

# Levitt Letter

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



Jewish "Schindler" for Girls p.21

# Repaying the Kindness of Kindertransports



By **Jas Chana**  
TabletMag.com

British publisher **Lord George Weidenfeld** (l), a Jewish peer who was rescued from Nazi-occupied Austria and transported to Britain by Christians in 1938, has

pledged to return the kindness by funding the rescue of Syrian and Iraqi Christian refugees who are suffering at the hands of ISIS.

After the onset of World War II, Quakers and Plymouth Brethren Christians coordinated safe passageway for members of Vienna's Jewish community to England. They fed, clothed, and provided the transportation for countless Jews to escape Nazi oppression. George Weidenfeld, now 96, was among them.

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## Ron Prozor's Stirring Speech at the United Nations

By **Isi Leibler** / *Algemeiner.com*



*Israel's UN Ambassador Ron Prozor's address to the United Nations in November 2014 exposes the double standards of the international community in relation to Israel. His message is unlikely to persuade our adversaries to change their policies, but it should give pride to every Jew. Here are a few excerpts. The entire speech is available on [Levitt.com](http://Levitt.com) —Editor*

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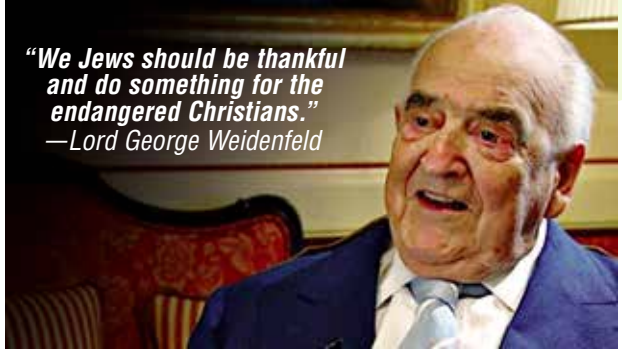


Ron Prozor

## Repaying the Kindness of *Kindertransports* *cont. from cover*

Born in Austria in 1919, Weidenfeld was appointed the British title of Lord in 1976. In order to help Syrian and Iraqi Christian refugees, he set up the Weidenfeld Safe Havens Fund. The Fund organized Operation Safe Havens, the first phase of which saw 150 Christians flown by privately-chartered plane from Syria to Poland with permission from the Polish government and Syria's Assad regime.

In an interview with *The Times* newspaper, the 96-year-old explained: "I had a debt to repay. It applies to many young people who were on the *Kindertransports*. It was Quakers and other Christian denominations who brought those children to England. It was a very high-minded operation, and we Jews should also be thankful and do something for the endangered Christians."



Sir Nicholas Winton's *Kindertransport* trains carried more than 660 children out of Nazi-occupied Europe to the United Kingdom during 1938–1940. Winton, who was called the "British Schindler," died in July at the age of 106. Weidenfeld says he wants to replicate Winton's heroic acts.

Phillip Meyers, the owner of Immanuel Tours (Zola Tours' land agent in Israel), shared his own *Kindertransport* experience in our [April 2014 Levitt Letter](#).  
—Editor

I knew there would be a rising of "righteous Jews" to return the kindnesses of the "righteous gentiles" during the Holocaust. This phenomenon is very gratifying, and I hope it grows into a movement! —Myles ★



A young Christian Syrian couple with their seven-month-old daughter flank Miriam Shaded, a Polish church charity worker, who will help families resettle in Poland, in Warsaw in July, 2015. Shaded has a Syrian Christian background and works for the Esther Foundation.

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## Christians in the IDF JNS.org

Last year, Christian enlistment in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) rose to more than 100 soldiers as part of a recruitment effort by the Israeli military and Christian leaders such as Greek Orthodox priest Father Gabriel Naddaf. Next year, that number is predicted to rise to 200.

IDF Col. (res.) Pini Gonen runs the Gadna youth battalion project for Christian youths for the Israeli Defense Ministry. He reports that a recent seminar was opened for 48 Christian youths, including two women, in which he saw increased motivation among Christians to serve in the military.

*More Women fly F-16s in Israel than drive cars in Saudi Arabia.*



According to Gonen, the four-week seminar includes military preparation and a leadership course, as well as visits to Jerusalem, churches, Israel's north, and more.

"I believe that the number of recruits will rise. Already today you can see [Christian] officers at the rank of major in the teleprocessing branch, [the] navy, and other units. Even more senior rankings are just a matter of time," Gonen added. ★

# God's BDS Movement

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



Israeli statesman Abba Eban famously said, "The Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

Perhaps the most flagrant recent example of Eban's statement is the modern "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" (BDS) movement. This spiteful manifestation of anti-Jew seeks to injure Israeli economic success as a means to shutting down the "start-up nation."

One major problem: Israel is a blessing to this world (Genesis 12:1–3), including Arab residents and neighbors who also benefit from Israel's economy.

God has His own, and more genuine, BDS movement, proven over the seven decades since Israel's rebirth: Breakthrough, Develop and Supply.

This is a partial description of Israel's actual role in the lives of all who care to notice:

- If your lawn is green
- If your cell phone is humming along unimpeded
- If you have needed surgery and the doctor used a miniature camera to explore your innards  
...you are a beneficiary of God's BDS!

The tiny and much maligned Jewish nation is a hotbed of innovation, with the "Yiddishe kups" (Yiddish, Jewish brains) working tirelessly on scientific and medical *breakthroughs* that are then enhanced and shared with all.

- Jews and gentiles
- Islamic civilians and terror leaders
- anti-Jewish Europeans
- supporters of the anti-Jewish BDS movement

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Reestablishing the State of Israel also introduced forward thinking to the Middle East in the form of:

- A flourishing pluralistic democracy
- Equal human and civil rights for all, including women and minorities
- The safest place in the Middle East for Moslems!

Israel's Declaration of Statehood on May 14, 1948 states:

"THE STATE OF ISRAEL ... will be based on freedom, justice and peace ... ensure complete equality of social and political rights ... guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture ... [and] will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions."

In order to *develop* these breakthroughs, Israel has the world's highest per capita rate of university degrees and the highest ratio of scientists and technicians in the workforce (145 per 1,000 citizens, compared to 85 per 1,000 in the U.S.).

While the world commits 1.5% of its GDP to research and development, Israel commits 4% of its GDP to R&D.

Israel is a source of *supply* to all—friend and foe alike:

- Israeli researchers developed the cellphone (Motorola Israel)
- Israel created a vaccine to treat anthrax
- Israel was the only nation to enter the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees
- U.S.-Israel partnerships have produced breakthroughs in technology and in biomedical, environmental, and agricultural research, saving the U.S. substantial funds in research and development

Israel's attitude can be explained by the Hebraic concept of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). It is inherent in the Jewish culture to leave the world in better shape than we found it.

The benefit of Israel to mankind makes the earthly BDS movement exceptionally hard to fathom. It is not just political; it has roots in the spiritual realm as part of Satan's ancient hatred for God. The Adversary of men's souls works constantly to thwart the purpose of the King. Israel is central to the return of Messiah, so the earthly BDS movement is intent on wiping Israel off the face of the Earth. ✨



Reforestation project  
Tikkun olam (repairing the world)

# Persecution in the 20th & 21st Centuries

Katharine Weiss  
ZLP co-host



Myles and I were incredibly pleased to host **Dr. Sonia Korn-Grimani** when she spoke at our local congregation for *Yom HaShoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Sonia survived the Holocaust and told our gathering about her life in Germany and of being an enemy of the state at age 7. In her words, "I stand three feet six inches tall when I am declared an enemy of the German state."

Sonia's mother took the family, fleeing Germany for France. The family escaped the Nazi regime but was unfortunately separated. Sonia stayed in a Catholic orphanage during the war and tells a remarkable story of triumph over tragedy. Sonia earned her doctorate in French literature and language education. As a result of her dedication to promoting the French culture and language, she was knighted *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* by the French government.

Sonia embodies the essence of triumphing over tragedy. Her testimony of perseverance inspires people who cope with challenging circumstances, such as young people growing up in inner cities. My recent meditations have centered on how our lives can change at any moment. A relatively easy existence can transform into immense challenges due to a health issue, a work issue, or a family trial of some sort. We need to find courage in the face of life's trials.

Sonia relates a modern-day story of overcoming hardship. Joseph provides a biblical example of conquering adversity. Favored by his father, and in obedience to him, Joseph goes to inquire about the welfare of his brothers. Their jealousy over Joseph's relationship with their father, however, leads the brothers to plot against Joseph. So, as he seeks after their welfare, they are seeking his demise. **From Joseph's life story we gain this lesson:** If we hold on to God in the midst of adverse circumstances, God will see us through.

**Jeremiah 29:11** reminds us that God's plans and thoughts for us are for our success, not for our destruction. It's important to remember that God wants to give us peace and a future and hope. We can trust Him to follow through, based on His covenant-keeping character.

Another "Holocaust"/genocide is happening today to the Christians in the Middle East. We Believers need to be active in supporting them. We need to speak out and take action for them, and we need to witness to the Moslems around us. ★



Sonia speaking at  
*Yom HaShoah*

# Katzrin—A Pearl on the Golan

**OUR MAN IN HAIFA** By Eitan Shishkoff (r) with wife Connie



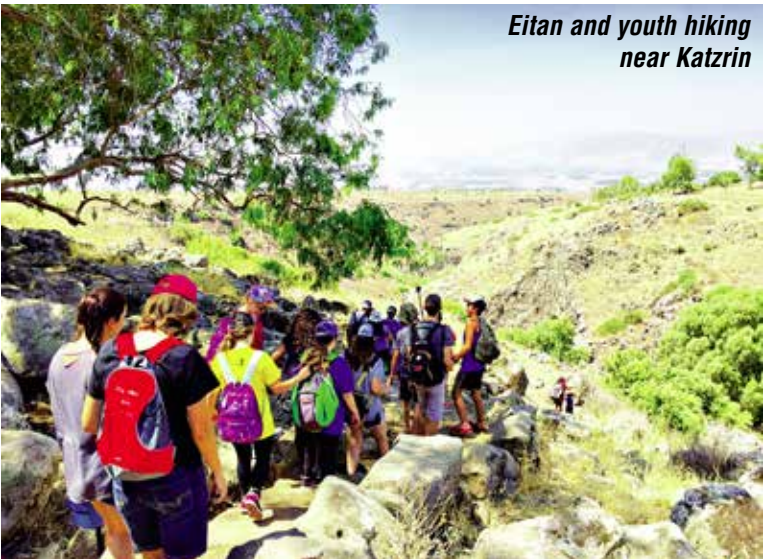
On a shelf of land that steadily rises from the Sea of Galilee to the Golan Heights perches Katzrin, a town of around 7,000. Named for the ancient Talmudic-era (70 A.D.—500 A.D.) village that was resettled in 1967, this northern center serves as a refuge for those seeking an alternative to the intense pace of Israel's cities. One third of its inhabitants came from the former Soviet Union; many other residents—both religious and secular—were simply drawn by the natural beauty of the region.

Boasting several dynamic industries, Katzrin hosts a large bottled water plant, two solar energy plants (including Israel's largest solar power station), and an olive oil mill that produces 50 tons of olive oil annually. The sloping volcanic soil above Katzrin produces superb wine grapes, which in turn spawn some of Israel's best-known wineries.

This August, I found myself in Katzrin during a blistering heat wave with 83 teenagers at our annual Israeli Messianic Teen camp. The hottest day turned out to be the most fun. We played water games (boys competing against girls—the girls won!) and running joyfully through sprinklers. Our gutsy counselors also took the group on three hikes to experience the rugged terrain and dramatic views of Israel's Golan Heights. The camp aims not to cater to the self-centered, media-driven culture of modern youth but rather to challenge them.

**Our staff seeks first and foremost to assist campers in being born of the Spirit through genuine faith in Messiah Yeshua. Then, we help them understand—and answer!—Yeshua's call** to discipleship: Those who save their life (hang on to it by making their own pleasure a priority) will lose it; but those who lose it (by placing their entire will before the Lord) will gain true life.

The region surrounding Katzrin assisted the campers in this pursuit. Not only did we take hikes, we also went rafting; cleared brush on a large, neglected property owned by a local *moshav* (cooperative agricultural community); and studied what the Scriptures say about "being free to serve." Most of these young Messianic Israelis live in city apartments. Their environments consist of asphalt, concrete, glass, and steel. We love helping them reconnect with the land and also experience a "land flowing with milk and honey." A prophet spoke 2,600 years ago about our time: "But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they are about to come home" (Ezekiel 36:8).



**Eitan and youth hiking near Katzrin**



# Ron Prosor's Stirring Speech at the United Nations

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Isi Leibler

*Excerpts from Ambassador Ron Prosor's speech:*

Mr. President,

I stand before the world as a proud representative of the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

The world's unrelenting focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an injustice to tens of millions of victims of tyranny and terrorism in the Middle East. As we speak, Yazidis, Bahai, Kurds, Christians, and Muslims are being executed and expelled by radical extremists at a rate of 1,000 people per month.

How many resolutions did you pass last week to address this crisis? And how many special sessions did you call for? The answer is zero. What does this say about international concern for human life? Not much, but it speaks volumes about the hypocrisy of the international community.

Mr. President,

Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of the Jewish state.

Sixty-seven years ago this week, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land into a Jewish state and an Arab state. Simple. The Jews said yes. The Arabs said no. But they didn't just say no. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon launched a war of annihilation against our newborn state.

This is the historical truth that the Arabs are trying to distort. According to the United Nations, about 700,000 Palestinians were displaced in the war initiated by the Arabs themselves. At the same time, some 850,000 Jews were forced to flee from Arab countries.

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Why is it, that 67 years later, the displacement of the Jews has been completely forgotten by this institution while the displacement of the Palestinians is the subject of an annual debate?

The difference is that Israel did its utmost to integrate the Jewish refugees into society. The Arabs did just the opposite.

**The worst oppression of the Palestinian people takes place in Arab nations.** In most of the Arab world, Palestinians are denied citizenship and are aggressively discriminated against. They are barred from owning land and prevented from entering certain professions.

And yet none—not one—of these crimes are mentioned in the resolutions before you.

Mr. President,

I often hear European leaders proclaim that Israel has the right to exist in secure borders. That's very nice. But I have to say—it makes about as much sense as me standing here and proclaiming Sweden's right to exist in secure borders.

For thousands of years, Jews have lived continuously in the land of Israel. We endured through the rise and fall of the Assyrian, Babylonian, Greek, and Roman Empires. And we endured through thousands of years of persecution, expulsions, and crusades. The bond between the Jewish people and the Jewish land is unbreakable.

Nothing can change one simple truth—Israel is our home and Jerusalem is our eternal capital. *(Also see related article on p.11.)* ★



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# Rachmiel Frydland 1919–1985

CLASSIC ZOLA from 1985: 30 years ago



I recently learned of the death of **Rachmiel Frydland**, the most courageous saint I ever knew. I had the honor of editing the autobiography of this one-of-a-kind Christian soldier.

It's hard to know where to begin to tell the story of a man like this one. As a Jew, he was a prodigy in the study of the Talmud and a fully qualified rabbi. As a Christian, he held degrees certifying him as a minister and a linguist in Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac (an early 1st-century dialect closely related to the Aramaic of Jesus), and Arabic. In the secular world, he completed all the requirements for a doctorate at New York University but never troubled to accept the degree.

The last picture I have of him was taken in an office at Jews for Jesus where he is shown stuffing envelopes.

What I remember best about this brilliant and humble servant was his account of his experience during the Holocaust. **Frydland smuggled himself into the Warsaw Ghetto in order to witness Yeshua to the Jews!** In a place where a veritable massacre was occurring day and night, and life hung by a thread, Brother Frydland put his life on the line to testify about his Lord. I never knew a more inspiring missionary story.

During the brief period that I helped him with his writing, I was embarrassed to have to keep answering inquiries about myself. His interest in the next person was complete and sincere. He acted as if he had little to talk about and had been nowhere special. His writing was modest and simple, and it was only through patient interrogation that I was able

to bring out the facts of his incredible ministry.

Few outside the earnest missions to the Jews know his name, and he will never be regarded as an important Christian. I know that even now he's telling the Lord that he did nothing.

There was a time in Rachmiel's life when he was entirely alone in the world. He was an Orthodox Jew who believed in Christ, and he was turned away by the synagogues and even by his church, which said that since the Nazis were in charge, Jews couldn't worship Christ in the churches! He faced nothing but enemies, and the Lord put them all beneath his feet.

A great saint has gone ahead. His place will be close to the throne in the Kingdom to come. ★

## Zola's Notebook

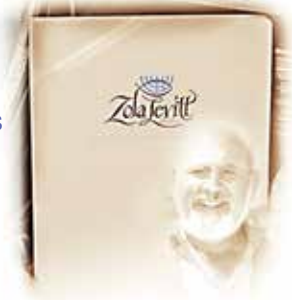
Seven vital doctrines are examined in a very readable and clear style. One of the most popular items offered by this ministry, *Zola's Notebook* explains the Bible cover to cover. [\(See related article on p.13\)](#)

The *Notebook* has pockets for our newsletters, and provides space for notes to be taken by the reader. Doctrines covered thoroughly are: the Abrahamic Covenant, the Law, Prophecy, the Messiah, Grace, the Church, and the Kingdom.



## The Bible: The Whole Story on DVD

*Zola's Notebook* (above) DVD version—7 programs



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# Israel's New UN Ambassador

BY DOVID EFUNE (r) Algemeiner.com (Also see cover sidebar story)



Hawkish Israeli government minister **Danny Danon** (*below*), recently tapped to become Israel's next envoy to the United Nations, "will surprise many" in his new role, a close confidant and adviser to the U.S.-educated Likud Party member said.

"Expect to see him active on issues including women's rights," advised the unnamed source. "There are thousands of women being raped and sold as slaves in the Middle East by ISIS, and on this—and similar issues—Danon will speak the truth and not worry about political correctness," the source added.



The 44-year-old Danon was offered the position earlier this year as part of the political Rubik's Cube Benjamin Netanyahu had to solve as he formed the narrowest of governing coalitions after his re-election in March.

According to the source, "Danon was offered this position—and took it instead of a more senior cabinet position, which he was offered at the time the government was formed. He wants to be prime minister—or foreign minister—and this is a chance to be on the world stage for Israel."

Danon currently serves as Minister of Science, Technology, and Space, a role that he may have taken temporarily while awaiting the conclusion of current UN Ambassador Ron Prosor's term. Since first entering the Knesset in 2009, Danon has steadily climbed the ranks within the Likud party, now placed at number 9 on the party list.

In 2012, a soft-spoken Danon described his relationship with Netanyahu: "I think he appreciates me, I'm very direct with him. Whatever I tell him in a closed room, he knows that's my position."

In Israel, opposition leader Isaac Herzog criticized the appointment, saying Danon's opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state was not well-suited for the sensitive task of representing Israel in the often hostile UN. But Danon's acquaintance shot back. The "criticism is absurd—no matter who at the UN represents Israel, the UN hates Israel. ... And indeed with Danon at the UN, Israel will be represented by someone fiercely pro-Israel."

Danon earned a bachelor's degree in international affairs from Florida International University, and a master's in public policy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In the 1990s, he served as a leader of Zionist youth group Betar North America. While in the U.S., Danon developed strong ties with lawmakers and leaders of the U.S. Jewish community. He described his image among the Israeli public as divided: "Even Mordechai [the biblical character in the Purim story] was only welcomed by the majority of his brothers. So I'm not trying to satisfy everybody all the time. I say what I believe, and I do get support for that." ★



# Ask the Chaplain

**Dr. Todd D. Baker**  
Zola Levitt Ministries  
Staff Theologian



**Q.** **My Bible study group is studying Joshua.** In discussing circumcision, we wondered who in Old Testament times would legally perform the circumcision. A priest, or perhaps the father of the child? We noted that Moses did not circumcise his children, rather their mother Zipporah did. Does Jewish law specify a particular person to do it? Joshua 5:7–8 indicates that Joshua circumcised the Israelites. But this would have taken a long time and we gather that he did not do it alone. I hope that you can answer our question on who performs circumcision.

**A.** **Normally, an adult male of the Jewish community performs the circumcision—usually a specially trained rabbi or member of the synagogue.** If a trained man is not available, then a woman (or even a child) who is Jewish and possesses the required skills can perform a circumcision. However, most streams of non-Orthodox Judaism allow female mohels, called *mohalot* (plural of *mohel*), without restriction.

**Q.** **Which Aramaic New Testament do you consider the most accurate, which Greek?**

**A.** **The Peshitta is the most accurate form of the Aramaic text dating back to the 5th century.** The best family of Greek manuscripts would be the ones originating from Antioch later to form the Textus Receptus. Both are available from Amazon.com.

**Q.** **I have discovered the formula for the holy anointing oil that God commanded to be made and used to anoint the priest in the Temple.** I am also aware that God prohibited the oil from being made by anyone other than a priest of the Temple. Does this prohibition still exist?

**A.** **Today in Israel, you can buy anointing oil that is similar to the oil used in the Tabernacle and Temple.** The prohibition would not apply to New Testament Believers in this Age (the Church Age), since the Old Covenant Temple and sacrifices have all been satisfied and rendered unnecessary due to the perfect, once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus the Messiah (Hebrews 8–10).



**Research: Christianity declining in US ...**



# The Entrance of Your Word Gives Light

*Psalm 119:130* BY DR. TODD BAKER



On this ministry's recent **To The Jew First** Gospel outreach, Eric Oler and I met an affable Israeli man working in the Jerusalem store of the Israeli shoe brand Gali. **Bashar** inquired whether he could help us, but we turned the tables and helped him instead. This young man possessed an accessible heart and mind. He eagerly embraced the Gospel of Yeshua that we shared with him from the Jewish Bible and high-fived us when we explained God's biblical plan for Israel: bringing the Jewish people back to the land He promised them "for an everlasting possession" (Gen. 17:7–8) so they can be here for the glorious return of Yeshua the Messiah at His Second Coming (Zechariah 12:10; 14:3–4). We assured Bashar that he can know this Messiah now, and we gave him a complete Jewish Bible in Hebrew (including New Testament) and Messianic Gospel reading materials.



*Bashar and Eric*

**Leon** was another Israeli who was amazingly open to the Gospel of Yeshua. I met him at the Igloo Mall in Eilat selling a steam iron of his own invention. (It does not overheat or scorch fabric.) Leon gave the God of Israel all the glory for giving him his idea. His righteous acclamation provided an opening for me to share with him the Messiah of the Jewish Bible. I showed



*Leon*

Leon *The Promised*

*Messiah* pamphlet that shows where in the *Tanakh* (Old Testament) to find the major Messianic prophecies. Leon was amazed to see how they were individually, historically, and uniquely fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth as recorded in the New Testament. **I was moved by the look of awesome realization on Leon's face as he made the connection.** [*Zola's Notebook*, described on [p.10](#), has produced a similar reaction from thousands of students of the Bible.] The thrill of discovering prophecy given and fulfilled in God's Word led Leon to accept additional reading materials that address this important theme.

**Tzil**, a 21-year-old Jewish woman in Eilat, wanted to know why Yeshua was the most important Person in Jewish history. I showed her the Hebrew/English [Promised Messiah](#) pamphlet, explaining that Jesus was the only One who singularly fulfilled all the First Coming Messianic prophecies of the Jewish Bible and will also literally fulfill all the Second Coming Messianic prophecies at His glorious return to the Mount of Olives.

"But," I insisted to Tzil, "you can know Yeshua the Messiah now. You don't have to wait for His return." I explained that His love for Israel and the world led Yeshua to come and voluntarily die for our sins. God accepted Yeshua's death as the redemptive sacrifice when He raised His Son from the dead, giving all who believe in Messiah the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and fellowship with God the Father.

Now that Tzil has heard this Good News, her natural inquisitiveness will propel her into the complete Jewish Bible and Messianic Gospel tracts that she accepted from our TJF team. Pray she will learn how to receive the blessings of salvation and spiritual rebirth by faith in Messiah Jesus. ✨



WISE AS A SERPENT / By Mark Levitt

## A Pet Rock—



**“The Intelligent Investor” Jason Zweig thinks of gold as a pet rock. Below you’ll find highlights of his *Wall Street Journal* column from July 18. You may recall my article in the *August Levitt Letter* (p. 14): “Rushing Away from Gold.” I referenced Zeph. 1:18 and Matt. 6:19 and quoted essayist Joe Queenan: “Gold is the world’s stupidest and most annoying metal. It has been disappointing people or getting them killed since the dawn of history.”**

The yellow metal has fallen about 40% since August 2011—from \$1,900 an ounce to \$1,140 [in July 2015]. Many people bought gold for the wrong reasons: 1) its glittering 18.7% average annual return between 2002 and 2011, 2) its purportedly magical inflation-fighting properties, and 3) because it’s supposed to shine in the darkest of days.

Reality, however, demonstrates that 1) gold’s long-term returns are muted, 2) it isn’t a panacea for inflation, and 3) you will put lightning in a bottle before you figure out what gold is really worth.

Owning gold is an act of faith. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1). Own gold if you feel you must, but admit honestly that you are relying on hope and imagination. The case for owning gold speaks in a whisper, not in the shouts of doomsday so customary among gold bugs.

Unlike stocks, bonds, real estate, and other financial assets, gold generates no income. Financial strategist Paul Brodsky explains, “It’s intrinsically worthless or intrinsically

priceless. You can build a financial model to value it, but every input is going to be your imagination. ... [The metal is] cumbersome and archaic and barbaric.”

On the other hand, gold has outpaced rises in the cost of living—but not as robustly as the alternatives. Since 1975, when private ownership of gold bullion again became legal in the U.S., it has returned an average of 0.8% annually after inflation, compared with 5% for bonds, 8.3% for stocks, and even 1.1% for cash, according to finance professor Christophe Spaenjers. Gold accounts for 1.3% of the world’s financial assets. Consequently, allocating more of your portfolio than that is beyond an act of faith; it’s a leap in the dark.

**Indeed. While the dollar has risen, gold recently fell to a five-year low. Financial turmoil in Greece and China has failed to restore the metal’s luster. Still, now may not be the best time for investors to dump their gold holdings, suggests Jim Paulsen, Wells Fargo investment strategist.**

Disclaimer: These *Serpent* installments, while quoting financial experts, are not intended to offer any advice beyond Matt. 6:33 (“Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you”) and James 1:5 (“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God”). ☆



# ZLM Bulletin Board

## Israel's Iron Dome Upgraded

Israel's Defense Ministry recently announced new upgrades that expand and improve the life-saving technology's performance capabilities. Per the *Jerusalem Post*, "the IDF has continually improved Iron Dome's capability since its deployment in 2011." During the Gaza war with Hamas in last year's Operation Protective Edge, the Iron Dome units intercepted more than 500 Hamas rockets targeting Israel's most populated and vulnerable cities. The cost per interception: \$50,000–\$200,000!



## The Three Terrors...

... satirically croon (to the melody of "Funiculi, Funiculà") about the benefits of terrorism. Donning tuxedos and bow ties, they joyously mimic Italian opera virtuosos. You probably won't find yourself joining Messrs. Ahmedido Domingo, Erdogan Pavarotti, and Assad Carreras as they intone their refrain, "**Terror, Terror: that's my cup of tea. Terror gains us love and sympathy.**" Israeli journalist Caroline Glick had a heavy hand in this dark-humor music video that lambasts leaders of Islamic nations.

## LifeLock—Still a Flop

The FTC has sued LifeLock® *again* for deceptive claims about its identity-theft protection services. Mark's "[Wise As A Serpent](#)" column (*Levitt Letter* Jan. 2011) suggested consumers might get better protection for free by filing a 90-day fraud alert with Transunion, Equifax, or Experian. This task is easy online, and free. Simply search "fraud alert" followed by the name of one of the three credit bureaus. Incidentally, Ron Cantor taught about another identity theft on *Zola Levitt Presents: "How Jesus Was Robbed of His Jewishness,"* viewable at [levitt.tv](#).



PLANNING  
FOR THE  
FUTURE

Free Item

## Pamphlet of the Month

### *Planning for the Future*

outlines nine different planning opportunities and offers tools that may enhance your future financial well-being through estate and financial plans. Learn about wills, revocable living trusts, and gifts that provide income to you and/or loved ones. It also reviews tax benefits and touches on federal estate tax. To receive this pamphlet at no charge, please email us at [staff@levitt.com](mailto:staff@levitt.com) or write to our P.O. Box.



## "Come Home!"

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for details



# Hebrew Lesson



## What Are You Seeking?

John J. Parsons

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“You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.” (Jer. 29:13)

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**What are you seeking today?** (John 1:38) The Spirit of the Living God calls out, “Seek Me and live” (Amos 5:4). If you are feeling empty today, or lonely, or afraid, ask God to feed you with His lifegiving food. Ask Him for energy, power, and comfort. Seek the LORD and His goodness. He is faithful and true and will surely answer the sincere cry of the heart, as it is written: “You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

The sacred promise is that we will find God to be the answer to our heart’s cry for love, significance, purpose, etc., but only if we search for Him *be’khol levavkhem*, “with all our hearts”—not the other way around. In other words, if we do not search God *authentically*—with the full passion of our inner life and soul—then we will not find Him, since God reveals Himself in the truth of reality. “Where is God to be found?” asks the Kotszker Rebbe, “but in the place where He is given entry!” Some things in life are only known in the passion of faith... things like love, beauty, honor, and so on. As Blaise Pascal once said, “The heart has its reasons that reason knows not of.”

The problem with many of us is not that we are so hungry, but rather that we are not hungry enough. We settle for junk food when God spreads out his banquet table before us. There is a “deeper hunger” for life, and I pray we are all touched by such hunger pangs; there is a “blessed hunger and thirst” that feeds our heart’s cry for God (Matt. 5:6); there is a “divine discontent” that leads to a deeper sense of contentment for the heart.

In the Torah we read: “if you seek for the LORD your God from there (the place of exile), you will find Him, when you search for Him with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deut. 4:29). From where do we search, from what place, except while we are in *exile*, after hardship, testing, and tribulation? If you seek for the LORD your God *from there*—in the midst of your heart’s cry—you will find Him there, in your heart. “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (Rom. 10:8).

In the end, if we cannot say we have lived well, then nothing else matters. Seeking God is a process, a “how” of life, not a recipe or formula, no matter how venerated. Seeking God is the goal of life, and in the world to come, I am afraid that most of us will regret that we did not pursue the Eternal with all our hearts while we had the opportunity to do so. Therefore, “seek God and live,” friends. **We are promised that we will find what matters most—if we search for God with all our hearts.**

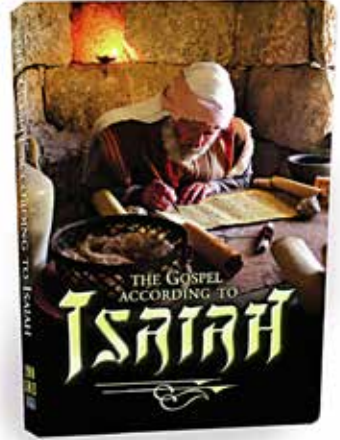




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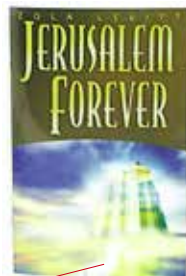
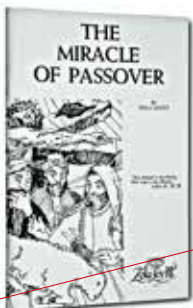
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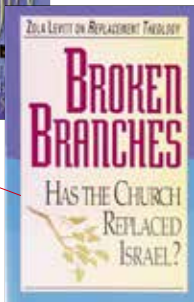
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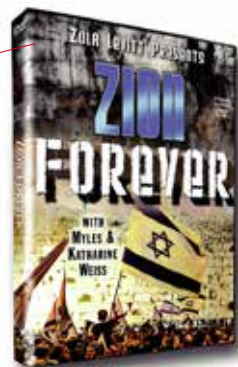
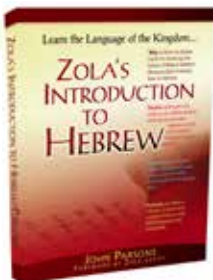
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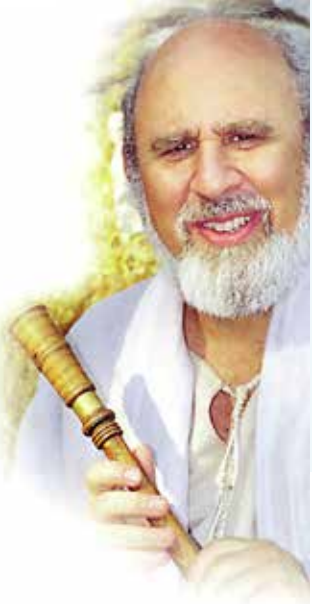


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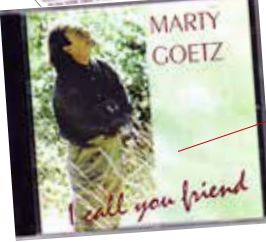




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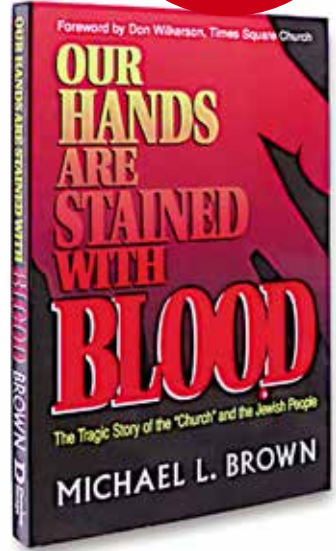
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**Dr. Michael L. Brown**, founder and president of FIRE School of Ministry in Concord, NC, is widely considered to be the world’s foremost Messianic Jewish apologist. (Also see p. 34 article)



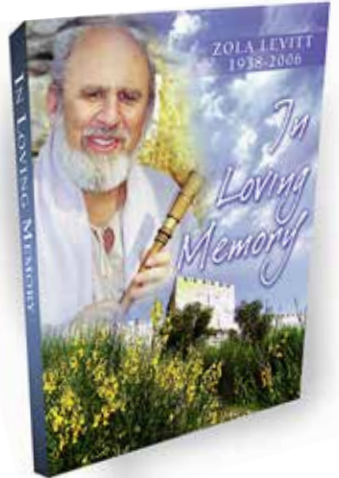
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# Jewish “Schindler” Rescues Christian Girls from ISIS

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN / Algemeiner.com



Steve Maman

A Jewish businessman is leading an effort to rescue Christian and Yazidi girls kidnapped by ISIS militants and sold as sex slaves in northern Iraq, reported U.K.-based Catholic magazine *The Tablet*.

**Steve Maman, 42 (above)**, founded The Liberation of Christian and Yazidi Children of Iraq (CYCI) a year ago after ISIS jihadists took over the Iraqi cities of Mosul and Sinjar, forcing more than 100,000 civilians to flee. The Canada-based charity works closely with a team of negotiators based inside ISIS-occupied areas to reunite the kidnapped girls with their families. The group claims to have rescued more than 120 young women so far.

“We liberate children from their captors through the use of on-the-ground brokers,” said Maman. His organization’s website says, “The price of a child’s life to remove her from the hands of ISIS is between \$1,000 and \$3,000.”

Maman says his personal hero is Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist who saved 1,200 Jews from the Nazi Holocaust. CYCI also collaborates with Anglican Canon Andrew White’s Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, which provides shelter to those who have fled ISIS.

ISIS kidnapped 7,000 Yazidi women and girls into slavery in summer 2014, according to *The Tablet*. An unknown number of Christian women and girls were also captured, and CYCI estimates that around 2,700 are still held by the terror group. According to the charity’s website, the women and children, some as young as 8 years old, are held in horrible conditions and are often forced to sleep in cages. They are then “sold like cattle in markets” as sex slaves to ISIS fighters and militants.

Steve Maman said CYCI receives money for rescue missions mainly from his own “remarkably generous” Jewish business partners. He noted that he has approached 60 church organizations in Canada but has failed to attract their support.

“This is a finite problem that can be solved with money,” said the entrepreneur. “We need Christians to open up at the same rate as my Jewish friends.” ★



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# Letters to ZLM

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## A Misunderstanding

Dear ZLM,

I am enclosing a small check to cover postage, etc. I am requesting you to delete my name and address from your records. I did enjoy the information on Israel and Jerusalem. However, I feel you are going the way of the culture of today which is saying [baptism is not necessary to enter the Kingdom of God](#). This is a false and deceptive doctrine. Jesus was baptized: He told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." [John 3:3] Also "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God" (John 3:5). This sounds like water baptism to me.

God is the Judge: I think you are deceiving people by not telling them the "whole truth." The cultural shift is what I call 'salad bar' religion: pick and choose how you want to serve self. Right is right even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong even if everyone is for it. —R. and M.K. (OH)

Shalom R. and M.K.—

I am so sorry that you are leaving our ministry over what seems to be a misunderstanding! We firmly believe in baptism as a step of obedience to the Lordship of Yeshua. In fact, years ago, as we ministered in India, Africa, and Russia, this ceremony was highlighted to us in a very personal way. New Believers in parts of India are instructed very directly that baptism is a commitment to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.



In some communities, baptism may be the last act a person does, due to the radical anti-Christian factions in Islam, and even in Hinduism in Northern India. I was so stunned by the commitment of Believers in some areas that I wept at my own "ivory tower" privilege, which is afforded us in the (formerly) comfortable Western world. You may have noticed increasing discomfort here, which is why I exhort you not to "peel off" over a single doctrine. We need all Believers "on deck" for the days ahead.

Please believe me: We take baptism very seriously. In fact, for Jewish people, it is so culturally misunderstood that it is often the defining point that convinces Jewish friends and family that a new Believer has become a "them" i.e., a gentile. Most of my people are unaware that the "mikvah," or immersion, preceded Yeshua's advent by 1,000 years.

That said, we have the case of the thief on the cross (Luke 23:43), the fact that Jesus never baptized anyone[!], and the Greek meaning of the verse you quoted regarding Nicodemus. In that verse, the word "and" is *kai*, and can mean "even"... so it reads, "born of water, *even* the Spirit." The *Ruach HaKodesh* (Holy Spirit) is often referred to as "water" (1 Cor. 12:13)." I think we need not divide over this issue. It is your choice. We are NOT teaching error but trying to live thusly: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity. Be blessed —Myles and Katharine for the ZLM team



**Cartoon and Protest**

Dear ZLM,

Keep the cartoons coming! They not only amuse but often tell truths that would be awkward to express another way.

Did Jesus tell us to love our enemies? Yes, He did and we should; but that does not restrict us from exposing evil or protecting His Church. Sometimes the most loving thing is to tell the truth, so they can repent and seek forgiveness.

Jesus, who had clear discernment, referred to unrepentant officials with pejorative terms (Herod as "that fox," and the Pharisees as a "brood of vipers," "blind guides," "whitewashed tombs," etc.), exposing their innermost beings/motives, etc. At the time, some could have considered these as humorous, but they got the message across. I believe He has a great sense of humor.

Anyway, thank you for not being politically correct. —R.W.L.

Dear ZLM,

Your answer in [August's Levitt Letter](#) to K.G. regarding cartoons and Matthew 5:44 was right on.

I would like to see a segment of each *Zola Levitt Presents* broadcast on types and shadows from the Old Testament. —C.C. Jr. (GA)

Greetings, R.W.L. and C.C. Jr.—

Thank you both for your supportive comments regarding *Levitt Letter* cartoons.

I am also glad that C.C. Jr. asked for types and shadows that reveal Messiah! Our television series *Joseph: Dreamer/Redeemer* may be the deepest program of its kind on the subject. The Jewish patriarch Joseph so truly reflects the Person of Yeshua that we produced nine 30-minute programs to tell the story.

It gratifies Katharine and me that we are living in the time when my Jewish people are considering Yeshua afresh, asking if there is some connection between Him and Israel that they may have missed... hmmm... Why yes, there is! **Perhaps the most Jewish thing I can do is follow the Jewish Messiah. Receiving Him does not make me a gentile.** I am still Mordechai ben Pinchas—my "local" cultural name is Myles, son of Paul (a little wordplay on Paul, Saul's Roman name) —and I am committed to the welfare of my people and the salvation of the Nations.

Joseph brings the connection into the foreground, using types and shadows to look ahead. Many blessings —Myles and Katharine



## Saturday, Sunday Sabbaths

Dear Myles and Katharine,

You have an incredible ministry, and I fully endorse and financially support it. I love the *Levitt Letter* and am a student of the Bible, praying for understanding. I often have minor disagreements with you on certain topics. I do, however, believe Dr. Todd Baker has made a rather significant mistake in the [July Levitt Letter \(p.12\)](#) when he states that Hebrews 4 negates the Seventh-Day Sabbath (SDS).

Hebrews 4 indicates an additional, more complete, rest in Christ, but not one that supplants the SDS, which is a directive to keep the SDS holy. I believe every day should be a day of worship and rest in the Lord. But I do not believe authorization to terminate the SDS is provided in Hebrews 4. Verse 9 states, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

Even though NT believers in the early church met on Sunday, I believe they also continued to observe the SDS. —R.A.L.

Shalom R.A.L.—

Thanks for your letter about the "seventh day Sabbath" controversy. I am always intrigued to learn the different stands on this issue. There are certainly compelling arguments for the "Sabbath" remaining the "Sabbath." Genesis 2:3 says: "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work." The New Testament Believers kept their Jewish lifestyle and *also* met after sundown (the first day), commemorating when Yeshua's tomb was empty (Hallelujah!). There is also evidence that Sunday worship is tied to the separation between Jews and gentiles in the Church over time.

Even today, the *Havdalah* (literally, "separation") service that marks the symbolic end of Shabbat and Jewish holidays remains a significant part of observant Jewish life. Orthodox and Messianic Jews celebrate this "goodbye to Shabbat" with prayer, songs, wine, and scents of spices, remembering the goodness of the Lord. It is one of the most "full contact" gatherings, engaging all senses and pointing to the life of the Spirit.

I believe in celebrating Yeshua whenever and wherever we can. I lead a Friday night Shabbat service *and* attend Sunday services when I am able. Perhaps this is because in my humanity, my frailty, I need all the fellowship and worship I can get!

I do not think this controversy is going away. As the Messianic contingent of the Body arises, this issue will continue to be highlighted as we wrestle with what the Bible truly means when it states: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:17–18).

As a guide, I often ask: "Is this issue/doctrinal view helping me become more like Yeshua?" Many blessings —Myles.





## Loyal Support

Dear ZLM,

Enclosed is a check that got mislaid. Forgive the delay. Our next offering to the ministry will arrive sooner. We pray that God will bless you with a rich harvest of souls for the Kingdom. —R. and N.S. (WI)

Shalom R. and N.S.—

Thanks for the note and your admirable diligence and perseverance in recovering the gift you meant to send, did send, and will send. As you know, we depend completely on viewers' and readers' faithfulness to keep this ark afloat. I use the term "ark" intentionally, as I believe we represent a region of media safety in the midst of some ever-more-bizarre productions. Katharine and I are blessed to follow in Zola's and Jeff Seif's footsteps, and we continue to look for expansion of the ministry.

By the way, speaking of "arks," watch for our interview with Dennis Lindsay, CEO of "Christ for the Nations Institute." He has written a blockbuster about the End Times (likened by Yeshua to "the days of Noah" in Matthew 24:37) that is a hair-raising work regarding what is coming on the Earth. Looking up! —Myles



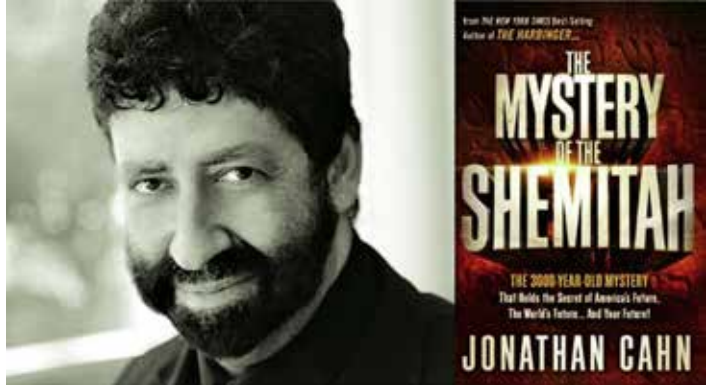
## Spreading Falsehoods?

Dear ZLM,

RE: Rabbi Jonathan Cahn and his new book *The Mystery of the Shemitah*. He predicts pretty dire things starting in fall this year. He also wrote *The Harbinger*. Should we listen, or is he spreading falsehoods? Thanks for your opinion. —H.G.

Shalom H.G.—

I had the privilege of praying with Cahn upon his return from a campaign in India. He was given a torch on St. Thomas Mount outside Madras (now Chennai). It was a touching moment for me as that was one of the first mission areas I participated in many years ago. It is awesome that a "doubting" Jewish disciple of Yeshua brought the Gospel from Jerusalem to India.



Cahn's books definitely cause people to look in the Bible; and to Cahn's credit, he always points to the sovereignty of the Lord. He consistently states that although he sees parallels between ancient Israel and America, God is in charge and can act as He pleases. **One need not be a prophet to see that America is in dire straits spiritually. The question is whether we will truly repent, revive, and lead an awakening in the days ahead.** Let's be like the Bereans, and "search the scriptures to see if these things are so" (Acts 17:11).

Blessings —Myles and Katharine



# App Helps Kids Beat Cyber-Bullies



SCIENCE: BY DAVID SHAMAH / TimesOfIsrael.com

The Internet abounds with dangers for unwary users, and is particularly perilous for children whose inexperience renders them vulnerable to hackers, bullies, and pedophiles or worse. In response, an Israeli nonprofit called **Red Button** has produced the world's first app that lets anyone, especially kids, easily report negative web behavior.

The Red Button app installs itself as a service on Android devices, and there is also an add-on version for popular web browsers like Firefox and Chrome. If an individual comes across something or someone they are uncomfortable with—such as a person who is cursing, threatening, intimidating, or inappropriately discussing personal issues—all they have to do is press a button to begin a process that can lead to taking the offending site down or arresting the offending individual.

The data gathered by the app—web and IP address, site ownership, identifying information of the offending individual—is forwarded to a group of volunteers at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC) who collate the information and file complaints with the appropriate sites and/or authorities. Those can include website owners, ISPs, Internet associations, and even police. The objective is to force sites to remove or ban users engaged in negative behavior and, where possible, to track them down and make them own up to their behavior.

**Currently the app works only in Israel**, but Red Button is working to develop partnerships with volunteer groups in other countries to administer reports for users there, as well.

Cyber-bullying—the hounding of web users by individuals or groups—has been a major news story in recent years, the result of numerous incidents in which kids who violated the social morés of their peer group were targeted, with tragic results.

Recently, police in Northern Ireland appealed for help from kids in the community where a 17-year-old took his own life after being tricked online. The problem with that appeal, according to Alon Bar-David, Adi Zuta, and Liron Fatouh—the three IDC students behind the Red Button app—is that it relies on voluntary efforts to collect information. Shockingly, the three say, there is no authority—in Israel or anywhere else—officially responsible for dealing with cyber-bullying and other negative Internet behavior. Where officialdom fails, the citizenry must step in, the three believe. Hence the Red Button app.

Several months ago, **Facebook chose Red Button as a worldwide partner to encourage cyber-safety**, with the Israeli group helping Facebook track down individual and group pages that spew hatred, racism, anti-Semitism, threats, cursing, suspected pedophilia, and other content Facebook doesn't want to be associated with. Forty-five percent of web users aged 10-17 say that they are victims of online abuse of some sort; only 20% of them report it to anyone.

According to app co-creator Alon Bar-David, “Studies show that 81% of kids age 12 and older today are active users of cellphones and smartphones. We hope that the app will make online activities safer for Israelis and people around the world.” ☆



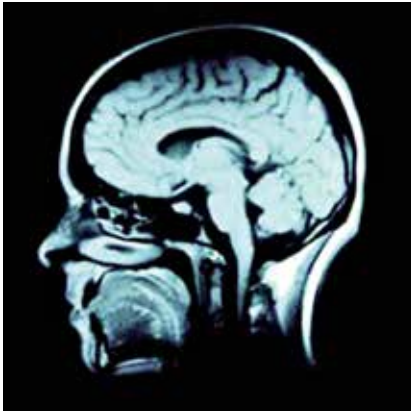
# High-pressure Oxygen Treats Fibromyalgia

MEDICINE: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY / AFTAU.org



Fibromyalgia is almost impossible to diagnose. The chronic pain syndrome strikes an estimated 1 in 70 Americans, most of them women. The disorder is often triggered by head trauma, a neurological infection, or severe emotional stress, and is characterized by symptoms such as musculoskeletal pain, fatigue, memory loss, and mood swings.

Fibromyalgia is often mistaken for other culprits; most patients suffer months, even years, of unrelenting pain before being properly diagnosed. And once diagnosed, patients enjoy little respite because few therapies have been found to be effective in assuaging its symptoms.



A new study published in *PLoS ONE* by Tel Aviv University (TAU) researchers may turn the tide. The research found that women with fibromyalgia were able to drastically reduce, or even eliminate, their use of pain medication following hyperbaric oxygen treatment. The study was conducted by a team of scientists from TAU, Rice University, Assaf Harofeh Medical Center, Ben-Gurion University, and Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center.

The TAU researchers believe they have also identified the primary factor causing fibromyalgia: the disruption of the brain mechanism for processing

pain. “As a physician, the most important finding for me is that 70% of the patients could recover from their fibromyalgia symptoms,” said Dr. Shai Efrati of TAU’s Sagol School of Neuroscience and Assaf Harofeh Medical Center. “The most exciting finding for the world of research, however, is that we were able to map the malfunctioning brain regions responsible for the syndrome.”

Hyperbaric oxygen chambers expose patients to pure oxygen at higher-than-atmospheric pressures and are commonly used to treat patients with embolisms, burns, carbon monoxide poisoning, and decompression sickness. The clinical trial, which exposed participants to two months of hyperbaric oxygen therapy, found significant changes in the brain activity and symptoms of 70% of participants. Half of the 48 patients who completed the therapy received 40 hyperbaric oxygen treatments—90-minute treatments exposing patients to pure oxygen at twice the atmospheric pressure, five days a week over the course of two months.

**The successful treatment enabled patients to drastically reduce or even eliminate their use of pain medications.** “The intake of the drugs eased the pain but did not reverse the condition. But hyperbaric oxygen treatments did reverse the condition,” said Dr. Efrati, who added that the findings warrant further study.

“Hyperbaric oxygen treatments are designed to address the cause of fibromyalgia—the brain pathology responsible for the syndrome. It means that brain repair, including neuronal regeneration, is possible even for chronic, long-lasting pain syndromes.”

The researchers did find some discrepancies among patients with different fibromyalgia catalysts. When fibromyalgia was triggered by a traumatic brain injury, for example, they witnessed a complete resolution without any need for further treatment. But when the trigger was attributed to other causes, such as fever-related diseases, patients required periodic maintenance therapy. ☆



# France's Islamic Problem



BY ZVI MAZEL *former Israeli ambassador to Romania, Egypt, and Sweden* (r) JPost.com

Beginning with the slaughter at *Charlie Hebdo* and the Hyper Cacher supermarket, France has experienced a heightened level of Islamic terrorism since the beginning of the year. Yet, it is reluctant to tackle the phenomenon.

Past Islamic terrorism mainly, but not exclusively, targeted Jews. However, radical organizations now work within the Moslem communities, whose populations total an estimated six million.

The French government set up a framework of dialogue with its Moslem minority—or, more precisely, with its religious leaders. The first meeting in June included 150 Moslem dignitaries led by Dalil Boubakeur, president of the French Council of the Muslim Faith, created in 2003 to promote dialogue with non-Moslems and address Islamic terrorism—goals the council has failed to fulfill.

During the dialogue, attendees were asked to formulate their demands: They asked for more protection for mosques, a stronger government response to “Islamophobia,” the building of more mosques—5,000 were mentioned—as well as a greater supply of *halal* meat and a special tax on that meat to finance building and other community needs.

One of the participants suggested turning churches into mosques; the outcry was such that he quickly retreated. Yet the bishop of the city of Évry said that he would rather see a church become a mosque than a restaurant—a readiness to forgo centuries-old traditions that raised quite a few eyebrows.

**Sensitive topics** such as the problem of Islam in France, Islamic terrorism, the radicalization of Islamic youth and the fact that hundreds of them have joined the ranks of Islamic State **were not discussed**—in the words of the organizers, **“in order not to insult the Muslim community.”**

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**Police forces escort a woman from a residential building during a raid in Saint-Priest, near Lyon, France, in the wake of the terrorist attack where a factory employer was decapitated. (photo: Reuters)**



## Problem... continued

PM Manuel Valls



Worse, there was no mention of anti-Semitism, one of the major problems in Europe today. More and more Jews are fleeing a country where Jews have been living for over a thousand years, yet **France refuses to recognize Moslem anti-Jewishness as well as renewed Christian anti-Jewishness.**

Days after the conclusion of the meeting, Yassin Salhi decapitated his employer and hung the severed head between two flags bearing the *shahada*—the Moslem profession of faith, “There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet”—on the fence of a factory which, in the nick of time, he was prevented from blowing up.

Yet, President François Hollande, rushing to the media after the macabre discovery, refrained from using the words “Islam” or “Islamic terrorism” and did not mention that there was an inscription in Arabic on the flags. **Only Prime Minister Manuel Carlos Valls (above) declared on Europe 1 radio that France is under a strategic threat,** “in a war of civilizations.” He was immediately reviled by members of his own Socialist Party and pilloried in the media.

Unfortunately, little has been done beyond setting up the dialogue. Not only the media but also academics proclaim that a small extremist Islamic minority is responsible for the terrorism, which they declare is “against the values of Islam.”

*Sharia* (Islamic Law) and its sources—the Koran and Hadith—are the bases of the attacks on the West, as well as of the actions of the self-proclaimed Islamic State.

There is a debate among the scholars of Islam who are trying to eliminate some of the most extreme texts in a curriculum that has remained unchanged for centuries. To date, only one man has done something about it. President Abdel Fattah al-Sissi of Egypt has launched a comprehensive review of school texts to eradicate calls to *jihād* and extremism, a move that France would do well to ponder, if not to emulate.

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*Sergei Lavrov promises to work so that "all Palestinians can return home"*

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### Russia Promises to Solve Palestinian Problem

By Nissan Tzur  
IsraelNationalNews.com

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with the head of Hamas's political bureau, Khaled Meshaal, in Doha, Qatar in August. The atmosphere was cordial, and the two leaders embraced each other warmly upon meeting.

During the conversation, Meshaal told the Russian foreign minister that the Palestinians were forced to abandon their homes over the years following the establishment of Israel, and claimed that they have not been given the option of returning home.

Lavrov promised: "Russia will work together with other countries to ensure that all Palestinians can return home and stay there forever." He added that Russia will, together with other countries, "solve the Palestinian problem as soon as possible."

### Air France Omits Israel from In-Flight Maps

JNS.org

Air France recently apologized for using in-flight maps that didn't include Israel.

This summer, passengers on Air France flights contacted the pro-Israel organization StandWithUs to complain that the in-flight route-tracking map on the airline's planes does not label Israel

"Apparently, Air France removed Israel/Tel Aviv from their flight-tracker map, despite the fact that **Tel Aviv is one of their official destinations. Additionally, they note 'West Bank' and 'Gaza Strip' despite the fact neither is a destination of Air France,**" StandWithUs posted on Facebook.



StandWithUs  
Taken on the Air France Los Angeles → Paris flight en route to Tel Aviv.  
Apparently, Air France removed Israel/Tel Aviv from their flight tracker map, despite the fact Tel Aviv is one of their official destinations. Additionally, they now note "West Bank" and "Gaza Strip" despite the fact neither of these are destinations of Air France.

StandWithUs called on concerned individuals to write to Air France about the map issue, after which the airline apologized.

"Air France deeply regrets this incident. It is due to a map scale and display problem, which is currently being resolved. Many thanks," Air France tweeted.

But the Simon Wiesenthal Center human rights group rejected the apology, calling it "feeble and totally inadequate."



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## Iran PR Campaign Stirs Panic in London

By David Daoud / [Algemeiner.com](http://Algemeiner.com)

An independent campaign seeking to improve Iran's image in the UK triggered panic in central London when a large commercial vehicle bearing the words "Iran is Great" parked near the city's Science Museum.

Concerned Londoners who saw the "suspicious vehicle" informed local police, who then rushed to the scene and cordoned off the area. Authorities then evacuated the museum and smashed the van's windows to search for explosives with the help of sniffer dogs.

Finally, police understood that the vehicle posed no threat. The van in question was the property of a German couple traveling across Europe in an effort to alter the public's largely negative perception of Iran. The pair said they became captivated by the Islamic Republic after taking a detour into Iran on their way to India in 2013, and since then have been working to "change world opinion" about the country. Iran is the leading state sponsor of terrorism.

## Fighting Anti-Semitism Within the Church

By Tamara Zieve / [JPost.com](http://JPost.com)

"The Catholic Church denounced anti-Semitism and deicide five decades ago [in the Nostra Aetate Declaration], yet millions of Christians still believe the heresy of Replacement Theology, believing that the Jewish people are no longer the inheritors of the Covenant and that the Land does not belong to all Israel," said Laurie Cardoza-Moore, president of Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN) and a special envoy for the World Council of Independent Christian Churches (WCICC).

"This is unacceptable and must be condemned in the strongest terms possible," she added, stating that PJTN will continue to "act as a firewall around our Jewish brethren."

"'Never again' isn't just an empty statement—it is something that needs to be worked on daily," Cardoza-Morre asserted, adding that beyond condemning anti-Semitism, the Catholic Church explicitly said that one cannot be a good Christian and an anti-Semite.



*A vehicle marked with the words "Iran is Great" caused panic in the streets of London.*

# Mikveh Under the Floor



ARCHAEOLOGY: BY DANIEL K. EISENBUD (r) JPost.com

A 2,000 year-old ritual bath (*mikveh*) from the Second Temple period was discovered beneath a family's living room floor during renovations in their home in Jerusalem's southwest Ein Kerem neighborhood, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced this summer.

The authority's Jerusalem District Archaeologist, Amit Re'em, said he was amazed to learn that a pair of wooden doors beneath a rug in the middle of the family's living room concealed the ancient ritual bath.

"Such instances of finding antiquities beneath a private home can happen only in Israel, and Jerusalem in particular," Re'em said. "Beyond the excitement and the unusual story of the discovery of the mikveh, its exposure is of archaeological importance."

Indeed, according to Re'em, Ein Kerem is considered sacred in Christianity due to its identification with the City of Judah where, according to the New Testament, John the Baptist was born and where his pregnant mother, Elizabeth, met with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"Despite these identifications, the archaeological remains in Ein Kerem and the surrounding area—which are related to the time when these events transpired during the Second Temple period—are few and fragmented," he said.

**"The discovery of the mikveh reinforces the possible existence of a Jewish settlement from the time of the Second Temple located in the region of what is today Ein Kerem."**

The rock-hewn mikveh, which was fully intact, measured 11.5 feet in length and

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**An image of the well-preserved, rock-hewn mikveh.** (Assaf Peretz / Israel Antiquities Authority)



## Mikveh... continued



8 feet in width with a depth of 6 feet and is “meticulously plastered according to the laws of purity appearing in the *halakha* (Jewish law),” said Re’em.

“A staircase leads to the bottom of the immersion pool. Pottery vessels dating to the time of the Second Temple (first century A.D.) and traces of fire that might constitute evidence of the destruction of 66-70 A.D. were discovered inside the bath,” he added.

“Also found: fragments of stone vessels, which were common during the Second Temple Period because stone cannot be contaminated and remains pure.”

The owners of the home received a certificate of appreciation from the Antiquities Authority for exhibiting good citizenship by reporting the discovery and contributing to the country’s ongoing archaeological discoveries.

“Initially, we were uncertain regarding the importance of the find revealed below our house, and we hesitated contacting the Israel Antiquities Authority because of the consequences we believed would be involved in doing so,” said Tal, who requested his last name not be published. “At the same time, we had a strong feeling that what was situated beneath the floor of our house is of historical value and our sense of civic and public duty clinched it for us.”

Tal and his wife, Oriya, soon contacted the authority to report the finding and allow them to initiate an excavation, despite the disruption such an endeavor entails. Said Oriya, “The IAA archaeologists demonstrated great professionalism, interest and pleasantness. They were solely concerned with preserving and investigating the finds.” ★



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(Assaf Peretz  
/ Israel  
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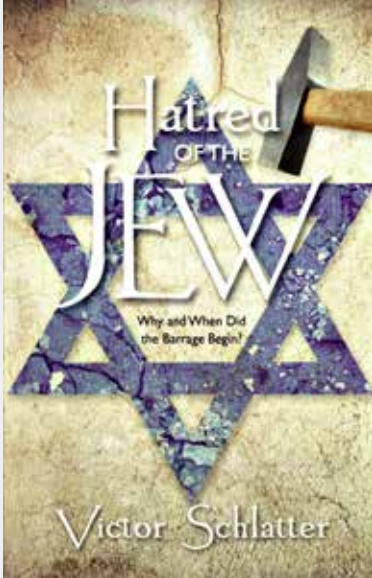
## Book Review: *Hatred of the Jew* by Victor Schlatter

BY GREGORY S. RIDENOUR, PhD



Victor Schlatter

Included by Schlatter among the list of anti-Semites—from the early Church fathers to Martin Luther to Hitler, Hamas, Hezbollah, al-Qaeda, and ISIS—are dispensationalists who teach a pre-Tribulation Rapture, which the author “naively believed” as a teenager. Inaccurately characterized as “a close corollary to Replacement Theology,” dispensationalism and the pre-Tribulation Rapture view are described as “church-dividing theological tenets” whose “clever divisive doctrinal deductions have a clandestine backdoor to anti-Jewish, anti-Semitic bigotry,” which “comes from so-called Christians.”



Declaring “For shame!” on dispensationalists, the author thus demeans the intelligence, disparages the character, and even questions the authenticity of the faith of pre-Tribulation Messianic Jewish scholars such as Paul Feinberg, Zola Levitt, and Arnold Fruchtenbaum, whose teachings are fundamental to the Association of Messianic Congregations. Impugning the character of these scholars is consistent with the author’s view that “both Jew and gentile are guilty of exhibiting some form of anti-Semitism.”

I lead an independent Messianic Jewish congregation, in which I cover three Messianic Jewish views of the Rapture: the pre-Tribulation view, the pre-wrath view of Marvin Rosenthal, and the modified historic pre-Millennial view of

Dan Juster and Keith (Asher) Intrater. I do exposition, not cheerleading, and expect members of my congregation to discuss differences of opinion with courtesy and respect for each other.

The quintessential example of an exchange of firmly held and clearly stated convictions tempered by an irenic spirit is found in *Three Views on the Rapture* by Drs. Paul Feinberg (pre-Tribulation), Gleason Archer (mid-Tribulation), and Douglas Moo (post-Tribulation). It is ironic that Victor Schlatter judges dispensationalism to be divisive. Different points of view are not divisive. Writers like Schlatter, who denigrate the character of others with views different from their own, are divisive. Such an approach is counterproductive to dialogue.

A better overview of the history of anti-Semitism in the Church is found in *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, by Dr. Michael Brown.



Katharine and I keep in mind the varying views of the End Times, since our colleagues and Israeli brethren have such a wide range of interpretations. *Zola Levitt Presents* will soon air our new *Times of the Signs* television series, which anyone interested in the End Times will find riveting. It contains interviews with many scholars and also some surprising topics not covered in traditional teaching forums. ZLM offers Dr. Brown’s *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood* and Zola’s book *Raptured* (described on pages 20 and 36). Both are “go-to” resources and have been available at [levitt.com](http://levitt.com) for many years. I agree with Dr. Ridenour’s desire to have these discussions proceed with civility. There is no benefit in maligning brothers and sisters with whom we disagree. — Myles



# JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.

## A Jewish Wordsmith

Saul Epstein was taking an oral exam in his English as a Second Language class. He was asked to spell "cultivate," and he spelled it correctly.

He was then asked to use the word in a sentence, and, with a big smile, responded: "Last vinter on a very cold day, I vas waiting for a bus, but it vas too cultivate, so I took the subway home."



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

## Legacy

A visitor to Israel attended a concert at the Moscovitz Auditorium. Impressed with the architecture and the acoustics, he asked the usher, "Is this magnificent auditorium named after Chaim Moscovitz, the famous Talmudic scholar?" "No," replied the usher, "It is named after Sam Moscovitz, the writer." "Never heard of him. What did he write?" "A check," replied the usher.



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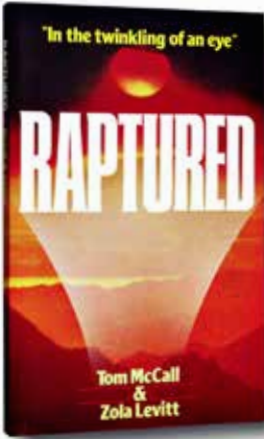
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