

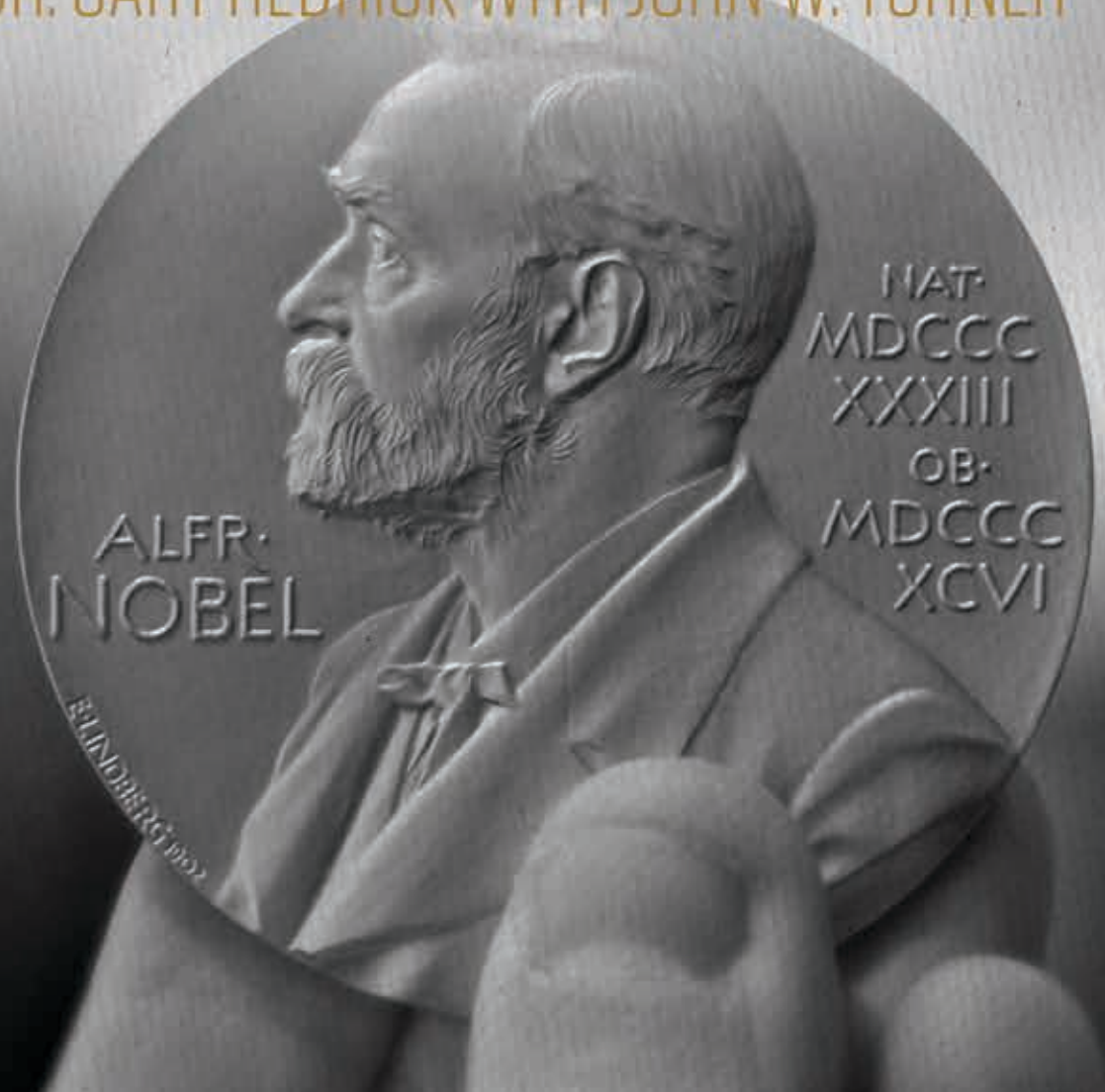


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THE TOP 15 LIES ABOUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE ANTI-SEMITIC MYTHS DEBUNKED PART 2 BY DR. GARY HEDRICK WITH JOHN W. TURNER



In the previous installment, we discussed the spiritual and historical roots of anti-Semitism, and scrutinized allegations about supposed “evil” and “secretive” teachings that are attributed to the Jewish Talmud by enemies of Israel and the Jewish people.

Lie #2: Today’s Jews aren’t Jewish at all—they’re Khazars.

There’s an old, worn-out theory that says today’s Israeli Jews are not Jewish after all, but rather the descendants of an ancient (and now extinct) clan of Eastern European Gentiles known as the Khazars.

This ancient race ruled the kingdom of Khazaria, which flourished from the 7th to the 10th centuries AD and extended across a gigantic swath of land north and east of the Black Sea. It included portions of present day Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Armenia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and Iran.

Anti-Semites find this theory attractive because they think it proves that modern-day Jewish people are not physically linked to the ancient seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Therefore, they claim, the present day inhabitants of the State of Israel have no biblical claim on the Abrahamic promises in the Bible, including the Land promise.¹

The general idea (the Khazarian Hypothesis) has been around since at least the early 1900s, but has regained traction this past year due to the theorizing of a small minority of Jewish (yes, Jewish!) genetics researchers.

Dr. Ariella Oppenheim of Hebrew University and Dr. Eran Elhaik of the McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins medical school have both published articles challenging the long-held “Rhineland Hypothesis,” which says that Ashkenazi Jews descended from Jewish refugees who fled from Israel during the Muslim conquest (7th century AD) and settled in Southern Europe. Centuries later, according to the theory, their enclaves expanded into Eastern Europe from the Rhineland.²

Oppenheim and Elhaik challenge this longstanding hypothesis, saying that it fails to “explain the ballooning of the European Jewish population to eight million at the beginning of the 20th century from its tiny base in the Middle Ages.”³

However, their controversial conclusions should be kept in perspective. The Israelis pride themselves in being open-minded and academically liberal, so sometimes their conclusions can be a bit outside the mainstream—and they like it that way. What this means is that just because an Israeli geneticist endorses a controversial viewpoint about Jewish origins, it doesn’t necessarily mean it’s true.⁴

Also, isn’t it a bit contradictory for an anti-Semite who preaches that Jews are essentially an evil, depraved race to turn right around and quote a Jewish scientist as an authority?

Kingdom of Khazaria	
Khazar Qaganate	
618-1048	
	
Khazar Khaganate, 650-850	
Capital	Balanjar (650-820) Atil (820-1048)
Languages	Turkic Khazar

What Do the Genes Really Tell Us About Jewish Origins?

Background

Genetic studies have often produced conflicting results on the question of whether distant Jewish populations in different geographic locations share greater genetic similarity to each other or instead, to nearby non-Jewish populations. We perform a genome-wide population-genetic study of Jewish populations, analyzing 678 autosomal microsatellite loci in 78 individuals from four Jewish groups together with similar data on 321 individuals from 12 non-Jewish Middle Eastern and European populations.


Results

We find that the Jewish populations show a high level of genetic similarity to each other, clustering together in several types of analysis of population structure. Further, Bayesian clustering, neighbor-joining trees, and multidimensional scaling place the Jewish populations as intermediate between the non-Jewish Middle Eastern and European populations.

Conclusion

These results support the view that the Jewish populations largely share a common Middle Eastern ancestry and that over their history they have undergone varying degrees of admixture with non-Jewish populations of European descent.

“Genomic microsatellites identify shared Jewish ancestry intermediate between Middle Eastern and European populations,” an abstract for a research article by Naama Kopelman (Tel Aviv University) and Noah Rosenberg (Stanford University) in BMC Genetics Journal (2009, 10:80 doi:10.1186/1471-2156-10-80). Accessed at biomedcentral.com/1471-2156/10/80/abstract.

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Other observations about the new and improved Khazarian Hypothesis (i.e., the theory that Ashkenazi Jews are descended from the Khazars) include the following:

1. Too many assumptions.

In his research, Professor Elhaik uses the current residents of Armenia and Georgia (roughly the geographic hub of ancient Khazaria) as genetic proxies for the ancient Khazars. But how can he possibly know anything about Khazarian DNA?⁵ Has anyone ever taken a DNA swab from a living, breathing Khazar? Of course not—they've been extinct for more than a thousand years. There's no way to know if there's any significant genetic connection between the Khazars and today's Armenians and Georgians.

2. The same old same old.

As we noted earlier, the Khazarian Hypothesis is nothing new. It's been around for a long time. In the 1970s, in fact, Arthur Koestler's *The Thirteenth Tribe: The Kazan Empire and Its Heritage* (New York: Fawcett Popular Library, 1978) presented a variation of the same theory. More recently, the blockbuster *The Invention of the Jewish People* by Shlomo Sand and Yael Lotan (London: Verso Books, 2008) made similar claims.

Professor Sand actually claims that modern-day Israelis are descended from converts to Judaism, rather than from genetic Jews, and therefore have no true ancestral connection to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Incredibly, the Hebrew edition of Sand's book—*Matai ve'ekh humtza ha'am hayehudi?*—spent weeks at the top of the bestseller list in Israel. That's right—a book alleging that modern Israelis are not the biological descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has been selling like crazy in Israel! The Israelis love controversy—and the more provocative it is, the better they like it!



3. Who converted the Khazars?

Some anti-Semites make it sound like there was no such thing as Ashkenazi Jewry before the Khazars came along. To hear them tell it, the Khazars converted to Judaism en masse and that marked the beginning of the Ashkenazim. So essentially, according to them, a bunch of Gentiles became Jews via conversion, with no genetic link to the Middle East; and therefore, European Jews have no link to Abraham or any claim on the promises God gave him and his descendants.

However, that is simply not the case. There were many Ashkenazi settlements all over Europe long before the age of the Khazars. In fact, they were the ones who attracted the attention of the Khazars in the first place! Think about it: the Khazars had to have something to convert to—and that was Ashkenazi Judaism! It simply makes no sense to say that Ashkenazi Judaism originated with the Khazars. How could the Khazars convert to something that didn't yet exist?

4. Why don't today's Jews look like Khazars?

Conversion—whereby non-Jewish people can become Jewish—has been a recognized process in Judaism since biblical times. It was never God's intention that His earthly people should remain genetically homogenous, but that they should welcome any and all non-Jews who wish to join them in following the LORD God of Israel (Ex. 12:48-49).

The Bible says that when the children of Israel left Egypt, they were accompanied by a "mixed multitude" (v. 38). The multitude consisted of many Egyptians and perhaps other nationalities that had joined Israel's ranks during those four centuries in Egypt. So when the Israelites departed, many of these non-Jews packed up their loved ones and belongings and went with them!

There is, then, a very strong precedent in Judaism that goes back to the nation's very inception, allowing for non-Jewish peoples to be joined to *Am Yisrael* (the "People of Israel"). Even today, when someone converts to Judaism, once the conversion is complete, he is never again referred to as a non-Jew. He and his offspring are accepted as being just as Jewish as anyone else.⁶

Two Jewish Cultures

The world's Jewish population falls into two main groups—Ashkenazi and Sephardic.

Ashkenazi Jews are those whose ancestors settled in Europe—specifically along the Rhine River in France and Germany—in the centuries after numerous ancient dispersions from the Middle East. Later, they expanded into Poland and Lithuania. The Ashkenazi population, the largest in the world, was decimated in the Holocaust, when the Nazis brutally and systematically murdered nearly six million European Jews.

Sephardic Jews are those who settled in various regions of the Mediterranean world (mainly north Africa) after having been expelled from Spain and Portugal around AD 1492. According to tradition, Spanish Jewish settlements trace their origins back to the reign of King Solomon (965-930 BC), when his massive trading and naval network extended as far as the Iberian Peninsula. Yemenite tradition also says that a wave of wealthy and influential Jews made its way from Israel to Yemen after hearing the Prophet Jeremiah's warnings about impending judgment around 630 BC.

Records from the Khazarian period are scant, however, and historians are not in agreement about the extent to which the Khazars converted to the Jewish faith. Some scholars suggest that they converted en masse while others say only the leaders and the aristocracy converted. The truth is probably somewhere in-between.⁷

Biblically speaking, however, the extent of the Khazarian conversion is irrelevant. Hypothetically, even if there was only one Ashkenazi Jewish family somewhere in medieval Eastern Europe (say, two parents and four offspring) and a million Khazars wanted to convert and join them, the conversion (once the process was complete) would be valid. The result would be that a million Khazars would then join that Jewish family of six people. In fact, according to Jewish law, those million converts would never again be regarded as non-Jews. This is how conversion works. It's how God designed it.

However, it's extremely implausible that anything like this took place—at least, not on such a massive scale. It's much more likely that a significant but not overwhelming number of Khazars, perhaps for political reasons, converted to medieval Ashkenazi Judaism (which we already noted had become established earlier in Eastern European enclaves). One reason we don't believe the influx of Khazarian DNA was overwhelming is that today's Ashkenazi Jews don't reflect Khazarian physical characteristics. The Khazars, for example, were reported to have been mostly red-haired with Mongoloid facial features.⁸ So when was the last time you saw a redheaded Jewish Israeli with Mongoloid features? I've spent a lot of time in Israel over the past 25 years or so, and I can count on the fingers of one hand the Israelis I've met who fit that description.

5. The misplaced bull's-eye.

If it were true that Ashkenazi Jews are actually descendants of the Khazars and possess no Jewish genes, as the anti-Semites claim, why did the devil target them so ferociously for destruction in the Holocaust?

Why would Jew haters have wanted to destroy six million people who weren't even Jewish? If European (Ashkenazi) Jews have no connection to the ancient line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Holocaust represented one of the most massive misallocations of manpower and resources in the history of the world!

If you want to know who the Jews are in our world today, just note where the anti-Semites focus their attention—and their venom. Who are they fighting? Who are they slandering? Who do they accuse of being a “synagogue of Satan”? Who are they fomenting hatred against? Who does the United Nations consistently condemn?

You know who they are. I know who they are. And the forces of darkness know who they are. What sort of malevolent Superintelligence would the devil be if he couldn't even identify his enemies?

Just look at the bull's-eye at the center of the target and you'll find the nation Israel.

Lie #3: *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is a reliable and trustworthy record of a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world.

In the 1920s, Adolph Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf* (“My Struggle”) during a nine-month stint in a low-security German prison following a failed political revolt. In this book, he proposed a racist political philosophy in which the purity of the “superior” Aryan bloodline is a key to the survival of the human race.⁹ It also portrayed the Jews and the communists as being in collusion to take over the world.¹⁰

During his ascendancy to power in Germany, Hitler quickly recognized the potential usefulness of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* for his own propagandist purposes.¹¹ The Nazis quoted *Protocols* extensively as a justification for their atrocities against the Jewish people.

Protocols is organized into 24 topics (see below). It purports to be the official record of a meeting of high-level Jewish leaders (with impressive titles like “representatives of Zion, of the 33rd degree”) in which they were cunningly devising a master plan for Jewish world domination.¹²

In reality, however, it's a patchwork plagiarized from other, earlier writings. In places, it comes off, somewhat ironically, as a spoof of Theodore Hertzl's pro-Zionist movement—like a humorous skit on *Saturday Night Live* (which would be fine, if it weren't for the fact that so many people think the imaginary meeting actually took place!). In any case, very little of *Protocols* is original and almost none of it is honestly or factually presented.

The 24 Protocols of The Learned Elders of Zion ¹³		
Protocol	Title	Themes
1	The Basic Doctrine: "Right Lies in Might"	Freedom and Liberty; Authority and power; Gold = money
2	Economic War and Disorganization Lead to International Government	International Political economic conspiracy; Press/Media as tools
3	Methods of Conquest	Jewish people, arrogant and corrupt; Chosenness/Election; Public Service
4	The Destruction of Religion by Materialism	Business as Cold and Heartless; Gentiles as slaves
5	Despotism and Modern Progress	Jewish Ethics; Jewish People's Relationship to Larger Society
6	The Acquisition of Land, The Encouragement of Speculation	Ownership of land
7	A Prophecy of Worldwide War	Internal unrest and discord (vs. Court system) leading to war vs Shalom/Peace
8	The Transitional Government	Criminal element
9	The All-Embracing Propaganda	Law; education; Masonry/Freemasonry
10	Abolition of the Constitution; Rise of the Autocracy	Politics; Majority rule; Liberalism; Family
11	The Constitution of Autocracy and Universal Rule	Gentiles; Jewish political involvement; Masonry
12	The Kingdom of the Press and Control	Liberty; Press censorship; Publishing
13	Turning Public Thought from Essentials to Non-essentials	Gentiles; Business; Chosenness/Election; Press and censorship; Liberalism
14	The Destruction of Religion as a Prelude to the Rise of the Jewish God	Judaism; God; Gentiles; Liberty; Pornography
15	Utilization of Masonry: Heartless Suppression of Enemies	Gentiles; Masonry; Sages of Israel; Political power and authority; King of Israel
16	The Nullification of Education	Education
17	The Fate of Lawyers and the Clergy	Lawyers; Clergy; Christianity and non-Jewish Authorship
18	The Organization of Disorder	Evil; Speech
19	Mutual Understanding Between Ruler and People	Gossip; Martyrdom
20	The Financial Program and Construction	Taxes and Taxation; Loans; Bonds; Usury; Moneylending
21	Domestic Loans and Government Credit	Stock Markets and Stock Exchanges
22	The Beneficence of Jewish Rule	Gold = Money; Chosenness/Election
23	The Inculcation of Obedience	Obedience to Authority; Slavery; Chosenness/Election
24	The Jewish Ruler	Kingship; Document as Fiction

Were the Protocols Forged?—You Be the Judge¹⁸

<i>Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu</i>	<i>The Protocols of the Elders of Zion</i>
<p>How are loans made? By the issue of bonds entailing on the Government the obligation to pay interest proportionate to the capital it has been paid. Thus, if a loan is at 5%, the State, after 20 years, has paid out a sum equal to the borrowed capital. When 40 years have expired it has paid double, after 60 years triple: yet it remains debtor for the entire capital sum.</p> <p>— Montesquieu, <i>Dialogues</i>, p. 209</p>	<p>A loan is an issue of Government paper which entails an obligation to pay interest amounting to a percentage of the total sum of the borrowed money. If a loan is at 5%, then in 20 years the Government would have unnecessarily paid out a sum equal to that of the loan in order to cover the percentage. In 40 years it will have paid twice; and in 60 thrice that amount, but the loan will still remain as an unpaid debt.</p> <p>— <i>Protocols</i>, p. 77</p>
<p>Like the god Vishnu, my press will have a hundred arms, and these arms will give their hands to all the different shades of opinion throughout the country.</p> <p>— Machiavelli, <i>Dialogues</i>, p. 141</p>	<p>These newspapers, like the Indian god Vishnu, will be possessed of hundreds of hands, each of which will be feeling the pulse of varying public opinion.</p> <p>— <i>Protocols</i>, p. 43</p>
<p>Now I understand the figure of the god Vishnu; you have a hundred arms like the Indian idol, and each of your fingers touches a spring.</p> <p>— Montesquieu, <i>Dialogues</i>, p. 207</p>	<p>Our Government will resemble the Hindu god Vishnu. Each of our hundred hands will hold one spring of the social machinery of State.</p> <p>— <i>Protocols</i>, p. 65</p>

Predictably, defenders of the *Protocols* insist that it's an original work. However, similarities between passages in *Protocols* and earlier works like Maurice Joly's *Dialogue in Hell*¹⁴ are not easily dismissed (see chart above).

During a period in France when it was a crime to criticize the emperor openly, *Dialogue* was Joly's clever and imaginative way of warning the world about the political designs and machinations of Napoleon III (represented by the character Machiavelli, who plots in Joly's story to take over the world). Although Joly's Machiavelli isn't even Jewish, an anonymous, anti-Semitic forger creatively altered passages in *Dialogue* and used them in *Protocols* to warn about a supposed Jewish conspiracy for world conquest.¹⁵

There was no such meeting of the "elders of Zion" (whoever they are) and there is no Jewish conspiracy for world domination.

If the Jewish people are really as powerful, ubiquitous, highly placed, influential, and well-financed as their enemies claim, why have they been powerless to protect themselves from such unspeakable calamities as the pogroms and, more recently, the Holocaust?

Even today, Israel can't get a positive vote on virtually anything from the United Nations General Assembly. The Security Council isn't much better. Most of the world stands against the Jewish State.

You see, the "secretive, pervasive Jewish conspiracy" argument just doesn't hold water. In fact, it leaks like a sieve! Even if it were true, it would have to be the most poorly executed, ill-conceived, uncoordinated, and ineffective conspiracy in the history of the human race!

Lie #4: The Jewish people are a blight on society.

Here's another timeworn tactic. Anti-Semites point to virtually anything that's wrong with the world and trace it back to "those annoying Jews."

If there's an economic recession, for instance, it's because of the Jews. If there's a war, it was orchestrated behind the scenes by Jewish schemers and plotters. If there's . . . well, you get the idea. The Jewish people get blamed for anything and everything bad that happens. It's called scapegoating.

In Medieval times, for example, the Jewish community was blamed for the deadly Black Plague (1348-49) in which an estimated 25 million Europeans lost their lives.¹⁷ Because of their adherence to biblical purity laws, Jewish people rarely came into contact with the bacterium that caused Black Death (probably *Yersinia pestis*, spread by fleas on rats). That's why they appeared to be immune to the Black Death! Since Jewish people weren't getting sick, others began to suspect that they were the cause of the plague. It wasn't long before stories were circulating about a Jewish conspiracy to poison Europe's Christian population. Thousands of Jewish people were either killed or driven into exile by a panicky, non-Jewish populace.

More recently, anti-Semites here in North America have adopted a similar tactic. They point to Jewish mobsters, criminals, and other shady characters (like pornographers) as evidence that the Jews have a detrimental effect on society.

It's true that flamboyant underworld characters like Meyer Lansky, Mickey Cohen, and Bugsy Siegel were Jewish.

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It's also true that some of the best-known movers and shakers in Hollywood, including a number of pornographers, are Jewish.¹⁸

Bernie Madoff, who defrauded investors (many of whom were Jewish, by the way) of hundreds of millions of dollars in a deceptive Ponzi scheme, is Jewish.

However, most gangsters are *not* Jewish. And most pornographers are *not* Jewish. And most of the crooked people on Wall Street are *not* Jewish. It is simply not fair to impugn all Jewish people (or any other group of people, for that matter) because of the actions of a minority.

Jewish people are a blessing, not a blight, on society. This is exactly what God predicted when He told Abraham, "You shall be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2).

Many advances in the sciences have been attributed to our Jewish friends. Have you ever had local anesthesia to render a dental procedure virtually painless? Or taken aspirin for an ache or fever? Or been vaccinated against polio so you don't have to worry about contracting that once-dreaded, debilitating, and often deadly disease?

If so, you have benefitted from a few of the "blessings" foretold by God in Genesis 12:2. These were all innovations by Jewish doctors and scientists.

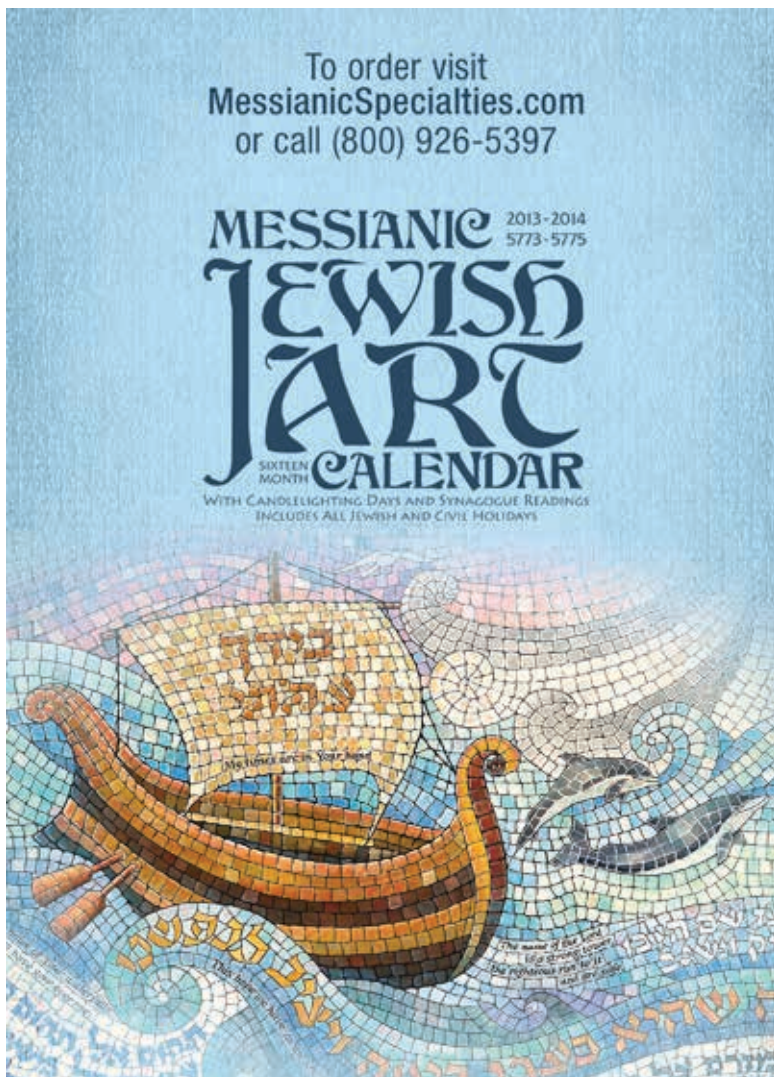
Do you use drip irrigation in your garden or in your landscaping? That's a technology that was pioneered in Israel along with hydroponics and other water-saving techniques.

Do you use solar panels to generate electricity? That, too, is a technology that was largely developed in Israel.

Jewish people tend to be on the cutting edge of scientific advancement and discovery. In fact, there are more Jewish Nobel laureates than any other people group (see chart).

Here's a partial list of Jewish-led scientific achievements that have impacted our lives positively in one way or another:

Albert Einstein	Physicist known for theory of relativity.
Jonas Salk	Created first polio vaccine.
Albert Sabin	Developed the oral vaccine for polio.
Galileo	Quantified the speed of light.
Selman Waksman	Discovered streptomycin and coined the term "antibiotic."
Gabriel Lipmann	Pioneered color photography.
Baruch Blumberg	Identified origin and spread of infectious diseases.
Gerald Edelman	Discovered chemical structure of antibodies.
Anthony Epstein	Identified first cancer virus.
Maria Meyer	Revealed the structure of atomic nuclei.
Julius Mayer	Discovered law of thermodynamics.
Benjamin Disraeli	Prime Minister of Great Britain
Isaac Singer	Invented the sewing machine.
Levi Strauss	Largest manufacturer of denim jeans.
Joseph Pulitzer	Established 'Pulitzer Prize' for achievements in journalism, literature, music, and art.



God commanded the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to be a blessing to the world.¹⁹ They have been largely faithful to that calling. Jewish people have been responsible for many of the human race's most significant scientific, artistic, and philanthropic achievements.

At the end of the day, we must ask ourselves one simple question: "Would our quality of life on Planet Earth be better or worse without the Jewish people?" Any answer other than "worse" flies in the face of all the evidence.

Here's a sobering possibility to consider. Close to six million European Jews perished during World War II, but that was only the tip of the iceberg. The Nazis killed not only those six million Jewish people, but also (in effect) their descendants. That is, their unborn children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren "died" with them. Future generations were horrifically wiped out—along with any scientific advances and innovations they may have made on behalf of humankind.²⁰ With this in mind, one can't help wondering how many medical advances and cures for diseases—like diabetes, cystic fibrosis, Crohn's, Alzheimer's, cancer, leukemia, or AIDS, for instance—may have been snuffed out in the Holocaust.

In this sense, then, the human race may have shot itself in the foot by allowing the Nazis to murder millions upon millions of people through whom God had said He was going to bless the world!

To be continued . . .



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ENDNOTES

¹One outspoken anti-Semitic preacher puts it this way: "The facts are: Israel and America are populated by people saying they are Jews who are not Jews! They are Khazarian. When Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claims, 'God gave this land to our Israelite forefathers,' he is not telling the truth. When today's Khazar Jews say they possess the land of Israel as a divine right, they are sadly mistaken" (Texe Marrs in "DNA Unearths Stunning Secret: Jews are Khazars" in *Power of Prophecy* newsletter [Austin, TX: Power of Prophecy, 2013], Vol. 2013-08, 2).

²The Rhineland is a region along the Rhine River between Germany and France. The river itself extends, roughly, from the Swiss Alps, through modern-day Germany, and into the Netherlands where it flows into the North Sea. CJF Ministries founder Charles Half's family came from this region (specifically, Alsace-Lorraine).

³"Jews a Race' Genetic Theory Comes Under Fierce Attack by DNA Expert: Israeli Scientist Challenges Hypothesis of Middle East Origins" by Rita Rubin in *The Jewish Daily Forward* (May 7, 2013 edition). Accessed online at forward.com.

⁴We have a similar situation in the field of archaeology. Some liberally inclined Israeli archaeologists claim that King David and his son Solomon may have been fictitious characters. It flies in the face of everything we know from conventional archaeology, First Temple period history, and the biblical record; nonetheless, there are academics in Israel (and other places) who actually teach this. But again, that doesn't mean it's true.

⁵"Elhaik used some of the same statistical tests as Behar and others, but he chose different comparisons. Elhaik compared 'genetic signatures' found in Jewish populations with those of modern-day Armenians and Georgians, which he uses as a stand-in for the long-extinct Khzarians because they live in the same area as the medieval state. 'It's an unrealistic premise,' said University of Arizona geneticist Michael Hammer, one of Behar's co-authors, of Elhaik's paper. Hammer notes that Armenians have Middle Eastern roots, which, he says, is why they appeared to be genetically related to Ashkenazi Jews in Elhaik's study" (ibid.).

⁶There were two kinds of proselytes in biblical times. There were, first of all, "proselytes of the gate" who wanted to remain Gentiles while worshipping the LORD God of Israel. They followed the Noahic Code but not the Mosaic Code (and therefore they were not circumcised). There are numerous examples of these folks in the NT, including the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:29-38) and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-31). They're also mentioned in connection with the meeting of early church leaders in Acts 15. The second type was a "proselyte of righteousness," or someone who wanted to convert to Judaism and actually become Jewish. These folks (that is, the men) were circumcised and entered into the Mosaic Covenant (according to traditional Jewish belief). For more information, see John Gill's comments in his *Exposition of the Entire Bible* at Exodus 12:48 and Matthew 23:15.

⁷Evidence of the Khazars converting to Judaism may not be overwhelming, but it does exist. Excavations of Khazar burial mounds from around 900 to 1000 AD exhibit a marked change from earlier periods. Pagan amulets, for example, are replaced by Torah scrolls in later strata. Coins minted by the Khazars have been unearthed as far north as Scandinavia bearing the inscription: "Moses is the messenger of God" (*The Jews of Khazaria* by Kevin Alan Brook [Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2006], 19-46, 80).

⁸According to John Thames, "The Arab and other chroniclers who visited the Khazar Empire were generally consistent in their descriptions of a mass Khazar conversion to Judaism. . . . Many thousands of Jews reside in what used to be the heartland of the old Khazar Empire in south Russia and western Ukraine/Eastern Poland where the Khazars migrated after the break up of their empire. These Jews typically display Mongoloid faces with reddish hair grafted onto white skin. These were precisely the physical characteristics of the Khazars recorded by the ancient chroniclers" ("The Khazars: Fact or Fiction," a review of *The Thirteenth Tribe: The Khazar Empire and Its Heritage* by Arthur Koestler (1-24-2013) on www.amazon.com). Thames is a Holocaust revisionist and is generally in sympathy with the Khazarian Hypothesis, so he cannot be accused of being biased in favor of traditional Jewish views about the origins of the Ashkenazim!

⁹Racist, anti-Semitic groups like the NSWPP (National Socialist White People's Party, recently renamed the New Order) carry on the Nazi banner today (see

theneworder.org). They refer to the madman Adolf Hitler as a "great German statesman and philosopher" and promise to take the battle for National Socialism and Aryan supremacy to the streets of America (see "The National Socialist White People's Party: An Introduction" on the Nizkor Project website at nizkor.org).

¹⁰Some people in those days made a connection between emerging communism and Judaism because Karl Marx was Jewish. What they were overlooking, though, was that Marx's family, in an attempt to escape anti-Semitism, converted to nominal Protestantism when he was young. That was many years before Marx met Engels, became a socialist, and wrote *Das Kapital*. He never identified with Judaism in any meaningful way.

¹¹Hitler wrote, "How much the whole existence of [the Jewish people] is based on a permanent falsehood is proved in a unique way by *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which are so violently repudiated by the Jews. With groans and moans, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* [a Jewish-owned German newspaper of the time] repeats again and again that these are forgeries. This alone is evidence in favor of their authenticity. What many Jews unconsciously wish to do is here clearly set forth. It is not necessary to ask out of what Jewish brain these revelations sprang; but what is of vital interest is that they disclose, with an almost terrifying precision, the mentality and methods of action characteristic of the Jewish people and these writings expound in all their various directions the final aims towards which the Jews are striving" (Chapter XI, "Race and People," in Volume One of James Murphy's translation of *Mein Kampf* [Abbots Langley, England, 1939], 264).

¹²"The Holocaust stands out as the most barbaric episode in the history of a century noted for its savagery. Behind Hitler's anti-Semitic obsession lay his fascination with an enormously influential literary forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which contained the master-plan of an alleged Jewish conspiracy to control the world" (Norman Cohn, *Warrant for Genocide: The Myth of the Jewish World Conspiracy and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion* [London: Serif, 1996], back cover).

¹³Adapted from Wikipedia's summary of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Protocols_of_the_Elders_of_Zion).

¹⁴The original French title was *Dialogue aux enfers entre Machiavel et Montesquieu*.

¹⁵Cohn, ibid., 80-81.

¹⁶This chart is adapted from the Wikipedia article on "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" at en.wikipedia.org.

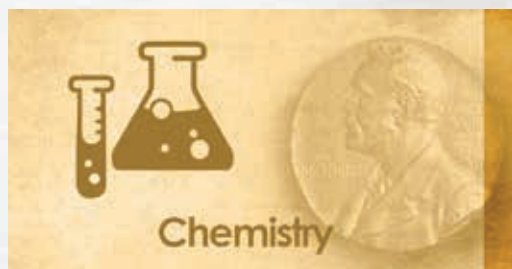
¹⁷For more details, see "Jewish History Sourcebook: The Black Death and the Jews" at the Fordham University website (fordham.edu/halsall/jewish/1348-jewsblackdeath.asp). Some estimates say the Black Death killed from 75 to 200 million people from Central Asia (China) to Europe over a period of several decades. The numbers we have cited (25 million) was the estimated death toll in Europe during the peak of the plague in 1348 and 1349. Incredibly, experts say it took 150 years for the world's population to recover from the massive loss of life.

¹⁸Adam Glasser is known as Hollywood's "Jewish porno king." The Showtime series "Family Business" was based on his life and his career in the pornography industry (see "Family Business" at imdb.com).

¹⁹In Genesis 12:2, God told Abraham to "be a blessing" to the nations. In the Hebrew text, the imperative form (*yav* plus a *qal* verb) following a cohortative form ("I will make great") could carry the sense of "so that you will be a blessing." This phrase, then, may actually be a divine mandate or command. He's commanding the Jewish people to be a blessing! God's promise was that He would bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob so that they, in turn, could be a blessing to the world. For a scholarly treatment of the Hebrew grammar of Genesis 12:2, see "The Morpho-Syntax of Genesis 12:1-3: Translation and Interpretation" by Joel S. Baden of Yale University (available for download at academia.edu).

²⁰Oskar Schindler reportedly saved 1,100 Jewish people from Nazi death camps during World War II. Today, roughly 70 years later, their descendants number more than 8,500 people. The same ratio (1,100 : 8,500) suggests that the 6 million Jewish people who perished in the Holocaust (if they had been allowed to live) could have had well over 40 million descendants by now. See "Oskar Schindler: Generations Will Remember" at www.auschwitz.dk/id2.htm.

A COMPLETE LIST OF JEWISH NOBEL LAUREATES



1905	Adolf von Baeyer	Germany
1906	Henri Moissan	France
1910	Otto Wallach	Germany
1915	Richard Willstätter	Germany
1918	Fritz Haber	Germany
1943	George de Hevesy	Hungary
1961	Melvin Calvin	USA
1962	Max Perutz	UK
1972	Christian B. Anfinsen William Howard Stein	USA USA
1977	Ilya Prigogine	Belgium
1979	Herbert C. Brown	USA
1980	Paul Berg Walter Gilbert	USA USA
1981	Roald Hoffmann	USA
1982	Aaron Klug	UK
1985	Jerome Karle Herbert A. Hauptman	USA USA
1989	Sidney Altman	Canada, USA
1992	Rudolph A. Marcus	USA
1994	George Andrew Olah	Hungary
1996	Harry Kroto	England
1998	Walter Kohn	USA
2000	Alan J. Heeger	USA

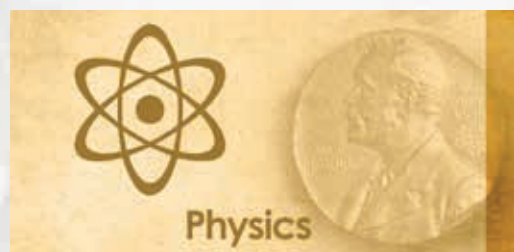
2001	K. Barry Sharpless	USA
2004	Aaron Ciechanover Avram Hershko Irwin Rose	Israel Israel USA
2006	Roger D. Kornberg	USA
2008	Martin Chalfie	USA
2009	Ada Yonath	Israel
2011	Dan Shechtman	Israel
2012	Robert Lefkowitz	USA
2013	Michael Levitt Martin Karplus Arieh Warshel	USA, Britain, Israel USA, Austria Israel



1908	Élie Metchnikoff Paul Ehrlich	Russia Germany
1914	Robert Bárány	Austria-Hungary
1922	Otto Fritz Meyerhof	Germany
1930	Karl Landsteiner	Austria
1931	Otto Heinrich Warburg	Germany
1936	Otto Loewi	Austria
1944	Joseph Erlanger Herbert Spencer Gasser	USA USA
1945	Ernst Boris Chain	UK
1946	Hermann Joseph Muller	USA
1947	Gerty Cori	USA
1950	Tadeusz Reichstein	Switzerland/ Poland

1952	Selman Waksman	USA
1953	Hans Adolf Krebs Fritz Albert Lipmann	UK USA
1958	Joshua Lederberg	USA
1959	Arthur Kornberg	USA
1964	Konrad Emil Bloch	USA
1965	François Jacob André Michel Lwoff	France France
1967	George Wald	USA
1968	Marshall Warren Nirenberg	USA
1969	Salvador Luria	USA
1970	Julius Axelrod Bernard Katz	USA UK
1972	Gerald Edelman	USA
1975	David Baltimore Howard Martin Temin	USA USA
1976	Baruch Samuel Blumberg	USA
1977	Andrew Schally Rosalyn Sussman Yalow	USA USA
1978	Daniel Nathans	USA
1980	Baruj Benacerraf	USA
1984	César Milstein	Argentina
1985	Michael Stewart Brown Joseph L. Goldstein	USA USA
1986	Stanley Cohen Rita Levi-Montalcini	USA Italy
1988	Gertrude B. Elion	USA
1989	Harold E. Varmus	USA
1994	Alfred G. Gilman Martin Rodbell	USA USA
1997	Stanley B. Prusiner	USA
1998	Robert F. Furchgott	USA

2000	Paul Greengard Eric Kandel	USA USA	1987	Karl Alexander Müller	Switzerland
2002	Sydney Brenner H. Robert Horvitz	UK USA	1988	Leon M. Lederman Melvin Schwartz Jack Steinberger	USA USA USA
2004	Richard Axel	USA	1990	Jerome Isaac Friedman	USA
2006	Andrew Fire	USA	1992	Georges Charpak	France, Poland
2011	Ralph M. Steinman Bruce Beutler	Canada USA	1995	Martin Lewis Perl Frederick Reines	USA USA
2013	Randy Schekman James E. Rothman	USA USA	1996	David Morris Lee Douglas D. Osheroff	USA USA



1907	Albert Abraham Michelson	USA
1908	Gabriel Lippmann	France
1921	Albert Einstein	Germany
1922	Niels Bohr	Denmark
1925	James Franck Gustav Hertz	Germany Germany
1943	Otto Stern	USA
1944	Isidor Isaac Rabi	USA
1945	Wolfgang Pauli	Austria
1952	Felix Bloch	USA
1954	Max Born	UK
1958	Ilya Frank Igor Tamm	Soviet Union Soviet Union
1959	Emilio Gino Segrè	Italy
1960	Donald A. Glaser	USA
1961	Robert Hofstadter	USA
1962	Lev Landau	Soviet Union
1963	Eugene Wigner	USA
1965	Richard Feynman Julian Schwinger	USA USA
1967	Hans Bethe	USA
1969	Murray Gell-Mann	USA
1971	Dennis Gabor	UK
1972	Leon Cooper	USA
1973	Brian David Josephson	UK
1975	Ben Roy Mottelson	Denmark
1976	Burton Richter	USA
1978	Arno Allan Penzias	USA
1979	Sheldon Lee Glashow Steven Weinberg	USA USA

1987	Karl Alexander Müller	Switzerland
1988	Leon M. Lederman Melvin Schwartz Jack Steinberger	USA USA USA
1990	Jerome Isaac Friedman	USA
1992	Georges Charpak	France, Poland
1995	Martin Lewis Perl Frederick Reines	USA USA
1996	David Morris Lee Douglas D. Osheroff	USA USA
1997	Claude Cohen-Tannoudji	France
2000	Zhores Alferov	Russia
2003	Alexei Alexeyevich Abrikosov Vitaly Ginzburg	Russia, USA Russia Russia
2004	David Gross H. David Politzer	USA USA
2005	Roy J. Glauber	USA
2010	Andre Geim	Russia/Neth.
2011	Adam Riess Saul Perlmutter	USA USA
2012	Serge Haroche	France
2013	François Englert	Belgium



1910	Paul Heyse	Germany
1927	Henri Bergson	France
1958	Boris Pasternak*	Soviet Union
1966	Shmuel Yosef Agnon Nelly Sachs	Israel Germany
1976	Saul Bellow	USA
1978	Isaac Bashevis Singer	USA
1981	Elias Canetti	UK
1987	Joseph Brodsky	USA
1991	Nadine Gordimer	South Africa
2002	Imre Kertész	Hungary
2004	Elfriede Jelinek	Austria
2005	Harold Pinter	UK

*Forced to Decline Prize: Boris Pasternak, a Russian Jew, winner of the 1958 prize for literature, initially accepted the award, but—after intense pressure from Soviet authorities—subsequently declined it.



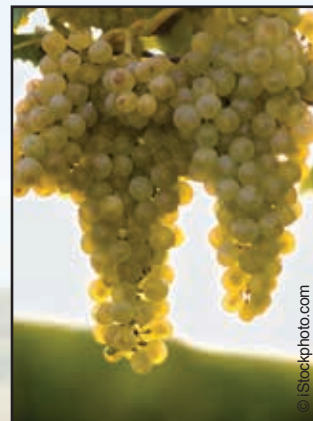
1911	Tobias Michael Carel Asser Alfred Hermann Fried	Neth. Austria
1968	Rene Cassin	France
1973	Henry A. Kissinger	USA
1978	Menachem Begin	Israel
1986	Elie Wiesel	USA
1994	Yitzhak Rabin Shimon Peres	Israel Israel
1995	Joseph Rotblat	UK, Poland



1970	Paul Samuelson	USA
1971	Simon Kuznets	USA
1972	Kenneth Arrow	USA
1973	Wassily Leontief	Russia, USA, Germany
1975	Leonid Kantorovich	Soviet Union
1976	Milton Friedman	USA
1978	Herbert A. Simon	USA
1980	Lawrence Klein	USA
1985	Franco Modigliani	Italy, USA
1987	Robert Solow	USA
1990	Harry Markowitz Merton Miller	USA USA
1992	Gary Becker	USA
1993	Robert Fogel	USA
1994	John Harsanyi	Hungary
1997	Myron Scholes	Canada
2001	Joseph Stiglitz George Akerlof	USA USA
2002	Daniel Kahneman	Israel, USA
2005	Robert Aumann	Israel, USA
2007	Leonid Hurwicz Eric Maskin Roger Myerson	USA, Poland USA USA
2008	Paul Krugman	USA
2010	Peter Diamond	USA
2012	Alvin E. Roth	USA

Fruit from the Harvest

by Violette Berger



From Atheism to Faith

It is always an unexpected blessing when God, in His grace, reveals something special to us. Such was the result when **CJFM representative, Eric Chabot (Columbus, OH)** received the following email:

“Eric, I just wanted to personally thank you for your work, and to encourage you in what you do. The Lord has definitely used you for His cause and to further His Kingdom! I was once a staunch atheist, and through a series of excruciating events I became agnostic, and shortly thereafter a Christian. Christ has completely changed me inside and out into a new creation and for that I am very glad. One of the resources that let me finally step out into the waters of faith, as it were, was the post that you made, titled **‘A Look at the Timing of Messiah’s Coming: Gen. 49:8-12.’** It was during reading that that I really saw the case for Christ being the Jewish Messiah laid out in a way that was therefore trustworthy to its claims. I cried tears of joy as I finished that post. I want to tell you that you have been fruitful in your work! God’s hand is with you as you continue to minister to the Kingdom of Heaven. It’s been about a year since your article touched me, and my fiancée encouraged me to thank you for your writing. May God bless you in all that you do.”

Unshackled

CJFM National Representative, John Kanter (Dallas), upon returning to preach at Buster Cole State Jail in Bonham, Texas, spoke about why God allows people to suffer. John had also invited a friend to accompany him and give his testimony and share a Bible lesson. John praises God “that these topics resonated with many inmates as 10 men positively responded to the Gospel.”

A New Year and New Lives

Peter Parkas, CJFM representative (New Jersey), was recently invited by Barry Berger to teach, on two separate days, at *Tikvah BaMidbar* (Hope in the Desert) Messianic Fellowship (Phoenix) the biblical significance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and how Yeshua (Jesus) will fulfill these feasts. The exciting weekend culminated in a Sunday service at a local Bible church in which Peter, as guest speaker, gave his powerful testimony. Three women, of whom two were sisters, tearfully came forward and prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Food for Thought


Dining at a restaurant recently with other believers, **Barry Berger, CJFM director of missions emeritus**, had the opportunity to engage in a brief discussion with the waitress concerning spiritual matters. At the end of the meal, as the lunch crowd was thinning out, “Rachel” pulled up a chair next to Barry and said that she was thinking about their conversation and wanted to know more. (The rest of us were silently praying.) When Barry finished sharing the Gospel message with her and answering her questions, Rachel prayed with him right there in the restaurant for her salvation.

A Spiritual Cleansing

As a gift to me, my husband, Barry, hired a cleaning service. Two women clean our house every other week. One week, due to a medical issue, only one of the women showed up. In the course of their conversation, Barry had the privilege of sharing the Word with “Maya.” She agreed that it was no coincidence she was alone that day—that God had a timely message just for her. She received the truth with an open heart and mind and prayed with Barry to receive Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Maya left our house that day with a mop over her shoulder, a Bible in her hand, and a spring in her step.

A Call From the Lord

While in Los Angeles celebrating her grandson’s first birthday, **Michelle Beadle, CJFM representative (New Orleans)**, received a call from a pastor she knew. He told her about a congregant who was witnessing to a Jewish neighbor but didn’t know how to proceed, and so the pastor asked Michelle for help. Michelle called the Jewish neighbor, and they had an in-depth conversation about spiritual things. At the end of their long talk, he confessed to Michelle that he was “ready to receive Yeshua as his atonement for sins” and prayed a prayer of salvation with her. He now attends this pastor’s church, and Michelle has also referred him to other meetings in his area.

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17). 

Bible Questions AND Answers

by DR. GARY HEDRICK

Have a Bible question?

Submit it to Dr. Hedrick at garyh@cjfm.org, or mail it to 611 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78215.

You may see your question addressed in a future issue of *Messianic Perspectives*.

QUESTION: *Wouldn't you agree that those of us who are pro-Israel sometimes lose sight of legitimate issues surrounding the plight of the Palestinian people, particularly Palestinian Christians?*

ANSWER: Yes, I would agree with that. One reason many Christian Zionists are reluctant to talk about the tragic plight of the Palestinians is that the State of Israel very often ends up being demonized in those discussions. That's misleading because the historical record shows that the Arab countries have done far worse things to the Palestinians than the Israelis have ever done. In virtually all cases, when the Israelis have moved against the Palestinians in the West Bank or Gaza, it's been in response to some sort of terrorist attack (or intelligence indicating an imminent threat). And the actions of the Israelis have, on the whole, been carefully measured—unlike those of the Arab nations.


Think, for example, of the infamous “Black September” tragedy in Jordan during 1970-71. Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), with the protection and assistance of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, fomented a civil war inside Jordan. King Hussein and the Jordanian military killed thousands of Palestinians during 11 days of fighting in September of 1970.

Or what about the slaughter of an entire Palestinian enclave in Hama, Syria, in 1982? In an effort to wipe out the Muslim Brotherhood (which was in rebellion against then-president Hafez al-Assad), Assad's army carried out a bloody, scorched earth offensive in this town that left nearly 50,000 Palestinian men, women, and children dead. The Syrian soldiers even killed the Palestinians' pets and livestock—and then paved over much of the area with blacktop to make it look as though nothing had ever been there.* Talk about a disproportionate response! The whole tragic episode was shrouded in secrecy and details didn't see the light of day until years later.

And there are other, similar examples. That's why we say that anything the Israelis have done to the Palestinians pales in comparison to what the Arabs themselves have done to them.

Arab despots, then, who have oppressed and slaughtered innocent Palestinians (and others), along with world-powers that continue to exacerbate the political turmoil in the Middle East, will be among those who will be judged by our King Messiah when He comes.

In the meantime, our personnel in Israel continue to reach out to Arab and Palestinian believers. It's been encouraging to see Arab pastors coming together with the pastors of our Messianic congregations in Israel to fellowship with each other and to talk about ways they can help each other's communities. We intentionally avoid publicizing these events in any big way (due to the potential of political repercussions which could be counterproductive); but they're happening, nonetheless.

The reconciliation that's happening on a small scale between the Israeli Messianic and Arab believing communities is a microcosm of the widespread reconciliation that will take place when *Sar Shalom* (Yeshua, the “Prince of Peace”) rules over the earth during the coming Millennial Kingdom (Isa. 9:6-7). 

*For a journalist's graphic account of the Hama massacre, see *Thomas L. Friedman's From Beirut to Jerusalem* (New York: Harper Collins, 1989), 76-105.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

We understand, as you do, that while we're here, there are no shortages of needs that take our time and resources. And though our intention is to remember the Lord's work with a financial gift someday, more immediate needs divert our attention. To our regret, that day of remembrance never comes, which is why including CJF Ministries in your will is an excellent way—without disturbing your current priorities—to ensure that your hard-earned assets will continue supporting the Lord's work even after you're gone. If you've never considered such a method of assisting, we'd be most grateful if you'd make it a matter of prayer. Should you require additional information, we'd be happy to provide helpful instructions.

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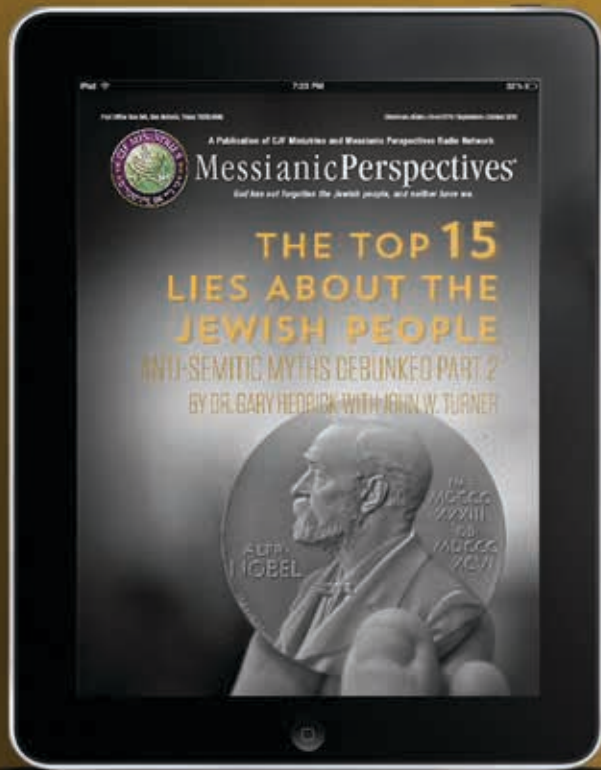
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