, daily exposure to the sun is beneficial even when taking the recommended daily amount of vitamin D. Thanks for sharing your personal experience and corroborating the importance of "the sunshine vitamin." —Mark

Love Our Flag!

Dear ZLM,

We watch Zola Levitt Presents every week and love your ministry! What a blessing you are to countless people, including my husband and me. Here is a picture of the flag we recently ordered from you. We are not Jewish by birth, but oh how we love and support the Jewish people and Israel. And we want all those that drive by



our house to know this as well. Thank you for your hard work!

God bless you all. -L.R.

Word Games

Zola Levitt Ministries,

Please cancel any future mailings to our home. There were curse words in your April *Levitt Letter*. That is absolutely disgusting. We won't watch your show anymore.

In Christ, —Rev. E.J.J.

Dear E.J.J.—

Will do. I'm not quite sure what words you saw, but it makes me wonder whether you've considered canceling your subscription to the Bible, because "hell," "damn," and "dung" appear a few times. I know you mean well Rev. E.J.J., but maybe your indignation is misplaced. —Jeff

LETTERS TO ZLM continued

Seven Fighters For The Truth

Dear Mr. Seif.

I am fifteen years old. Our family loves your *Levitt Letter*. There are seven of us and every time it comes we fight for it. Thanks for making it interesting, especially the comics. Sincerely, —N.M.

Dear N.M.—

Your letter encouraged me, especially since I looked at it right after Rev. E.J.J.'s above. Glad to hear that some fight for it instead of fighting against me because of it. —Jeff

The Truth Will Set Them Free

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries and Jeff,

I enjoy the *Levitt Letters* and pass them on when I'm finished. I love the history and accurate facts. I've learned from your newsletters, from different and reliable sources. I've been able to defend Israel from misinformed people who voice lies. Thanks, —Mrs. B.H.S.

Truth Reaches Anti-Semitic Venezuela

Dear ZLM,

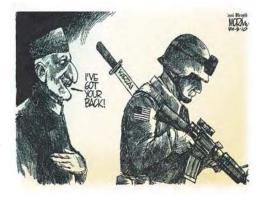
We enjoy the *Levitt Letter*. After we have read it we give it to friends in Caracas. Some articles I read a few times. The cartoons are terrific. The articles by Mark Levitt have a lot of financial wisdom.

Love in Christ, —W.H.S.

Letting God Provide

Hi Jeff,

How refreshing your program is. Because you never ask for money, we are increasing our support to your ministry. We miss Zola, but you are doing a great job. Love in Christ, —D. and T.G.



Dear D. and T.—

Thanks. Left to my own devices, I'm afraid I'd press a little more for money because of the effect this economy has had on our bottom line. Our CEO Mark Levitt tones it down so we don't come across as if we're just asking for money, which we're not. I appreciate you. —Jeff

Dear D. and T.—

To tell you an awkward truth, I often contemplate how much sense it makes to muzzle the ox (sorry, Jeff!) when, really, all he wants is to make this ministry's needs known. The Great Recession has taken its toll on our finances, and I'm on the verge of reducing this year's television production budget. It is imperative that our outreach not "fatigue" its faithful donors. On the other hand, I pray and pray and pray how to rally those who don't support our work though they truly could. —Mark

KORAN SAYS ISRAEL IS JEWISH LAND

What "Allah" Really Said About Jerusalem and Israel

By Sheik Abdul Hadi Palazzi (below), www.TabletMag.com



Over the past 15 years, the political conflict between Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs has been reframed as a religious war in which leaders from Yasser Arafat to Hassan Nasrallah to Osama bin Laden have appealed to the authority of the Koran to support their goal of eliminating the State of Israel. The authority of the Koran has also been cited in support of a revisionist history that seeks to deny the historical connection of the Jewish people to the city of Jerusalem and to its holiest sites, including the Temple Mount. The transformation of a political conflict over land into a religious war is one of the most dangerous and frightening goals of radical Islamist politicians—but it has nothing to do with the Koran.

Here the Italian Muslim communal leader and Koranic scholar Sheik Abdul Hadi Palazzi examines what the Koran says about the connection of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel. Far from negating the historical claims of a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the Koran actually confirms Jewish accounts of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem and supports claims that the Land of Israel was given to the Jews by God. (The full text of this article is posted at www.levitt.com/news)

1. JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY IN JERUSALEM

In August 2002, the mufti of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, Ikrima Sabri, told the Western media that "there is not even the smallest indication of the existence of a Jewish temple in Jerusalem in the past. In the whole city, there is not even a single stone indicating Jewish history."

In making such a statement, Sabri not only blatantly denied history, archaeology, and the teachings of the Bible, but also the words of the Koran. From the time of the Revelation of the Noble Koran until recently, all Muslims unanimously accepted that the *Haram as-Sharif* on which the Dome of the Rock today stands is the same place where Solomon's Temple once stood.

2. JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

The biblical notion that God granted the land of Canaan to the Children of Israel is confirmed by the Koran. In the Sura of Jonah, verse 93, we read:

We settled the Children of Israel in a beautiful dwelling-place, and provided for them sustenance of the best.

3. JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL WAS NEVER ABOLISHED

The Koran explicitly refers to the return of the Jews to the Land of Israel before the Last Judgment when it says in the Sura of the Children of Israel, verse 104:

And thereafter We [God] said to the Children of Israel: "Dwell securely in the Promised Land. And when the last warning will come to pass, we will gather you together in a mingled crowd."

Imam Abu Abdullah al-Qurtubi (1214–1273) explains in al-Jami that the promise concerning the return of the Jewish people "together in a mingled crowd" after the destruction of the Second Temple will be a sign that precedes the coming of the

that precedes the coming of the messiah.

Palazzi

Israel Alone Will Decide

By Yaakov Katz And Herb Keinon www.JPost.com

Regarding the Obama administration's demands for a halt to East Jerusalem construction and an extension of the housing start freeze in the West Bank, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said that while Israel must continue cultivating its strategic relationship with the U.S., Israel alone is responsible for itself, its safety, and the future of the Jewish people.

"We are the ones who have exclusive responsibility for Israel's fate and future, and only we will decide on issues of national importance that affect Israelis and the Jewish people," Barak said in a clear message aimed at the White House.

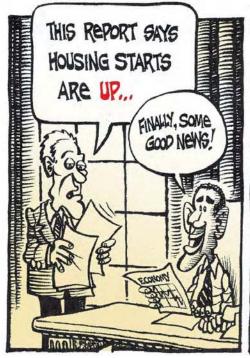
During a briefing with military reporters just after he sat with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the inner ministerial forum known as the *septet*, Barak said Israel was at a "delicate and loaded diplomatic juncture" due to the crisis with Washington. He stressed that Israel could never "lose touch" with the importance of the relations and the ability to act in harmony with the United States.

"Israel needs to protect itself... and to do that we need cooperation with the entire international community, but above all to strengthen our relationship with the U.S.," he said. "Our relationship with the U.S. is a pillar and cornerstone for the nation's security."



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Israeli Business Ventures That Inspire Peace In The Middle East

Peace in the Middle East may seem elusive, but Jews and Arabs across Israel are working hard to create bridges though business. Making peace in the Middle East will never be an easy task, but what many people don't realize is that even in the midst of conflict, there are thousands upon thousands of Israeli people working dedicatedly for coexistence and the promise of a better life.

Some of the most effective of these peace projects are those based on business. Peace through prosperity is not a new concept, but as Yoav Stern, director of the Business and Economics Department at the Peres Center for Peace, admits, projects like these help in building confidence.

It's a "win-win-win game," says Stern. "I think that what's unique in these kinds of businesses is the fact that the interests are clear for all sides. In order to have a sound business project you must identify the interests of all sides; not just the Israelis, not just Palestinians.

"They are very good ideas when you want to build confidence measures," he adds. "The business community is a very good engine for the peace train

By Karin Kloosterman www.lsrael21c.org



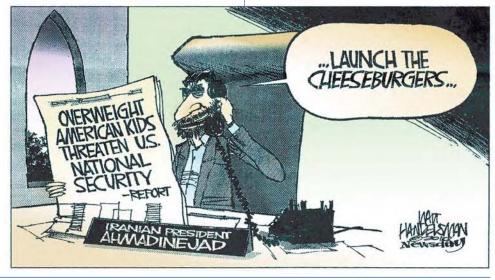
and without its commitment and involvement peace will not come," he asserts.

The Levitt Letter will introduce the top ten business ventures that inspire peace in the Middle East, one each month.

1. Tefen Park

Stef Wertheimer, one of the richest individuals in the country, has a vision that economic prosperity will spark peace for all people in Israel and the region. To that end, he has created Tefen, an industrial park in the Galilee region that boasts high-quality schools and spurs business ventures and creativity for industry. Jews, Arabs, and Druze work side by side at Tefen as they realize their common goals. Built in 1982, it is one of four industrial parks created by Wertheimer that bring in a combined \$1 billion in revenue, proving that coexistence can be a powerful business model.

"When people work together, they have no time for nonsense," Wertheimer has said. "They're too tired at night to commit terrorist acts. They're satisfied, they engage in producing. They work together, not against each other."



Husband Burned, Wife Raped For Their Christian Faith

By Fareed Khan FamilySecurityMatters.org

Arshed Masih, 38 (pictured), with 80% of his body burned, unsuccessfully fought for his life in Rawalpindi,



a city not far from Pakistan's capital. With the help of police, Muslim extremists in April set him on fire for refusing to convert to Islam, and raped his wife. The incident occurred in front of a local police station.

In 2005, Masih and his wife began working for a wealthy Muslim businessman, he as driver and she as his wife's maid. Recently, the two fell out of favor with their employer and his family because they insisted on remaining Christian.

During the incident, Masih's wife, Martha, was raped by police agents. The couple's three children, ranging in age from 7 to 12, were forced to watch their parents being brutalized. The Christian couple lived with their children in the servant quarters of Sheik Mohammad Sultan's estate in Rawalpindi. In January, religious leaders and Sultan reportedly told Arshed to convert to Islam with his whole family. After he refused, they threatened him with "dire consequences."

Arshed offered to quit his job, but the businessman allegedly said he would "kill" him if he were to leave.

Just before the attack, tensions rose when Sultan reported the theft of 500,000 rupees (\$6,000). Although the Christian couple was not named as suspect, the businessman offered to drop the case if they converted to Islam or else "both would not see their children again."

Afghani Muslim Kills "Too Australian" Wife

By Kate Hagan, www.TheAge.com.au

A man who killed his wife by using her veil to strangle her in their Melbourne (Australia) home did so in the belief that he was entitled to dominate her, a Supreme Court judge found.

Soltan Azizi was sentenced to 22 years in jail by Justice Betty King, who said the Afghani refugee had been physically abusive towards Marzieh Rahimi throughout their 14-year marriage. Justice King said Rahimi had sought help from social workers and was intending to leave Azizi, despite his warning that he would kill her if she tried.

Azizi had complained to Rahimi's sister in the days prior to her killing that his wife was becoming "too Australian."



"It is clear you were unable to accept that your wife had rights, which rights included the ability to leave you if that was what she desired," Justice King said. "Her death clearly resulted because of your belief that you were entitled to dominate and dictate to your wife what she could and could not do."

The couple, who had five children now aged from 14 to 2, came to Australia in 2005 after fleeing Afghanistan and spending seven years in refugee camps in Iran.





Brits Praise Terrorist-Supporting Charity

By Andrew Gilligan, www.Telegraph.co.uk

In a recent video address to Muslim Aid's 25th anniversary dinner, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown praised the charity's "valuable work" and said: "I wish Muslim Aid and its passionate and committed staff and supporters the very best for another 25 years of achievement." Prince Charles sent a message saving that "our country is incredibly fortunate to be able to count on organizations like Muslim Aid, who bring not only help, but hope to those most in need."

Muslim Aid paid at least \$500,000 to the Islamic University of Gaza. The rector of advanced studies at the Islamic University of Gaza has been quoted as saying that Jews should be "butchered."

UK Says Western Wall Not In Israel

News.BBC.co.uk

A UK watchdog has banned an Israeli tourism advertisement showing the Western Wall, saying it is "misleading." The Advertising Standards Authority said the ad implied East Jerusalem was part of the State of Israel. The Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, is in East Jerusalem, and is a major tourist site for most visitors to Israel.

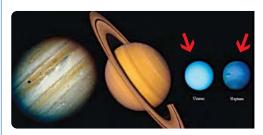
But Israel's Ministry of Tourism has refused to accept the ruling. A statement in response said the ad provides

"basic, accurate information to a prospective UK visitor."

"It is entirely accurate to assert that a visitor to Israel could visit Jerusalem as part of a short visit. Had the ad omitted a reference to a visit to the city of Ierusalem, it would have been incorrect and potentially misleading."

Palestinians want East Jerusalem for their future capital, but Israel insists the city cannot be divided. The Old City, at the heart of Jerusalem, was under Jordanian rule from 1948 until the 1967 Israeli-Arab war, when Israel recaptured the eastern side of Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza, and Golan Heights.

Even if one ignores the Jewish history in the area, Israel claimed the land following the 1967 war. Why should everyone but Israel be allowed to keep the spoils of war? —Editor



Uranus And Neptune Get Hebrew Names

www.JWeeklv.com

The planets Uranus and Neptune have been waiting eons to receive Hebrew names and now they have them—Oron for Uranus and *Rahav* for Neptune. The other planets revolving around the Sun have had Hebrew names for many years.

Oron means "little light" and refers to the small amount of light reaching Earth from Uranus, which is 1.6 billion miles away. Rahav refers to a biblical sea monster, which is similar to the Roman sea god Neptune.

Minister Quotes Adolf Hitler On Twitter

By Hans David Tampubolon www.AsiaNewsNet.net



Indonesian communication and information Minister **Tifatul Sembiring** has sparked another controversy on Twitter by posting a quote taken from Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. In his status update on April 8, Tifatul wrote: "the union between two children, when both of them complete each other, this is magic—Adolf Hitler."

Human rights activist Fadjroel Rachman expressed disappointment in Tifatul's lack of respect for millions of people killed in genocide perpetrated by the Nazis during World War II. "A criminal towards humanity, a racist executioner of 6 million Jews like Adolf Hitler is the real enemy of democracy," Fadjroel said on his Twitter status update, apparently in response to Tifatul.

Tifatul, of the Muslim-based Prosperous Justice Party, answered a question from one of his followers on that matter, saying he did not have any affectionate sentiments towards Hitler and that he only loved Allah.

Tifatul's username on Twitter is @tifsembiring, while Fadjroel is @fadjroel.

This is not the first time the two traded arguments on the popular social networking site. Previously, Fadjroel criticized Tifatul for his reluctance to greet the country's Christian community on Good Friday and Easter.

African Tribe Has Jewish DNA

www.JTA.org



DNA tests on the Lemba tribe of central Zimbabwe and northern South Africa show that they are of Jewish or Semitic origin, the BBC reported.

The tribe's customs are similar to Jewish ones, including male circumcision, ritual animal slaughter, abstaining from eating pork, and wearing skull caps. And their oral tradition claims they are descended from seven male Jews who left Israel 2,500 years ago and married African women, according to the report.

Their prized religious artifact is a replica of the biblical Ark of the Covenant known as the *ngoma lungundu*, meaning "the drum that thunders." Their sacred prayer language is a mixture of Hebrew and Arabic.

The Lemba also have 12 tribes, including a priestly clan that has a genetic element found in Jewish priests or Cohanim. Many of the Lemba in Zimbabwe are Christians, while some are Muslims.

Professor Tudor Parfitt of the University of London has spent 20 years researching the Lemba, and lived with them for six months. He said, "Many people say that the story is far-fetched, but the oral traditions of the Lemba have been backed up now by science."



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Obama Most Popular World Leader

Agence France-Presse

President Barack Obama's approval rating may be dropping at home, but he won 77 percent backing in a poll of the most popular

leaders conducted by Harris Interactive for France24 and Badio

France-Internationale.

Harris Interactive surveyed more than 6,000 adults from the U.S., Italy, Spain, Germany, France, and

Britain. "The Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was at second place at 75



reported. "Pope Benedict XVI was the seventh most popular leader with 36 percent support." Other top leaders included German Chancellor Angela Merkel, U.N.



Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

The most unpopular leaders according to the survey were Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Libyan strongman Muammar Kadhafi, and Chinese President Hu Jintao.



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JEWISH HUMOR & PERCEPTIONS

God's Children

After creating Heaven and Earth, God created Adam

And the first thing he said was "DON'T!"

- "Don't what?" Adam replied.
- "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.
- "Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit?
- "Hey Eve...we have forbidden fruit!"
- "No Way!"
- "Yes way!"
- "Do NOT eat the fruit! " said God.
- "Why?"

"Because I am your Father and I said so! "God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped Creation after making the elephants.

A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked!

- "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.
- "Uh huh," Adam replied.
- "Then why did you?" asked the Father.
- "I don't know," said Eve.
- "She started it!" Adam said.
- "Did not!"
- "Did too!"
- "DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus, the pattern was set and it has never changed.



Perceptions of Jews By Renowned Gentiles

"It is certain that in certain parts of the world we can see a peculiar people, separated from the other peoples of the world and this is called the Jewish people....

"This people is not only of remarkable antiquity but has also lasted for a singular long time...For whereas the people of Greece and Italy, of Sparta, Athens and Rome and others who came so much later have perished so long ago, these still exist, despite the efforts of so many powerful kings who have tried a hundred times to wipe them out, as their historians testify, and as can easily be judged by the natural order of things over such a long spell of years. They have always been preserved, however, and their preservation was foretold...My encounter with this people amazes me..."—Blaise Pascal, French Mathematician, (1623-1662)



Obama's Possible Legacy: The Iranian Bomb

By Alan M. Dershowitz, www.online.WSJ.com

The gravest threat faced by the world today is a nuclear-armed Iran. Of all the nations capable of producing nuclear weapons, Iran is the only one that might use them to attack an enemy.

In 1940, Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels told a group of German journalists that if he had been the French premier when Hitler came to power he would have said, "The new Reich Chancellor is the man who wrote *Mein Kampf*, which says this and that. This man cannot be tolerated in our vicinity. Either he disappears or we march!"



But, Goebbels continued, "They didn't do it. They left us alone and let us slip through the risky zone, and we were able to sail around all dangerous reefs. And when we were done, <mark>and well</mark> armed, bette<mark>r than they, th</mark>en they started the war!"

Most people today are not aware that British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain helped restore Great Britain's financial stability during the Great Depression and also passed legislation to extend unemployment benefits, pay pensions to retired workers, and otherwise help those hit hard by the slumping economy. But history does remember his failure to confront Hitler. That is Chamberlain's enduring legacy.



So too will Iran's construction of nuclear weapons, if it manages to do so in the next few years, become President Barack Obama's enduring legacy. Regardless of his passage of healthcare reform and regardless of whether he restores jobs and helps the economy recover, Mr. Obama will be remembered for allowing Iran to obtain nuclear weapons. History will not treat kindly any leader who allows so much power to be accumulated by the world's first suicide nation a nation whose leaders have not only expressed but, during the Iran-Iraq war, demonstrated a willingness to sacrifice millions of their own people to an apocalyptic mission of destruction.

If Iran were to become a nuclear power, there would be plenty of blame to go around.

A National Intelligence Report, issued on President George W. Bush's watch, distorted the truth by suggesting that Iran had ended its quest for nuclear weapons. It also withheld the fact that U.S. intelligence had discovered a nuclear facility near Qom, Iran, that could be used only for the production of nuclear weapons. Chamberlain, too, was not entirely to blame for Hitler's initial triumphs. He became prime minister after his predecessors allowed Germany to rearm. Nevertheless, it is Chamberlain who has come to symbolize the failure to prevent Hitler's ascendancy. So too will Mr. Obama come to symbolize the failure of the West if Iran acquires nuclear weapons on his watch.



A Light In The Gathering Darkness

By Melanie Phillips, www.Spectator.co.uk

At this time of grievous trial and peril for the Jewish people, when the leaders of the Western world appear to have tossed both reason and conscience overboard, it is left to an Iranian, the ever-prescient Amil Imani, to raise his voice for decency and justice. Writing about the fact that the Jews have been the scapegoats of the world since time immemorial, he observes:

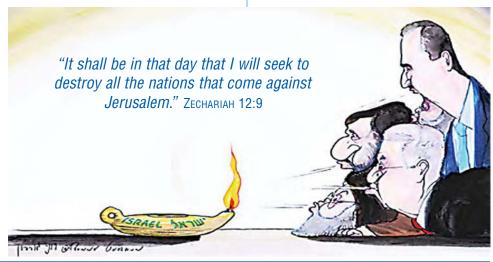
"Sadly, the Jewish people have been used as scapegoats for many centuries by a variety of non-Jews. Regrettably, Muslims for their part have adopted scapegoating as an article of faith. The Islamists, for their part, are still playing the Jewish blame card as best as they can. The State of Israel, by its very existence, has provided the inept and habitually devious Islamists a palpable target to blame and attack.

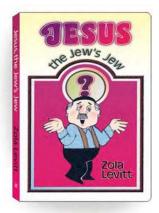
"Iranians are saddened and ashamed both by the appearance of Ahmadinejad on the international scene and his declared intent to wipe out the Jewish homeland from the face of the Earth. Ahmadinejad is an Islamofascist whose aim is to have a practice run, first on the Iranian Baha'is before embarking on destroying the Jews and other 'undesirables,' following in the footsteps of the German Fuhrer.

"It is a tribute to the indomitable spirit of the Jewish people that they persisted in their valiant struggle to re-gather again in the land of their birth. They should also be applauded for affording millions of Israeli Arabs opportunities denied to them in many other lands. Many of us Iranians co-suffer with this tragic state of affairs that harms you.

"We, free Iranians, express our deepest sympathy to the Jewish people for what they have suffered and have been used as scapegoats throughout history. We also condemn, in the strongest terms, the new coalition of fascists that is brewing under the disgusting and dangerous banner of Islamofascism."

The tragedy of Iran is inextricably bound up with the fate of Israel. Amil Imani can see all too clearly that the regime that has enslaved his country intends to bring about a second Holocaust of the Jews. It is a sickening fact that the leaders of the so-called free world—America, Britain, and Europe who have simply ignored the desperate plight of the Iranian people under the tyranny of this terrible regime, are now turning upon the regime's principal target, Israel, while giving the strongest signals that in the end they will not stop Iran from obtaining its genocide bomb. In the face of such obscene moral degradation, the strong, brave, and honest stand of Amil Imani is a light in the gathering darkness.





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