

LEVITT LETTER



“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

For Israel’s 56th anniversary, an American expatriate expresses her love. — Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

56 Reasons Why I Love Israel

By Barbara Sofer
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Modern, beautiful Tel Aviv, Israel’s major metropolitan center and ever-growing tourist attraction, faces the Mediterranean Sea. Since 60 early Jewish settlers first set foot here in 1909, the population has increased to 450,000 strong.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS I LOVE ISRAEL, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER:

1. The clock radio rouses me with *Shma Yisrael*, the Jewish pledge of allegiance.
2. The weather is nearly always fine.
3. On Memorial Day and Holocaust Remembrance Day, the act of remembering halts traffic.
4. The Israel Prize recognizes lifetime achievement for actresses and rabbis, scientists and singers.
5. Mother’s Day is celebrated on the *yahrzeit* [anniversary of death] of Henrietta Szold, who organized Youth Aliyah with Recha Freier, but who had no biological children.
6. All citizens have health care, and the fight is on to get coverage for foreign residents.

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Israel’s war on terrorism is making good progress. — Zola

The Good Guys Are Winning

By Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com

With the Palestinians unable to carry out a single suicide bombing in Israel since March, and Hamas halted from unleashing the large-scale revenge attacks called for after its top terrorist leaders were assassinated, Middle East analysts and politicians are beginning to debate whether the intifada — the terrorist war against Israel started by PLO leader Yasser Arafat after rejecting offers at the Camp David peace summit in 2000 — is coming to an end.

At this time last year, there were 20 suicide bombings killing 141, while 2002 saw 25 such attacks in which 147 Israelis were killed. So far this year, there have been only two bombings in Israel proper, killing 19. The security fence completed in Gaza and

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7. If my car overheats, even men in designer suits will leap to help me.
8. Twenty-five percent of Israelis have been close enough to hear a bombing, yet two million of us were out vacationing on Passover. That's resilience.
9. An evening of singing is still a popular grown-up pastime.
10. Entire families show up for military graduations and bring enough food to feed an army.
11. A circumcision ceremony, *brit mila*, is important enough to take an hour off from work.
12. Israelis give out cell phone numbers — the difference between our private and professional lives isn't neatly delineated.
13. Supermarkets deliver.
14. We have more IVF [in vitro fertilizations] per capita than anywhere, because we love children.
15. Our beggars are courageous; they solicit on even the highest-risk street corners.
16. Nearly every family story includes persecution, battle experience and the upheaval of uprooting — yet Israelis are optimists.
17. Street musicians are good enough to play in chamber orchestras.
18. Despite the stress, creativity flourishes. Israel has more startup companies than any country outside the US.
19. We're talkative — both the cell phone and voice mail were invented here.
20. We get excited about cyclamens and almond blossoms, and drive far to see budding lupins (turmusim).
21. On Friday, religious or not, everyone is hurrying towards Shabbat. Check out the bakery lines.
22. *Aliyah* [immigration] stories can make the evening news.
23. We celebrate Independence Day by holding a Bible contest.
24. The fastest food is still *falafel*, [chick peas in pita bread] with its incomparable aroma.
25. Blue and white flags fly from cars and buildings.
26. "Where were your grandparents from?" is a common question. Where else would anyone care about my grandparents?
27. There are eleven synagogues within a block of our home, but ours isn't considered one of Jerusalem's religious neighborhoods.
28. You don't have to be best friends or kin to be invited to a wedding.
29. You don't have to be best friends or kin to attend a funeral.
30. By the number of scientific papers published (more per capita than any other country) you'd think researchers were in ivory towers. Most do hands-on work, and many serve reserve duty.
31. First graders read the Bible in the original Hebrew, and celebrate when they get their personal copies.
32. Hummus is ubiquitous.
33. Political discussions never stop, not even in the swimming pool.
34. We follow the level of the *Kinneret* [Sea of Galilee] more faithfully than our stock portfolios.
35. Even soldiers carrying heavy M-16s will stop to help a parent with a stroller.
36. Streets bear names of prophets and medieval poets.
37. Calendars change on *Rosh Hashanah* because that's our real New Year.
38. Malls have kosher food courts.
39. Airplanes have sky marshals, just in case.
40. We have more museums per capita than Italy.
41. We raise cows in the desert, with milk yields like those in Holland.
42. Before Passover, cleaning products are the lead supermarket items.
43. Even in our prisons, Passover — the Holiday of Freedom — is celebrated with a *Seder* [holy feast].
44. We have only one Seder, but *Purim*, our dress-up holiday, lasts three days. In Jerusalem, it's hard to tell who's in costume and who isn't.
45. A new garment or a new haircut elicits a salutation, something between "wear it well" and "enjoy its newness."
46. Israel is the first to offer help and send rescue teams to countries coping with disaster.
47. Israel sent medical staff to care for our people after the terror attack in Mombassa and then Israeli fighter jets guided the plane home.
48. For all the talk about the greening of the planet, we're the only country in the world that started the 21st century with a net gain of trees. (Thank you, Jewish National Fund!)
49. Israel has the highest concentration of high-tech companies except for Silicon Valley and also the most *yeshivot* [religious schools].
50. After a calamity, police have trouble keeping bystanders away who want to help.
51. The question "what would you like to drink" instead of "would you like a drink" is a measure of hospitality.
52. Waiting in the supermarket check-out line, strangers share cheesecake recipes.

53. Plain folk know the most obscure languages.

54. Tel Aviv rose from a sand dune and looks glorious.

55. The time of the Saturday evening news is adjusted to suit Sabbath observers.

56. My children and grandchildren can be born in the land of my ancestors.

Happy 56th! ✦

THE GOOD GUYS ARE WINNING continued

the one being constructed in the West Bank are credited with keeping suicide bombers out, and raids in Palestinian areas and targeted killings of top terrorist commanders seem to be putting Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade on the run and unable to orchestrate attacks. Also, the downfall of Saddam Hussein, who was paying \$25,000 to the families of suicide bombers, is likely a contributing factor to the decline of the violence, as there is now one less incentive to the Palestinian population to join with terrorist groups.

The question is whether the trend marks the end of the intifada, or is merely a lull while the terrorists, temporarily decapitated, regroup and rethink.

"There is no doubt that efforts by the PLO to dictate the terms of our surrender and bring about our collapse have failed, they have accomplished none of their goals," chief Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin told WND. "Therefore, one can say the intifada has failed, and is now even turning against its own initiators." Gissin points out that while Israel "always has and will continue to live with the threat of terrorism," the Jewish state turned the tables on the jihadists with its forceful anti-terror campaign, and he says the violence will continue to decline.

Gissin says the Palestinian terror apparatus has been hit badly, Arafat has been internationally isolated, and the Palestinian economy has nearly crumbled as a result of the PLO's strategic decision to launch a terrorist offensive against the Jewish state instead of peaceful negotiations. Ironically, explains Gissin, the intent of the intifada was to demoralize Israel, destroy its economy, bring it to its knees, and force it to surrender to Palestinian demands. Gissin says if this was a real war, it has ended with an Israeli victory, albeit a bloody one.

Daniel Pipes, director of the Middle East Forum, concurs. "While the timetable of Palestinian recognition of failure has been slower than I expected, short of a mega-terror attack, things do seem to be winding down," he said.

Sources close to Hamas, which is responsible for many of the suicide attacks, say that in the West Bank, where most terror operations originated, the organization has been very badly damaged.

"There is no money to finance operations," said one. "Many of the leaders are gone and it is difficult to replace them. Hamas needs at least two years to rebuild."

"The Palestinians have been growing increasingly weary and disgusted with their leadership," Malcolm Hoenline, executive vice-chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told WND. "They see they gained nothing while the leaders steal their money and ruin the economy. It may be too early to say the intifada is over. The terror will continue, but with much less success."

The Jewish State is going to great lengths to separate from the Palestinians and keep its borders safe from terrorists. Israel is also putting to use a centuries-old tactic — an 80-foot-deep moat, possibly to be filled with water, between Egypt and Gaza as a way to keep terrorists from crossing and block them from constructing more arms-smuggling tunnels.

Gissin says Israel will continue to drive home to the Palestinians that "whatever violence they use against us will bring them nothing but destruction. Eventually, it has to sink in with them."

Reports say most Palestinians are beginning to realize the intifada is coming to an end. ✦



The Holy Days of Our Lord

On location in Israel, we created this presentation of the holidays our Lord celebrated. Given to Moses on Mt. Sinai, these celebrations comprise one of the most fascinating and important Bible studies. Since knowledge of these feasts seems to repose mainly with Jewish people, whether Messianic or other, we wanted to acquaint our large audience with this information. Few churches or seminaries teach what we take up in this series. Below are descriptions of each program. Closed captioned. (3 Videocassettes) See page 31 to order.

V713 Overview - Zola teaches from the Mount of Olives, giving us a summary of the festivals that the Lord established for the Chosen People in Leviticus 23. Zola interviews Dan Hendrickson who explains how rabbinical Jews view each of the feasts.

V714 Passover - In front of a blood-stained doorway, Zola gives us a look at the original Exodus and our own deliverance from the wilderness of a sinful life. Each element of the traditional Seder is explained as it relates to Christ's fulfillment and the Lord's redemptive plan and picture.

V715 Unleavened Bread - Zola speaks on the Lord's festival to annually remind the Chosen People that they did not have time to let the bread rise when He delivered them out of Egypt, and how the Messiah is represented in the matzo. We go to a factory outside Jerusalem to find out how matzo is made.

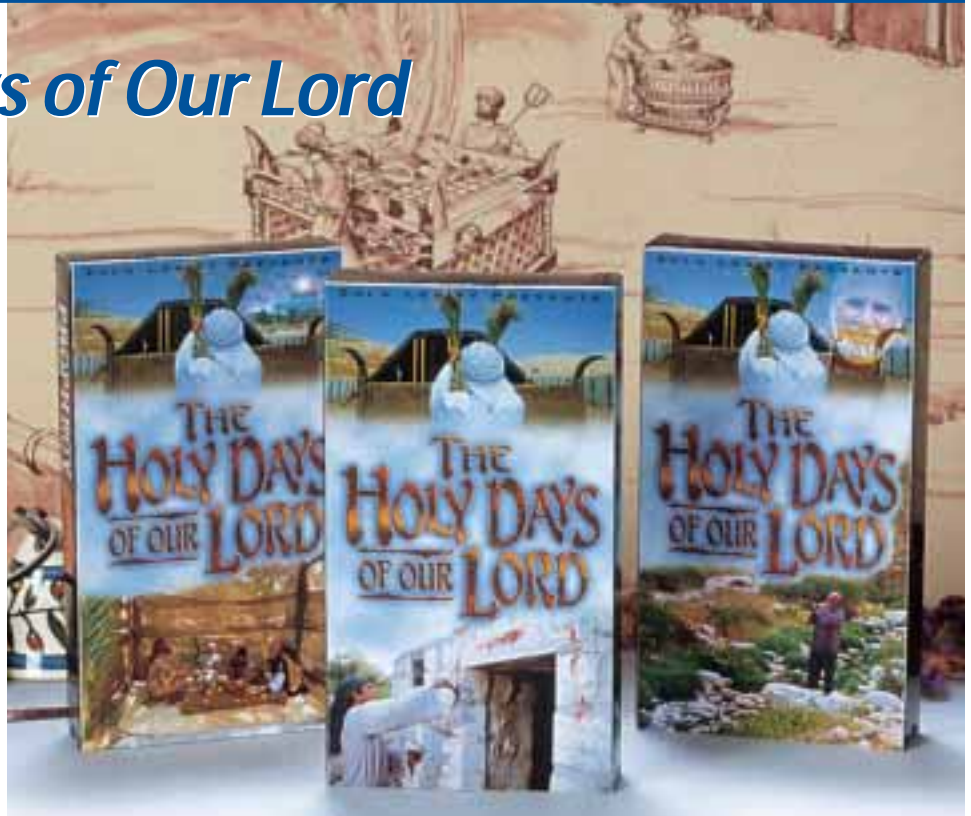
V716 First Fruits - The Church and the Chosen are represented in the wave offerings of the two loaves of bread before the Lord, the offering for the new harvest season. We interview the editor of *Eretz* magazine regarding his insights into the ancient commonalities between modern Judaism and the present-day Church.

V717 Pentecost - Zola explains that when Christ told His disciples to wait until the power of the Lord came, the Jews were anticipating the celebration of Shavuot.

V718 Trumpets - Zola teaches on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, as a day of celebration and merriment. It is also a time that the seriousness of sin begins to weigh on the hearts of the Jewish people. We see how the ceremonial horns (shofars) are made. Tim LaHaye gives us his insights as to what will happen at the sound of the last trumpet.

V719 Day of Atonement - From the Mount of Olives, Zola tells us about Yom Kippur. Once a year, the priest entered into the presence of God in the Holy of Holies. Here, a sacrifice was made for the corporate sin of the nation. We show you a recreation of the Tabernacle (booth) located in Timna Park.

V720 Tabernacles - Standing next to a *sukkah* (booth), Zola explains how the mood in Israel changes from a solemn occasion of judgment to one of celebration and merriment. Chuck King tells us about the



International Christian Embassy Jerusalem plans for its yearly celebration at Qumran.

V721 Purim/Hanukkah - From the giant Menorah by the Israeli Parliament, Zola recalls the book of Esther as well as the New Testament references to the Festival of Lights, rededicating the Temple. We hear the testimony of a natural-born Israeli whose life dramatically changed when he found his Messiah.

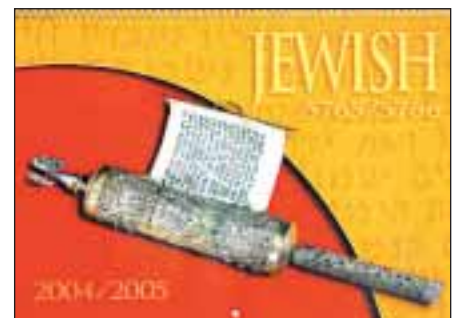
V722 Sabbath - Standing by a stream in the desert, Zola reads from Exodus and teaches about the day of rest. He draws a contrast between this commandment and where Christian people find their "rest." Rabbi Henri Noach explains why this one day most distinguishes the Jewish people.

V723 Music - Features all the music heard in the other ten programs. We see dramatic recreations of each feast, Zola's performance on location in Israel, as well as a view of the scenic beauty of the Holy Land.

NEW! Jewish Heritage Calendar

THIS is the best time to order our new Jewish Heritage Calendar for the year 5765, which, on the Jewish calendar, begins in September. You'll have the dates of Biblical feasts and Sabbaths, the names of the months, the Holy Days, etc. You will also become acquainted with many fascinating artifacts through colorful pictures and descriptions you may wish to save for years to come. Please order from page 31.

Caution: buying this year's will make you want next year's as well!



Stay the Course

With the beheading of Paul M. Johnson, Jr., the second American civilian slaughtered, who can argue that George Bush didn't know what he was doing when he went to war against the Muslim terrorists? If any American can say now that "it is time to get out," one must wonder if they realize how critical America's role in ending this terror really is. If the United States must beg the other free countries to join us in this mission, then one can only believe they are willing to allow these evil butchers to continue their slaughter of innocent people trapped in these Middle Eastern countries.

It is time to declare World War III against all forms and coalitions of terror and those who underwrite them throughout the entire world. It is also time for those countries that we helped to free from tyranny, slavery and barbarism during World War II to join with the existing allied coalition to wipe the world clean of those who would dominate or threaten by any form of planned violence.

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Israeli Public Swings Right

www.israelnationalnews.com

A new popular survey carried out by Haifa University's National Security Research Center indicates some surprises in public opinion on issues such as withdrawals and uprooting Jewish towns. The poll shows that nearly half of the Jewish public — 47.7% — opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state, even in the framework of a peace agreement.

In what is possibly the most surprising finding of all, Dr. Daphna Kanati-Nissim, one of those who directed the survey, told Arutz-7 that if national elections were held today, close to 30% of the public would support a Kach-like [violently anti-Palestinian] party.

In contrast with other surveys, the poll in question shows that 44% object to even a partial withdrawal from Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and 40% are against the dismantling of even one Jewish settlement. Over 55% of the Jewish public feels that Israeli-Arabs are a threat to national security.

A website dedicated to Islamic law features a video presentation [see below] of four children acting out a beheading in a similar manner to recent slayings in Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

In a scene that appears to mimic the murder of Nicholas Berg, a young boy is shown kneeling in front of two boys and a girl who are masked and clothed in the style of the American's Muslim kidnappers.

The center child takes the role of Berg's alleged killer, Jordanian terrorist Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi, appearing to read a list of demands.

The footage culminates with the mock beheading of the child hostage.



Kill and Laugh

www.washingtontimes.com

Omar Bakri Muhammad is a suspected al-Qaeda terrorist who was interviewed recently in a Portuguese newspaper, *Publico*. Here is what he had to say about the intentional killing of civilians:

"We don't make a distinction between civilians and non-civilians, innocents and non-innocents. Only between Muslims and non-believers. The life of a non-believer has no value. There's no sanctity in it. Terror is the language of the 21st century. If I want something, I terrorize you to achieve it.

"The word 'terrorism' is not new among Muslims. Muhammad said: 'I am the prophet who laughs when killing the enemy.' It is not only a question of killing. It's laughing while we are killing."

ZOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD

Fall Israel Tour

Please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during office hours or our answering service at 1-800-WONDERS (800-966-3377) anytime for your color tour folder. Join Zola on our 80th Holy Land tour. The **Deluxe Tour** will depart on November 7 and return on November 17. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, will depart on November 7 and return on November 21. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, extends from November 2 through November 17. The **Ultra Grand Tour**, with everything, the Greek Isles, Israel, and Petra, runs from November 2 through November 21.



Audited Financials

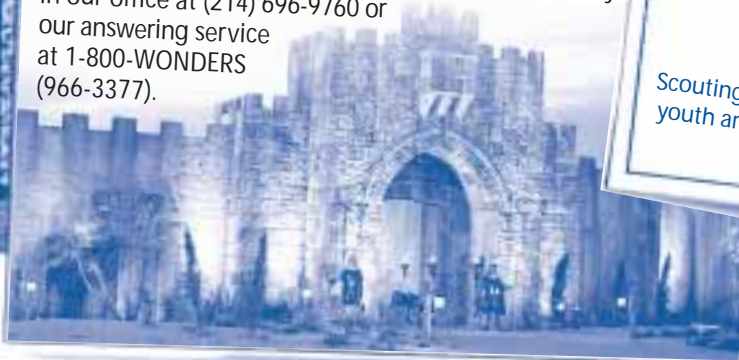
This ministry is on the up and up. During the nearly fifteen years that we have made our independently audited financial statements available, free for the asking, we have continually learned from our volunteer auditor ways to tweak and fine-tune our procedures to maximize stewardship. We have seen and felt God's hand as we cope within a society that grows ever more complicated.

Good News from a Far Country

Several years ago, we established a fund for our television and tour handling people during the decline of tourism in Israel. At this time, however, Israeli tourism continues to rebound at an increasing rate. This is really very good news. Our people in Israel have always been gratified by your gifts from the Good News Fund. We now need to change the Good News Fund to a general benevolence resource for ministry volunteers and special need cases. As always, we will be glad to supply the names and addresses of the recipients of this fund if you wish to continue giving.

Two Weekends at The Holy Land Experience

Take the opportunity to join Zola at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando the weekend following Thanksgiving, November 26 - 28, or attend Zola's spiritual New Year's Eve celebration on the weekend of December 31 - January 2. You will feel as though you've gone back to first-century Israel as you see authentic architecture and character actors in period costumes. Please call Tony in our office at (214) 696-9760 or our answering service at 1-800-WONDERS (966-3377).



Boy Scouts of Israel

Despite its small population, Israel has more Scouts than any other Middle Eastern Country.

Here are the top-ranking five:

- Israel 21,920
- Saudi Arabia 19,267
- Jordan 15,538
- Lebanon 14,334
- Oman 10,654

Scouting is only one example of why Israeli youth are more likely to flourish than their Arab counterparts.



Dear Friends:

A sure sign of the End Times coming on is that men will call good evil and evil good.

In this *Levitt Letter* we are running a story about a lawsuit filed against Fox News Channel for using the slogan “Fair and Balanced.” The plaintiffs say that Fox is a mouth-piece for George Bush and the Republican party and that “Fair and Balanced” is misleading. The authors of this lawsuit know, of course, that there is no case against Fox News. They simply want the story publicized to create doubt about Fox. The more times the story (a lie) is repeated, the more doubt is created about Fox.

I personally prefer Fox News because of its balance. CNN, CBS, ABC, NBC, MSNBC, and NPR are all slanted to the left. They are anti-Israel and cannot find enough time in the day to illustrate Palestinian troubles while hardly mentioning the heroic and dangerous mission of the Israeli army—stopping Palestinian terrorism against innocent civilians.

President Bush, despite all you have heard from the media, is not evil. He is fighting *against* evil. The President went so far as to name some of our enemies (Iraq, Iran and North Korea) “The Axis of Evil.” Yet the “hate America” crowd condemned him roundly for this statement, much like Ronald Reagan was criticized for calling the Soviets the “Evil Empire.” According to the “media elite,” dictatorships that starve, torture, and murder their citizens by the millions are good. Evil nations that acquire nuclear weapons and then blackmail the world with them are also good. Countries like the US and Britain that forcefully free the citizens of these nations, and attempt to build democracies, are evil.

The Presbyterian “Church” USA has called the Palestinian Arabs good and the Israelis evil. As we report in this letter, the Presbyterians, at

A Note From Zola

their annual general assembly this summer, voted 431-62 in favor of joining the divestment campaign against Israel. They are the first Christian denomination to do so. Leaders of this liberal mainline church also approved several other anti-Israel resolutions at their gathering in Richmond, Virginia.

The message of this church is evil, but they piously consider themselves to be good.

Muslims are fighting a worldwide war against democracy and freedom (particularly freedom of religion), which they call evil. And what do these people call good? Dictatorships where “infidels” can be murdered for not converting to Islam. Countries where girls can be stoned to death for holding hands with a boy. Take a good look at Saudi Arabia, Iran and Syria. Those evil systems are what the Muslims want the entire world to become. Despite this, American liberals and liberal churches lend help to Muslims every day, as though they are just another religious denomination worshipping the same God.

The United Nations seems to exist to call Israel evil. Since 1945, the UN has passed over 700 General Assembly resolutions. Of these 700, not one was passed against any Arab country or against any terrorist group. How many do you think have been passed against Israel? Nearly 450! Yes, with 190 countries represented in the UN, Israel—a single nation, only slightly



larger than the Dallas-Fort Worth area, with one one-thousandth of the world’s population—has been condemned by over sixty percent of all UN Assembly resolutions! Israel is even censured for erecting a barrier for self-defense. Obviously, in the eyes of the UN, Israel and God’s Chosen People are evil and all Muslim nations are good. Can anybody doubt that we are in the End Times?

The International Court of “Justice” in The Hague calls the Israeli barrier evil, evidently because it saves Jewish lives. Another observation by this rogue court amazes: It is a violation of law for Jews to be living in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem. Jews have lived in Jerusalem since before it became their capital, some 3,000 years ago! A recent picture of the International Court’s offices shows a protective fence encircling the building. Of course, it is good to keep these hypocrites safe from terrorism.

Seminaries that teach anti-Israel doctrines are considered good, but they are really resting on past laurels. Over and over, I have given Moody and Dallas Theological Seminary as examples of organizations that have spiritualized the Bible and virtually omitted End Times prophecy and Israelology. They teach “Progressive Dispensationalism” which saves them the inconvenience of mastering true End Times prophecy.

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A Peace Plan

Dear Zola:

I am currently attending the University of Texas at San Antonio, and I'm in need of some assistance.

I have been given the assignment of designing a peace plan for the conflict in Israel. My wife and I read the *Levitt Letter* every time it comes out and my wife actually traveled to Israel with Zola's tour back in 2000.

What I'd like to see is if I could get Zola's opinion of what measures would need to be put into place to even begin to discuss serious negotiations.

Anything you could forward to me would be great!

Thank you and Shalom! — M.L.D

Dear M.L.D.:

No peace plan is necessary for Israel. We would do better to look to our own violence than to keep up this awful anti-Semitic accusation against a normal democracy with normal problems.

When I played in the San Antonio Symphony, I was afraid of your streets. Please ask your professor to work on a peace plan for San Antonio.

To answer you more directly, "serious negotiations" are no more possible with the Palestinian murderers than they are with al-Qaeda. Please see our front page story to see how Israel is achieving peace. — Zola



Some letters have been edited for space.

How God Operates

Dear Zola:

I would like to thank you for your *Levitt Letter* that I received today. I think it is a great newsletter. I e-mailed you awhile back to inform you that I was under financial constraints that made it tough to send an offering, but you have so graciously continued to send me your newsletter.

Since that last e-mail, the money situation has improved somewhat. It should be possible to send a small amount to support a much needed ministry. I know that our Gracious Father and Lord Yeshua looks at how we decide the little things, what the world looks upon as insignificant.

I sometimes have the thought go through my mind (like many of us) that if I only had great financial resources, I would give so much to that ministry and so much to this one. But I'm learning that is not how God operates. It is how faithful we are with the little. Like the wonderful widow and the two pennies she dropped into the Temple box. So once again in Yeshua's awesome name, I say thank you and Shalom. I will continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for Zola Levitt Ministries and the recent requests for John Parsons and your other staff member.

J.T.

Dear J.T.:

You are very welcome. Please know that if every viewer of our program gave what the widow gave — two pennies — it would pretty much make our entire budget for a whole year! — Zola

How Mr. Sam Operated

Dear Zola:

After being with Wal-Mart for close to 14 years, you can imagine my delight to read such an affirmation in your pages [see June, Vol. 2, *Levitt Letter* story, "Fixing Wal-Mart"].

When Mr. Sam created this company, one of the founding principles was "respect for the individual." Each person counts!

We count to God in the same way. Wal-Mart is such a success today largely because Godly principles were acted upon! It is no wonder so many people hate us. When Israel obeyed God, Israel was blessed. The same is so true today! — R.C.

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God Is Not Dead!

Dear Zola:

I have thought about this the last couple of times the *Levitt Letter* arrived, and I was just going to ask to be removed from your mailing list. Then I dreamed about it last night, and my devotional spoke to the situation this morning, so I decided to explain.

I understand your attitude toward the war in the Middle East, and for the most part, I agree with you. God gave the land of Israel to Israel. When the Arabs pray, they face Mecca. Jerusalem is Israel's Holy City. The "Roadmap to Peace" will not work until God works it, and that will have to be in people's hearts and minds.

However, your publication exudes so much hatred. We need to pray for our enemies as Jesus taught us to do. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

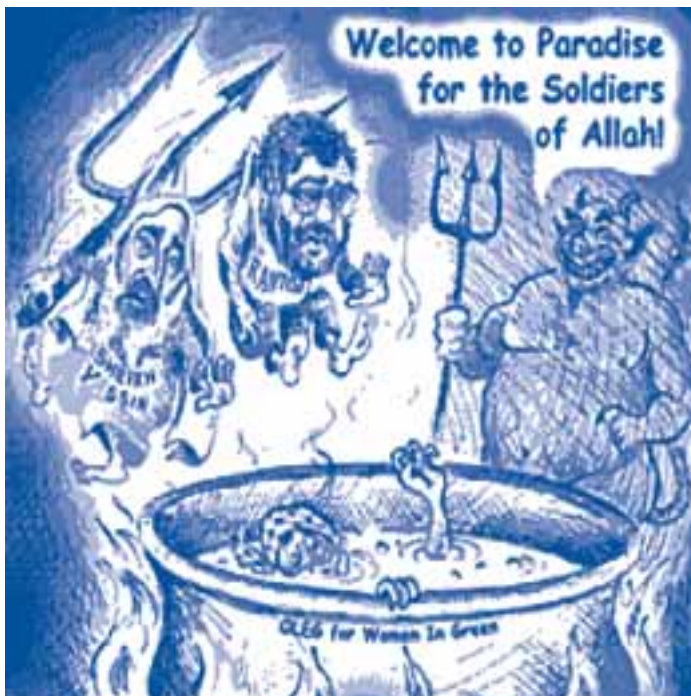
True, the Palestinians know what they are doing, but for our own sake, as well as for theirs, we need to be in continual prayer for a change in their hearts and minds. God is not dead!

"Nuff said!"

T.D.

Dear T.D.:

No, not "Nuff said!" There were times when our Lord forgave His enemies, and times when He picked up a whip. — Zola



They are sliding down a slippery slope toward Replacement Theology.

In newspapers, magazines, films, and on television, Christians nowadays are ridiculed, portrayed as ignorant cultists and called evil. The entertainment industry despises Christians. On July 15, 2004, the *San Diego Union Tribune* quoted singer Linda Ronstadt: "It's a real conflict for me when I go to a concert and find out somebody in the audience is a Republican or fundamental Christian. It can cloud my enjoyment. I'd rather not know." A few years back, *Washington Post* reporter Michael Weisskopf, in a now-famous quote, referred to evangelical Christians as "poor, uneducated and easy to command." To these people, Christians are not only evil, but dumb, too. But we will see who commands whom when the King returns.

It is not a matter of opinion to say that the haters of Jews, Christians and righteousness are not only wrong, but evil. Good and evil are very clearly delineated, not just in Scripture, but in every human heart. No recorded period of world history has seen the upside-down attitudes toward good and evil that we are witnessing in these End Times.

The situations described above make our ministry work all the more important. We are on national television calling good good and evil evil. With your support and your prayers, we have done that for nearly twenty-six years.

But like everything else, television grows more expensive all the time. We have undertaken to air weekly on the PAX network, and with this strong outreach, we are able to speak to the very people being victimized by the evils mentioned above. We very much need your utmost support at this time. Thus far this summer, our revenues have declined, as they usually do, but with the large bills from PAX, the situation is very serious. Whatever the Lord would have you do, will be sufficient for us.

Don't forget, our fall Holy Land tours are scheduled for the month of November. The **Deluxe Tour** of Israel will depart on November 7 and return on November 17. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, will depart on November 7 and return on November 21. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, extends from November 2 through November 17.

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You also can call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) any time for a brochure on this or any of our other tours. And please do pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,

Are YOU Sorry?

(From a circulating internet e-mail, author unknown)

For good and ill, the Iraqi prisoner abuse mess will remain an issue. On the one hand, right-thinking Americans will abhor the stupidity of the actions, while on the other hand, political glee will take control and fashion this minor event into some modern day My Lai massacre.

I heard some Arabs are asking for an apology. I humbly offer mine here:

I am sorry that the last seven times we Americans took up arms and sacrificed the blood of our youth, it was in the defense of Muslims (Bosnia, Kosovo, Gulf War 1, Kuwait, etc.).

I am sorry that no such call for an apology from the extremists came after 9/11. I am sorry that all of the murderers on 9/11 were Arabs.

I am sorry that Arabs have to live in squalor under savage dictatorships. I am sorry that their leaders squander their wealth. I am sorry that their governments breed hate for the US in their religious schools.

I am sorry that Yasser Arafat was kicked out of every Arab country and hijacked the Palestinian "cause." I am sorry that no other Arab country will take in or offer more than a token amount of financial help to those same Palestinians.

I am sorry that the USA has to step in and be the biggest financial supporter of poverty-stricken Arabs while the insanely wealthy Arabs blame the USA.

I am sorry that our own left-wing elite and our media can't understand any of this. I am sorry the United Nations scammed the poor people of Iraq out of the "food for oil" money so they could get rich while the common folk suffered.

I am sorry that some Arab governments pay the families of homicide bombers upon their deaths. I am sorry that those same bombers are seeking 72 virgins.

I am sorry that the homicide bombers think babies are a legitimate target.

I am sorry that our troops died to free more Arabs. I am sorry they stopped the gang rape rooms and the filling of mass graves of dissidents.

I am sorry they show so much restraint when their brothers in arms are killed. I am sorry that Muslim extremists have killed more Arabs than any other group.

I am sorry that foreign-trained terrorists are trying to seize control of Iraq and return it to a terrorist state. I am sorry we don't drop a few dozen "daisy cutters" on Fallujah.

I am sorry every time terrorists hide they find a convenient "Holy Site." I am sorry they didn't apologize for flying a jet into the World Trade Center, the collapse of which severely damaged Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church — one of our Holy Sites.

I am sorry they didn't apologize for

Flights 93 and 175, the USS Cole, the embassy bombings, etc.

I am sorry Michael Moore is an American.

I am sorry the French are French.

America will get past this latest absurdity. We will punish those responsible because that is what we do. We hang out our dirty laundry for all the world to see. We move on. That's one of the reasons we are hated so much. We don't hide this stuff like all those Arab countries that are now demanding an apology.

Deep down inside, when most Americans saw this reported in the news, we were like—so what? We lost hundreds and made fun of a few prisoners. Sure, it was wrong, sure, it dramatically hurts our cause, but until they were captured we were trying to kill these same prisoners. Now we're supposed to wring our hands because a few were humiliated? Our compassion is tempered with the vivid memories of our own people killed, mutilated and burnt amongst a joyous crowd of celebrating Fallujans.

If you want an apology from this American, you're going to have a long wait.



With Friends Like These...

By Samantha Ellis, *The Guardian*

The controversy over Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* just won't go away. In the United Arab Emirates, the film is being offered the kind of support it doesn't need.

According to Screen International, the UAE-based distributor Front Row Entertainment has been contacted by organizations related to the Hezbollah in Lebanon with offers of help.

"Blatant Desecration"

www.jewishworldreview.com

Our man in Israel, Harvey Tannenbaum, reports that a store in Raanana was selling pork and other non-kosher food for nearly three decades — yet always remained closed on the Jewish Sabbath. Then last week, a competitor opened a similar store a few blocks away. But in addition to selling religiously forbidden items, he also decided to open on Saturdays. That was too much for the original store. Its owner petitioned and complained to the city's Religious Council to restrict the "blatant desecration."

"Keep the Cross, Remove the Democrats"

By Susan Jones, www.cnsnews.com

More than a thousand angry citizens went to a recent Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting, but despite their efforts, county supervisors refused to reverse their decision to remove a small cross from the county's official seal.

The ACLU threatened to sue the county if it did not remove the Christian cross — which symbolizes California's missionary history. On Tuesday, as protestors waved signs, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to uphold its earlier decision that the cross must go.

The article "Be Careful Where You Give" from the April 2003 newsletter was not intended to impugn the fundraising efforts of any organization that encourages Christians to pray for the peace and protection of the Jewish people. Zola Levitt Ministries, Inc. encourages every citizen, regardless of nationality or religion, to assist in alleviating the suffering of the less fortunate living in Israel and elsewhere in any manner. We regret any damage the above-mentioned article may have caused any organization that endeavors to better the lives of the less fortunate living in Israel.

The Middle East loves Michael Moore!



Christians weren't the only ones waving signs.

According to the *Los Angeles Daily News*, some of the signs read "Jews for the L.A. County Seal," "Buddhists for the Seal," and "Stop the ACLU Nazis."

"If people want to keep the cross, they need to remove the Democrats," said the Campaign for California Families, a conservative group that mobilized support for keeping the cross in the county seal.

CCF noted that all three people voting to remove the cross were Democrats. The two who voted to keep the cross were Republicans.

In two-and-a-half hours of public testimony, virtually all the speakers favored keeping the cross, CCF said.

"Those who don't respect the Constitution are doing everything in their power to remove Christian values in society," said Randy Thomasson, CCF executive director. "When our founding fathers wrote, 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,' they didn't mean to yank crosses off public property."

Thomasson argues that the First Amendment prohibits Congress from creating an official state denomination, such as the Church of England in Great Britain.

Thomasson called Tuesday's vote a demonstration of "anti-Christian arrogance" in Los Angeles.

"Given that Democrats are the only ones attacking the cross, it's obvious that if people want to keep the cross, they need to remove the Democrats," he said. ■

Dying to Kill

The Jerusalem Post

Iran has registered at least 10,000 young volunteers for “martyrdom operations” against Israel and US forces in Iraq, according to the recruitment group, the Committee for the Commemoration of Martyrs of the Global Islamic Campaign.

Salman Rushdie, who received a death warrant in absentia by Iran’s former leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini for writing *The Satanic Verses*, has also been targeted by the nascent brigade of terrorists calling itself the “Army of Martyrs of the Global Islamic Campaign.”

The London-based Arabic daily *Al-Sharq al-Awsat* reported earlier this month that the “Army of Martyrs” is operated by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards (also known as the Pasdaran), and IRG’s sub-agencies tasked with intelligence gathering and the planning of terrorist attacks.

The recruitment of what “Army of Martyrs” leaders say are thousands of future “martyrs,” i.e., suicide attackers, racked up 10,000 registered volunteers in its first week, Mohammad Ali Samadi, a spokesman for the Committee for the Commemoration of Martyrs of the Global Islamic Campaign, told Reuters.

The calls to join the “Army of Martyrs” began at mosques after Friday prayers three weeks ago, after which registration forms were distributed by the tens of thousands at local Islamic universities to prospective male and female suicide attackers.

A senior Israeli intelligence source told *The Jerusalem Post* that complementing Iran’s imminent nuclear capability are its efforts to infiltrate terrorists and weapons into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

“There’s no way to over-emphasize this danger,” said the source. “Iran is involved intimately in almost every Hezbollah action.”

The IRG also bankrolls Tanzim and Islamic Jihad cells all over the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said the official. ❖

NEWS (IN) BRIEFS

www.outsidethebeltway.com

President Clinton’s national security adviser, Sandy Berger, is the focus of a criminal investigation after admitting he removed highly classified terrorism documents from a secure reading room during preparations for the September 11 Commission hearings.

Berger’s home and office were searched earlier this year by FBI agents armed with warrants. Some drafts of a sensitive “after-action” report on the Clinton administration’s handling of al-Qaeda terror threats during the December 1999 millennium celebration are still missing.

Berger and his lawyer said he knowingly removed handwritten notes he had taken from classified anti-terror documents he reviewed at the National Archives by sticking them in his jacket and pants. He also inadvertently took copies of actual classified documents in a leather portfolio, they said. “I deeply regret the sloppiness involved, but I had no intention of withholding documents from the commission, and to the contrary, to my knowledge, every document requested by the commission from the Clinton administration was produced,” Berger said in a statement to the Associated Press.

When asked, Berger said he returned some of the classified documents, which he found in his office, and all of the handwritten notes he had taken from the secure room, but said he could not locate two or three copies of the highly classified millennium terror report. “In the course of reviewing over several days thousands of pages of documents on behalf of the Clinton administration in connection with requests by the Sept. 11 commission, I inadvertently took a few documents from the Archives,” Berger said. “When I was informed by the Archives that there were documents missing, I immediately returned everything I had except for a few documents that I apparently had accidentally discarded,” he said.

The officials said the missing documents were highly classified, and included critical assessments about the Clinton administration’s handling of the millennium terror threats as well as identification of America’s terror vulnerabilities at airports to seaports. ❖



Dumb and Dumber Department

Send in the Clowns

By Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com

Israeli-made bullets recently purchased by the U.S. Army should be used for training only, not to fight Muslim guerrillas in Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. lawmakers told Army generals.

Since the Army has other stockpiled ammunition, "by no means, under any circumstances, should a round [from Israel] be utilized," said Rep. Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii, the top Democrat on the House of Representatives Armed Services subcommittee with jurisdiction over land forces.

The Army contracted Israel Military Industries Ltd. in December for \$70 million in small caliber ammunition. The Israeli firm was one of only two worldwide that could meet U.S. technical specifications and delivery needs, said Brigadier Gen. Paul Izzo, the Army's program executive officer for ammunition. The other was East Alton, Illinois-based Winchester Ammunition, which also received a \$70 million contract.

Rep. Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania, who chairs the subcommittee on tactical air and land forces, concurred with Abercrombie, explaining that although the Army should not have to worry about "political correctness," there are still "propaganda pitfalls" of using Israeli rounds in the U.S. declared war on terror.

"There's a sensitivity that I think all of us recognize," Weldon told the Army witnesses, including Maj. Gen. Buford Blount, who led the U.S. Third Infantry Division that captured Baghdad in April 2003.

Blount, now the Army's assistant deputy chief of staff, said the Army had sufficient small caliber ammunition — 5.56mm, 7.62mm and .50 caliber — to conduct current operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere without using the Israeli bullets.

But some Israeli military officers were upset. IDF Col. Moshe Lesheme told WND, "Israel has been at the forefront of the war on terror since its founding 56 years ago. We pioneered many of the anti-terror and urban-warfare techniques that the U.S. military has no problem using in Iraq and Afghanistan. Israeli firms have created an enormous amount of military technology that enhanced the American military.



And now suddenly our bullets are illegitimate?"

"It is decisions like these that feed the Palestinian propaganda machine and demean Israel," said Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America. "It makes it seem like there's a difference between terrorism against Israelis and terrorism against anyone else. And that is simply unacceptable." ✪

Never-ending War

In his documentary *The Siege of Western Civilization*, Herb Meyer says the attacks on Western civilization by radical Islam in the past twenty-five years make the third such offensive. The first attacks came in the seventh century beginning with the fall of Jerusalem, Persia, North Africa, and Spain; this was followed hundreds of years later by the invasions of the 15th and 16th centuries.

Meyer says that, unlike Judaism and Christianity, Islam itself has never reconciled with the modern world. "Islam today is what it was back in the seventh century," he says. "Islamic countries have never separated church and state, never developed the concept of individual rights, human rights, women's rights, economic liberty, or even the rule of law." ✪

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We refer to our pilgrims as “Ambassadors for Israel” once they’ve completed our tours. — Zola

Be an Ambassador!

By Will King, Our Man in Jerusalem

By participating in Zola’s Spring Tour to Israel, another group of Jewish and Christian pilgrims have raised themselves spiritually by coming to God’s land and ascending to His holy city, Jerusalem. The tour was an opportunity not only to see sites of religious and historical significance, but also to walk in the footsteps of Yeshua with other believers. Additionally, the pilgrims were exposed to sites of modern day Israeli history and culture, closing their circle of learning from the ancient archeological, to Biblical, and finally to today’s Jewish society. With so much history and culture to see and experience here in Israel, it can be overwhelming to the first-time visitor, which is why many of the pilgrims are planning their return trips.

During the course of the tour, I had the opportunity to talk with some of the pilgrims and to ask their feelings about the tour, the land and the whole experience of being in Israel. While some talked about their favorite site, their spiritual feelings or the crazy Israeli drivers, there was one common theme shared by the pilgrims: the need to get the word out.

After so many years of the media’s one-sided coverage, and friends saying how dangerous it is in Israel and how crazy they would be to come here, many of the pilgrims were shocked to see the truth. Israel, as it turns out, is a very modern country, with friendly people who don’t all wear bulletproof vests and dodge terrorists on the way to school and work every morning. Yes, Israel has its problem spots and armed thugs, just as the US has its ghettos and gangs, but finding these problem areas requires a detour from the peace that exists in the rest of the country.

After the initial shock of these discoveries has worn off, the next feelings that surface are those of frustration and betrayal. It is difficult for many of the people to find out that they have been so elaborately duped by the media, and they feel that they need to do something to combat the Arab lies that are broadcast repeatedly every day. While the pilgrims don’t have the capabilities of CNN, they are determined to return to their towns and churches and get the word out to the most important audience of all: fellow Believers. These ambassadors are greater than any media outlet could ever be, because they are Believers who have been to God’s land, and are bringing the truth to the people of God.

As we approach the End Times, it is important that ordinary churchgoing people become true Believers.

They must learn the truth about the Jewish people and the land of Israel if they are to stand with God and His Chosen People in the end. The Bible is clear that to be against God’s people is to be against God Himself. In Genesis 12:3 God speaks to Abraham about the nation that will come from him, and He says, “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (NIV).

The power of the media is strong, and I encourage those of you who are still not convinced to do one of three things: 1) talk with a former pilgrim to the Holy Land, and learn the truth from somebody who has seen what is actually happening here; 2) if there is no one in your church who has been to Israel, talk with your pastor and contact the Zola Levitt Ministries office about arranging a visit with a man with the experience of 79 visits to Israel, Zola himself; 3) come to Israel and see the truth for yourself, firsthand. Whether you come on one of Zola’s tours or not, it is an important, unforgettable and spiritually fulfilling journey when you come to God’s land.

If you do decide to come to Israel, be forewarned. This place will enter your heart, and a love for the land and for the people will develop that you will never lose. Your heart and soul will be forever transformed. ✨

Transform your heart and soul on our tour November 7th -November 21st. — Zola



Innovative Irrigation

This electric company’s water cannon, designed to clean high-voltage power lines, waters ancient acacia trees in the Negev Desert near the southern port of Eilat. The trees stand atop mounds of earth about 120 meters (390 feet) high, created by removing soil and stones from around the trees over many years. With their roots barely able to reach groundwater, the acacia trees are in danger of drying out.

Travesty at The Hague

By Charles Krauthammer, *The Washington Post*

Among various principles invoked by the International Court of Justice in its highly publicized decision on Israel's security fence is this one: It is a violation of international law for Jews to be living in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem. If this sounds absurd to you — Jews have been inhabiting the Old City of Jerusalem since it became their capital 3,000 years ago — it is. And it shows the lengths to which the United Nations and its associate institutions, including this kangaroo court, will go to condemn Israel.

The court's main business was to order Israel to tear down the security fence separating Israelis from Palestinians. The fence is only one-quarter built, and yet it has already resulted in an astonishing reduction in suicide attacks in Israel. In the past four months, two Israelis have died in suicide attacks, compared with 166 killed in the same time frame at the height of the terrorism.

But what are 164 dead Jews to this court? Israel finally finds a way to stop terrorism, and 14 eminences sitting in The Hague rule it illegal — in a 64-page opinion in which the word terrorism appears not once (except when citing Israeli claims).

Yes, the fence causes some hardship to Palestinians. Some are separated from their fields, some school children have to walk much farther to class. This is unfortunate. On any scale of human decency, however, it is far more unfortunate that 1,000 Israelis are dead from Palestinian terrorism, and thousands more horribly maimed, including Israeli schoolchildren with nails and bolts and shrapnel lodged in their brains and spines who will never be walking to school again.

From the safe distance of 2,000 miles, the court declared itself “not convinced” that the barrier Israel is building is a security necessity. It based its ruling on the claim that the fence violates Palestinian “humanitarian” rights such as “the right to work, to health, to education, and to an adequate standard of living as proclaimed in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.”

I'm sure these conventions are lovely documents. They are also documents of absolutely no weight — how many countries would not stand condemned for failure to provide an “adequate standard of living”? — except, of course, when it comes to Israel. Then, any document at hand will do.

What makes the travesty complete is that this denial of Israel's right to defend itself because doing so might

violate “humanitarian” rights was read in open court by the chief judge representing China, whose government massacred hundreds of its own citizens demonstrating peacefully in Tiananmen Square. Not since Libya was made chairman of the Commission on Human Rights has the U.N. system put on such a shameless display of hypocrisy.

Moreover, the court had no jurisdiction to take this case. It is a court of arbitration, which requires the consent of both parties. The Israelis, knowing the deck was stacked, refused to give it. Not only did the United States declare this issue outside the boundaries of this court, so did the European Union and Russia, hardly Zionist agents.

The court went ahead nonetheless, betraying its prejudice in its very diction. For example, throughout the opinion it refers to the barrier as a “wall.” In fact, over 93 percent of its length consists of fences, troughs and electronic devices to prevent terrorist infiltration. Less than one kilometer out of every 15 is wall, and this is generally in areas that Palestinian gunmen have been using to shoot directly onto Israeli highways and into villages. Sensors and troughs cannot stop bullets.

The court's long account of the history of the conflict is equally corrupt. For example: In 1947, the United Nations partitioned Palestine into two states — one Jewish, one Arab. When the British pulled out and Israel proclaimed its independence, five Arab countries responded immediately by declaring war and invading Israel with the announced intention of destroying the newborn state. How does the court render this event? “On 14 May 1948, Israel proclaimed its independence... armed conflict then broke out between Israel and a number of Arab States.” Broke out? As if three years after the Holocaust and almost entirely without weapons, a tiny country of 600,000 Jews had decided to make war on five Arab states with nearly 30 million people.

Israel will rightly ignore the decision. The United States, acting honorably in a world of utter dishonor regarding Israel, will support that position. It must be noted that one of the signatories of this attempt to force Israel to tear down its most effective means of preventing the slaughter of innocent Jews was the judge from Germany. The work continues. ❖



Mollycoddling Milkshops of Manila

By Michelle Malkin, www.CNSNews.com



Add the flag of the Philippines to the International Hall of Appeasers. Sign up this pitiful nation for a lifetime membership in the Axis of Weasels. And remind me never again to brag about the proud fighting spirit of my ancestors.

I never thought I'd say this, but I'm deeply, mortifyingly ashamed of my parents' native land. The island nation has gone and pulled a Spain (and a France and a Germany). Philippine president Gloria Macagapal-Gloria Macagapal-Arroyo has crumbled like a fried lumpia wrapper under pressure from radical Muslim terrorists.

The Battling Bastards of Bataan have given way to the Mollycoddling Milkshops of Manila. And ultimately, we — not just Filipinos, but all Americans and our allies battling Islamofascism — will pay a grisly price for this disgraceful capitulation.

An Islamic terrorist group in Iraq kidnapped a Filipino truck driver, Angelo de la Cruz. He was abducted near Fallujah while shipping fuel for an American company from Saudi Arabia to Baghdad. The sword-wielding kidnappers, calling themselves the Khaled Ibn al-Walid Brigade, threatened to execute de la Cruz unless the Philippines immediately withdrew its 51-member contingent of police officers and soldiers from the multinational force providing security in Iraq (the troops were scheduled to be sent home in August, anyway).

My prayers, of course, were with de la Cruz and his family. He is the father of eight children, an innocent man who was reportedly just trying to earn enough money for an operation to restore the eyesight of a son. It could have easily been a relative of mine in the hands of the heathens. No one can blame his family for their entreaties to President Arroyo to pull out all the stops to save him.

But Arroyo is not merely the protector of one man and one family. She is not only a parochial leader of one people. Arroyo proclaimed herself a front-line warrior in the battle against global terror. Last spring, she came to Washington, embraced President Bush, and heralded her tight relationship with the United States.

"The Philippines is one of the first countries to join this war on terror," Arroyo said. "And the reason why we did it is that we in the Philippines know what it is to suffer from the hands of terrorism. We know the pain of ter-

rorism. And we are with you in your leadership against terrorism, wherever it may be found."

We are with you. Remember those words.

Initially, the Philippines appeared to stand firm against de la Cruz's abductors. The nation followed the courageous lead of Japan, South Korea and Bulgaria, which have all resolutely opposed the terrorists despite the abduction and murder of their countrymen. "Philippines Defiant on Iraq," one headline read. "Philippines Rejects Deadline From Iraq Kidnappers," read another.

But facing pressure from a vocal minority of isolationists, anti-American academics and Catholic church leaders, Filipino government officials buckled within hours of their original decision. Philippine deputy foreign minister Rafael Seguis announced on al-Jazeera television that "in response to your request"—"request," as if the terrorists had extended an invitation to tea—the Philippines "will withdraw its humanitarian forces as soon as possible."

"I hope the statement that I read will touch the heart of this group," Seguis pleaded further, as if he were addressing Oprah Winfrey's studio audience. He concluded pathetically: "We know that Islam is the religion of peace and mercy."



President Gloria Macagapal-Arroyo

Meanwhile, militant Islamic brigades of merciless cutthroats have menaced the southern Philippine islands, collaborated with murderous al-Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiah operatives, and will now see every overseas Filipino worker as an irresistible tool for geopolitical extortion.

Indeed, there have even been unconfirmed reports from the Philippines that its diplomats may have offered cash to the terrorists using al-Jazeera TV as an intermediary.

Some observers, including our own State Department, have given the Arroyo administration the benefit of the doubt. They believe that the wording of the nation's announcement to withdraw troops from Iraq "as soon as possible" is a deliberate ploy meant to confuse the captors and buy time. Nonsense.

The unequivocal message of the Philippines to the terrorists has come across loud and clear: We will surrender. And so has the country's message to America: We lied. ❖

Israelis Like America

The Jerusalem Post

The vast majority of Israelis have a favorable view of the U.S., according to a new poll commissioned by the Hudson Institute in Washington that was released at the beginning of July. Ninety-one percent of 500 Israelis polled said they viewed the U.S. either very favorably or mostly favorably.

Seeing Is Believing?

Israel Today

People believe what they see, but often only part of the truth is shown on television:

It is not shown how for years, Palestinian terrorists have smuggled weapons from Egypt into “homes” in Rafa, through tunnels under the strategic “Philadelphia” Corridor.

It is not shown how the demolished homes were used daily by Palestinian gunmen firing at Israeli soldiers trying to prevent the smuggling.

It is not shown if the Palestinians killed by the Israeli army were armed terrorists or civilians.

It is not shown how Palestinian terrorists use children on the streets as human shields.

What IS shown are dead and wounded Palestinians, demolished homes and tanks rolling through civilian neighborhoods.

The result is that Israeli actions are largely seen as disproportionate to whatever provocation came from the Palestinian side. The statistics do not play in Israel’s favor. Many westerners cannot understand why the killing of 13 Israeli soldiers would justify the demolition of dozens of Palestinians’ homes.

Part of the problem is that people who live in peaceful countries like America or Britain cannot understand what it’s like to live in a tiny country that’s been hit by 113 suicide bombings during nearly four years of conflict. If that is not enough to convince the world that Israel is at war with a barbarous enemy, then perhaps the images of Palestinian militants parading the remains of the soldiers killed in Gaza would. Two Islamic Jihad terrorists are shown in a video, with a Koran in their hands and the head of an Israeli soldier lying on a table in front of them.

Since Israel cannot make peace with cannibals, it only has two choices: it can appease them or fight them.

“Israel Is Poison”

Israel Today

The UN special envoy to Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi, set off a storm when he lambasted Israel in the most bitter terms. “The policy of Israel is a poison in the region, and that is the feeling of everyone in the region and beyond, and I think this is a statement of fact, not an opinion,” said Brahimi. He said his job of forming an Iraqi government was complicated by “the Israeli policy of domination and the suffering imposed on the Palestinians.”

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan dissociated himself from Brahimi’s remarks, saying he was expressing his “personal views.” Israel issued a sharp protest. “A UN official, when he speaks in public, cannot be a private person,” said Israel’s Deputy UN Ambassador Arye Mekel. He said such remarks “damage the image of the United Nations as an impartial organization.”

UN ♥s Palestinians

Israel Today

The UN General Assembly has passed a resolution supporting Palestinian sovereignty over all the Biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria (the so-called “West Bank”), East Jerusalem (which includes the Old City) and the Gaza Strip. The margin was decisive: 140 states voted in favor, six were opposed and there were 11 abstentions. The resolution was aimed at countering President Bush’s letter of assurances in which he promised Israel that it could hold on to some Jewish settlement blocs in Judea and Samaria and that there would be no “right of return” of Palestinian refugees to the Jewish state.



Inconvenient Facts

(From a circulating internet e-mail)

Learn these facts to properly debate our poor misguided friends and family before election time!

There were 36 American combat-related deaths in Iraq during the month of June. The fair city of Chicago averages 50 murders per month. That's just one American city — more deadly than the entire war-torn country of Iraq.

When some claim President Bush shouldn't have started this war (with congressional approval, including John Kerry and John Edwards), state the following...

FDR led us into World War II. Germany never attacked us: Japan did. From 1941-1945, 450,000 American lives were lost, an average of 112,500 per year.

Truman finished that war and started one in Korea. North Korea never attacked us. From 1950-1953, 55,000 American lives were lost, an average of 18,334 per year.

John F. Kennedy started the Vietnam conflict in 1962. Vietnam never attacked us.

Lyndon Johnson turned Vietnam into a quagmire. From 1965-1975, 58,000 American lives were lost, an average of 5,800 per year.

Bill Clinton went to war in Bosnia without UN or French consent. Bosnia never attacked us. He was offered Osama bin Laden's head on a platter three times by Sudan and did nothing. Bin Laden has attacked us on multiple occasions.

In the two years since terrorists attacked us, President Bush has... liberated two countries, crushed the Taliban, crippled al-Qaeda, put nuclear inspectors in Libya, Iran and North Korea without firing a shot, and captured a terrorist who slaughtered 300,000 of his own people.

The Democrats are complaining about how long the war is taking, but... it took less time to take Iraq than it took Janet Reno to take the Branch Davidian compound. That was a 51-day operation.

We've been looking for evidence of chemical weapons in Iraq for less time than it took Hillary Clinton to find the Rose Law Firm billing records.

It took less time for the 3rd Infantry Division and the Marines to destroy the Medina Republican Guard than it took Ted Kennedy to call the police after his Oldsmobile sank at Chappaquiddick.

It took less time to take Iraq than it took to count the votes in Florida! Our Commander-in-Chief is doing a GREAT JOB! The military morale is high! The biased media hopes we are too ignorant to realize the facts.



On The Fence

By Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's finance minister and a former prime minister

The New York Times



While the recent advisory finding by the International Court of Justice that Israel's barrier in the West Bank is illegal may be cheered by the terrorists who would kill Israeli civilians, it does not change the fact that none of the arguments against the security fence has any merit.

First, Israel is not building the fence on territory that under international law can be properly called "Palestinian land." The fence is being built in disputed territories that Israel won in a defensive war in 1967 from a Jordanian occupation that was never recognized by the international community. Israel and the Palestinians both claim ownership of this land. According to Security Council Resolution 242, this dispute is to be resolved by a negotiated peace that provides Israel with secure and recognized boundaries.

Second, the fence is not a permanent political border, but a temporary security barrier. A fence can always be moved. Recently, Israel removed 12 miles of the fence to ease Palestinian daily life. And last month, Israel's Supreme Court ordered the government to reroute 20 more miles of the fence for that same purpose. In fact, the indefensible line on which many have argued the fence should run — that which existed between Israel and the Arab lands before the 1967 war — is the only line that would have nothing to do with security and everything to do with politics. A line that is genuinely based on security would include as many Jews as possible and as few Palestinians as possible within the fence.

That is precisely what Israel's security fence does. By running into less than 12 percent of the West Bank, the fence will include about 80 percent of Jews and only 1 percent of Palestinians who live within the disputed territories. The fence thus will block attempts by terrorists based in Palestinian cities to reach major Israeli population centers.

Third, despite what some have argued, fences have proven highly effective against terrorism. Of the hundreds of suicide bombings that have taken place in Israel, only one has originated from the Gaza area, where Hamas and Islamic Jihad

are headquartered. Why? Because Gaza is surrounded by a security fence. Even though it is not complete, the West Bank security fence has already drastically reduced the number of suicide attacks.

The obstacle to peace is not the fence, but Palestinian leaders who, unlike past Arab leaders like Anwar Sadat of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan, have yet to abandon terrorism and the illegitimate goal of destroying Israel. Should Israel reach a compromise with a future Palestinian leadership committed to peace that requires adjustments to the fence, those changes will be made. And if that peace proves genuine and lasting, there will be no reason for a fence at all.

Instead of placing Palestinian terrorists and those who send them on trial, the United Nations-sponsored international court placed the Jewish state in the dock, on the charge that Israel is harming the Palestinians' quality of life. But saving lives is more important than preserving the quality of life. Quality of life is always amenable to improvement. Death is permanent. The Palestinians complain that their children are late to school because of the fence. But too many of our children never get to school — they are blown to pieces by terrorists who pass into Israel where there is still no fence.

In the last four years, Palestinian terrorists have attacked Israel's buses, cafes, discos, and pizza shops, murdering 1,000 of our citizens. Despite this unprecedented savagery, the court's 60-page opinion mentions terrorism only twice, and only in citations of Israel's own position on the fence. Because the court's decision makes a mockery of Israel's right to defend itself, the government of Israel will ignore it. Israel will never sacrifice Jewish life on the debased altar of "international justice." ❖



The Israeli public is coming around to the view taken by the *Levitt Letter* some twenty years ago. — Zola



By Aaron Klein
www.worldnetdaily.com
 64% say government should encourage them to leave.

A majority of the Jewish public in Israel — 63.7 percent — believes the Israeli government should encourage Israeli Arabs to emigrate from Israel, according to a University of Haifa poll.

The survey, conducted by the university's National Security Study Center, also found 48.6 percent of the Israeli Jews polled said the government was too sympathetic to the Arab population. The majority of Jewish respondents, 55.3 percent, said Israeli Arabs endangered national security, while 45.3 percent said they supported revoking Israeli Arabs' right to vote and hold political office.

About one-quarter of the Jewish public said they would consider voting for an ultra-right-wing party if such a party were to run in the next elections, the survey revealed.

Arabs living in Israel have more rights than those living in any Arab country, including the right to vote and hold office, and Israel's Arabs have a higher per-capita income than Arabs in the rest of the Mideast.

Some nationalist movements and parties in Israel have been advocating the transfer of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan, but Jordan's King Abdullah has always been against such moves, which could threaten his Hashemite minority rule.

"The Palestinians are no different from the rest of the Arabs in the Mideast," Benny Elon of Israel's National Union Party told WND.

"Israel's most dangerous strategy was the creation of a 'Palestinian People,' a so-called indigenous people, as if to justify the existence of a group of Arabs as worthy and rightful owners of parts of Israel," Elon said.

Palestinians speak the same dialect of Arabic that is used in Jordan and Syria, and have the same family structure, customs, dress, foods, music, and social values as most of the Arab world.



More Arabian Fables

www.factsandlogic.org ("Arab East Jerusalem?")

The Arabs have assiduously propagated the myths that Jerusalem is an Arab capital, that (after Mecca and Medina) Jerusalem is their third holy city and that it is intolerable to them that infidels (Jews) are in possession of it.

The reality, of course, is that Jerusalem was never an Arab capital and that it was, until the Jews revitalized it, a dusty provincial city that hardly played any economic, social or political role. Jerusalem is mentioned hundreds of times in the Jewish Bible and has been the center of the Jewish faith and the focus of Jewish longing ever since the Romans destroyed the Temple in the early years of the first millennium. Not once is Jerusalem mentioned in the Koran.

As to "East Jerusalem": There is East Saint Louis, there is East Hampton, and there used to be East Berlin, but, until the Arab propaganda machine created the concept, there was never in history an "East Jerusalem," let alone an "Arab East Jerusalem."

The eastern part of Jerusalem is now predominantly inhabited by Arabs, though their proportion is decreasing. But what is the reason for this? It is because the Jordanians destroyed all traces of Jewish presence from the eastern part of the city and drove all the Jews out during the nineteen years (1948 to 1967) in which they were in occupation of the eastern part of the city. The world, informed by Arab propaganda, considers those Jews who wish to return to the eastern part of the city to be troublemakers or worse.

The concept of Jerusalem being a holy Arab city and the capital of whatever political entity the "Palestinians" may eventually form is a myth, and so, of course, is the concept of "Arab East Jerusalem." ✱



CAIR's Phony Petition

by Daniel Pipes, *New York Sun*

The killing by an Islamist group in early May of Nick Berg, an American civilian working in Iraq, was so barbarous that it put the heat even on American Islamists. In response, the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) launched a petition called "Not in the Name of Islam," by which it hoped to "disassociate the faith of Islam from the violent acts of a few Muslims."



On the surface, this statement "against terrorism" appears impressive: "We, the undersigned Muslims, wish to state clearly that those who commit acts of terror, murder and cruelty in the name of Islam are not only destroying innocent lives, but are also betraying the values of the faith they claim to represent.

"No injustice done to Muslims," it goes on, "can ever justify the massacre of innocent people, and no act of terror will ever serve the cause of Islam. We repudiate and dissociate ourselves from any Muslim group or individual who commits such brutal and un-Islamic acts. We refuse to allow our faith to be held hostage by the criminal actions of a tiny minority acting outside the teachings of both the Koran and the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him."

A Koranic passage (4:135) then follows to establish that this is not just CAIR's viewpoint: "Oh you who believe, stand up firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even if it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or poor; for God can best protect both. Do not follow any passion, lest you not be just. And if you distort or decline to do justice, verily God is well-acquainted with all that you do."

The chairman of CAIR's board, Omar Ahmad, whose idea this petition was, expressed his hope that it "will demonstrate once and for all that Muslims in America

and throughout the Islamic world reject violence committed in the name of Islam."

The petition indeed won CAIR a fistful of kudos. Among others, the Associated Press, United Press International, Religion News Service, *Washington Post*, and *Philadelphia Inquirer* wrote admiringly of it. I found not a single skeptical word on the topic.

But a close look finds this petition lacking in several ways.

CAIR vaguely condemns "terror, murder and cruelty in Islam's name," but a genuine condemnation would name names and cite incidents. This is crucial because CAIR has shown, for example, that Islamist suicide bombings against Russians, Israelis and Indians do not fit its definition of terrorism.

CAIR is silent in this text about supporting counterterrorism efforts, and for good reason. It consistently opposes both the means (such as the Patriot Act, special registration for foreign visitors) and ends of counterterrorism (the arrest of Sami Al-Arian, conviction of the Buffalo Seven, seizure of Holy Land Foundation assets).

The Koranic passage CAIR quotes about "stand up firmly for justice" is not about issuing press releases or signing petitions. "Standing up for justice should mean taking real action," Stephen Schwartz, a Sufi, tells me. "In today's situation, that translates into identifying and helping arrest Muslim evildoers by driving them from the community; outlining a straight path of moderation; and making clear one's loyalty to America."

A petition is a "solemn supplication or request to a superior authority," so the obvious question arises: to whom is this CAIR "petition" addressed? Nobody — it is just an abstract statement. It might carry some weight were it addressed to Hamas, al-Qaeda or the extremists in Iraq. Addressed to no one, it amounts to just another CAIR bleating about being "against terrorism."

CAIR claims over 650,000 signatures, but following its usual unaccountable ways, it makes no names available for public inspection. This practice is particularly suspect at a time when websites such as www.petitiononline.com have made it possible to see and count each name on a petition. Until CAIR makes the 650,000 names available, this figure should not be accepted.

In conclusion, "Not in the Name of Islam" seeks to clean up Islam's image without doing anything of substance. It manages to do two things at once: impress naive Westerners without upsetting anyone in Hamas, al-Qaeda, the Iraqi Islamist organizations, or other violent groups. In this, the petition initiative fits CAIR's well-established pattern of obfuscation and insincerity. ❖

A fashion statement

U.S. Government "Secrecy"

By Audrey Hudson, *The Washington Times*

The Homeland Security Department's sense of fashion is endangering the lives of federal air marshals by making them conspicuous to terrorists, says the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Marshals, they say, must follow a strict dress code and military grooming that is enforced by the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS).

According to memos obtained by *The Washington Times*, marshals must wear a suit, or a coat and tie, when flying from all cities, even traditionally casual locations such as Orlando, Florida. Their hair must be worn in a conservative style. No beards are allowed, and dress shoes are required for both men and women.

Marshals have nicknamed their neckties the "hangman's noose" because they say it allows an attacker from behind to incapacitate them.

"The bottom line is these guys are supposed to blend in a crowd on a plane, and no one should be able to pick these guys out from the rest of the people on a flight," said John Amat, spokesman for the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA). "There have been many instances where air marshals have been picked out by travelers; people give them the thumbs up and thank them."

The strict dress code is a response to complaints from the airline industry that marshals were inappropriately dressed in jeans and T-shirts or sweat shirts, said Dave Adams, spokesman for FAMS in the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Homeland Security Department.

"We deem it appropriate when traveling on mission status to be dressed appropriately," he said.

A federal air marshal who spoke on the condition of anonymity called the dress code "ridiculous." Managers wait for marshals to deplane to check whether they are clean shaven and wearing proper attire.

"We are not asking to wear shorts and flip-flops and look like beach bums," the marshal said.

The Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) said air marshals "look like FBI or Secret Service agents straight out of central casting," and the Allied Pilots Association said changes are needed immediately to protect the officials' identities.

Homeland Security spokesman Brian Doyle said each of the 21 field offices has the discretion to allow marshals to dress appropriately for the region and weather.

Mr. Adams said, "We deny those allegations [of the dress code details]" from FLEOA and AFA, whom he said are "stating inaccurate information that is sensitive security information."

"I am not going to discuss the effectiveness of the guidelines being disseminated outside, and releasing sensitive security information to the media is doing the organization a disservice," he said.

According to one memo from the air marshal office in Orlando, male officers "will wear a business suit or sport coat with dress pants and tie, or sport coat with dress pants and collared shirt. Jackets are required for male air marshals. In addition, male and female air marshals must wear leather dress shoes (as opposed to docksiders or athletic shoes).



"You will not compromise your cover simply by dressing professionally," the memo said.

One frequent flier from Florida said the marshals are easy to spot and look like "military Ken dolls."

"You can tell who they are; no one dresses up to travel anymore, and most offices are business casual," the traveler said.

A memo from the Chicago office says men must wear a business suit with a collared dress shirt, tie and dress shoes. Female marshals must wear business suits with a blouse, knit top or dress shirt and dress shoes.

"With sufficient justification and the advance approval of the respective (agent in charge), FAMS will be allowed to deviate from the above requirements. However, this will not be a routine occurrence."

The memo also said, "Anyone found not to be in compliance with this policy will be placed in a leave status. Moreover, all dress violations will be considered misconduct and followed up with quick and firm disciplinary action." ■

California Dreamin'

By Roberta Leguizamon, www.frontpagemagazine.com

Graduating students at University of California-Irvine should be celebrating the end of a journey and the beginning of the best and most productive years of their lives. Instead, some of those young hopefuls intend to show their support for terrorism, murder and Islamist tyranny.

The Muslim Student Union (MSU) of University of California-Irvine has asked graduating Muslim students to wear green sashes bearing the word "shahada," the Arabic word for "martyrdom." The Muslim world refers to a suicide bomber who kills innocent civilians in Israel as a shahid. Pilots and their cohorts who fly airplanes into skyscrapers are also celebrated for their "martyrdom." Children in Palestinian schools are taught, "Blessed with shahada and honor, his soul returns to its Creator to live a different life, content with the rewards and honor bestowed upon it, a life of grace thanks to Allah."

In fact, the entire culture of the Islamic world appears to be built around the concept of shahada/martyrdom. Palestinians who raise their children to sacrifice themselves for Islam are richly rewarded. Indeed, children are seen as the most useful weapons against Israel.

On January 12, 2004, John Parazzo wrote in *Front Page Magazine*, "According to Sheikh Hamed Al-Bitawi, Head of the Council of Sages of Religion of Palestine, 'We in Palestine have a great love of jihad and shahada, and that makes many children compete among themselves in carrying out jihad and shahada-seeking missions.' Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Razek agrees, 'The Muslim was created to die for Allah . . . [who] has planted within our youth the love of jihad, the love of shahada. Our youth have turned into bombs; they blow themselves up among them [Israelis] day and night.'"

Justus Weiner, scholar in residence at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, addressed the problem in a comprehensive study entitled "The Recruitment of Children in Current Palestinian Strategy." In it he discussed the way children relish the opportunity to become suicide bombers, the pride taken by family members of shahids, and Allah's "rewards" to them. In October 2002 *Jewish World* wrote:

"Weiner reports that another reason Palestinian parents allow and even encourage their children to get involved is the financial incentive offered to families of 'martyrs.' Thus, the Palestinian Authority furnishes a cash payment — \$2,000 per child killed and \$300 per child wounded. Saudi Arabia announced that it had pledged \$250 million as its first contribution to a billion-dollar fund aimed at supporting the families of Palestinian martyrs.

"In addition, the Arab Liberation Front, a Palestinian group loyal to [former] Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, pays generous bounties to the injured and the families of the dead according to the following sliding scale: \$500 for a wound; \$1,000 for disability; \$10,000 to the family of each martyr; and \$25,000 to the family of every martyr suicide bomber — lavish sums, given the chronic unemployment and poverty of the majority of the Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

It is hard to believe that the UC-Irvine would silently endorse this culture of death at its graduation ceremony, yet to date, not a single member of its administration has spoken against the MSU's promotion of the suicide sashes. The proposed sashes don't just represent Palestinian "freedom fighters" and their crusade against Israel. They also glorify the actions of those 19 "martyrs" who brought the World Trade Center to the ground on top of American citizens. And this institution of higher learning has chosen to support pro-terrorist advocacy while this country is at war with terrorism (or rather, vice versa).

Three thousand innocent Americans died on September 11, 2001 because of Muslims seeking shahada. Thousands more Americans, Jews and Muslims around the world have died because of them. And thousands more may and probably will die as these "holy warriors" commit violent acts of terror and murder.

This isn't the first time anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism have reared their ugly heads at UC-Irvine. Many Christian and Jewish students at UC-Irvine say that they have been threatened and harassed by members of the MSU. UC-Irvine allowed the MSU to bring Amir Abdemalik Ali to its campus to provide a racist, hate-

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laced presentation called "America Under Siege: The Zionist Hidden Agenda." He has made the outrageous claim that Jews staged September 11 in order to promote a universal war against Muslims. Not coincidentally, Amir also praises Hamas and Hezbollah, which have both been named terrorist organizations by the United States. Hamas also offers financial rewards to the families of "shahid."

Front Page Magazine contributor Arnold Steinberg points out that the MSU has worn green armbands before, in support of Hamas. "The MSU also has displayed posters on campus that equate the Star of David with the Swastika," he explained.

"Leaders of Hillel and other Jewish groups on campus have requested the administration record the speakers MSU and SAS [Society of Arab Students] bring to campus. The administration refused their request, even though the guests of MSU and SAS have reportedly called for an Islamic revolution in America and for supporting Hamas in its war against 'Zionists' — and Western civilization," he said.

Alkalima, UC-Irvine's Muslim student newspaper, once published a special report called "Zionism: The Forgotten Apartheid." The report glorified Hamas and Hezbollah as noble warriors against Israeli oppression. *Front Page Magazine's* David Horowitz quoted the author's intent behind the report:

"As the Zionists continue to colonize, torture and ethnically- cleanse in the name of the 'peace process' and the Americans continue to fund them, the respective staffs of *Al-Talib* (UCLA's Muslim magazine) and *Alkalima* feel it to be their basic duty to expose Zionism, its evils and its effects...Zionist-controlled world media has been purposefully distorting and misconstruing world events too long."

UC-Irvine itself has contributed to the problem, hosting Imam Muhammad al-Asi in February 2001, at the invitation of Irvine's Muslim students. He told his audience, "The Zionist-Israeli lobby, referred to by the Jews themselves as the Jewish lobby in this country, is taking the United States government and the United States people to the abyss. We have a psychosis in the Jewish community that is unable to co-exist equally and brotherly with other human beings. You can take a Jew out of the ghetto, but you cannot take the ghetto out of the Jew."

On September 9, 2001, *Al-Talib* co-sponsored a dinner at UC-Irvine to honor Imam Jamil Al-Amin, aka H. Rap Brown, former Minister of Justice for the Black Panthers. Al-Amin was on trial at the time for killing Deputy Ricky Kinchen in Alabama, and was subsequently con-

victed. A Black Muslim leader named Imam Musa, who has spoken at a number of antiwar rallies across the United States, was a featured guest at the dinner. He called the United States "superior in criminality and Nazism," and said, "The American criminalizer is the most skillful oppressor that the world has ever known."

This is the same university campus that once shut down the College Republicans' anti-Affirmative Action bake sale (which charged different rates for sweets based on the buyer's race and gender), because it violated the university's anti-discrimination code. Irvine's student newspaper also rejected David Horowitz's anti-reparations advertisement in December 2001. Yet the university has no qualms about permitting the MSU to endorse homicide bombers in the name of free speech.

If members of Campus Crusade for Christ suggested Christians on campus were to wear sashes calling themselves "Crusaders," the administration's backlash would be deafening. But the administration looks the other way when Muslim students support the actions of terrorists — at a time when terrorists are seeking "shahada" against American soldiers.

UC-Irvine's president and administration should condemn the pro-terrorist actions of the MSU. Irvine's silent endorsement of terrorist self-immolation must end.

At a time when students are supposed to look with wide, hopeful eyes at a bright future, the MSU wants to set "shahada" — a bloody, violent and premature death — before them as their ultimate hope.

UC-Irvine should be ashamed of itself. ❖



Marwan Barghout is sentenced to life in prison for masterminding terrorist attacks that killed four Israelis and a Greek monk. He was seen as a possible successor to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He claimed to be a man of peace, but had no qualms about killing innocent Israeli civilians.

I had a run-in with the Presbyterian Church some ten years ago when I reported that the Israelis considered them an anti-Semitic organization. They gave me all sorts of denials and I ended up sending them a boxful of news articles reporting their anti-Israel philosophies and their Replacement Theology. The only thing I can say for this deteriorating denomination is that they have finally publicly admitted to this awful sin.
— Zola

Presbyterian Jihad

www.worldnetdaily.com

By an overwhelming vote of its general assembly, the Presbyterian Church USA, boasting 3 million members, is siding with Palestinian Arabs and against Israel, choosing to divest from the Jewish state as it previously did only with apartheid South Africa.

With the decision, approved in a 431-62 vote at the 216th annual general assembly of the PCUSA, the denomination is believed to be the largest organization or institution to join the divestment campaign against Israel. It is the first Christian denomination to do so.

In 2001, the combined value of the church's foundation and pension fund was estimated at \$7 billion.

Leaders of the liberal mainline Protestant church approved several other anti-Israel resolutions at their gathering in Richmond, Virginia.

The assembly set the stage for the church to divest itself from companies that receive \$1 million or more in profits per year from investments in Israel or have invested \$1 million or more in Israel. In a news release, the PCUSA liaison to the Middle East, Rev. Victor Makari, was quoted as saying: "If nothing else seems to have changed the policy of Israel toward Palestinians, we need to send a clear and strong message."

The church statement noted that "divestment is one of the strategies that U.S. churches used in the 1970s and '80s in a successful campaign to end apartheid in South Africa."

P.S. If these pitiful unbelievers were going to heaven, they would have a face-to-face interview with the King of the Jews and He would ask them, "How did you treat my brothers?" (Matthew 25:40). But in all good faith, I don't think they are going to have to worry about what happens in heaven. — Zola



Arafat has been the chief terrorist of the Palestinians since the mid-1960s.

Forty Years of Failure

www.economist.com

Violent protests against corruption and nepotism in Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, and the resignation of his prime minister, Ahmed Qurei, have forced Mr. Arafat to back off from putting a relative in charge of Gaza's security forces.



Qurei resigns

Ten years after returning in triumph from exile to take charge of a newly formed interim Palestinian Authority (PA), Yasser Arafat is feeling the wrath of his own people, who have become increasingly frustrated at the corruption, nepotism and sheer uselessness of his crumbling regime. On Monday July 19th, following a weekend of violent protests in the Gaza strip, and the resignation of Ahmed Qurei, his prime minister, Mr. Arafat was forced to reverse a decision made only two days earlier, to put one of his cousins, Musa Arafat, in charge of the strip's security forces.

The great survivor of Middle East politics, Arafat has for months been resisting pressure from the United States, Egypt, the United Nations, and other powers to merge and revamp the PA's twelve overlapping, ineffectual and mutually hostile security forces, and to put them under the control of someone acceptable to international negotiators. While Mr. Arafat has stalled, the disorder in Gaza

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has intensified, as Hamas and other militant groups prepare to fill the power vacuum in the strip that will be created if Israel proceeds with its plan to pull out by the end of next year. In mid-July, four French aid workers, Gaza's police chief and another Palestinian official were abducted by gunmen and briefly held hostage by militant groups, as a protest against corruption in the PA. Mr. Qurei said this "unprecedented chaos" was the final straw, and announced he was quitting.

Palestinian leaders had hoped to win increased international support for their cause as a result of this month's ruling by the UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ), that the barrier Israel is building in the West Bank is illegal and must be dismantled. The UN General Assembly is set to debate a Palestinian motion ordering Israel to comply with the court ruling. However, the violence in Gaza and the growing splits within the Palestinian leadership threaten to undermine any propaganda gains from the ICJ ruling.



Though Palestinians are angry as never before at Arafat's misrule, there seems as yet no move to topple him among the young guns jostling for power in the various factions surrounding the PA leadership. What discourages them is the thought of even worse chaos

The resignation of his second prime minister in less than a year prompted Mr. Arafat finally to unveil the long-awaited reforms of the security forces on July 17, streamlining the 12 organizations into just three. But his choice of Musa Arafat to oversee the merged forces' operations in Gaza only increased the outrage among militants in the strip, who see the younger Arafat as just another corrupt crony of the elder. On July 18, around 18 people were hurt as militants exchanged fire with the PA's forces in Gaza. That night, al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a group linked to Mr. Arafat's own Fatah party, burned down a PA security base in protest at Musa Arafat's appointment, while thousands of gunmen marched through the streets. The protests were also reported to have spread to the West Bank city of Tulkarm.

and bloodshed if the aging figurehead of the Palestinian struggle were deposed and a bitter leadership battle ensued. Thus, for the time being at least, it looks like Arafat will cling to power and Sharon will press on with his plan for disengagement, on his own terms and in his own time—providing he can convince the doubters among Israelis themselves. ■

It is unclear so far whether the Palestinian leader's abrupt about-turn will persuade Mr. Qurei to withdraw his resignation—or whether it will be enough to quell the unrest in Gaza. This is likely to increase as Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, pushes on with his plan to withdraw Jewish settlers and the Israeli security forces from most of the strip, as part of a "disengagement" from the Palestinians. Mr. Sharon has resorted to unilateral action since, he argues, the internationally backed Middle East peace process is going nowhere due to the PA security forces' failure to stop militants' suicide attacks on Israel. Palestinians, in turn, blame Israel's harsh security crackdowns in the occupied territories for provoking such attacks.



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Fox News Challenged

By Jake Coyle, Associated Press

Fox News's use of the slogan "Fair and Balanced" constitutes deceptive advertising, two political advocacy groups claimed in a petition filed with the Federal Trade Commission.

Liberal MoveOn.org and historically nonpartisan Common Cause assert that Fox News's reports are "deliberately and consistently distorted and twisted to promote the Republican Party of the US and an extreme right-wing viewpoint."

Alleging consumer fraud, the complaint calls for the FTC to order Fox News, consistently the highest-rated cable news network, to cease and desist from using the slogan.

Irena Briganti, a Fox News spokeswoman, told the Associated Press that "while this is clearly a transparent publicity stunt, we recognize all forms of free speech and wish them well."

James Kaminski, a former FTC lawyer currently practicing advertising law with Arent Fox Attorneys, sees little chance for the petition, noting that the FTC does not wade in political waters.

"Whether [Fox is] biased or not... it's a freedom of speech issue," he said.

But Chellie Pingree, president of Common Cause, said the legal actions were consistent with the First Amendment. "Fox has no obligation under the law to be fair and balanced, just not to market itself as fair and balanced," he said.



Grateful Memorial

This statue is currently on display outside the Iraqi palace that is now home to the 4th Infantry division. It will eventually be shipped and shown at the memorial museum in Fort Hood, Texas. The statue was made by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad. This artist was so grateful that the Americans liberated his country that he melted 3 of the fallen Saddam heads and made a memorial statue dedicated to the American soldiers and their fallen comrades. Kalat has been working on this night and day for several months. To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms.

Born Again—Twice!



Photo courtesy Israel Today

After losing her son Benny in a terrorist attack two years ago, 54-year-old Margaret Kikis wanted to have more children in spite of her age. It seemed the only way to regain her joy.

After persevering through many problems and uncomfortable treatments, she gave birth to twins. "This is a huge victory for me! I want a complete family, not just remnants. The healthy boy and girl can't take Benny's place, but they will do what he couldn't do — live!" said Margaret, eyes shining with genuine joy. God in His goodness has replaced her loss twofold.

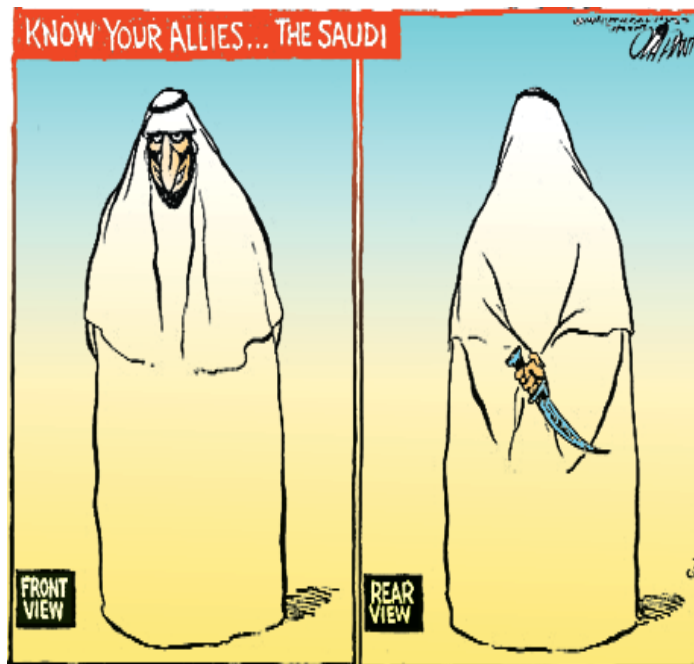
Photos courtesy Israel Today



MINARET OR MANGER? An imposing mosque blares Koranic verses in Manger Square opposite the Church of the Nativity (inset), the traditional birthplace of Jesus.



"Our friends, the Saudis?"



ISRAELIS GO TO CHURCH! Thousands of Israelis attended the 25th Sacred Music Festival in the Israeli Arab village of Abu Ghosh near Jerusalem. The semiannual event is celebrated at a Catholic church on a picturesque hilltop known in the Bible as *Kiryat Ya'arim*, where the Ark of the Covenant rested for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1-2).



Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



Banning Islam in Norway!

Liberty News Forum
By Carin Pettersson

Leaders of the Progress Party in the city of Kristiansand claim that Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and the Koran are one and the same, and they want Islam banned in Norway.

"We are not the only ones demanding this ban," said Halvor Hulaas, chairperson in Kristiansand. "This is an opinion that is well established in Scandinavian countries. We are now importing people with a religion that is practiced in the same way it was practiced when it was established in year 600. The freedom we have in Norway may be taken away from us if we do not start to have some demands to these immigrants."

Karina Udnæs, deputy leader of the Progress Party's city council group in Kristiansand is pushing it even further.

"It is high time Norway and Europe make the ideology of Islam and its practice illegal and punishable in the same way as Nazism," Udnæs said. "The prophet Muhammed urged them to kill every infidel."

"Udnæs' comparison of Nazism and Islam is supported by many in our party," Hulaas said. "The religion as it is practiced is a threat against our social system and way of life."

He said that Kristiansand now is threatened by plans for a large mosque in town.

"Of course, we are aware of what these mosques are used for," Hulaas said. ❖



Judge: No More Bibles to New Canadians

www.lifesitenews.com

The Canadian Bible Society is disappointed and strongly questioning the rationale behind a recent decision by Senior Citizenship Judge Michel Simard, removing the Society's ability to present Bibles on request to new Canadians.

For more than fifty years, the Society has welcomed immigrants in citizenship courts, offering them copies

of the Scriptures. The right of the Society to do that was formalized in an agreement signed in 1998 with the government. At all times, it was made clear that acceptance of the Bibles was purely voluntary on the part of the recipients.

"We don't understand what prompted Judge Simard to renege on this agreement, particularly since there was no prior consultation," said Rev. Phyllis Nesbitt, National Director of the Canadian Bible Society.

In a letter to the Society, Judge Simard merely noted that Canada is a multicultural nation where freedom of religion is guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. His letter indicated that, notwithstanding the agreement, "allowing holy books to be made available at citizenship ceremonies detracts from this message."

"But when does excluding Bibles from citizenship courts equate with freedom of religion?" Rev. Nesbitt asked, wondering if the ruling is less about freedom of religion and more an indicator of declining spiritual fervor. She noted that "this great nation of Canada was built on a strong religious foundation." To deny "holy books" at citizenship ceremonies reinforces secular, irreligious philosophies rather than undergirding religious freedoms, she said. ❖



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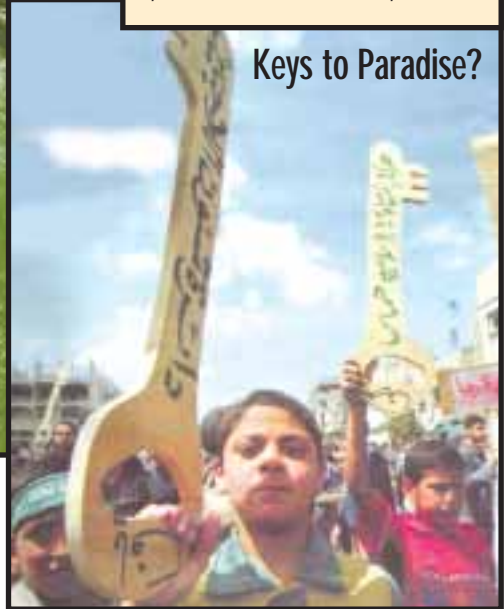
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