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**Welcome to the April 2014 Levitt Letter.** I trust you'll find this news magazine one-stop-reading for Holy Land information that other media mostly ignore.

This month, Jews and Christians celebrate Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits—the first of the Seven Feasts. Christians celebrate First Fruits as Resurrection Sunday or Easter. In this issue, Zola and Dr. Todd Baker clear up misunderstandings about Jesus' death and resurrection. And you don't want to miss John Parsons's Hebrew Lesson/Bible study on page 16.

April 27 marks Israel's Holocaust Memorial Day. The CEO of Zola Tours' land agent in Israel experienced the Holocaust as a child and graces our pages this month with a recollection. We're still learning about that era!

**In the news:** Myles points out that Israeli-Palestinian peace talks are close to violating God's warning in Joel 3:2 about dividing His Land or Jerusalem. We update you on the state of Christians in the Mideast, and archaeology that confirms the Bible's narrative. Learn how ancient Israel rose from drought. Next month, we'll show you how modern Israel is helping California cope with its drought.

You'll read an encouraging report on Israel's progress in the race for oral insulin and encounter other Israeli inventions like a camera that lets the blind "see" and super-secure audio Internet log-in technology.

Please remember that the *Levitt Letter*, timely Bible teaching on location in Israel, and free website access to our *Zola Levitt Presents* archives rely on your prayers and donations. Like salvation, it is all "free" because someone else paid for it.



Shalom, and "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." (Ps. 122:6)

Margot, ZLM Editor

**P.S.** If your spirits aren't lifted enough, grab a chuckle from the humor page and cartoons scattered throughout. Or read the To The Jew First ambassador's report for inspiration and hope.

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



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# Secret IDF Hospital Treats Syrian War Victims

IDFblog.com

In February 2013, wounded civilians from Syria approached Israel's border in urgent need of help. Col. Tariff Bader heads an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) field hospital near the border.

"They arrived on *Shabbat* and were treated by the same people who treat IDF soldiers," Col. Bader explained. "The ethical code of the IDF Medical Corps clearly states that soldiers must assist anyone who is sick or wounded—even if they are associated with the enemy." The incident on the border began the IDF's extraordinary mission to assist Syrian civilians in need.

In the Syrian rebellion against the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, the main victims are Syrian civilians. "When we realized we would receive many patients, we built a field hospital," Col. Bader said. "No injured Syrian has been denied medical treatment by the IDF or any civilian hospital."

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## Israeli Court Recognizes Messianics

By David Lazarus  
[IsraelToday.co.il](http://IsraelToday.co.il)



Messianic Jews have won another battle for recognition in Israel. This time a special judicial tribunal determined that a Messianic congregation in Jerusalem should receive the same full tax exemption as a synagogue.

The battle began in 2010 when the Knesset passed a law providing Jerusalem synagogues relief from municipal taxes. Lawyers from the Jerusalem Institute of Justice (JIJ) then petitioned the court to also provide a Messianic fellowship in the capital with the same status. And they won.

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## Secret IDF Hospital... *continued from cover*

The secret Israeli hospital includes surgery, orthopedics, and radiology divisions. Cases that call for serious operations are transferred to Israeli civilian hospitals.

The field hospital is located very close to the border, making it a potential target for Syrians looking to exploit the conflict to attack Israel. Mortar fire from Syria has wounded IDF soldiers in Israel. Yet, despite the dangers, soldiers risk their lives to treat Syrian victims. In many cases, medical forces must treat Syrian patients without any knowledge of their medical histories or health conditions.

Once the patients return to Syria, any evidence of their presence in Israel can put their lives in grave danger. In order to keep the civilians safe, the IDF takes painstaking measures to remove any indication that they received care in Israel.

Soldiers who serve in the hospital are deeply committed to their humanitarian work. As an expression of respect for the hospital, people all over the world have sent gifts to members of the medical team: clothing, gift cards, radios. Gifts also arrive intended for Syrian patients.

A large number of the patients suffer extreme trauma as a result of death and destruction all around them. They carry memories as painful as their physical wounds. To ease the psychological trauma of children, clowns visit on a regular basis, giving the young patients a chance to laugh.

"As a father," Col. Bader said, "I am impacted most by the injuries of children. Some patients who arrive unconscious are shocked to find themselves in Israel when they wake up. Fortunately, other Syrians in the hospital help us calm them down." Col. Bader was also part of the IDF delegation to Haiti in 2010. "I am honored to do this work, both as a physician and a citizen of Israel." ★

**Brigitte Gabriel** is a Lebanese-born Christian activist. The care her mother received at an Israeli hospital forever changed Gabriel's brainwashed hatred for the Jews to a deep appreciation for Israel: "The Israelis did not see religion, political affiliation, or nationality. They saw only people in need, and they helped." —Myles



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*Israeli soldiers carry a wounded Syrian patient into a secret military field hospital in the Golan Heights.*



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## Israeli Court Recognizes Messianics *(cont. from cover sidebar)*

The ruling is significant in that it allows for full tax relief for all space used by the Messianic congregation, including the meeting hall, youth activity rooms, pastors' offices, etc.

According to JIJ, congregations applying for the discount will be reimbursed municipal taxes retroactively to 2010. The Jerusalem Institute of Justice is encouraging all Messianic congregations to apply for the tax break.

Secular Israelis fed up with corruption and scandals involving rabbis and religious organizations over the past several years are not happy that synagogues won't need to pay their share of municipal taxes. Many oppose the new law, feeling that Orthodox Jews are already an unnecessary burden on Israel's welfare system.

However, one of the lawyers from JIJ said it is very unlikely that anti-missionary Orthodox groups will try to overrule the new law in order to prevent court recognition of Messianic congregations, as they themselves enjoy the same tax benefits.

In its decision to grant the Messianics tax relief, the Supreme Court's Appeals Committee referred to the test congregation specifically as "a non-profit Messianic Jewish organization that provides a sanctuary for prayer." The court clearly did not consider the Messianic congregation a church, nor would they call it a synagogue.



*Israel's Supreme Court in session*

# Wholeness Through Pieces?

**Myles To Go**  
By Myles Weiss  
ZLP Host



The celebrated 20th-century author George Orwell highlighted the ability of totalitarian states to misuse language in order to subdue populations and curtail freedom. His satirical novel *1984* gave us the classic slogans *War is Peace*, *Freedom is Slavery*, and *Ignorance is Strength*, and concepts like *Big Brother*, *doublethink*, and *thoughtcrime*.

Today, the Mideast “peace” process continues as a bit of doublethink. The very word peace—*shalom*—is not just about rest and an even-tempered atmosphere. The Hebrew meaning has to do with wholeness, nothing lacking, complete.

How is it that the political forces of this world seem determined to bring shalom—wholeness—by *dividing* the land of Israel?! Am I alone in finding this ironic?

Western leaders don’t appear to be reading their Bibles. Scripture is very clear: The Creator of Heaven and Earth will judge all nations who divide the Land of Israel.

**In Joel 3:2, the Lord says:** “*I will gather all the nations.... Then I will enter into judgment with them on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.*”

Many negotiators call for Israel to withdraw to pre-1967 borders. Israelis muse that perhaps they mean 1967 **BC** borders—during Abraham’s time—which might be okay. We Jews never miss an opportunity for some gallows humor. The irony continues.

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*One of the first photos ever taken of Jerusalem, 1844, by French photographer Joseph-Philibert Girault de Prangey discovered in the 1920s. Courtesy Smithsonian.com*





In living memory, many world leaders—and certainly every American president—have stepped into the strange “messianic” shoes that cause them to think: “Perhaps I, yes I, will be the one who brings world peace by solving the puzzle of the Middle East. I will be known as the hero who, against all odds, brought the Jews and Arabs together. Thank you, thank you, ladies and gentlemen.”

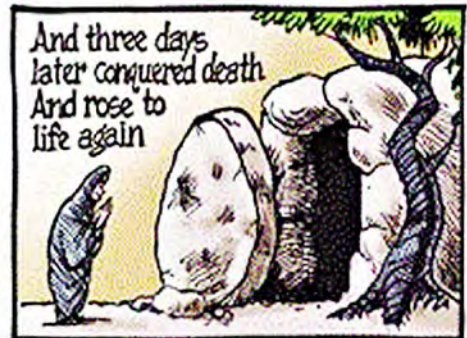
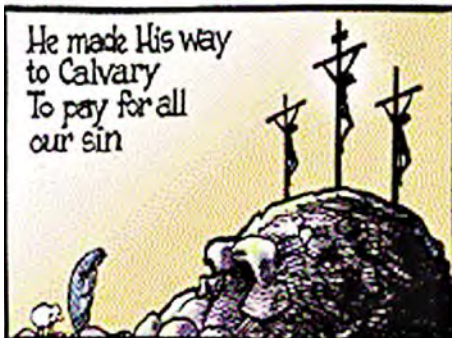
However, if Israel gives up significant territory in the Golan Heights and in Judea and Samaria (the heartland of Israel that the media call the “West Bank”) in order to create a sovereign “Palestinian” state, tiny Israel will return to indefensible borders.

In addition to that fist shaking in God’s face, many nations also call for Jerusalem to be divided!

During this season of Resurrection celebration, we thank God for His Messiah and the salvation provided at the Cross. He has provided wholeness—real *shalom*—for all who believe in His Son’s sacrifice.

He has also brought Israel as a nation back from the dead—the Diaspora—and breathed new life into it. Let’s pray for Israel’s physical and spiritual development to continue and not take steps backward by politically undoing what the Lord has done.

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# Holocaust Recollections

By Phillip Meyers  
CEO, Immanuel  
Tours, Israel



**Intro by Myles:** Phillip Meyers is the owner of Immanuel Tours, Zola Tours' land agent in Israel. At age 82, he shared many life experiences like the ones here when I interviewed him recently for *Zola Levitt Presents*. His son, David, who now heads the family business, wrote about touring Israel in our [July 2008 Levitt Letter](#), p.13. Here's Phillip's story. [Back to Cover](#)

I was born in Oberzwehren outside Kassel in June 1931, just two years before Hitler came to power in Germany. My father, a Jewish tailor, had left Poland for Hamburg in the early 1920s, intending to sail to New York. Instead, he met a Hebrew Christian whose testimony introduced him to the Messiah. His life changed again when he met and married my mother, a fellow Believer though not Jewish. Unfortunately, her parents never accepted her marrying a Jew.

From the moment the Nazis came to power in 1933, and especially following the 1935 anti-Semitic Nuremberg Laws, German Jews suffered great persecution. Many were killed, others were sent to concentration camps, synagogues were burnt, and Jewish shops destroyed.



*Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass) on November 9, 1938 signaled the violent Nazi reign of terror and bloodshed against the Jews. In response to the widespread outcry and appeal by both Jewish and Christian groups in the United Kingdom, just a few days after *Kristallnacht* the British government allowed 10,000 unaccompanied, predominantly Jewish children up to age 17 to enter the UK. Each child had to be sponsored; so on July 23, 1939, sponsored by London-based International Hebrew Christian Alliance (IHCA), my two older brothers and I set out for England.

After a brief farewell to our parents at the railway station under the watchful eyes of the Gestapo, we boarded a train that took us through the Netherlands to the Hook of Holland and from there with 400 other Jewish children, by cross-channel ferry to the English port of Harwich. We arrived at London's Liverpool Street station and stayed a few days in an IHCA hostel. A few days later, a train took us to Widecombe-in-the-Moor, a village near Exeter in Devon in England's southwest. There, a local squire accommodated us and other Jewish children from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia in his large manor house.

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This rescue—known as *Kindertransport*—moved children out of occupied Europe during the nine months before World War II began on September 1, 1939. Although we were only children ages 8–10 and were generally well received by the local population, some people suspected us of being German spies. Between 1939 and 1945, we were moved uneventfully from one foster home to another and had very little contact with our parents. An occasional letter would arrive by way of the Red Cross or through relatives in California, but even this ceased in 1942, after the United States entered the war.

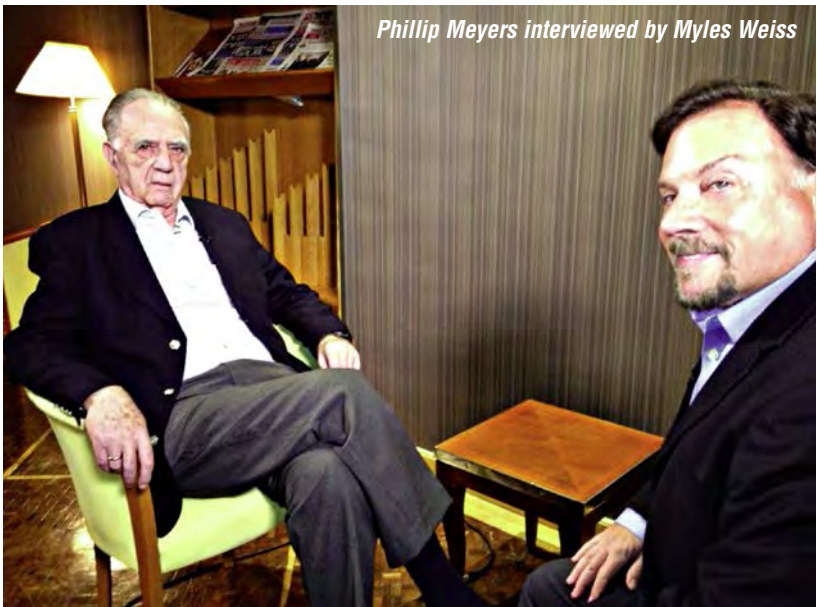
At the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, my brothers and I wondered how our parents and a younger brother had fared during the Holocaust. We praise the Lord that they all survived. Incarcerated in a labor camp with other Jews near Hanover, my father earned the nickname “Jesus Meyer” because he constantly witnessed to fellow inmates about his faith in Jesus as the Messiah.

Father escaped from the camp, assisted by an evangelical pastor who hid him during the last few months of the war. All the Jews and other prisoners in his camp were eventually transported to Theresienstadt concentration camp, and from there to Auschwitz.

My mother’s refusing the Nazi demand to divorce my father sent her and my younger brother to a house with Jewish women, where the treatment so seriously affected her health that she was later granted a lifetime 85% disability pension. Both parents died in the 1960s, neither yet age 70.

After a separation of more than 8 years, our reunion with our parents when they came to England for us in 1947 was very emotional and difficult, especially for our mother. She, of course, remembered us as little children.

My eventful life has brought me through 82 years, 52 of them in Israel, the Land my father desperately wanted to reach, away from the Nazis. I came to faith in our Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, in the late 1950s. An event that greatly contributed to my faith journey was the rebirth of the Jewish State in 1948, a fulfillment of the prophecies and the promises of God.





# TSA Double Standards

By Lori Lowenthal  
Marcus  
JewishPress.com



**Phyllis Chesler**, one of the doyennes of the feminist movement, professor emerita of psychology and women's studies at CUNY, ardent Zionist, and award-winning author was traveling from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport to Florida during the winter ice storms. Chesler's flight was delayed. Still, she felt somewhat lucky, as most of the flights were cancelled.

As she waited, Chesler pulled out the latest edition of *The Jewish Press*, which she had with her. Immediately, one of the security agents came over and asked to see her newspaper. After looking at the cover, the agent took the paper to another security agent and the two agents had a discussion, apparently about the newspaper and about Chesler. After being told to open her luggage, and



while her luggage was being searched and she was being interrogated, she noticed another woman stride past her and the security agents and disappear on to her destination. The woman who sailed through without being stopped was dressed in a nikab. The nikab is an Islamic head covering that covers a woman's entire face except for the eyes (shown at left).

Chesler recounted that she saw no one in security ask this other woman—whose face was impossible to see—to lift her veil so that they might check her facial features against her identifying documents. The unidentifiable woman went right past security, no questions asked.

Chesler's interrogation ended after the security agents found nothing more dangerous than a water bottle. The episode was relatively brief, but it reveals a great deal about whom security agents at JFK airport think is dangerous and from what they are protecting Americans. The issue is not that the Jew was the one who was stopped and the Muslim was the one who sailed through security. The issue is that merely the word Jewish on a newspaper was sufficient to draw the agents' attention and suspicion, while someone whose identity was impossible to discern, who could be hiding who knows what, was ignored by security—security professionals! Had the situation been reversed, there is little question that the Committee on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) would be up in arms.

But, a Jewish woman was stopped as a potential security threat in an airport in New York because she was reading a Jewish newspaper. Will anyone be up in arms? ★

Regarding the Keystone Cops of the TSA, see pages 13 and 14 of the December 2010 *Levitt Letter* for the article "Zola's Son and Grandson: Terrorists or Terrorized?" and a [Multiple Choice History Test](#) on twelve terrorist events. —Mark



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# Blind Camera

Israel Today



People with impaired vision can benefit from a new Israeli invention that reads to you. The small camera, which clips onto a pair of glasses, has been developed by the hi-tech company **OrCam**. It is currently only available online at a cost of \$2,500.

The device not only reads print but also recognizes objects and describes them. It can identify thousands of things, such as the faces of loved ones, newspaper text, and store signs—all by the wearer pointing his finger. It then conveys the information to the wearer through a voice system.

For example, when the wearer looks at a traffic light, OrCam will tell her whether it is red or green. The camera can read the print of a newspaper or book, and when pointed at a shelf in a store, it describes the objects being viewed. Initially the device only knows a few words; but as new objects are viewed, their description is added to the computer databank and its vocabulary expands.

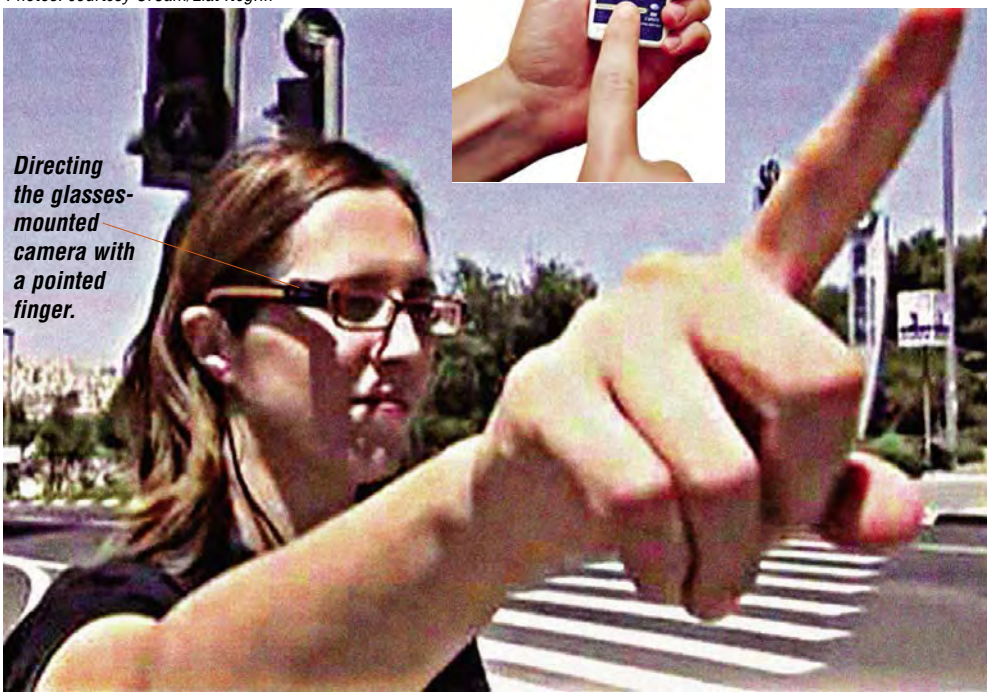
“No existing system could detect this huge amount of objects and do it on such a small platform,” says the head of R&D at OrCam, Yonatan Wexler.

During the testing phase, researchers asked an 18-year-old blind boy if he would like to read the news. He answered, “Of course.” Then he put on the OrCam and when he heard the newspaper read to him, he broke out in tears of joy! ★

Another shining example of the Chosen People at work—the small portion of humanity that consistently shares breakthroughs in health and improves quality of life. How ironic that we Jews are continually reviled in proportion to our good works. —Myles



Photos: courtesy OrCam/Liat Negrin



Directing the glasses-mounted camera with a pointed finger.

# Passover—Exodus—America

BY MICHAEL FREUND / JPost.com



Of all the festivals on the Jewish calendar, Passover contains some of the boldest and most powerful imagery. The departure of Jewish ancestors from Egypt, their pursuit by Pharaoh and his chariots, and the climactic splitting of the Red Sea, are just some of the themes that we continue to celebrate more than 3,500 years later.

Indeed, it is a testimony to the power of Jewish memory as well as the potency of the Passover saga that even after so many generations, we Jews continue to retell and relive this crucial part of our ancient past.

After all, how many other nations go to such great lengths to reenact the experience of their forebears and instill in the next generation a sense of historical continuity? Clearly, the deliverance of our forefathers from bondage left a deep imprint on the collective psyche of the Jewish people and led many Jews of later generations to place themselves at the forefront of various struggles for human liberty and progress.

Not surprisingly, the Exodus tale also ignited the imagination of others throughout history, encouraging them to stand up to tyrants and seek their own liberation. Perhaps the most resonating instance is America and the people who helped bring it into being.

For example, the Pilgrims set sail on the *Mayflower* in September 1620 from the port of Plymouth in southern England in search of a haven where they could practice their religion free of persecution.

As author Bruce Feiler wrote, when the Pilgrims “embarked on the *Mayflower* in 1620, they described themselves as

the chosen people fleeing a pharaoh, King James. On the Atlantic, their leader, William Bradford, proclaimed their journey to be as vital as ‘Moses and the Israelites when they went out of Egypt.’ And when they arrived in Cape Cod, they thanked God for letting them pass through their fiery Red Sea.” When Bradford wrote his historical account of the Pilgrims’ settling in America, he suggested parallels between his own community and the ancient Israelites.

A decade later, in 1630, a second wave of Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic on the



*Arbella*. En route to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, John Winthrop delivered a sermon to the passengers in which he too invoked comparisons with the Children of Israel.

By all accounts, the Pilgrims were driven by a deep-seated belief that they had a divinely-appointed mission. The early settlers referred to Plymouth colony as “Little Israel,” and many spoke of Bradford, its governor, as “Moses.” The Pilgrims, says Bible scholar Dr. Gabriel Sivan, saw themselves as “the children of Israel; America was their Promised Land; the Atlantic Ocean their Red Sea; the Kings of England were the Egyptian pharaohs...”

This vision and sense of purpose eventually provided foundation for the belief that the United States is a unique nation blessed by the Creator with a special role to play in the world. ★



# Good Friday to Easter Sunday=3 Days?!

CLASSIC ZOLA: 1998—16 years ago



**A single chapter in the Bible—Leviticus 23—lays out the Seven Feasts.** I have explained them thoroughly in our ministry's most-read booklet, *The Seven Feasts of Israel*. (See ad below.)

The Seven Feasts are an elegant demonstration of God's prophetic timetable: Our Lord was crucified on Passover, buried on Unleavened Bread, raised on First Fruits, and sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Those four Feasts paralleled significant events in our Lord's life. In upcoming days, we anticipate the pattern to continue, with the three remaining Feasts to also mark significant prophetic events: He will call forth/Rapture the Church on the Feast of Trumpets and return in His Second Coming on the Day of Atonement. Finally, the Kingdom itself will be characterized by the triumphant Feast of Tabernacles.

**People constantly ask:** If the Lord was really crucified on Friday and rose in the early hours on Sunday, how could that have encompassed three days and three nights?

The Lord was indeed crucified on Friday at 9 a.m. and taken off the cross at 3 p.m. His body was then prepared for burial and laid in the tomb at sundown (Friday), which is the beginning of the Festival of Unleavened Bread. It is the Jewish way of counting days and nights that allows us to see the prophecy fulfilled. "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40).

The Lord then arose on Sunday morning at sunup (Matt. 28:1, Mark 16:2, John 20:1). **The three days are explained thusly.** We must recall that the Jewish day always starts at sunset, and so Friday really begins at sunset on Thursday. Since any portion of

daylight is counted as a day, then Friday and its previous evening—Thursday night—is one night and one day. On the lunar calendar, each "day" begins the evening before, at sunset—just as the Genesis language describes: "the evening and the morning" are the first day. Sundown on Friday begins the second day, again beginning with the evening. So, Friday night and Saturday day are the second night and day. Finally, Sunday begins at sunset Saturday and involves Saturday night and any daylight hours of Sunday, the evening and the morning of the third day.

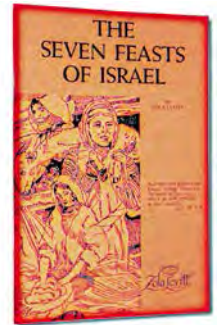
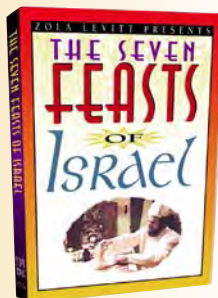
People have struggled to make Wednesday night and Thursday Passover in order to get three 24-hour days and nights the way the Western world calculates with the sun calendar, but that doesn't work counting Jewish days. Even in the Western world we begin each "day" at midnight, so the concept is not strange. When you look at a national weather report and it says "early Friday," it is usually referring to what we consider Thursday's night, the time we are sleeping before dawn. [See other FAQs at levitt.com.](#) ★



## The Seven Feasts of Israel

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*The Seven Feasts of Israel* booklet is a must-read and an appropriate gift for anyone you know. It heightens every reader's awareness of how God shows us the Messiah in these feasts. Yeshua was crucified on **Passover**, buried on **Unleavened Bread**, raised at **First Fruits**, and sent the Holy Spirit on **Shavuot** (Pentecost). We are waiting for the return of our Lord on **Rosh Hashanah** (Trumpets). We will not have to go through **Yom Kippur** (Atonement)



because Yeshua paid for our sins, and we will dwell with the Lord for a thousand years in our own **Sukkah**.

*Learn how God shows us the Messiah in these important feasts.*

# Ask the Chaplain

Dr. Todd D. Baker  
Zola Levitt Ministries  
Staff Theologian



**Q.** Did the Jews kill Jesus Christ because they refused to believe that a common carpenter could be the Son of God, regardless of all His miracles?

**A.** Historically, the Jews as a people and race did not kill Jesus. You can find these facts in the New Testament:

On the **human** level, it was leaders of the Sanhedrin and their followers representing the Judean community: the Romans, Herod Antipas, and Pontius Pilate (see Acts 4:26–27).

The Jews as a whole are not Christ-killers despite what anti-Semitic slanderers declare!

On the **divine** level, Jesus said in John 10:17–18 that He voluntarily laid down His life on the cross as the Father empowered Him, and that no man could forcibly take it from Him.

On a **personal** level, we all placed Jesus on the cross with our sins (see Romans 5). ★

## Congress Denounces ASA's Boycott of Israel

By Maya Shwayder  
JPost.com



69 Democrats and 65 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives signed a letter recently denouncing the American Studies Association's decision to boycott Israeli universities and academic institutions.

The letter, addressed to the ASA president and president-elect states: "...we believe that the decision to blacklist Israeli academic institutions for Israeli government policies with which ASA disagrees demonstrates a blatant disregard for academic freedom.

"...to single out Israel, while leaving relationships with universities in autocratic and repressive countries intact, suggests thinly veiled bigotry and bias against the Jewish state." ★

*Bravo, Congress! Everyone should have signed it, but at least some politicians are raising their voices against the blatant anti-Semitism of the ASA's action. —Myles*



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### Palestinian University



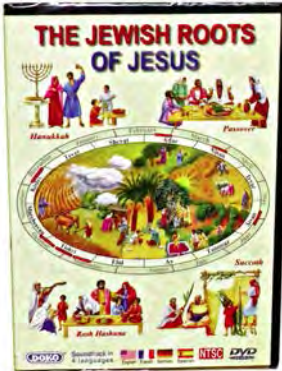
Al-Quds University

**Guess which one the American Studies Association is boycotting**

# Jew and Gentile—Made One By the Shed Blood of Yeshua

BY DR. TODD D. BAKER

Harvey Zion and I ventured into Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street one evening just after the Sabbath had ended. The Spirit of the Lord led us to talk with David, a shop owner. While we were telling him that our love for Israel was based on what God gave us through the Jews—the Messiah and the *Tanakh* (Old Testament)—I noticed that David was selling the DVD *The Jewish Roots of Jesus*. We commended him, an observant Jew, for carrying a DVD on this important subject.



An especially fruitful method for communicating to Jews the Jewishness of Jesus is to get the people of Israel to read for themselves the *Tanakh* next to the *B'rit Hadashah* (New Testament). Then they'll discover that the Messiah—the central Person of the Bible—unites both Testaments into a single story of God. That story concerns the first and second comings of Messiah, foretold in the Old and fulfilled by Yeshua in the New.

We offered David this opportunity. He not only said, "Yes," but also exclaimed, "God bless you!" For centuries, Jews considered Jesus and the New Testament anathema because anti-Semites twisted the Scriptures—in the name of



Todd & David

Jesus Christ!—to hate and persecute His brothers, the Jews. We were pleasantly surprised that David considered our gift of the New Testament as a blessing from God. But now he can read for himself the Messianic promises by Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms in the *Tanakh* and then the New Testament record that certifies Jesus as the Messiah.

A spirit of joy greeted us when we witnessed to an Israeli mother and daughter, Darlia and Pnina. The Lord slid open a door for Gospel ministry when I saw in their shop's jewelry display a grafted-in symbol (menorah, Star of David, and Christian fish like the **Grafted-In decal pictured on p.36**). As we admired it and the fact that they offered it, the women brightened. "Of course. We (meaning Jews and Christians) are one family, united by blood." (See Acts 17:26.) How true! The shed blood of Yeshua unites both Jew and gentile, redeems and reconciles them into One New Man (Ephesians 2:14–15).



Harvey with Darlia and Pnina

Harvey and I were astounded. Here were two more Israelis, like David earlier, openly understanding and expressing appreciation for Yeshua. And like David, Darlia and Pnina joyfully accepted complete Jewish Bibles in Hebrew and Messianic Gospel tracts. Darlia was especially grateful that the New Testament was in Hebrew. They blessed us in the name of the Lord for giving them God's Word about His Son—Jesus (*Yeshua*), the Messiah! ★



Shlach Report



## Top Israeli Inventions (25–30)

BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN (r) / Israel21c.org



One of Israel's sources of pride is the enormous number of inventions and innovations that have taken root on its soil over 65 years—despite challenges of geography, size, and diplomacy.

The ever-churning Israeli mind has brought us drip irrigation, the cherry tomato, the electric car grid, the Disk-on-Key, and much more.

The Bloomfield Science Museum in Jerusalem exhibited and demonstrated 45 indispensable Israeli inventions. Curator Varda Gur Ben-Sheetrit said that hundreds of ingenious inventions were considered for Inventions, Inc. She emphasized that many other Israeli inventions were deserving of being included. “We were, of course, constrained by space limitations, and also not every company we invited to exhibit responded,” she said.

We continue our series of the top inventions highlighted at the exhibition, in no particular order.

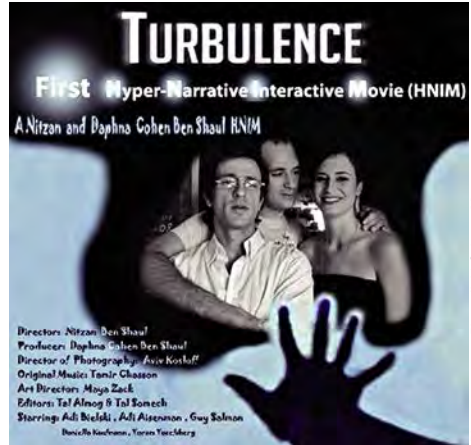
25. Zenith Solar developed a modular, easily scalable, **high-concentration photovoltaic system (HCPV)**. The core technology is based on a unique, proprietary optical design to extract the maximum energy with minimal real estate.

26. **AFC (Active Flow Control)** was developed at Tel Aviv University as an intelligent gas-air mixing system to replace all existing mixing technologies.

27. The Space Imagery Intelligence (IMINT) unit of Elbit Systems makes a **space camera**: a compact, lightweight electro-optic observation system for government, commercial and scientific applications.

28. **Turbulence**, the world's first hyper-narrative, interactive movie, is also the name of the company developed by Prof. Nitzan Ben-Shaul of Tel

Aviv University. The technology allows the viewer to choose the direction of the film's plot by pressing buttons on the PC, Mac, or iPad at various moments in the action.



Photos courtesy Bloomfield Science Museum

29. Decell Technologies is a global leader in providing real-time road traffic information based on monitoring the location and movement of phones and GPS devices. **Swift-i Traffic**, Decell's premium product, is incorporated in leading navigation systems, fleet management services, mapping operations, and media channels in several countries.

30. NDS **VideoGuard** technology is the pay-TV industry's advanced suite of conditional access (CA) solutions. It protects branded service from piracy and ensures that consumers will have the choice and flexibility they demand in broadcast and on-demand content. ★

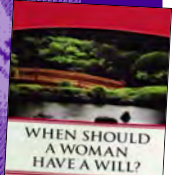


# ZLM Bulletin Board

## Terrorist Party a Real Blast

Weeks ago, an instructor in the Iraqi village of al-Jalam was teaching terrorist recruits how to make car bombs. He accidentally set off a huge explosion that killed 21 of them and resulted in the arrest of nearly two dozen. The participants were part of an extremist group that recently broke with al-Qaeda. In the resulting search, authorities found seven car bombs as well as several explosive belts and roadside bombs.

**"He who lives by the sword ..."** Matthew 26:52



## Comfortably Dumb



Roger Waters, co-founder and former front man of the legendary British rock band Pink Floyd, is reportedly worth \$230 million.

According to Waters, Israel is a "racist apartheid regime" that practices "ethnic cleansing." Likening Jews to Nazi collaborators, he compares Israel to the Nazis themselves. He believes that Israel is guilty of genocide, only "this time it's the Palestinian people being murdered." So much for his hit song's sentiment: "We don't need no education!" (*The Wall*—1979)

Free Item

## Pamphlet of the Month

Our featured pamphlet is **"When Should a Woman Have a Will?"** Its 11 enumerated answers include: when she is single or married, when she has children—minors or adults, and when she owns property.

It suggests reviewing estate plans when her marital status changes, when she wants to name her own personal representative, or when she has charitable wishes. Reason #8 explains, "A properly drafted will or trust can reduce estate taxes, probate expense, and other costs—even for modest estates." To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com) or write to our P.O. Box.

## Smart TV or Streaming Box?

A "smart TV" set connects directly to the Internet for running apps such as Netflix, Hulu Plus, Facebook, and so on.

Unfortunately, most smart-TV manufacturers (other than Samsung) don't update their apps very frequently. *Dallas Morning News* technology columnist Jim Rossman advises sticking with non-smart TVs and purchasing a [media streaming box](#), like [Roku](#) or [Apple TV](#). Both Roku and Apple, he explains, keep their boxes updated with the latest apps and streaming services. The word to the wise is this: "Keep your TV dumb, and rely on proven streaming solutions to connect your set to the Internet."

## "Come Home!"

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Tours to  
Israel



See [page 36](#)  
for details



# Hebrew Lesson



## The Lamb of God

By John J. Parsons

אֱלֹהִים יִרְאֶה-לוֹ הֶשֶׁה לְעֹלָה בְנִי

“God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” (Gen. 22:8)

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my son	for burnt offering	the lamb	will provide for Himself	God

**The word “love” first appears in the Scriptures** regarding Abraham’s passion for his son: “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you” (Gen. 22:2). After journeying to the chosen place, Abraham bound Isaac, laid him upon an altar, and raised his knife to slay him. At the very last moment, the Angel of the Lord called out: “Abraham! Abraham! Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (Gen. 22:11–12). Abraham then “lifted up his eyes” and saw a ram “caught in a thicket” which he offered instead of his son. Abraham named the altar *Adonai-Yireh*, “the LORD who provides” (Gen. 22:14). The sacrifice of the lamb for Isaac portrayed the sacrifice of Jesus, the great “Lamb of God” who would die in exchange for the trusting sinner (John 1:29). Indeed the story of how God provided the lamb—both at Moriah and later during the Passover in Egypt—may be understood as the “Gospel according to Moses” (Luke 24:27; John 5:46).

**Isaac not only pictures the sinner** who trusts in God’s sacrificial substitute, but also the One who offered Himself in obedience to His heavenly Father. The promised seed illustrates how Jesus “humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8), and in that sense he is a type of Christ. For instance, both Isaac and Jesus were born miraculously; both were called “only begotten sons;” both were to be sacrificed by their fathers at Moriah; both experienced a “passion;” both willingly took up the means of his own execution; both were to be resurrected on the third day (Gen. 22:5, Heb. 11:17–19); and both demonstrate that one life can be sacrificed for another—the ram for Isaac, and Jesus for all of mankind.

**The first time the word “Torah” occurs** in the Bible refers to the faith of Abraham (Gen. 26:5), and the second time refers to Passover: “There shall be one teaching (Torah) for the native and for the stranger” (Exod. 12:49). There is a link here. Abraham lived before the time of the Exodus, of course, and therefore he observed Passover by offering the lamb in place of his son (Gen. 22:13). Abraham revealed that the inner meaning of Torah is that the “righteous shall live by faith” (Hab. 2:4, Rom. 1:17) and that God justifies the sinner who trusts in Him (Heb. 11:17–19; Rom. 4:5). During the Exodus from Egypt, Moses declared that the blood of the Passover lamb would be “a sign” of imputed righteousness secured by faith—with no “leaven,” or human works, added. This is the “life-for-life” principle that underlies the sacrificial system of the Tabernacle revealed at Sinai as well. **Ultimately all true Torah points to Jesus, the Lamb of God, Who died upon the cross for our offenses and was raised again for our justification** (Rom. 4:25).





## *Journey of Restoration* DVDs

A ten-part pilgrim's perspective during a study tour in Israel. (10 Programs on 2 DVDs)

Join pilgrims touring Israel, pastored by Myles and Katharine Weiss. Our Messianic guide reads from the Bible in Hebrew and English. Meet "living stones" of the Body of Messiah in Israel.

**The Journey Begins** In Caesarea, guide Yuval Shemesh talks about Apostle Paul's time in prison here. Myles speaks of the One New Man. In Carmel, we hear the testimony of a Jewish Believer.

**Yeshua's Galilee Ministry** We visit the "Jesus Boat," then embark on the Sea of Galilee where Myles teaches about the Lord's authority. On the Mount of Beatitudes, we hear Matthew 5 in Hebrew and English. After a visit to Capernaum, many pilgrims are baptized in the Jordan River.

**Reforestation and Revelation** Planting trees fulfills prophecy. At Tel Dan, we see the "House of David" stone. At Caesarea Philippi, Matthew 16 reveals the Lord's authority over the forces of darkness.

**Up to Jerusalem** From Beit She'an, we go to Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls cave. In Jerusalem, Myles welcomes us with a Hebrew blessing.

**Resistance and Rest** At Masada, we hear the fortress's history. We learn about *Shabbat* during a *Shabbat* dinner in Jerusalem.

**Holy Places, Holy Moments** We walk from the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane to meditate. In the Upper Room, we worship the Lord.

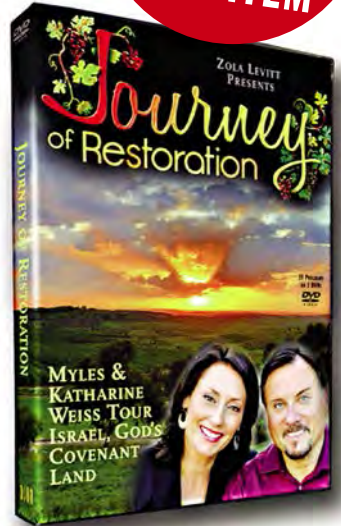
**In the Footsteps of History** At the Temple's Western Wall and Southern Steps, we learn each site's significance. In the Garden Tomb's serene setting, we discuss the connection between Passover and Communion. Pilgrims' testimonies relate blessings from the tour.

**The Tabernacle in the Wilderness** In the desert, a life-size replica of the Tabernacle contains representations of Yeshua throughout.

**Prophecy and the Patriarchs** We visit Petra, then Be'er Sheva, where Yuval tells the importance of water next to an ancient well. A clip from our *Abraham* series leads into a teaching of hope for Esau and Jacob.

**The Destiny of the Heartland** The tour over, Myles interviews Pastor Tommy Waller who brings Christians to harvest grapes alongside Orthodox Jews. Jewish Israeli Aaron Lipkin reflects on Tommy's work and the prophetic times in which we live.

*Myles interviewing Tommy*



# Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies

## By Dr. Zola Levitt & Dr. Jeffrey Seif



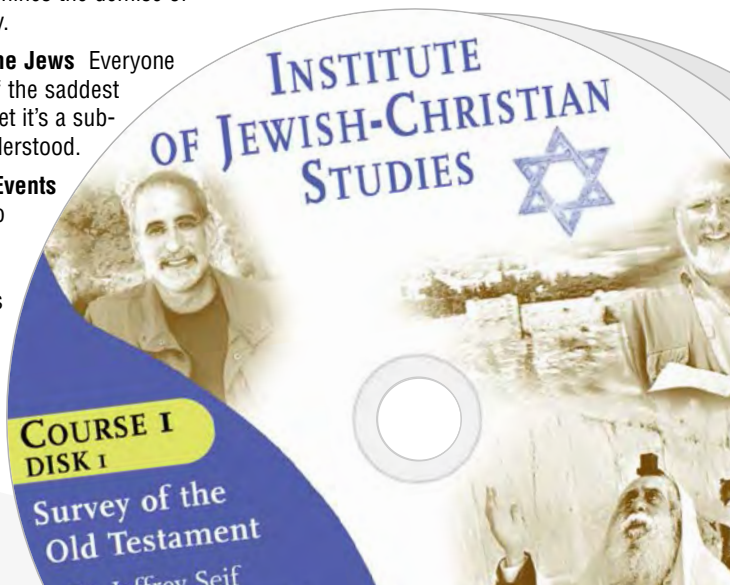
We've prepared a 12-course study that is a unique blend of Jewish and Christian perspectives. There now is a way you can master important subjects without having to pack up and go off to seminary. Each course comes in a three-ring binder with CDs, easy-to-follow outline, and a mail-in test. We'll evaluate your tests and encourage your progress as you enrich your walk with the Lord. Complete the 12 courses and receive a handsome diploma with your name in calligraphy.

**Zola Levitt**, a Jewish believer, was best known as the host of the weekly national television program *Zola Levitt Presents*. He was also a widely published author, with some fifty books in several languages, and conducted regular tours to the Holy Land.

**Dr. Jeffrey Seif**, Messianic believer and co-host of *Zola Levitt Presents* for five years, is an ordained minister and an expert on subjects related to Israel, Jewish people, and prophecy. **The 12 courses include:**

- 1. Old Testament Survey** After mastering this study, you will have an understanding of the background and chronology of the entire Old Testament.
- 2. New Testament Survey** Your understanding of the New Testament will blossom through the teaching of Dr. Levitt and Dr. Seif.
- 3. Jewish History** Those who love history and the Jewish people will no doubt consider this one of the series' most fascinating courses.
- 4. History of Modern Israel** This course teaches about one of the great miracles of modern times—how Israel became a nation in the worst of global conditions.
- 5. Comparing and Contrasting Jewish and Christian Theology** In this course, Dr. Seif and Dr. Levitt examine key Scriptures and doctrines showing both the Jewish and Christian perspectives.
- 6. Messiah in the Law of Moses** Where and how did Moses speak concerning Jesus? That is the question, and this course will give the answers!
- 7. Messianic Prophecy** After this course, the student will be able to use Old Testament prophecy to evaluate Jesus' claim to be the Promised One.
- 8. Between the Testaments/Origins & Demise of the Pharisees** This course examines what happened during the 400-year gap between Old and New Testaments.
- 9. Judaism Today** This interesting and thought-provoking study will help you to better understand your Jewish friends, neighbors, etc.
- 10. The First-Century Church** The New Testament is very much a Jewish story, and the first church was Jewish. This course examines the demise of early Hebrew Christianity.
- 11. Church History & the Jews** Everyone will consider this one of the saddest courses ever studied—yet it's a subject that needs to be understood.
- 12. Israel & End Time Events** In a fitting conclusion to the series, Dr. Levitt and Dr. Seif put the focus on the chronology of events related to the Rapture and beyond.


**All To The Jew First workers complete this course. It will strengthen your own witnessing.**



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## History of Israel

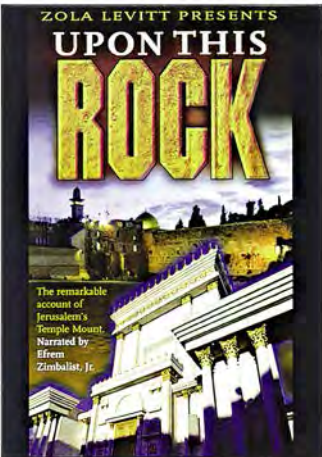
The following Macromedia Flash presentation was created by Udi Ohana of Kfar-Saba, Israel. It is from the point-of-view of an Israeli and shown here with his permission.

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Additional information about the history of Israel, its current struggles, and future significance can be found in several books and videos on this website, including the ones featured below.



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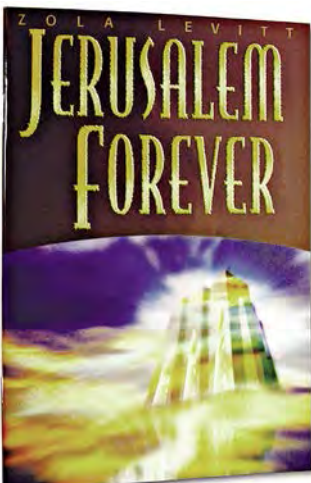
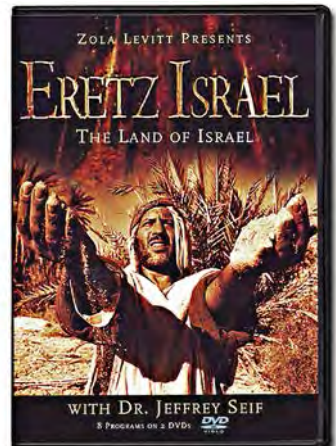


### Upon This Rock DVD

*Upon This Rock* gives the profound Biblical perspective of the Temple Mount, the present day contention for this site and why it is the most valuable real estate on planet Earth.

### Eretz Israel (The Land of Israel) DVD

Dr. Jeffrey Seif explores the Bible's accounts of the Holy Land's past, present, and prophetic future. Former CBS correspondent David Dolan explains the modern-day struggles that accompany the re-establishment of the ancestral Jewish homeland.



### Jerusalem Forever (booklet)

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 that every Believer will eventually call home.

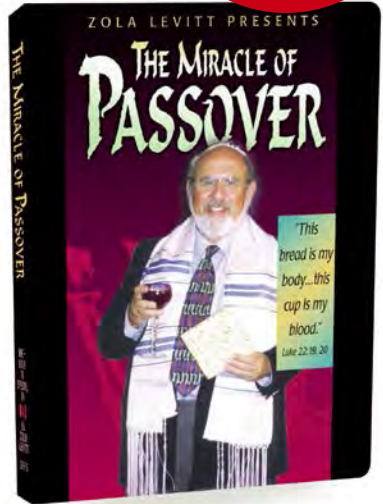
*God's plan for Israel  
continues to unfold!*



## *The Miracle of Passover* DVD, Study Booklet, & CD

Passover, the crown jewel of the biblical feasts, begins this year at sundown on Monday, April 14. In the booklet, CD, and DVD, Zola explains the origin and significance of Passover and demonstrates the feast in which Christ is revealed through its very elements. This is one of the most basic and important Bible studies, shedding clear light on the mysteries of the Lord's Supper and unearthing the Jewish roots of Christianity.

Zola Levitt demonstrates how dramatically this traditional celebration, thirty-five centuries old, typifies Christ—even in Jewish homes that don't realize that the Messiah for whom they wait has already come.



*One of our most popular and best-selling titles!*

## *The Messianic Passover Haggadah* A Messianic Celebration

You don't have to be Jewish to relive the Feast of Redemption—just redeemed! This 2-color, 36-page book guides you step by step through the traditional Passover Seder, the dinner Jews celebrate annually to remember the Israelites' rescue from Egyptian bondage.

This unique Haggadah focuses on Yeshua's teaching in the Upper Room, which institutes the Lord's Supper. The theme of redemption recurs throughout the evening.



You'll find words and

sheet music for the songs traditionally sung on Passover. Singing them will enrich your experience. Scripture quotations come from the very popular *Complete Jewish Bible*.



# Don't Think 'Carpe Diem' on Social Security

WISE AS A SERPENT / By Mark Levitt



The findings below from a recent **Scott Burns Q&A on Social Security benefits** relate to two previous *Levitt Letter* articles of mine—in **February 2010** and, particularly, **December 2013**.

**Q. Why do you tell those who are eligible for Social Security to delay taking the benefits?** Here is how I figure it. My monthly Social Security benefit is \$1,230 (\$14,760/yr). Suppose my friend could get the same benefit but delays for a year before taking it (\$0/yr). He now gets 8 percent more, about \$1,328. That's nice, but at the end of year two I have collected a total of \$29,520 and he has collected \$15,936.

The breakeven point for total benefits—where his monthly benefits begin to surpass mine—is 12.5 years away! I might have invested some of the first year's benefit. Or I might not live those 13 years. Bottom line, I say take the benefit while you can. Do you agree?

**A. Let's rely on probabilities rather than intuition.** Whether the bet depends very much on your income, gender, and race—factors that influence life expectancy.

Consider these statements (in bold) from National Vital Statistics Reports: **At age 66, Americans collectively have a life expectancy of 17.8 years (to age 83.8).** In our scenario above, with the break-even point 12.5 years away, deferral seems a pretty good bet.

**The life expectancy for 66-year-old white males is 16.4 years.** Again, deferral is smart for them.

**Black men have a life expectancy of 14.5 years.** The odds are still favorable, but it would not be totally foolish to bet the other way.

**White women age 66 can expect to live another 19.0 years.** So, deferral is better for them.

**Black women have a life expectancy of 17.9 years.** Deferral is advisable for them too.

Social Security actuaries have found that men in the top half of the Social Security wage scale now have life expectancies 5.4 years longer than men in the bottom half. So, if you earn an above-average income, you increase your life expectancy.

How much would more money mean to you in the future than today? Most people want to eat dessert first: "I'd rather have more income this year than a bit more income for the rest of my life. I know I can enjoy spending the money today. I don't know if I will 12 years from now."

That's a question you'll have to answer for yourself. *There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.* —Proverbs 21:20

Mark's Note: I'm quite a fan of spending \$20 at [SocialSecuritySolutions.com](http://SocialSecuritySolutions.com) (Please see my **December 2013** article.).



The first senior moment.



# Letters to ZLM

Ministry products and TV programs are available on our web store: [store.levitt.com](http://store.levitt.com).

## Comments from [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

**From S.A. (WA):** Thank you for your obedience in serving our wonderful Savior. My husband and I accompanied you on a recent [Holy Land tour](#) and are forever blessed for the experience. Your ministry to the remnant is vital. Keep going and proclaiming the Truth.

**From D.A.:** For someone to say that early followers of Christ were not Jews is like saying "Einstein was not a Jew; he was a physicist." Or "Madame Curie was not Polish but a researcher with a doctorate." It is all too ignorant for words to convey. I'm so glad that you can take the gut punches so gracefully, and Myles, that is exactly what they are. Keep on fighting the good fight of faith.

**From L.T. (PA):** As a homeschooler, I used your video series [The Gospel According to Isaiah](#) in studying the Book of Isaiah. Not only did my 11-year-old replay the programs until he was able to write in Hebrew as shown, he tells everyone to go watch it! You have a marvelous ministry that IS making a difference. Please thank your entire staff for their hard work and dedication.

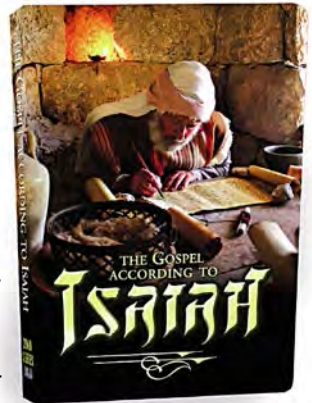
**From N.W.K.H.:** The [Levitt Letter](#) is such an inspiration! Thanks for sharing God's Word and Truth. I always pray for you, your family, and for Zola Levitt Ministries.

**From C.E.:** As a Seventh Day Adventist, I have written about the Replacement Theology of the SDA with reference to what was written by Ellen G. White (considered their "prophetess"). God has been guiding my study of His Word, and Dr. Todd D. Baker clarified my understanding about Revelation 3:9 and the Synagogue of Satan.

[\(Levitt Letter, January 2014, p.12\)](#) I have a deep-seated spiritual connection to Israel, especially Messianic Jews. My thanks to God for being connected to ZLM and Dr. Baker's writings.

**From W.J.:** Before my wife lost her job, we donated out of our excess. It really bugs me that we haven't been able to support your ministry. With kids still in college, our expenses are the same, but our income has been cut in half. We found some extra money this month. I know it is just a drop in the bucket given the millions of dollars in expenses that you have, but it is more than I've been able to donate in a long time. The bright side? I've learned a new word. Frugal! LOL. I realize that we are still very blessed and will try to make another donation next month. I think of Zola often. He was one of the good guys!

The thought-provoking and challenging letters we received this month from our readers and viewers expressed an outpouring of love and gratitude. So, *todah rabah* (thank you very much) to everyone like the writers above who are inspired by this ministry's work and those who bless it back. We are empowered by your positive feedback out here on the front lines. *B'rachot v'shalom* (blessings and peace) to you. —Myles and Katharine





## Always Be Ready

Dear Todd,

Is the phrase “no man knows the hour” (from Matthew 24:36) a Hebrew idiom that ties that phrase to the Feast of Trumpets? Your input would be greatly appreciated. B.R.

Dear B.R.—

The phrase is self-explanatory—it simply means that the Lord’s return could be at any moment and we should always be ready for His return. There seems to be no explicit connection with the Feast of Trumpets or the Lord would have plainly said so. —Todd

“no man knows...”

## God Created Science

Dear saints and siblings at ZLM,

Your ministry has taught me several things. I had misconceptions about the early Church that melted away as I heard the teaching of Zola and now Myles and Katharine. What was right in front of me was nevertheless hidden because I had preconceived notions about what took place in Bible times. I rejoiced when I learned about your To the Jew First outreach. I realize that you stand up to much pressure for your pro-Israel beliefs; God will certainly bless you for that. Thanks for opening up the Scriptures for me and many others.

One area troubles me, however. The archaeology article ([p. 32, February 2014 Levitt Letter](#)) about a 10,000-year-old house indicates that the ministry does not adhere to belief in a 6,000-year-old Earth. I don’t believe there are gaps in the biblical timeline (certainly not gaps of millions of years). I know you believe that God created us and that creation itself is a witness for the Creator. I wish you would consider screening your articles and interviews to exclude “Old-Earth” opinions of man that have tried to prove the Scriptures wrong. Sincerely, S.P. (TN)

Dear Friends at ZLM,

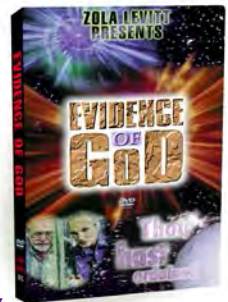
Regarding the February *Levitt Letter’s* article “[10,000-Year-Old House Outside Jerusalem](#)”: I am a retired engineer who receives all of God’s Word as literally as I believe God intended. I am concerned that you accept ages of materials that are clearly non-biblically based. In Christ, R.M.S. (VA)

Dear S.P. and R.M.S.—

We agree with you that God created the universe, including time itself, and that the Bible’s account of Creation is 100% accurate. However, science—God’s language—is also true. Each time we decipher one of God’s physical laws, we glimpse His extraordinary architecture.

In one of my favorite television series, *Evidence of God*, nuclear physicist Gerald Schroeder explains time dilation, similar to the phenomenon that makes physical objects appear smaller as our distance from them increases. Because we look **backward** from our point in time, Creation appears as a 15-billion-year process. Had we stood with God at the beginning looking **forward**, that same distance would appear as six days.

In *Genesis One* (booklet) and *Evidence of God* (DVDs), Dr. Schroeder lays out the mathematical formula, explains the terms, then lets you work the solution with him. What scientists have learned in the last century quantifiably supports the Genesis account! As Myles says, we’re witnessing the headlines catch up with the Bible. —Margot, editor



## Proselytizing in Israel

Dearest Zola folks,

Regarding Todd's response to anti-proselytizing laws ([p. 24, Feb 2014 Levitt Letter](#)), it may be true that Israel has no official laws prohibiting sharing the Christian faith. However, in reality, authorities have been arresting and jailing sharers of the Gospel of Jesus. In a recent Jews for Jesus campaign in Israel, one of the JFJ missionaries was arrested and jailed for openly sharing the Gospel.

It is no coincidence, I believe, that Israel is becoming less tolerant of Christians sharing Christ, even as Jews—in Israel and worldwide—are becoming more open to Christ. God is on the move and Jesus is on the way! God's blessings and guidance. Shalom, M.J.V.



Dear M.J.V.—

The official stance of Israel is that proselytizing is not to be directed at minors without their parents' knowledge, and that material goods should not be used as a means to change religions. The paradox is that humanitarian aid is a valid part of Gospel outreach and young people are often the most open to understanding the identity of Yeshua!

The difficulty seems to be that we Jews who follow Jesus believe (correctly) that we are **still Jews**, while certain religious people claim we are not. There is an increased acceptance of Messianic work **and** an increase of opposition occurring simultaneously in the Land. Check out the encouraging article on page 1. Yeshua told us it would happen (Luke 6:22). Shalom —Myles

## I Was There!

Dear ZLM,

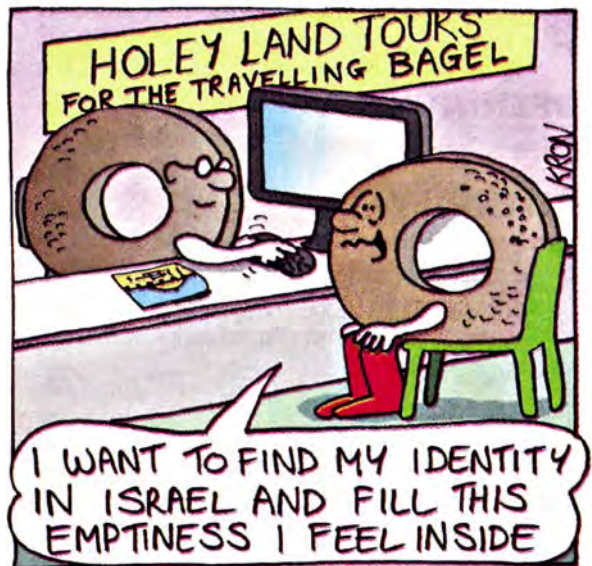
The cover article *Israel Defense & Rescue Forces* (about Greece's devastating 1953 earthquake) in the January *Levitt Letter* really caught my eye because I served in the military there as a Naval Aviator flying F2H2s (a twin-engine jet fighter) from the USS Franklin Delano Roosevelt CV42 on a Mediterranean cruise.

We were ordered to the Islands to off-load all of our food supplies. We did so in the morning and had only bread and water for lunch, as I recall. We were resupplied with food that afternoon.

I wonder if anyone else among your readers was there. —J.R.H.

Shalom J.R.H.—

First, thank you for your service. The U.S. military and the Israel Defense Forces historically share the common decency that causes them to bring aid in a self-sacrificial manner. Let's hope the trend continues and that the world recognizes the "good guys" in action. —Myles



## Watch Zola Anytime

Dear ZLM,

*Zola Levitt Presents* is no longer broadcast in the daytime when I can watch it. I am sad about this loss. —J.W.

Dear J.W.—

You might consult [levitt.com/airsch](http://levitt.com/airsch) for a new time and station, choose from current or archived TV program at [levitt.tv](http://levitt.tv), or read below for another viewer's solution to inconvenient airtimes. —Webmaster

Dear ZLM,

I record *Zola Levitt Presents* each week and watch it when I'm ready. Therefore, whatever day and time you broadcast is fine with me.

I'd like to let you know how much ZLM means to me; I thank God for each of you. Zola's "promotion" felt like a family member had departed, and I miss him very much. It is especially enjoyable to see programs that include Zola's teaching and music with Myles and Katharine adding present-day perspective. Everything they do is outstanding!

I pray for the seeds that are planted, that millions will be added to the Kingdom as a result of your work! Thank you for your faithfulness. My meager support of your ministry all these years is certainly multiplied by your efforts! In His love —C.S.R.

## How Dare They!

Dear ZLM,

I am deeply distressed that Ryan Jones considers Israel "[The World's Most Christ-like Nation](#)" (p.1, Feb. 2014 *Levitt Letter*). The United States is the most generous nation in the world, coming to the aid of alien nations in their time of need. It is a slap in the face for Israel to claim this title. I doubt I'll be generous toward *Levitt Letters* in the future. —C.H.M. (MO)

Dear sister C.H.M.—

I am sorry you misunderstood the tongue-in-cheek title. Calling Israel the most Christian nation is the author's humorous way of noting that, per capita, tiny Israel does more for those in need around the world than many larger countries. He is using **irony** since we know that Israel is not a "Christian nation." Get it?

This in no way diminishes the historic generosity of the U.S. Lighten up, please! Blessings —Myles ★

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By Wiley



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# Sleeping Bacteria Avoid Antibiotics



SCIENCE: BY CATHARINE PADDOCK, PhD (r) MedicalNewsToday.com

Researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have reached a breakthrough in understanding how “persistent bacteria” withstand treatment with antibiotics. They reported their work, which could pave new ways to control such bacteria, in the journal *Nature Communications*.

Unlike drug-resistant bacteria that have evolved their ability to resist antibiotics through mutation, persistent bacteria do not resist the drugs but simply lie dormant or inactive while exposed to them. Then, when the treatment is over, they “wake up” and continue with their harmful activity.

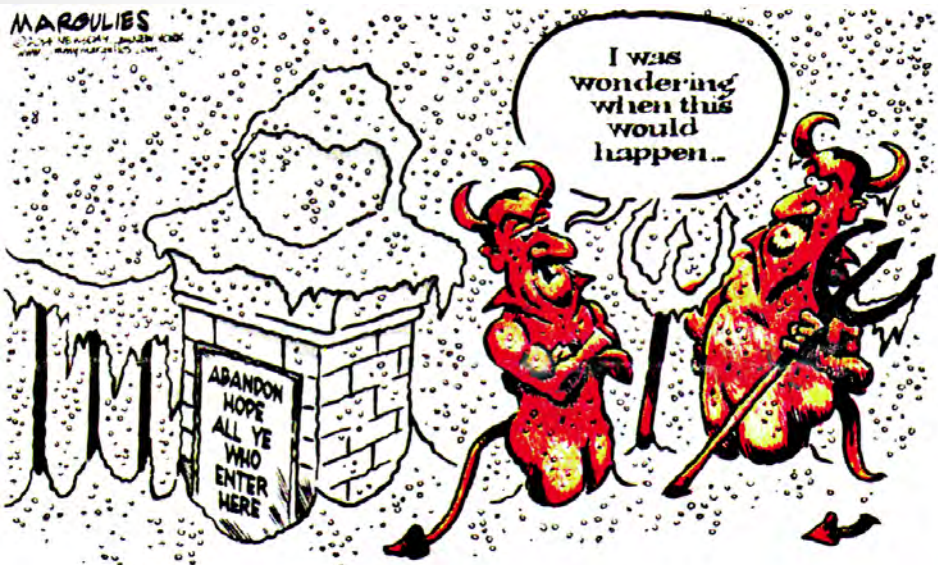
It is the bacteria’s ability to lie dormant and then wake up once the threat to them had passed that has puzzled scientists. Some clues exist, such as evidence of some kind of link between persistent bacteria and HipA, a toxin that occurs naturally in them.

This new study—led by two Hebrew University professors, Gadi Glaser, of the Faculty of Medicine, and Nathalie Balaban, of the Racah Institute of Physics—showed that when antibiotics attack the persistent bacteria, the HipA toxin plays havoc with the chemical signals that the bacteria cells use to build proteins from nutrients.

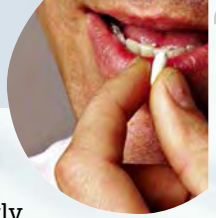
Consequently, the bacteria interpret this disruption as a “hunger signal,” which in turn triggers an inactive, dormant state. And so the bacteria stay “asleep” until the treatment is over. When it is, HipA stops disrupting nutrient use, and the bacteria wake up and resume their normal—harmful—activity.

Prof. Balaban’s lab has been working on persistent bacteria for several years, trying to better understand their biophysical properties.

Now, that knowledge and the findings from this study—combined with other work that has been going on in Prof. Glaser’s lab—should result in a big push forward in the fight against persistent bacteria. ☆



# Race for Insulin Pill



**MEDICINE: BY STEVEN SCHEER** / Reuters

Israel's Oramed Pharmaceuticals is racing to develop the world's first insulin pill and has moved a step closer to its goal. It recently announced successful results from a small mid-stage test. The company, which specializes in oral drug delivery, said its insulin capsule has met all primary and secondary endpoints in a Phase IIa clinical trial, and the company now plans to launch a larger, mid-stage study.

The concept of oral insulin as a way to relieve diabetics of several daily injections has been around since the 1930s, but making it a reality is extremely difficult because insulin is destroyed by enzymes in the digestive system. Oramed believes that it has found a solution to allow enough insulin to survive the onslaught of digestive juices to still do some good.

At least 90% of 382 million diabetes sufferers worldwide are in the Type 2 category, according to the International Diabetes Foundation, which expects the number of diabetes patients to near 600 million by 2035. Oral insulin could make it easier for sufferers to start early treatment, slow progression of the disease, and delay the need for injections, Oramed said. Unlike injections, the ingested form passes first into the liver, which regulates the secretion of insulin into the bloodstream.

The new, year-long Phase IIb study in the United States will study 150 Type 2 Diabetes patients and mainly test for the drug's effectiveness, Chief Executive Nadav Kidron said after the company issued results of the Phase IIa trial. During the Phase IIa trial, conducted under a new U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) drug protocol, 30 patients with Type 2 Diabetes entered an in-patient setting for one week.

"The FDA wanted us to show one thing: that it was safe enough to conduct a IIb trial," Kidron said. While Oramed was not checking for efficacy, Kidron said the IIa trial revealed that it was effective, though the sample size was too small for FDA purposes. Oramed will need to conduct a final, large-scale Phase III trial before the drug is licensed for sale, so the capsule is still years away from market.

The global expense for diabetes is about \$500 billion and an oral insulin version could bring a large drop in costs. Oramed noted that the pill would not eliminate the eventual need for injections but could delay the shift to needles by years. ★



# Teaching Boys to Slaughter Infidels



BY ROBERT SPENCER (r) MEMRI.org

The [video](#) is chilling: A jihadist addresses a crowd of boys at a school in Syria, rallying them to jihad. The boys look to be about ten or twelve years old, and they eagerly participate in the lesson about how Muslims should wage war and slaughter infidels in order to defend Islam.

“The *mujahedeen* are coming here, to Syria,” says the jihadist, “from Egypt, Chechnya, Morocco, the U.S., Belgium, China, Russia, Cameroon. . . Who unites them?”

“Allah!” the children reply.

The jihadist bats back: “Why did they gather here?”

The boys answer: “For the sake of Islam.”

That is what the jihadist wants to hear. One gets the impression that he is asking the boys questions that they have answered many times before.

When the boys respond that Christians are infidels, the jihadist elaborates: “Allah said: ‘Those who say that Jesus son of Mary is God have disbelieved.’ Allah said: ‘Those who say that God is the third of three have disbelieved.’ ‘Whoever says that Jesus is his son is an infidel as well’ (surah 5:72–73).

Christians are not the jihadist’s only targets. He asks: “Is Bashar Al-Assad a Muslim or an infidel?” When he gets the answer he wants, he asks, “Why do you hate him?”

“Because he is an infidel,” they cry.

The Alawites, a Shiite offshoot sect that Sunni Muslims consider to be heretical, make up about 12% of Syria’s population—including the ruling Assad family.

“If an Alawite were here, would you like him?”

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*Video capture of jihadist instructor addressing a crowd of young boys at a school in Syria, rallying them to jihad against various infidels, Alawites included.*





## Slaughter... continued

When the children answer No, they would not like an Alawite, the jihadist asks: "What would you do to him?"

"Slaughter him!" they shout.

The jihadist is pleased. That was the right answer. "Right," he responds. "Anyone who does not believe in Islam is an infidel."

The video ends shortly after that. But, *What happened next?* Did these boys rush to join the jihad? Did their mothers ask, "What did you learn in school today?" and in horror say that believing that Islam requires them to slaughter infidels is a twisting and hijacking of their "Religion of Peace"?

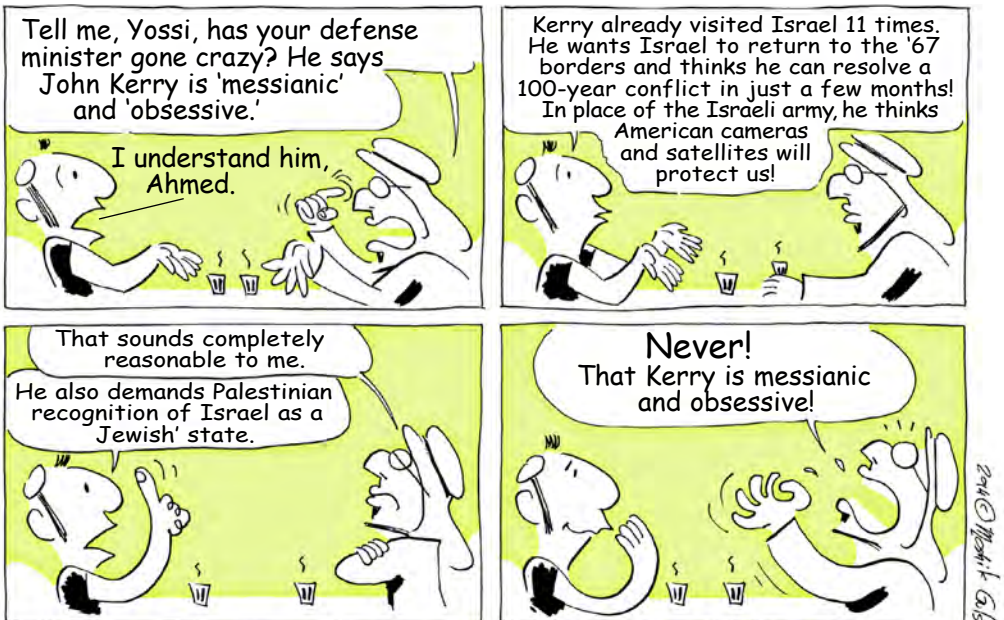
How many of the boys will slaughter infidels for the sake of Islam? Will any of them be stopped by "moderates" who are, or so we are told, the vast majority of Muslims who despise the violent jihadists? Will any school teach how Islam is really peaceful and doesn't involve slaughtering infidels?

For years, the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), the source of this video, has been chronicling similar teachings of hate in Islamic schools in Pakistan. So it is no surprise that the Taliban are alive and well in Pakistan, and that the tiny Christian and Hindu minorities increasingly face violent persecution there. The same thing is likely to happen in Syria and everywhere that the Koran's exhortations to violence against infidels are taken as applying to the present day.

This article tragically illustrates Walid Shoebat's assertion that "the only occupation in the Middle East is the occupation of young Arab minds." —Myles



### When Yossi and Ahmed Meet.....



# SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS



*A sunset over  
Israel's Sea of  
Galilee*

## Drought Led to the Rise of Ancient Israelite Kingdom

JNS.org

A three-year study published in the Journal of the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University suggests that a series of major droughts may have led to the collapse of several great Bronze Age civilizations in the eastern Mediterranean between 1250 and 1100 B.C., giving rise to new civilizations such as the ancient Israelite kingdom.

Using samples of sediment retrieved from up to 60 feet under the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, researchers used fossilized pollen grains to understand ancient climate conditions.

According to researchers, at the end of the Bronze Age severe cold spells and reduced precipitation destroyed crops in the ancient Near East. This caused severe droughts, widespread famine, and mass migration.

The pollen climate record correlates with ancient Near Eastern documents that tell of droughts and famine from the Hittite Empire in modern-day Turkey to ancient Egyptian civilizations.

"Egypt never got back to that level of prosperity," said Tel Aviv University Professor Israel Finkelstein, one of the study's authors.

## Sharing the Gospel with Jewish Millennials

By Tyler O'Neil / ChristianPost.com

A Pew Research Center survey shows that many young Jews do not consider religion a key component of what it means to be Jewish. This trend, and a wider secularism among youths, provides an opportunity for preaching the Gospel, according to Messianic Jewish scholars.



**Russ Resnik**, executive director of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC), explained, "It's a problem that our country is becoming increasingly secular." But as a result, "a lot of people are growing up without religious boundaries that historically kept Jews from thinking about Jesus as the Messiah."

Messianic Jew Richard Harvey, visiting lecturer on the Hebrew Bible at All Nations Christian College in the UK, said this secularism is an opportunity for Christian outreach. While Jewish Millennials might be abandoning the synagogue, "they are hungry for belonging, community, identity, and purpose, ... something we as believers in Yeshua (Jesus) should be modeling in a way that is infectious and engaging," using language more relevant to the Millennial generation.

Kirk Glebe, president of the UMJC, agreed that Christian language is a barrier to an effective presentation of the Gospel. Young secular people, he argued, need Christians to be "simple and clear about theological points."

"The person of Yeshua is very compelling and attractive, even to Jewish people and secular people," Resnik added.



## Google Buys Israeli

IsraelToday.co.il

By David Shamah / TimesOfIsrael.com

Search giant Google purchased Israeli startup SlickLogin in what is known as an “acquire,” meaning the SlickLogin team will be fully absorbed into Google.

SlickLogin developed a revolutionary, patent-pending log-in technology that lets users enter an audible password into a mobile phone, which then emits an ultrasonic signal to a nearby computer.

The system keeps logging in to services like Google’s Gmail (or sensitive services like bank accounts) as simple as possible, while providing what the company calls “military-grade” security.

SlickLogin’s three founders—Or Zelig (CEO), Eran Galili (CTO), and Ori Kabeli (VP R&D)—are all veterans of the Israeli army’s “cyber-security” unit, which in recent years has been at the forefront of defending the Jewish State from increasing efforts by foreign hackers to bring down its vital computer systems. They assure that the system is secure, and that recording the sound from a phone wouldn’t do a hacker any good, because the sounds change depending on location, time of day, etc.

The system could be easily implemented on a website using just a few lines of code, they added.

Google has gotten into a habit of acquiring Israeli startups, as have many international tech giants. In 2013, Google bought the Israeli-made social GPS app Waze for just shy of \$1 billion.

## IDF More Civilized than Arab Armies

Israel Today magazine



The pan-Arab TV station Al-Jazeera, with tens of millions of viewers in the Middle East, is one of Israel’s most bitter critics. Yet it made a stunning admission: the Israel Defense Forces are far more humane than any Arab army. During coverage of the Syrian civil war, an Al-Jazeera presenter blasted the Syrian army and allied fighters from the Islamic terrorist group Hezbollah in Lebanon.

“Why don’t they learn from the Israeli army which tries, through great efforts, to avoid shelling areas populated by civilians in Lebanon and Palestine?” the host asked. Hezbollah fighters “take refuge in areas populated by civilians because they know that the Israeli Air Force doesn’t bomb those areas.” ★

Or Zelig (CEO), and Eran Galili (CTO)





# Ancient Symbol of Jesus in Israel



ARCHAEOLOGY: BY MEGAN GANNON (r) LiveScience.com

Archaeologists in Israel have uncovered intricate [mosaics](#) on the floor of a 1,500-year-old Byzantine church, including one that bears a Christogram surrounded by birds (*see below*).

The ruins were discovered during a salvage excavation preceding a construction project in Aluma, a village about 30 miles south of Tel Aviv, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) announced. Excavator Davida Eisenberg Degen said the team used an industrial digger to probe a mound at the site, and through a 10-foot hole, they could see the white tiles of an ancient mosaic.

Much of the church was revealed during recent excavations. The basilica was part of a local Byzantine settlement, but the archaeologists suspect it also served as a center of Christian worship for neighboring communities because it was next to the main road running between the ancient seaport city of Ashkelon in the west and Beit Guvrin and Jerusalem in the east.

“Usually, a Byzantine village had a church, but the size of this church and its placement on the road make it more important. ... A most remarkable find so far is the mosaic containing a Christogram, or a “type of monogram of the name of Jesus,” Degen said.

To avoid building over ancient sites, archaeologists are often brought in for salvage digs ahead of construction projects like this one. ★



**Photo:** The **Christogram** in the mosaic may look like a cross, but it's actually a “chi rho” symbol, which puts together the first two capital letters in the Greek word for Christ and often looks like an X superimposed on a P. Another Christian symbol—an alpha and omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet)—flanks the chi rho, as Christ is the “the beginning and the end” **Revelation 22:13**. (Credit: Davida Eisenberg Degen, Israel Antiquities Authority)

# Holocaust Told in One Word, 6 Million Times

BY JODI RUDOREN / NYTimes.com

There is no plot to speak of, and the characters are woefully undeveloped. On the upside, it can be a quick read—especially considering the book's 1,250 pages.

*And Every Single One Was Someone*, more art than literature, consists of the single word "Jew" in tiny type, printed six million times to signify the number of Jews killed during the Holocaust. It is meant as a kind of coffee-table monument of memory, a conversation starter and thought provoker.



"When you look from a distance, you can't tell whether it's upside down or right side up, you can't tell what's here; it looks like a pattern," said Phil Chernofsky, the author, though that term may be something of a stretch. "That's how the Nazis viewed their victims: These are not individuals, these are not people, these are just a mass we have to exterminate."

"Now get closer, put on your reading glasses, and pick a 'Jew,'" Mr. Chernofsky continued. "That Jew could be you. Next to him is your brother. Oh, look, your uncles and aunts and cousins and your whole extended family. A row, a line, those are your classmates. Now you get lost in a kind of meditative state where you look at one word, 'Jew,' you look at one Jew, you focus on it, and then your mind starts to go because who is he, where did he live, what did he want to do when he grew up?"

While many Jewish leaders in the United States have embraced the book, some Holocaust educators consider it a gimmick. It takes the opposite tack of a multi-million-dollar effort over many years by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial and museum that has so far documented the identities of 4.3 million Jewish victims. These fill the monumental "Book of Names," 6.5 feet tall and 46 feet in circumference, recently unveiled at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The book's backers do not deny its gimmickry—Mr. Chernofsky used the Yiddish word *shtick*—but see it as a powerful one.

Ilan Greenfield, CEO of Gefen Publishing, noted that there is a blank line on the title page where people can dedicate each book, perhaps to a survivor like his mother-in-law. "Almost everyone who looks at the book cannot stop flipping the pages," he said. "Even after they've looked at 10 pages and they know they're only going to see the same word, they keep flipping."

Greenfield said he would like eventually to print six million copies of *And Every Single One Was Someone*. ★





# Israel's Innovative CyberSpark

BY MICHAEL CURTIS / AmericanThinker.com



It has long been obvious that Israel punches far above its weight in contributions to innovations in science, research, and general culture. For some time, Tel Aviv and its surroundings have been second only to Silicon Valley in scientific and technological developments. Now the country intends to become a major, and possibly the leading, cyber-nation in the world.

The key will be **CyberSpark** — a national cyber-park in Beer Sheva, in the Negev. CyberSpark will be the first of its kind, and will include leading cyber industries, advanced academic research, security organizations, educational institutions (especially Ben-Gurion University), and governmental agencies. Through a joint technical infrastructure, the Israelis aim at global leadership in the cyber field. The new initiative brings together multinational companies, investors, start-up companies, academic research, and even a high school.

The announcement of CyberSpark was made at the opening of Cybertech 2014, the first international cyber conference in Israel, attended by hundreds of companies. Among the many sponsors of the event were IBM, EMC, Microsoft, Netcom, Cisco, and Symantec. The U.S. delegation included 50 people from the White House and the Department of Homeland Security.

After Target was hacked last Christmas, compromising the data of millions of customers, commercial enterprises undertook to remedy the challenging problem. Not surprisingly, because of attacks and threats against Israel, concern for security is paramount. Cyber Spark follows the creation in 2012 of the Israel National Cyber Bureau, a body that helps formulate cyber de-

fense policy, both for government and private enterprises.

The importance of Israel's activity cannot be overestimated. The worldwide market for cyber security products and services currently amounts to about \$80 billion a year. This makes Israel a power in cyber-security. For some time, Israeli companies have been providing security assistance for individuals and enterprises.

Some of these companies may emulate the success of Check Point (started by graduate students), specializing in network security. All the firms on the Fortune 500 list use their products.



The democratic world is well aware that international cooperation is essential if cyber-defenses are to be effective. The Israeli initiative is to encourage nations to join together in this endeavor. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made clear that Israel will share its experiences and talents with others.

The relationship has already begun, with research centers planned or already built at the tech park in southern Israel. The intention of the companies is to develop joint partnerships with Israeli political, economic, and academic institutions, especially Ben-Gurion University. The objective is to explore research and development projects in cloud computing, data analytics, and cyber technologies.





# Jewish Humor, etc.

## Not Taking Chances

Abe is on holiday in Israel with his wife, children, and mother-in-law. Sadly, while they are visiting Jerusalem, Abe's mother-in-law dies.

Abe goes to the American Embassy with her death certificate to make arrangements to send her body back to the U.S. for burial. As soon as the Embassy official realizes that it's Abe's mother-in-law who has died, he tells Abe that it's very expensive to send a body back to the U.S.

"It could cost as much as \$3,000," he says. "So in most cases, the family decides to bury the body here in Israel because this only costs \$300." But Abe says, "I don't care how much it costs, I want to send her body back to the U.S."

"OK," says the official. "You must have loved your mother-in-law a lot, considering the price difference."

"That's not the reason," says Abe. "It's just that I heard about someone who was buried here in Jerusalem many, many years ago and on the third day he rose from the dead. I just don't want to take that chance." ☆



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



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