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Dear Reader,

War — what a way to begin a year! But more than recent clashes in Gaza or Ukraine, our brand-new year brings with it an age-old issue: the battle for truth. The devil — the *father of lies* (John 8:44) — has engaged in this warfare since our ancestors enjoyed the Garden (Gen. 3:1-5). Far from diminishing, it seems to be intensifying. Perhaps more than ever before, we encounter deception and disinformation from news organizations, fake social media accounts, and even artificial intelligence that the devil uses to promote his agenda.

The January *Levitt Letter* highlights this ongoing battle — from Michael Brown’s “Israel is Always to Blame” (cover), through the Hebrew Lesson “The War for Truth” (16), to the anti-Semitic New York City teacher disseminating lies to preschoolers (34). This issue also includes Sarah Liberman’s insights on “How to Pray for Israel” (7), help for people with kidney disease (27), a Muslim-Arab woman praising Israel (29), and so much more.

As you stand for truth, please continue to *sha’alu shalom Yerushalayim* — “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Ps. 122:6) and for peace throughout Israel.



Greg Miller, Editor  
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# Levitt LETTER

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

Pro-Palestinian protesters in Cologne, Germany, November 12, 2023 credit: Ying Tang / NurPhoto



# Israel is Always to Blame

By Dr. Michael L. Brown / AskDrBrown.org

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In the early 1990s, I attended a dinner in New York City sponsored by a Jerusalem foundation. It was highlighted by a dialogue between Henry Kissinger and Fouad Ajami, which was moderated by Dan Rather. (Ajami was a Lebanese-born university professor who often appeared as a talking head on TV as an expert on the Middle East.) At one point that evening, Prof. Ajami noted that when Saddam Hussein used nerve gas on his own people, the U.N. said *nothing*. But when Israel uses tear gas, it draws international rebuke.

It's the same today, except worse. *Much* worse.

Israel experiences the most horrific bloodbath in any one day since the Holocaust, with details too sickening to repeat yet again, and who gets blamed? *Israel!*

In the words of the infamous document signed by 31 student groups at Harvard, "We, the

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## Most Palestinians Support Terrorism Against Jews, Hate U.S.

By Ryan Saavedra / DailyWire.com

A poll conducted in November 2023 found that the overwhelming majority of Palestinians not only support the October 7 terrorist attacks against Israel but also hate the U.S.



The poll by the Arab World for Research and Development surveyed 668 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as Israel conducted

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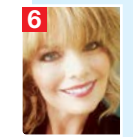
Palestinians burn a U.S. flag at the Israel-Gaza border in 2018

military operations to root out the terrorists responsible for the attacks.

Key findings from the poll:

- 86.7% now have a “decreased” conviction of wanting a “peaceful solution” with Israel. Only 9.1% have an “increased” conviction.
- 68% said that their support for a two-state solution has “decreased.” Only 22.9% said that it increased.
- 89.5% say that their “conviction” for wanting to coexist with Israelis has “decreased.” Only 7.2% say that it has increased.
- 98% say that their “sense of pride as a Palestinian” has increased since the terrorist attacks, including 94.3% who said that they felt that way to a “great extent.”
- **75% of Palestinians directly said that they supported the brutal October 7 terrorist attacks** — in which babies were beheaded or burned alive, entire families were massacred, women and young girls were violently raped, soldiers beheaded, and more — against Israel. 59.3% said that they “extremely support[ed]” the attacks.
- 76% said that they viewed the Hamas terrorist organization positively while only 22.3% viewed Hamas negatively.
- 97.3% viewed Israel very negatively.
- 97.6% viewed the U.S. very negatively.
- **84.2% viewed the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization positively.**
- 64% viewed Iran negatively (perhaps because they want Iran to join the fight against Israel).
- The Palestinians mostly hated all other surrounding countries and groups, including the U.N., E.U., International Red Cross, Russia, China, Islamic countries, media entities, and more. ✨





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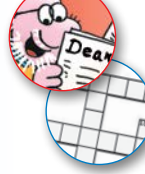
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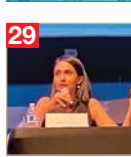
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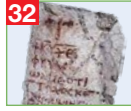
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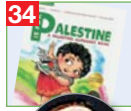
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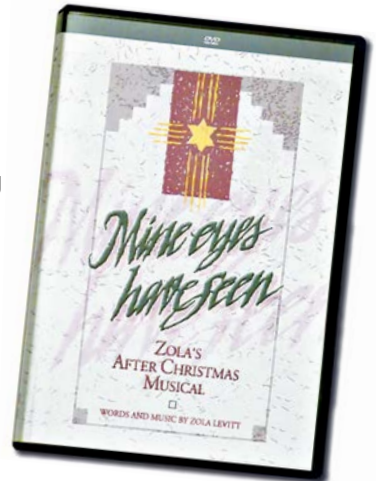
## Mine Eyes Have Seen

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In this “after-Christmas musical,” Zola narrates the moving story of Simeon, the aged-but-faithful servant who waited to see the Messiah face to face. This beautifully staged half-hour presentation will have you singing along with Simeon and Anna about the arrival of the King of kings, the Holy One of Israel.

*Note: The actor portraying Baby Jesus is Zola's grandson.*

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# Israel is Always to Blame *continued from cover*

undersigned student organizations, hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence.”

But of course. Israel is *always* to blame. The leadership of the people who were murdered, slaughtered, butchered, incinerated, and raped are to blame — not the murderers, the slaughterers, the butchers, the pyromaniacs, the rapists.

Israel drops more than one million leaflets throughout Gaza City, urging the civilians to flee to the south. Israel makes tens of thousands of phone calls — yes, calls to individuals on their phones — and sends out tens of thousands of text messages, warning, “We’re going to bomb your neighborhood. Please get out so you can be safe.”

Hamas, in contrast, urges their people to stay, or blocks them from leaving, putting up roadblocks to stop them and allegedly confiscating car keys and shooting their own people dead. Hamas leadership even asserts that they welcome the death of their own people.

In short, Israel seeks to minimize civilian casualties in Gaza while Hamas seeks to

maximize civilian casualties there, but Israel is guilty. Israel is to blame.

As expressed by Brendan O’Neill on the Spiked website (Spiked-Online.com):

“So let me get this right. If Israel bombs Hamas targets in Gaza, it is recklessly endangering civilian life. But if it gives civilians fair warning to move away from certain areas, it is engaging in ethnic cleansing. If it drops bombs in built-up suburbs, it is committing a war crime. But if it advises civilians to leave those built-up suburbs before the bombs come, it is also committing a war crime. If it attacks northern Gaza, that’s genocide. Yet when it advises civilians of northern Gaza to leave first, that’s ‘forced transfer,’ which is to say: genocide.

“Everything Israel does is a war crime. *Everything*. Killing civilians — war crime. Trying not to kill civilians — war crime. Bombing populated areas — war crime. Giving a population time to leave before dropping bombs — war crime. The surrealism of these screams of ‘genocide!’ every time an Israeli

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Pro-Palestinian billboard in Johannesburg, South Africa



soldier so much as picks up his gun was brought home by two headlines in *The Independent* last week, published just 10 hours apart. Israel is engaged in 'collective punishment in Gaza,' claimed the first. 'Israel accused of "trying to ethnically cleanse Gaza Strip" as one million ordered to evacuate,' stated the second."

But of course. Israel is always to blame.

That's because the spirit that animates the demonizing of Israel is the same spirit that animates Jew-hatred in general.

- Jews are hated for being rich *and* for being poor.
- Jews are hated for being powerful (they're trying to take over the world) *and* for being weak (those miserable, wretched Jews).
- Jews are hated for being religious (they think they're better than us) *and* for being secular (they're trying to fit in as if they were just like us).
- Jew are hated by Communists *and* by Fascists.
- Jews are hated when they are victims *and* when they are victors.
- Jews are hated for not fighting back (why did they go as sheep to the slaughter under the Nazis?) *and* for fighting back (they're guilty of ethnic cleansing and genocide!).
- Jews are hated when they are in exile (there's a reason they've been expelled from so many countries) *and* when they're in their homeland (they are evil occupiers who don't belong there).
- Jews are hated by Black supremacists *and* White supremacists.

And Jew-hatred has a strong tradition in both Christianity and Islam.

It's always those dirty Jews/Zionists!

And lest you think this is just a matter of rhetoric — a matter of mere words — consider this: On November 4<sup>th</sup>, I wrote an article entitled, "Wake Up World Before Jewish Blood is Shed In Your Country."

One day later, on the very day the article was posted, Paul Kessler, a



Dr. Michael L. Brown

69-year-old, Jewish, pro-Israel protester was struck on the head by a pro-Palestinian protester. He died as a result of his injuries. It only took one day!

That is why I will not be silent at such a critical time in Jewish history, not to mention world history.

What about you?

Will you use equal weights and measures, or will you go along with the spirit of the age? [Please see "Do Jewish Lives Matter" on p.13.]

**By all means, Israel can be criticized along many lines,** and true friends of Israel are more than happy to share their comments, their criticisms, and their concerns.

But this unequal, unfair, unethical demonizing of Israel and the Jewish people must be confronted and exposed, especially when the nation faces yet another existential threat.

Which side are you on? ☆

[Please see \*Our Hands Are Stained with Blood\* on p. 36.](#)



# Crisis Overload

**Kirsten Hart**  
Studio co-host of  
*Our Jewish Roots*



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On Saturday, October 7, 2023, I looked at Facebook as I woke up. While scrolling through status updates, an Israeli friend's post immediately caught my attention: "ISRAEL IS AT WAR." Shocked and confused, I wondered what on Earth was happening.

The comments revealed the devastation that Israel experienced while David and I slept. The more I read, the more I was grieved by the harsh realities in Israel. The unexpected events thrust my mind, heart, soul, and spirit into an unexpected and unknown future.

David and I were scheduled to leave for Tel Aviv the following week with a group of Zola Tours pilgrims. Our suitcases were packed, and we were finalizing the details to meet our group at JFK airport. We were excited to lead them on the trip of a lifetime to the land where Jesus lived, walked, and died for us. Suddenly I realized that the war would likely suspend our October tour. Then, I wondered if we would ever return to the Holy Land. That thought weighed heavily on me.

Realizing that the crew from *Our Jewish Roots (OJR)* was filming that day in Jerusalem, I contacted Andrea at Berg Productions. "Have you seen the news? What's happening? Has our team said anything?" Hamas's barbarism tragically shattered a peaceful Shabbat in Israel. The *OJR* crew was caught in the midst of

this horrific crisis. Meanwhile, the world had yet to learn about the brutal atrocities of that day.

Since that morning, life as we know it has changed drastically. You and I see disgusting anti-Semitic acts across the globe. Especially in civilized societies, where honorable people desire peace and equality, somehow the Jewish people are not allowed either of these. **We live in an era where, for too many people, wrong is considered right and right is considered wrong.** With the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war approaching two years, life seems to have turned upside-down. Many Believers\* and unbelievers continue to wonder: Where will all of this violence and chaos lead us?

In times like these, when our hearts are broken and we struggle to express our grief, we must turn to a higher power — *"the Rock of [our] salvation"* (Ps. 89:26). The great I AM is the only One who can provide solace to the hostages, families of beloved soldiers in harm's way, and precious victims of the heinous acts. Though you and I may feel helpless, we aren't hopeless. We must pray and place our trust in the power of our Lord — to Whom we pray. He is our source of hope. We must continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for all of Israel. It is time for us to get on our knees and pray. ✨



\* "Believers" is short for "believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."

# How to Pray for Israel

On the Ground in Israel  
**Sarah Liberman**  
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OJR Contributor



Someone recently sent me a meme with which many of you can identify: *Before I agree to 2024, I want to read the terms and conditions.*

Since the global pandemic in 2020 that upended so many people's lives worldwide, we in Israel had returned to some degree of normalcy ... until the horrific attacks of October 7 started a sudden war.

Hour by hour, the shock waves hit hard as we learned more details of what happened that day — the brutal attacks, unimaginable torture, murders of over 1,200 people, and about 240 people taken hostage. Those hostages include babies, children, young women, fathers, mothers, the sick, and the elderly. We watched

*“Before I agree to 2024,  
I want to read the terms and  
conditions.”*

painfully as our soldiers finally entered Gaza to fight for our security while world opinion turned against Israel and global anti-Semitic incidents increased dramatically. In the December 2023 *Personal Letter*, I shared what it was like to live through that dreadful day and the ensuing weeks as we prepared our safe room and family for further attacks.

I am grateful for the opportunity to write the *Personal Letter* each month. It allows me to share with you what life is like here in the land from a local Israeli perspective. More importantly, it is an important platform to help you engage spiritually with what is happening and know how you can help and support the people of the land.

We are living in significant times. I know that many

of you pray regularly for Israel and its people. **Israelis are AMAZED when I tell them that so many people around the world are standing with Israel and actively praying for us.**

Here are some of the prayer points we are praying. By joining with us, we Believers can stand united together in prayer for this situation:

- Pray for emotional healing for those who endured the horrific attack. Pray also for healing for the entire nation, many of whom report feeling numb and hopeless.
- Pray for the hostages and their families. The pain of this situation is unbearable. Pray for freedom for all!
- Pray for divine and creative strategies for Israel's state and military leadership, that God's wisdom will impact their decisions.
- Pray for protection and strength for the soldiers who are deployed in many different roles and places. Most of them do not know the Lord Yeshua (Jesus) or His Word.
- Pray for the salvation of the people of Israel, the people in Gaza, and the nations surrounding Israel in the Middle East region.

Thank you for standing with us in Israel. ✨





# The Palestinian Deception

Caleb & Joshua Colson  
The Bearded Bible  
Brothers



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It's amazing how quickly the mainstream media turned murderous terrorists into valiant freedom fighters. When Israel went on defense after Hamas slaughtered her people in the streets, the world feigned support. When Jewish people went on the offense, however, those not-so-secret anti-Semitic nations reacted with indignation. **In just three weeks, Israel became the villain of the Gaza War.**

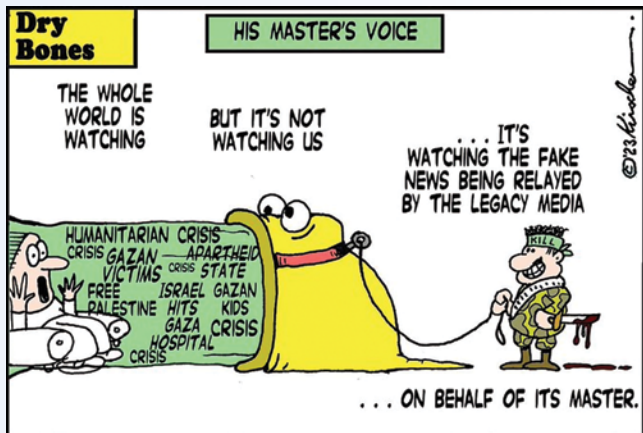
Isaiah 5:20 warns, *"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness..."*

On any college campus today, the fruits of Satan's sinister schemes are clearly evident. The warnings were obvious: critical race theory, Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*, Marxist professors like Bill Ayers and Angela Davis, and even affirmative action programs in school admissions. Such obsession with genetics or skin tones easily leads to cyclical patterns like Hitler's hatred of a particular people. The spirit of anti-Semitism and the spirit of antiChrist are one and the same! Successful socialist

indoctrination clearly manifested itself as a new generation trashed universities, harassed Jewish students, and sprayed graffiti with the familiar message of hate: "Death to Israel."

Much needs to be done to combat the brainwashing and propaganda wrought by the devil through his political factions, news media, and so-called "educators." But we must settle the root of this pollution: *sin*.

This battle is a spiritual one. Even the Apostle Paul required supernatural intervention to remove the blinders from his eyes after his Damascus road experience — a symbolic removal of his hate for Yeshua. **Likewise, there are demonic spirits that not only blind our world to**



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the truth but also rally hearts in hatred against God's people. Unfortunately, many churches (and Christian institutions) have joined Satan's cause, also blinded by the same sins.

First Peter 4:17 declares, *"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of God?"*

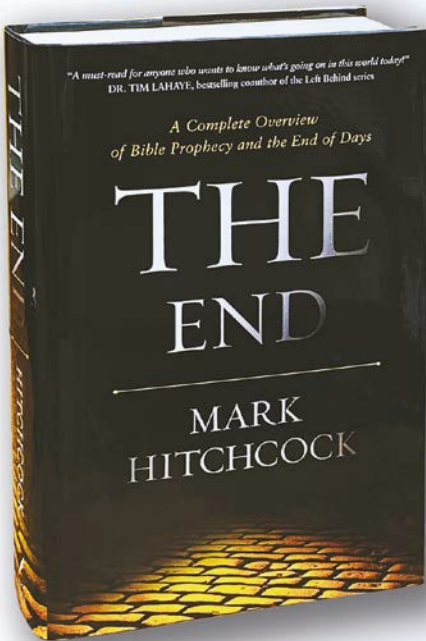
Nobody likes that verse. Though we Believers may cry out for God's judgment against the wicked, the world points its fingers at us, declaring our own hypocrisy. God must correct His own first.

Terrorism has infiltrated America. We shouldn't be surprised if a Gaza-like attack occurs within our own borders. While we can't stop that, we can change the tide of coming destruction in the unseen realm. It involves a single act — repentance — the same action we took to receive Yeshua's salvation. Repentance involves surrender, turning your back on

sin and never going that way again.

King Solomon acknowledged in 2 Chronicles 6:24 that when an enemy defeats God's people, then God's hand of protection has been removed from the nation. The time has come for us to ask for forgiveness. You may say, "But I haven't committed any great sin." Then repent for your own inaction or complacency. None of us are perfect like Messiah; there is some area in everyone's life that needs transformation. And transformation begins with repentance.

Remember, even gentiles can receive God's promises to the Jewish people, if they are grafted in to the commonwealth of Israel by Yeshua's blood (Rom. 11:17–20). And this is His promise to claim for today: *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"* (2 Chron. 7:14). ☆



## [The End: Overview of Bible Prophecy and the End of Days](#) book

By Mark Hitchcock

The End Times have seen a great amount of interest in the last two decades. However, there hasn't been a comprehensive overview of Biblical prophecy and eschatology for more than five decades. *OJR* guest Mark Hitchcock's book is the comprehensive resource for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *The End* accomplishes for eschatology what Randy Alcorn's *Heaven* did for readers' understanding of Heaven. *The End* provides a solid Biblical foundation for exploring the essential truths of this timely topic — the end of the world.

*(This and most titles also available as eBooks.)*



# The Most Anti-Israel Writing I Have Ever Read

by Zola Levitt  
from 2004  
20 years ago

In my recent tour to Israel, I noted reactions to anti-Semitic speeches and events throughout the world. In particular, the remarks from the obnoxious prime minister of Malaysia about the old story of the Jewish plot to take over the world. Oddly enough, when I returned to Dallas, I read a letter to the editor in the *International Jerusalem Post* to find the champion anti-Israel, anti-Semitic statement of perhaps all time, which I humbly submit to you below.

This letter is the most anti-Israel writing I have ever read. It also is unique in that every single sentence from top to bottom is untrue. Even Palestinian propaganda (or Nazi propaganda, for that matter) is built on a foundation of 10% or 20% truth in order to make their exaggerations and biases believable. But the following letter stands alone as an outrageous pack of lies, which I'll refute after the letter.

Sir:

*There is no doubt that incitement to hatred based on race or religion is repugnant to all of the peoples of the world. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's comments are to be derided for this reason.*

*However, Israelis and Americans should consider what would make a "moderate" leader from a nearly fully developed nation like Malaysia spew such venom.*

*People all over the world, not just Muslims, are sickened by the refusal of Israel to withdraw fully and finally to the 1948 borders and recognize the friendly sovereign nation of Palestine, which exists in the West Bank and Gaza.*

*Fairly or not, the actions of your nation since 9/11 are viewed around the world as a genocide (dare I say Holocaust?) of the proud, enslaved Palestinian people.*

*The global community cannot understand why the Israelis are the only people blinded to the fact that the Palestinians have nothing other than their lives remaining to compromise with. At least the American public can be forgiven their ignorance, given the extreme bias of their domestic media.*

*You, the people of Israel, have the sole ability to solve the Middle Eastern problem, but a refusal to see reality and compromise looks set to plunge the world into WWII.*

*Currently, history records the great Jewish people as maligned and victimized. What will it say then?*

*David Hawkins  
Auckland, New Zealand*

## Responding to the Writer

First, "hatred based on race or religion" is popular with people throughout the world and is not really repugnant these days. The prime minister's comments were not derided except for a few Jewish people and friends of Israel. The prime minister is not "moderate," nor is his nation "nearly fully developed."

"People all over the world" are not sickened by Israel's refusal to withdraw to "1948 borders." No one has even requested this, not even the Palestinians. What is discussed are the 1967 borders, when Israel, attacked on three sides, defended itself valiantly, and then wisely held on to virtually empty "West Bank" land in order to create a buffer against such attacks in the future.

In addition, the Palestinian entity is not "friendly," "sovereign," or a "nation." This is not a "genocide" or "holocaust"; as a matter of fact, the Palestinian's self-inflicted wounds have cost them (by their own reports) some 2,000 people, while they have murdered 800 innocent Israeli civilians. Six million Jewish

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people were killed during the Holocaust, and it is extremely offensive to hear such ludicrous comparisons. In addition, the Palestinian people are neither “proud” nor “enslaved.” They live in the freest of all Middle Eastern countries, and that goes without saying.

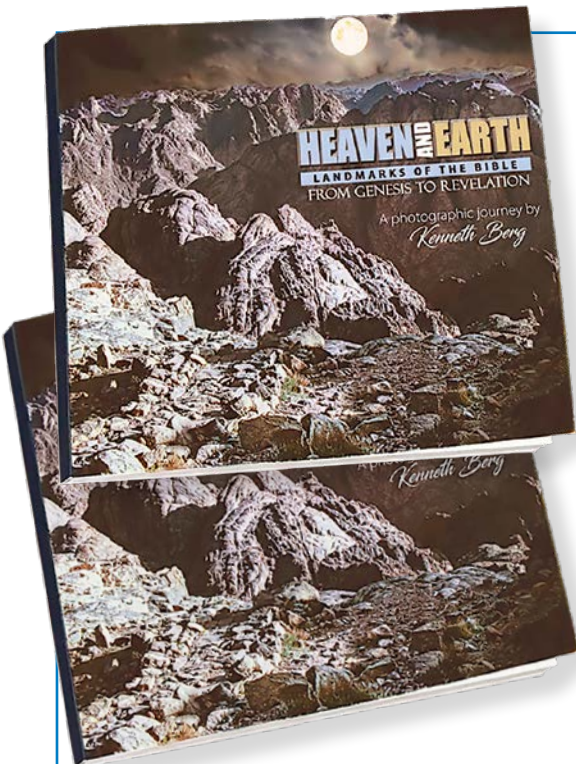
The Palestinians do not seek a “compromise with” their lives or anything else. They seek the eradication of five million Jews. The American public does fall under an “extreme bias” regarding Israel in our “domestic media.” The bias, however, actually runs the opposite way — it is anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian.

The people of the Palestinian society have the “sole ability to solve the Middle Eastern problem,” and we have cited it many times. **Starting tomorrow morning, they should simply not leave their homes to murder the Jewish people,** and likewise the day after that, and the day after that, and so forth for a thousand years. There would not be a shot fired from Israel’s side, nor any objection to the

Palestinian people if they would stop their murders. It’s as simple as that.

As far as WWII goes, Israel simply doesn’t matter. All the negative publicity in the world will not overcome the fact that this relative handful of people, smaller than the population of some American cities, makes no difference to world affairs or commerce. It is doubtful that Israel has any effect on world peace, war, or anything else.

The statement that “history records the great Jewish people as maligned and victimized” is the only one that comes close to the truth. Though history doesn’t fairly record the victimization of the Jews, those who malign and victimize the Jewish people are like the writer of this letter, whose bizarre, “stand-on-his-head” view of the Jewish world causes such effects. ✧



## Heaven and Earth book

Ken Berg’s favorite Holy Land photographs and stories

For four decades, the producer of ZLM’s television programs has traversed the Bible Lands with his camera ready. Now this well-organized, full-color portfolio of Ken’s most inspirational shots chronicles key appointed places that God chose as backdrops for His Holy Writ, the Bible, to unfold. From the mountaintops to the rivers and seas, deserts, and archaeological excavations, Ken’s narrative lets the reader commune anew with Scriptures written thousands of years ago.



# How many First Coming prophecies did Jesus the Messiah fulfill?

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Detail of *Ecce Homo* (*Behold the Man!*), painting by Antonio Ciseri (1821–1891)

Jesus affirmed that all of Scripture — including Moses, the Old Testament writings, and Prophets — testifies of Him (John 5:39). The Bible revolves around Jesus; thus, He is the dominant theme of Bible prophecy. As Revelation 19:10 asserts, “*the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.*”

Messianic prophecy generally relates either to the Lord’s First or Second Coming. Reputable Bible scholars differ on the number of Messianic prophecies in Scripture. In the *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*, J. Barton Payne estimated that over 500 Old Testament verses either point or allude to the coming of Messiah. Alfred Edersheim, a Messianic Jewish author, identified over 450 Old Testament verses about the Messiah. While the numbers vary based on how one views or defines a prophecy, **Bible scholars can conservatively affirm that Jesus fulfilled at least 300 prophecies during His First Coming.**

Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled both direct and indirect Messianic prophecies. GotQuestions.org notes some ways to identify prophecies in Scripture related to the Messiah:

*Compare Scripture with Scripture.* Some Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament are identified by New Testament writers. Matthew is especially helpful in linking Old Testament prophecies to their fulfillment in the life of Christ. Jesus’ birth is the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 (see Matthew 1:18–25). Jesus’ flight

to Egypt turns out to be the fulfillment of an indirect prophecy in Hosea 11:1 (see Matthew 2:15). Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem is linked to Zechariah 9:9 (see Matthew 21:1–11). Jesus’ death on the Cross fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies, including Psalm 34:20 and Zechariah 12:10 (see John 19:31–37).

At times, Jesus quoted a Messianic prophecy and applied it to Himself. In the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus read a Messianic passage from Isaiah 61 and said, “*Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing*” (Luke 4:21). Just before His arrest, Jesus quoted Zechariah 13:7, stating that prophecy is about to be fulfilled (Matthew 26:31). He also quoted Isaiah 53:12 (in Luke 22:37). When we study the whole of Isaiah 53, we discover that much of that chapter corresponds directly to Jesus’ passion. When Jesus quotes an Old Testament passage and says that He is the fulfillment of it, we know for sure that passage was Messianic.

God oversees history — past, present, and future — according to His perfect plan. At just the right time, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to this Earth to accomplish salvation for all who trust Him. Jesus is the One foretold by Moses and the Prophets centuries before His birth in Bethlehem. If Christ Jesus fulfilled all of the First Coming prophecies of Scripture, then we can be certain that our Lord will fulfill the remaining prophecies at His glorious return. ✨



# Do Jewish Lives Matter?

Mark Levitt  
ZLM Director  
since 1988



“Where is the birth of a movement to stand with Jewish lives while there are growing explicit, vile threats against innocent Jewish lives?” — Rabbi Efreim Goldberg, author of the article excerpted below, published by Aish.com. The



name AISH stands for *Aish HaTorah*, which is Hebrew for “The Fire of Torah.” As Zola used to say, I couldn’t have written this better myself. —Mark

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, universities in America, including elite Ivy League schools, imposed a Jewish quota, denying many qualified and worthy applicants entry simply because they were Jewish. For example, A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University from 1909–1933, labeled the growth of Jewish students at Harvard as the “Jew problem.” He asserted that too many Jewish students at Harvard would “ruin the college.” He proposed reducing them by imposing higher standards of admissions to members of “the Hebrew race.”

Now, 100 years later, while Jews are admitted to college campuses, many are not welcome and safe there. In October, Jewish students locked themselves in the NYU Cooper Union library as other students chanted “Free Palestine” outside the doors and held signs while threateningly banging on the glass windows.

In October, threatening statements about Jews on a Cornell University online discussion board prompted officials to have police guard a Jewish center and kosher dining hall. They found Jewish students hiding in their dormitory rooms. Jewish students at Columbia University stated at a press conference that they had been subjected to anti-Semitic incidents — including death threats — in October.

Countless stories, unfathomable months ago, are becoming the norm on campuses. It is shocking that professors who endorse the same ideology of hatred also encourage and embolden many of the hateful students. These professors attach their names and credentials to letters blaming Israel for October 7 and/or unequivocally supporting Hamas! Reactions of disgust and statements of support for the Jewish students have come from many people. **But the national outrage or mass movements that we have seen confronting other forms of hate and bigotry have not emerged.**

## Jews Aren’t Being Paranoid

To appreciate how relatively muted the reaction has been, consider the appropriate national outrage if the Black student center closed because it couldn’t be secured against racists who threatened Black students and Black students needed to hide in their dorm rooms. Imagine Muslim students or LGBTQ students having to lock themselves in the library due to being taunted and threatened.

Campuses are not the only place where anti-Semitism is on the rise. In the United States, **anti-Semitic incidents have increased a mind-boggling 400% since October 7** compared with the same period the previous year.

Jim Gaffigan posted: “Does anyone else feel the need to call all their Jewish friends and say, Okay, you weren’t being paranoid?” Gaffigan is a popular comedian, but his observation is no joke.

## Where’s the Sweeping Outrage?

- Where is the birth of a movement to stand with Jews while explicit, vile threats grow against them?
- Where are the demands to defund campuses?

*(continued p. 14)*



- Where is the call to cancel anti-Semites and Hamas sympathizers?

God's Chosen People and those who love the Bible would like to believe that the overwhelming majority on campuses, throughout America and around the world, are decent and moral — disturbed by what happened to Israel and the ripple effects elsewhere. Being disturbed is not enough, however, and sitting on the sidelines is unacceptable. As Shai Davidai, an assistant professor at Columbia whose passionate speech about campuses not being safe for Jewish students stated eloquently, **"To the silent majority: I think we need to talk about your silence."**

We need all good people to speak up, confront anti-Semitism and anti-Semites, and be intolerant of the intolerable. We need a #JewishLivesMatter movement — a sweeping campaign to confront anti-Semitism and protect Jews everywhere.

Elie Wiesel once stated:

We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives

are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must — at that moment — become the center of the universe.

The position we as a people are collectively in right now should motivate us to speak up and fight for ourselves. We must think about how we feel, what we are going through, and remember this experience when another group, race, or minority finds itself confronting its bullies. If even small gestures are meaningful to us, we must express them to others who need to know they aren't alone or on their own. If solidarity matters, we must stand with those who are targeted in the future.

In this urgent time, as Jews around the world — not only in Israel — are in crisis, we are fair and just in expecting more from the world, in demanding outrage, support, and solidarity. And at the same time, we must demand of ourselves to take this experience and feeling and to be a blessing for others who will need us to be outraged and support and stand in solidarity with them. ☆



# ZLM Bulletin Board



## Photoshop Blunder of the Year?

A widely shared image on social media pictures a man with children walking through rubble after Israel's Gaza response. Digital forensics experts, however, have concluded that the photo was digitally manipulated, possibly the result of artificial intelligence. The limbs and the clothing in the image are inconsistent. For example, the child on the man's right shoulder wears a shirt that appears to blend into the man's sleeve. The man's arm is positioned where you would expect to see the child's leg. The toes on the bare feet are also not clearly defined. **Verdict: PROPAGANDA.**



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**Request POM #16.**

HOW TO  
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## Help Wanted: Detective

This ministry seeks a Sherlock Holmes type to sleuth the location(s) of ancient Palestinian archaeology. Given the ardent claims by Palestinians and other anti-Zionists, artifacts should be abundant to demonstrate a non-Jewish Palestinian presence in the land before the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Does any museum curate a collection of ancient Palestinian treasures, such as art, pottery, or coins? Please, no confusion with Jews or Philistines (circa 1175 B.C.).

## "COME HOME!"

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# יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי וְיִשְׁעֵי מִמִּי אֵירָא

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1a)*

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Adonai	oh-ree'	ve-yeesh-ee'	mee-mee'	ee-rah'
the LORD is my light		and my salvation		whom shall I fear?

Read Hebrew right to left!

Our great need is to have heart, to find strength, resolution, and steadfast determination to walk boldly during these heartless and depraved days (2 Tim. 3:1-5). We are not without God's help, of course. Yeshua said that *Ruach HaKodesh* (רוּחַ הַקֹּדֶשׁ), the Holy Spirit, would be "called alongside" (παράκλητος) to comfort us on the journey. The English verb "comfort" literally means "to give strength" (from *com-* ["with"] and *fortis* ["strong"]). A similar idea is expressed by the verb "encourage" — that is, to "put heart (i.e., 'core') within the soul." In Hebrew, the word "courage" is expressed by the phrase *ometz lev* (אומץ לב), meaning "strong of heart" — an inner quality of the will rather than of the intellect. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4; see also 1 John 4:4).

But we must be vigilant. **If the devil can't devour you, he will try to drive you insane.** He will lie to you about who you really are. He will harass you and vex your soul. He will whisper fearful things in your ear. He will make what is small seem big and what is big seem small. He will raise dark suspicion within your soul, causing you to walk in mistrust. He will remind you of your sins to make you feel ashamed and dirty. He will hiss that you are unlovable and unworthy. He will

argue on behalf of your flesh that you deserve better than this. He will tempt you to seek relief in cisterns of emptiness and futility. Most of all, he will try to cast a spell to make you forget that you are truly a beloved child of God. The devil seeks to drive you into the exile of loneliness and despair. *"Submit yourself therefore to God" (James 4:7)* and refuse to heed voices of fear or shame. *Da lifnei mi attah omed* (דע לפני מי אתה עומד) — "Know before whom you stand!"

Godless fear is the devil's primary tool and the underlying motive behind sin itself (Rom. 14:23). Beloved, *"do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom 12:21)*. Always focus on Yeshua, the Light of Torah (האור התורה) and the true Wisdom of God (החכמה אלהים): *"Whoever has My commandments (מצוות) and keeps them, that is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest* (i.e., "shine within" — from ἐν, "in" + φαίνω, "shine") *Myself to him" (John 14:21)*. There it is — the Source of the Light that overcomes all darkness; the Power behind the armor of God. Yeshua is the Beginning, the Center, and the End of all true meaning from God. Blessed is His Name forever and ever. ✧



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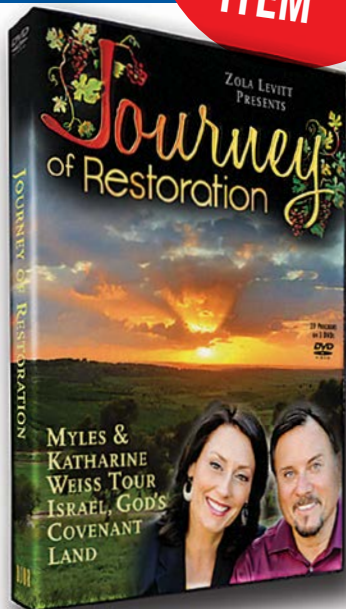
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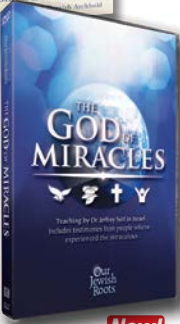
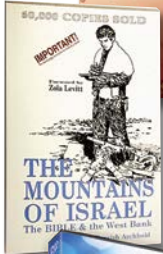
The Treasury at Petra, likely a tomb built for the Nabataean King Aretas IV

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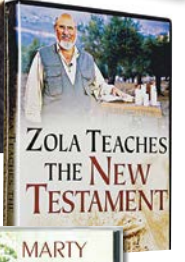
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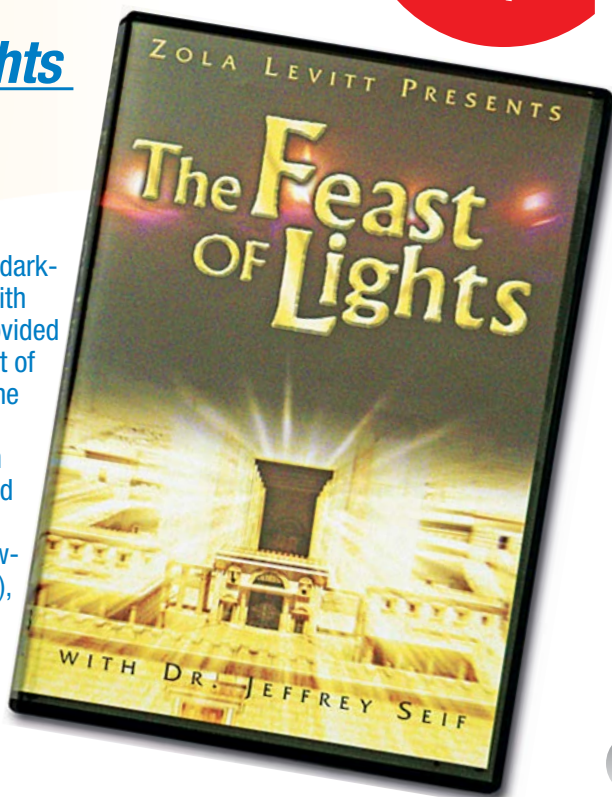
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Messiah. Jeff interviews Rabbi Marty Waldman about the recent increase of Messianic Jews. Zola interviews a Messianic minister in the city of Ashdod named Simcha Davidov.

### The Feast of Dedication

Jeff explores the prophecy of Daniel as fulfilled by Antiochus IV Epiphanes' desecration, and the future abomination of desolation to be committed by the antiChrist. Discover the Feast of Dedication as observed by Jesus in the Bible, and a heartfelt look by Zola and Jean Rosenberg at the celebration of Hanukkah in the home today.



## ZLM Teaching Inspires Holy Land Pilgrimage



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For over 45 years, Zola Levitt and his successors have taught how the Old Testament concealed and the New Testament revealed that Yeshua is indeed the prophesied Messiah ... not only for Israel, but also for the whole world. Through teaching about God's Word and His Land, these spokespeople not only nurtured many people's spiritual growth but also inspired them to want to experience the Land that is the focus of much of the Bible.

This recent testimony from T.R. in Kentucky is one example:

*We've been supporting ZLM for 20 years, and I'm very excited to finally be joining you all on a tour of Israel and Petra! The first TV episode that I remember watching was in 2003 when I was at U.S. Army Intel Officer Basic Course in Arizona. I have a background in the Middle East, and when I first saw Zola, I thought, "Who is this guy? I really like the Jewishness of the program and approach!" I loved Zola — he was so authentic, and you could tell he loved Jesus!*

*We were subsequently stationed in Germany. I always downloaded the podcasts and listened to Zola, especially while I was deployed to Afghanistan in 2004-05. I completed your ministry's correspondence course [Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies, see p. 24] while on a deployment to Iraq a few years later. I learned so much, and this kept me in God's Word while I was in a very negative and dangerous environment!*



Rooftops in the Old City of Jerusalem at sunset

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*My family was saddened by Zola's passing. We continued to follow the TV program/podcasts with Sandra Levitt, Dr. Seif, Katharine and Myles, Kirsten and David, and Joshua and Caleb. You all have been a part of our family and have contributed to my personal spiritual growth and development. The program has introduced us to some really amazing music and literature too.*

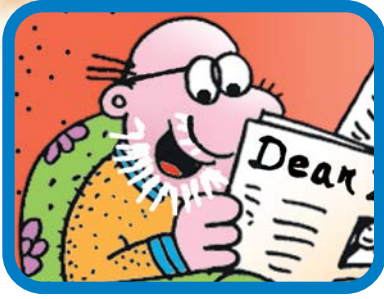
*So, this is more than just a tour for me. I am blessed and honored to be participating with my brothers and sisters in Christ, and with my ZLM family!*

We are blessed to hear how the Lord has used this ministry to strengthen peoples' faith in Yeshua and to encourage them to experience the places where He walked, taught, and ministered. If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you to visit Him in His Land, please contact me at 214-696-9760 or [travel@levitt.com](mailto:travel@levitt.com) Or visit [levitt.com/tours](http://levitt.com/tours) for more information on our upcoming Spring 2024 tour.

*Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.*  
—Psalm 84:5 ☆

Please see [Journey of Restoration](#) on p. 17.





# Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space. For ministry products and TV programs, visit our [web store](#) and [free video archives](#).

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## Psalm 83 War

**From C.M.:** I watched your video about the difference in wars, and this latest one does look like it is ready to escalate. Amir Tsarfati (of the Behold Israel ministry) would suggest that the Psalm 83 war already happened. May I humbly request a review? It does seem as if the land recovered from war and, for the most part, people lived in it without walls and bars. The kibbutz around Gaza had gates, too, but it seems as if the players are rounding out to the Ezekiel 38 war.

Shalom C.M.,

We deeply respect Amir Tsarfati. His teachings on the Rapture are Biblical and relevant. However, concerning the Psalm 83 War, we tend to disagree. Neither the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, the 1967 Six-Day War, nor the 1973 Yom Kippur War included all the nations in a single coalition as Psalm 83 describes. [We will revisit this topic in more detail with our upcoming series \*Roadmap to Armageddon\*, which will premiere in early 2024.](#) Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

## Thankful for ZLM and OJR

**From M.H.:** Thank you for sending me a new calendar for 2024. I always look forward to the new year with the calendar on my wall to remind me of God's Chosen People. Thank you also for your free *Guide to Your Christian Will* booklet. I give what I can now and would certainly like to leave something behind for your ministry.

You have some very fine people to teach on your television program. It has been a privilege to have a university professor, Dr. Seif, teach us. I hope that he will appear as often as he can. We have a new deal — two for one! I look forward to the new teachers, the Bearded Bible Brothers. I have seen preachers who never went to seminary but were self-taught and are fine Bible teachers. [It is not the certificate on the wall but the dedication to the Word that matters.](#) The Lord bless you and keep your staff safe and well.

Dear M.H.,

We will “keep on keeping on” as long as the Lord keeps our doors open, which we hope is for decades to come. —Kirsten

**From M.K.:** Thank you so much for your ministry. I started receiving the *Levitt Letter* years ago and have learned so much Biblical truth.

Dear M.K.

The *LL* is filled with insightful articles combined with timely news straight out of Israel. Kirsten and I are delighted that it is still a free publication. Ask and you shall receive (Matt. 7:7). —David

*(continued on next page)*



## Israel War Update — Bill Salus Interview on YouTube

**From M.S.:** The Jewish people today are not the Israelites of Scripture prophecy in Jeremiah 30 and 31.

Dear M.S.,

Your statement is genetically, scientifically, and theologically incorrect. This baseless claim is rooted in replacement theology. Only God could revive the Jewish people and reestablish them in their land as He did on May 14, 1948. And only the God of Israel could supernaturally protect His people during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, the 1967 Six-Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War. God has not abandoned His Covenant with the Children of Abraham but continues to fulfill His promises with those people you say are not Israelites. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

**From S.K.:** It's heartbreaking to see the vile anti-Semitism. I'm Dutch, and the Ten Boom family came from the same village as my ancestors who sheltered the Jewish community. Could this be the Lord's way of drawing His Chosen People back to the Land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? The Lord will use evil for good. Remember Joseph and his evil brothers, whom God used to draw his elderly father and youngest brother to safety during the seven years of famine! God is in control.

Dear S.K.,

It is true that God uses all evil for good. He indeed used the Holocaust as a catalyst to fulfill Ezekiel 36 and 37, and to draw the Children of Israel back to the Land of Israel. Before the end, all Jews will return to the Promised Land. We sincerely thank you for what your people did to protect our people during World War II. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

**From D.M.:** Satan is behind a lot of this carnage and hatred. It's End Times. I guess prayer is the answer. That's all I can do.

Dear D.M.,

Your prayers are enough! See [Sarah Liberman's article on p. 7](#) for insights on how to pray for Israel. —Joshua and Caleb

## Israel War Update and Future Wars on YouTube

**From X.Y.:** Your war update is heartwarming. I'm Israeli, and it has been a devastating time for all of us Israelis. Hamas murdered my cousin on that Shabbat. There hasn't been a day since October 7<sup>th</sup> that I haven't cried. Even today, my mom showed me a video where Israelis were kidnapped. You see one severely injured and another one being dragged on the floor as if he is not human. I couldn't even watch more than five seconds of the video. It's just heartbreaking. Please pray for Israel, for the safe return of our hostages, and for our IDF. Thank you. Your update sheds some light in a sea of darkness.

Shalom X.Y.,

We continue to pray daily for you, especially that the God of Israel will protect His Chosen People and defeat Israel's enemies. Our heart breaks for your loss. We were in Israel during the first week of the attack; the trauma that the Jewish people have suffered from this slaughter is visceral and real. Our goal is to continue to rally Christians to support Israel and unite in prayer and financial support for the Jewish people. —Joshua and Caleb ☆





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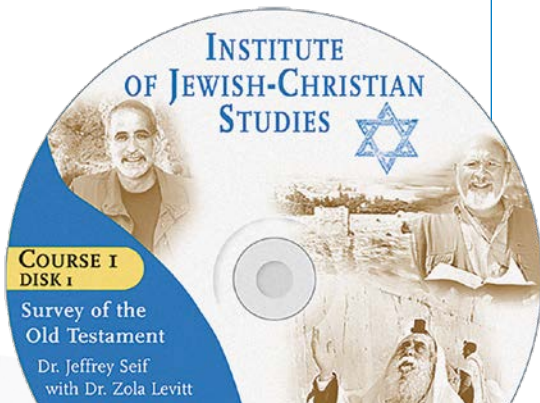
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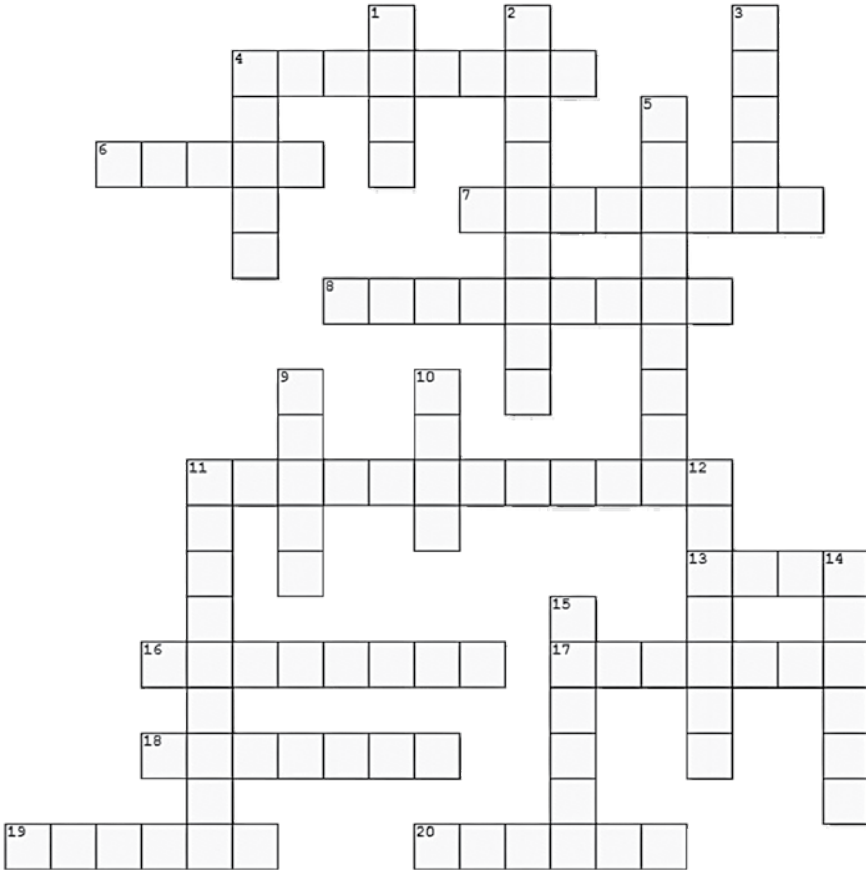


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# Repentance, Part 1 (NIV)

by Andrea Davis



[\(answers on p. 35\)](#)

**Across:**

4. ...I \_\_\_ that they should repent and turn to God... (Acts 26:20)
6. Wash and make yourselves \_\_\_... (Isa. 1:16)
7. ...God's \_\_\_ is intended to lead you to repentance? (Rom. 2:4)
8. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have \_\_\_ the flesh... (Gal. 5:24)
11. But because of your \_\_\_ and your unrepentant heart... (Rom. 2:5)
13. Come \_\_\_ to God and He will come \_\_\_ to you... (James 4:8)
16. If we confess our sins, He is \_\_\_ and just... (1 John 1:19)
17. ...those who live like this will not \_\_\_ the Kingdom of God. (Gal. 5:21)
18. ...Repent, for the \_\_\_ of Heaven has come near. (Matt. 4:17)
19. ...If you do not \_\_\_, I will come to you and remove your lampstand... (Rev. 2:5)
20. ...and to our God, for He will freely \_\_\_. (Isa. 55:7)

**Down:**

1. if My people, who are called by My \_\_\_, will humble themselves... (2 Chron. 7:14)
2. ...there will be more \_\_\_ in Heaven over one sinner who repents... (Luke 15:7)
3. ...Repent! Turn from your \_\_\_ and renounce all your detestable practices! (Ezek. 14:6)
4. ...seek \_\_\_ and pursue it. (Ps. 34:14)
5. ...the one who \_\_\_ and renounces them finds mercy. (Prov. 28:13)
9. Produce \_\_\_ in keeping with repentance. (Matt. 3:8)
10. ...We are bringing you \_\_\_ news... (Acts 14:15)
11. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to \_\_\_. (2 Cor. 7:10)
12. I have not come to call the righteous, but \_\_\_ to repentance. (Luke 5:32)
14. ... \_\_\_ to Me, and I will \_\_\_ to you... (Mal. 3:7)
15. But if a \_\_\_ person turns away from all the sins... (Ezek. 18:21)



## Blast-Proof Panels Protect Israelis Without Safe Room

By Ariel Grossman  
NoCamels.com



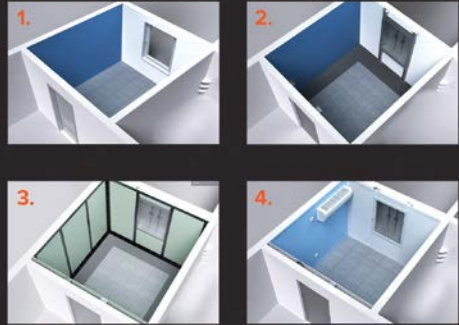
Thousands of rockets have been fired at Israel from the Gaza Strip since the start of the war on October 7. While many Israelis can take cover in reinforced concrete rooms built into their apartments and houses, more than 1.6 million homes in the country do not have such shelter.

Since 1992, Israeli law has dictated that a bomb-proof room (known as a *mamad*) must be installed in all new residential and industrial buildings. But millions of citizens, living in homes constructed before 1992, are vulnerable to rocket fire or falling shrapnel after the missiles are knocked out of the sky by Israeli defenses.

Israeli startup Ortech Defence Systems has developed patented wall panels that are designed to protect any room in any kind of building against blast hits, fragmentation, and even forced entry.

The panels, which can be installed in a room within a week, are made from a combination of polymers and fiberglass

### A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROCESS



that are constructed over steel beams. The room's windows and doors, however, cannot be reinforced by the panels and must be replaced with airtight, steel versions used in conventional secure rooms.

Avida Stern, VP of business development at Ortech, said that tests conducted by the Israel Defense Forces found that rooms reinforced with the company's wall panels were able to withstand the detonation of over 1,763 pounds of TNT.

Using a little over ¼ inch of material, Stern stated, "We're giving a room the strength of a protective shelter." He added that the Ortech solution can be used in any building, even those where concrete shelters cannot be installed due to their weight.

Since the war began, Ortech's wall panel solution has been in high demand. But meeting orders has been a challenge since the start of the war. Its main manufacturing facility is located at Kibbutz Karmia, one of the Gaza border communities that was attacked by Hamas on October 7. For several weeks, the area was sealed off as a closed military zone.

The Home Front Command, the military unit responsible for preparing Israeli citizens for conflicts and disasters, assured that Ortech's solution is 97% as effective as a *mamad*, but stressed that a *mamad* is still the best solution. ✨



A bomb shelter manufactured by Ortech



A room whose walls have been reinforced with Ortech's solution



# Shockwave for Kidney Patients

JPost.com

Around 800 million people worldwide — including some 37 million Americans — suffer from chronic kidney disease (CKD). Despite more than a million people dying from CKD a year, few treatment advancements have developed in more than a decade. The only actual treatment has been dialysis, which dramatically reduces the quality of life for CKD patients.

Until now.

The Nephrospec device shows promise in treating CKD by promoting new blood vessel formation and restoring damaged tissue function. Its patented shockwave technology — electro-Hydraulic Acoustic Therapy (eHAT) — is an acoustic wave treatment with much less intensity than traditional shockwave treatment that could cause kidney damage. Existing for

test his shockwave treatment for CKD. A significant study was conducted through the Mayo Clinic and financed by the National Institutes of Health, showing that what the company thought could theoretically work from animal studies “is more than a reality. The results were above our expectations,” Spector said.

Six patients were treated with Nephrospec, providing the device’s first safety and efficacy data. In 2021, the U.S. patent office granted a patent for the method of this technology.

Clinical trials for Nephrospec are being conducted in the Philippines, Israel, the U.S., and Europe. Because most studies using eHAT have focused on animals, these clinical trials in human subjects



Credit: Curespec



Curespec's Nephrospec device

almost two decades, eHAT has proven effective in treating a variety of disorders.

In several animal studies, eHAT has improved healing in tissues, ultimately healing kidney tissue, preserving kidney function, and delaying CKD progression. It can also attract stem cells into injured kidneys for tissue repair.

The Israeli company Curespec was founded in 2020 by Avner Spector. With a degree in mechanical engineering, he has worked in the medical device field since the 1980s. Several years ago, his friend’s wife suffered from kidney failure. Her illness prompted Spector to

are essential for understanding the use and effectiveness of eHAT in the real world.

“A kidney transplant costs nearly \$500,000 to perform,” Spector noted. “If we could save that money or at least improve the possibility of the transplant to succeed, the effects would be dramatic.”

He added, “My dream is to see this technology delay dialysis by at least two to four years for patients.” The eHAT is also proving effective at reducing blood pressure and the probability of a stroke, which is often linked to kidney failure. ☆

# Greek Diner Owner Boycotted, Threatened for Backing Israel



By Sarah Pachter / AISH.com

credit: Teri Wortzman Ackerman / Facebook photo



Peter Tsadilas stands with Israel

Mr. Rogers famously said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for

the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

One of those helpers is Peter Tsadilas — a gentile of Greek ancestry — and owner of the Golden Globe Diner in Huntington, New York. "My best friend, who is Jewish, came over one night, crying to me," Tsadilas explained. "His son was on medical leave from the Israeli Army and was in America visiting his father. He went back to Israel and was going to do another semester of college. When the terror attacks occurred on October 7<sup>th</sup>, his father called and said, 'Son, come back now.' His son replied, 'No, Dad, I'm staying to fight.'"

Tsadilas decided he had to do something to show support for Jews and Israel amidst the war. "I put up four Israeli flags around the diner, and pictures of the hostages. I started by posting pictures of

the kids under 10 years old. ... After doing the kids, I started to put up the older hostages as well, and it filled up about half the window."

Afterward, three new employees quit without notice. He also lost a lot of Middle Eastern patrons. "But the real issues began when DoorDash stopped picking up my food. I got backlash from DoorDash clients. They told DoorDash I was promoting hate and killing babies. I didn't get any orders for nine days. My restaurant was removed from their app." That changed, however, after Tsadilas threatened to take legal action.

A local Hebrew school administrator saw the flags and decided to come in. She told Tsadilas, "I wasn't hungry. I couldn't find parking, but I want to stop in and have some eggs to support you." She took a picture and sent it to others, and as Tsadilas explained, "Then it took a life of its own."

Having the backing of the Jewish community has been crucial for Tsadilas. The backlash unfortunately hasn't stopped with DoorDash's short-lived boycott. **The phone at the diner rings constantly with death threats.**

But Tsadilas refuses to back down. "I want to try to get all the Greek restaurants to jump on board and support Israel," Tsadilas declared. "The first one is always the hardest. We are going to

approach the 500 Greek diners in the tri-state area." He added that he would personally pay these restaurants to put up flagpoles to display Israeli flags and pay for the upkeep and service of them throughout the year. ✨

credit: Teri Wortzman Ackerman / Facebook photo



The Jewish community supporting the Greek diner on Long Island



# Muslim Woman Praises Israel for Helping Her Succeed

By Tré Goins-Phillips / CBN.com

As the Israel-Hamas war continues to ravage the region, one Israeli-Arab-Muslim woman is speaking out, lauding the Jewish state for helping her to succeed. Had it not been for Israel, the Stanford University alumna asserted, she would likely be impoverished.

"Israel gave us everything that it could give us, even though we were Arabs, and they're calling Israel an apartheid," she explained in a video clip that circulated on X (Twitter). "They're calling Israel — making ethnic genocide. And this point is actually like puzzling for me, because 25% of the Israeli population is actually Arabs; most of them are Muslims. More than 20% [of the population] are Muslims. I'm one of them."

The Bedouin woman added that Arabs in Israel have "equal rights" and have access to "welfare, education, health care — anything that a Jewish citizen would get."

"So how can you call this an apartheid or committing ethnical genocide?" she asked. "I was born to a Bedouin family. Bedouins are nomadic Arabs. My mother was — and is — penniless and illiterate. She doesn't know reading and writing, because her parents didn't believe that women have the right to go to school; they should be on the fields and herd the sheep."

She continued, "If not for Israel, I probably would be illiterate, penniless, herding sheep somewhere in the [Galilee area of Israel]. But I have an electrical engineering degree; I have a master's from Stanford University, and I have my rights to live my life the way that I wanted to live it. Israel gave us everything that

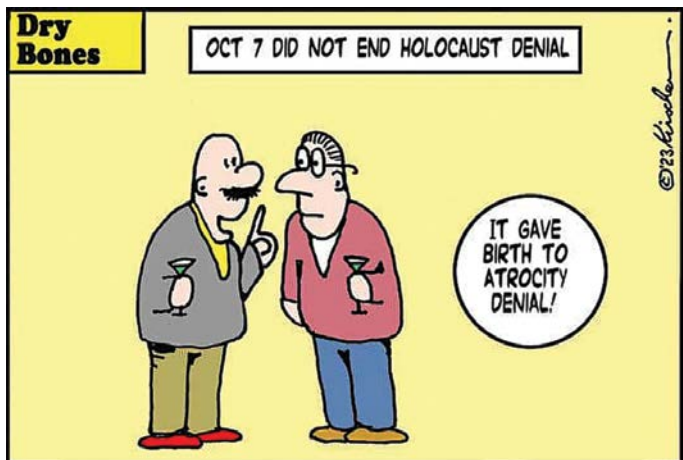


Israeli-Arab-Muslim woman supports Israel

it could give us even though we were Arabs."

The woman asserted that claims of apartheid and genocide by Israel don't "match the reality." She encouraged, "They need to go and read the facts. And it's funny that sometimes it comes from intelligent students at elite universities saying this kind of nonsense."

Her bold statements came after many university students across the U.S. have spoken out in support of the terrorist group Hamas. ☆



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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez speaking at a rally in Manhattan in 2019

# SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

## AOC Blames Some Christians for Fueling Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

By David Swindle / JNS.org

While many have focused on radical, Islamic fundamentalism following Hamas’s attacks on Israel on October 7, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) pointed fingers at Christian extremists.

“The country that is Israel today is not the Israel of the Bible,” the politician, known as AOC, told a New York radio program in October.

“It’s not just Islamic. It’s not just Jewish. It is also Christian,” the congresswoman said of the war. “In the United States of America, Christian fundamentalism and nationalism — which has also been extremely anti-Semitic — has also aligned itself with some of the most right-wing and authoritarian and inflammatory powers in the region.”

A spokesman for Ocasio-Cortez said that her schedule was “slammed” and declined to comment.

On October 20, Ocasio-Cortez wrote: “Release the hostages. Protect the innocent. De-escalate. Ceasefire now.” Similar words were used the day before as part of a protest in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol building, which led to the arrests of 300 far-left activists.

“What angers me about the GOP’s attempts to turn the United States into a far-right Christian theocracy is how dishonest they are about it,” she wrote in 2019. “At least be forthright about your desire to subvert and dismantle

our democracy into a creepy theological order led by a mad king.”



credit: Amazon.com / screengrab

Pro-terror merchandise available from Amazon on November 1, 2023

## Amazon’s Shocking Variety of “Free Palestine” Goods

By Hana Levi Julian / JewishPress.com

Who would have thought that the Amazon global online marketplace would be an advocate for hate following the October 7 war launched by Hamas against Israel?

And yet, there it is. If you have an Amazon account (as many of us do these days), just search “Palestine” to discover the incredible assortment of merchandise that is available. But first, make sure that you’re sitting down.

Amazon offers a sizeable collection of pro-terror items for the anti-Israel hate crowd, including black T-shirts with





Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

credit: screenshot MEMRI.org

colorful maps of “Palestine” (displacing the entire State of Israel, naturally).

Some shirts feature the famed “Fist of Palestine” logo. Others simply declare, “Free Palestine,” or “To stand with Palestine is to stand with humanity.” We won’t discuss the insanity of that last statement.

Other items proudly proclaim, “From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be Free!” We all know what that means.

I am seriously reconsidering my not-so- insignificant shopping on this site. A global giant that promotes the annihilation of the State of Israel — and its seven million Jews — is not something I want to support.

## Iranian Leader: Death to America “Not Just a Slogan, It Is a Policy”

MEMRI.org

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a November 1, 2023 address that “death to America” is a policy. Aired on Iranian television, he also asserted that Western countries could not “make excuses” for anti-Israel and anti-American protests in England, France, Italy, and the U.S. He added that this is why some people claim that Iran was behind rallies in England. Khamenei mockingly asked whether the

rallies were organized by the Basij [Iran’s paramilitary volunteer militia].

Ali Khamenei: “The situation between America and Iran is this: When you chant ‘Death to America,’ it is not just a slogan — it is a policy. ... For many years, from the 1940s to the 1970s ... the Americans ... hit Iran in any way they could — financially, economically, politically, scientifically, and morally.

“If it were not for America’s support, if it were not for the support of U.S. weapons, the corrupt and artificial Zionist regime would have been destroyed in the first week [of Israel’s war with Hamas]. It would have collapsed. The Americans are behind this.

“In Western countries ... people took to the streets in large numbers, chanting slogans against Israel and in many cases, against America. This tarnished [Western] reputation. They really do not have any remedy for this. They cannot make excuses for this. That is why we saw some idiot saying that Iran was behind the rallies in England. Perhaps the Basij in London is behind this ... Or maybe the Basij of Paris.” ☆

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei would have done the world a favor to advise Hamas, before their latest terrorism campaign, that Israel has an effective army, navy, and air force. —Mark







# Archaeology

## Greek Psalm Inscription Found in Judean Desert

By Gavriel Fiske / TimesOfIsrael.com



credit: Dr. Oren Gutfeld and Michal Haber



The 2023 archaeological dig at Hyrcania Fortress

Archaeologists working at a Second Temple-era structure in the Judean Desert, about 10 miles southeast of Jerusalem, recently unearthed a rare inscription paraphrasing part of Psalm 86 in Greek. Painted in red, under a cross on the side of a large building stone, the inscription reads: "Jesus Christ, guard me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you." It was written in Koine Greek — the language of the New Testament. In the original Hebrew psalm, known as "A Prayer of David," the first section reads, "Hear me, Lord, and answer me."

**A community of Byzantine Christian monks founded in the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. is likely responsible for the adapted Psalm 86 inscription.** Dr. Avner Ecker of Bar-Ilan University, who helped decipher the inscription, noted that the writing contains small grammatical errors, indicating that the writer "was not a native Greek speaker, but likely someone from the region who was raised speaking a Semitic language."

credit: Shale Haber / Israel Antiquities Authority



Greek inscription from the Book of Psalms

In addition to the psalm adaptation, archaeologists found a similar inscription nearby. These may be the only Koine Greek Psalm inscriptions ever discovered on stone, rather than on parchment or other materials, the archaeologists noted.

The pilot dig, which occurred in early 2023, was the first "methodological, academic archaeological excavation" undertaken at the site. Previously, European archaeologists made a few short visits there when Jordan controlled the area, the last of note being in the 1950s. At that



time, a Belgian archaeologist discovered a trove of papyrus documents.

The Hyrcania Fortress, dating from the Hasmonean dynasty (second to first

centuries B.C.), was part of a series of hilltop desert fortifications. Later, King Herod expanded and refurbished the fortress, as he did with the more well-known Masada and Herodium sites.

them, he ended his explorations because of weather conditions. Gutfeld's efforts over several years, after 2000, yielded some small First Temple-era artifacts, but researchers are uncertain why the tunnels were built.

Michal Haber, the other Hebrew University archaeologist leading the dig, explained that King Herod is known to have imprisoned his enemies — whether real or imaginary — in Hyrcania. One of the theories is that the tunnels were a slave labor project that was unfinished or undertaken as a form of punishment

to keep the prisoners busy, she added.

When Gutfeld returned around 2015 for further exploration, he found the site on top of the hill “pristine.” That visit prompted the current

organized explorations, which he stressed would not have been possible in earlier years due to logistical issues associated with the remoteness of the site, which is located in the “West Bank.” Another excavation is planned for early 2024.

The site also contains Herodian and Byzantine graves, but those were “systematically looted long ago,” Gutfeld explained. However, most of the fortress, while largely in ruins, remains mostly untouched. The inaccessibility and dismal climate of Hyrcania — it is in the deep desert with no nearby water — likely helped keep most looters at bay. ☆

source: video screenshot



Ancient Byzantine city of Hyrcania

After Herod's death in 4 B.C., Hyrcania fell into disuse, until the small Byzantine Christian monastery was founded there at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. This monastery, called *Kastellion* (“Little Castle” in Greek), survived the later Islamic conquest of the area around 635 A.D. and was in use until the early 9<sup>th</sup> century.

Since that time, the abandoned site was largely in ruins, with crumbling monastery buildings lying atop the ancient Herodian and Hasmonean structures.

## An “Indiana Jones moment”

Dr. Oren Gutfeld, one of the lead archaeologists, has a long history at the site. In an “Indiana Jones moment” in 2000, he explored two tunnels at the base of the hill. These “completely man-made,” stepped tunnels slope downwards — one to a depth of 394 feet, and the other to 262 feet — but both then reach a dead end.

A British scholar first discovered the tunnels in 1960. Unable to excavate



A Herodian-era tunnel found at the base of the Hyrcania site



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## NYC Teacher Indoctrinates Preschoolers to Hate Israel

By Batya Jerenberg / WorldIsraelNews.com

A New York City preschool teacher instructs parents on how to indoctrinate young children with hatred of Israel and support Palestinian terrorism. Siriana Abboud teaches in P.S. 59 in midtown Manhattan. She is also the founder of the online Allusio Academy, providing curricula, workshops, and consultation on how to brainwash four-year-olds with the Palestinian canard that the Israelis are outsiders who have stolen the land from the Arabs and are engaging in genocide.

"These teach-ins are a safe space for you and your child to learn about the Palestinian struggle for freedom," she emphasized on her sign-up sheet.

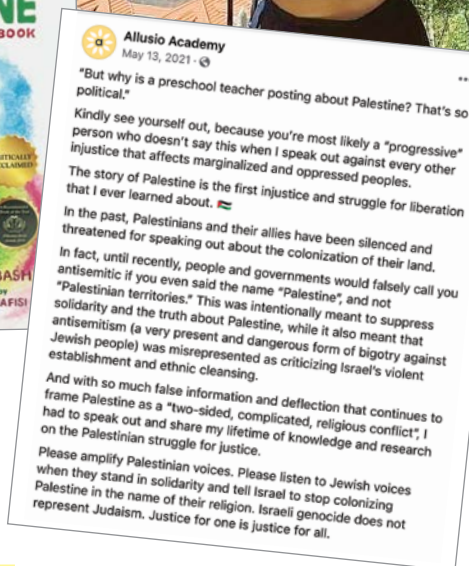
In the past, Abboud referred to Jews as "terrorists" and "colonizers" of their own historic homeland, arguing that Israel's security barrier is "an apartheid wall." She openly stated, "There can be no peace so long as Zionism exists."

One item Abboud promoted on her website (which has since been removed) is the anti-Semitic book *P is for Palestine*. An entry for the letter "I" states that it represents "Intifada, Arabic for rising up for what is right, if you are a kid or grownup!"

In late October, Abboud posted a picture of some ruins in Gaza after the IDF struck Hamas targets. She wrote that the "fascist ethnostate" of Israel had acted "with absolute zero impunity" (instead of "complete impunity").



credit: @sirianajahine / Instagram screenshot



credit: Facebook screenshot

**Top photo:** Siriana Abboud  
**Middle photo:** cover of the *P is for Palestine* book  
**Bottom photo:** Allusio Academy Facebook post, May 13, 2021

"Her account is full of hate," one mother who recently transferred her child to P.S. 59 commented in a parents' group. "I am scared of sending my kid there."

Abboud is considered a role model for early childhood education by New York's Department of Education. She received the Big Apple Award for 2023–2024 as a "liberation-inspired educator" who advocates "global consciousness." That gave her a place on the Chancellor's Teacher Advisory Council where she can share her teaching methods with colleagues and influence leadership on policies and programs. ☆



# Jewish Humor, etc.

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

## You Should Try It

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest meet at a New Year's luncheon. Old friends, they begin their usual banter.

"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teases the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing."

With a big grin, the rabbi answers, "Try marriage; it's better than ham!"

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On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies on which a friend of the Bar-Mitzvah boy had written a note: "Take all the cookies you want — God is watching the apples." ☆



### Answer Key for January 2024 Crossword (p.25)

ACROSS		DOWN	9. Fruit
4. Preached	13. Near	1. Name	10. Good
6. Clean	16. Faithful	2. Rejoicing	11. Salvation
7. Kindness	17. Inherit	3. Idols	12. Sinners
8. Crucified	18. Kingdom	4. Peace	14. Return
11. Stubbornness	19. Repent	5. Confesses	15. Wicked
	20. Pardon		



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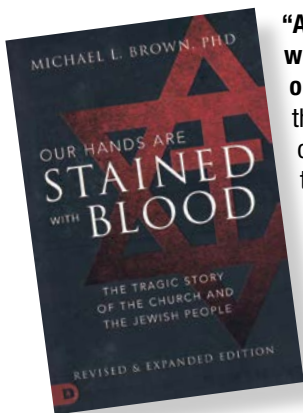
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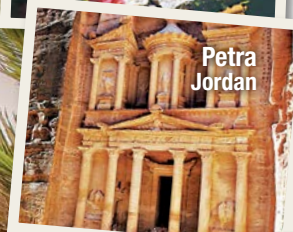
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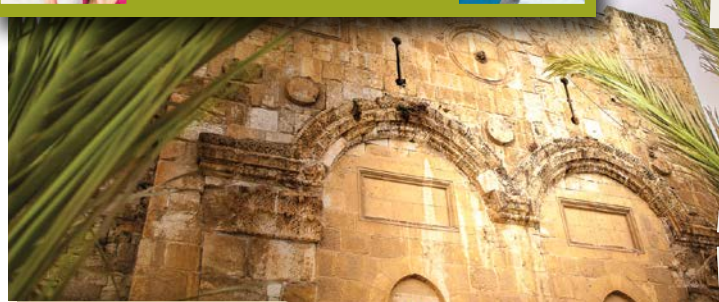
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