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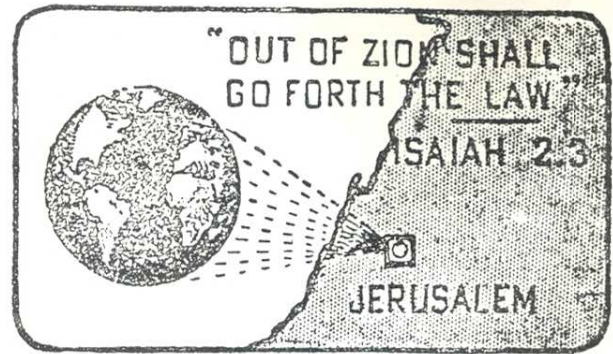
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### JERUSALEM — THE HOLY CITY

Jerusalem — not Rome, Mecca, or any other city — is the Holy City of the Almighty. *"For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation." (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem." (Isa. 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord." (Jer. 3:17). "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might be there." (2 Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem." — Joel 3:16.*

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# Golan Heights Annexed

In a surprise move, on December 14, the Israeli Knesset (Parliament), after a day-long session, announced the annexation of the Golan Heights. This move caused an immediate diplomatic storm throughout the world — one which has still not yet subsided.

What the annexation means, briefly, is that this former Syrian territory, taken by Israel in the Six Day War of 1967, can now be considered part of Israel proper, and will no longer be under military rule, as it has been for the past 15 years. It will pass from military jurisdiction to the civil jurisdiction of the Ministry of Interior, and will now also have the same social and welfare services as apply to the rest of the State.

The Golan Heights Bill does not actually amount to outright annexation, but that is its effect. Some legal experts have called it '90 per-cent annexation'. It does extend Israeli law and civilian authority to the Golan Heights, but stops short of conferring citizenship on its inhabitants, leaving this question up to the individual. All of the Jewish inhabitants are already citizens of Israel, and some of the Arab Druse are, too, so this is really nothing new. It has also been pointed out that, while until now it may have been unofficial, Israeli law was in fact already in force in the Golan Heights. Evidently, when the Golan Heights was conquered in 1967, unlike in the Jordanian West Bank, the administration did not find any Syrian law books, and no indigenous legal apparatus remained. In their absence, the military government issued orders which effectively enacted Israeli law for the area.

The three paragraphs of the Golan Heights Bill are:

1. *"The law, jurisdiction and administration of the state shall apply to the Golan Heights, as described in the appendix.*
2. *"This law shall become valid on the day of its passage in the Knesset.*
3. *"The minister of interior shall be charged with the implementation of this law, and he may promulgate regulations for its implementation."*

In his speech to the Knesset, Prime Minister Begin noted that historically the Golan Heights had been a part of the Land of Israel, and that it was the arbitrary decision of two colonial powers after World War I which had excluded the area from Palestine.

Syria has repeatedly made plain that it will never negotiate with Israel, or even acknowledge Israel's right to exist, and this, Mr. Begin said, was one of the main reasons he thought Israel should annex the Golan Heights. He also referred to the failure to achieve by diplomatic means the removal of the Syrian missiles deployed in Lebanon.

In real terms, the annexation will not mean much change in the status of the Golan Heights. Israel has had this territory since 1967, and considering the Jewish settlements there and the importance of the region to Israel's security, it was unlikely, even in the unlikely event that Syria did decide it wanted to negotiate, that Israel would have given up the Golan. In terms of the local population, the Golan Heights has never been much a part of Syria, even before 1967. Today, its population is composed of

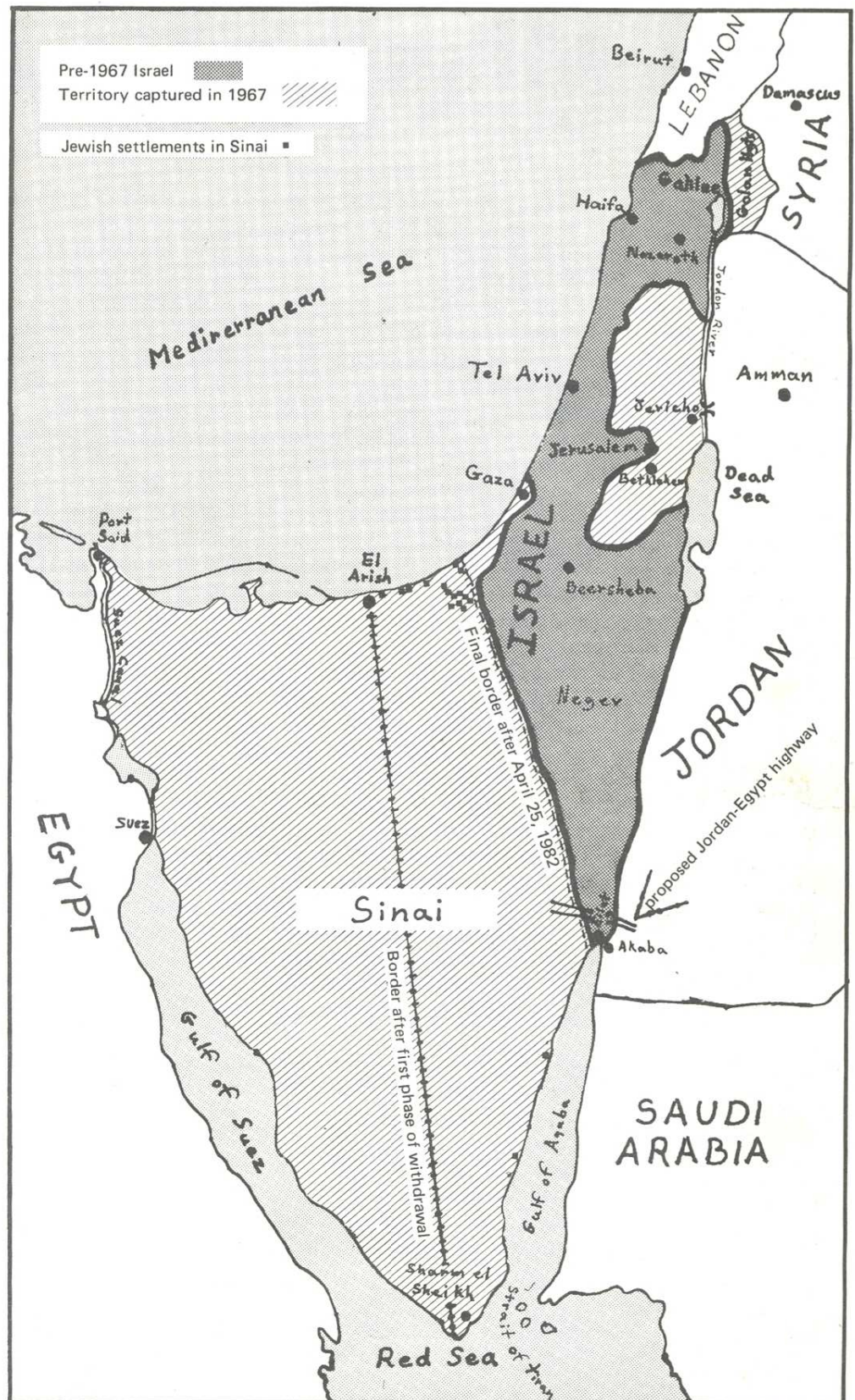


13,500 Druse, 900 Alawi Moslems, and 7,000 Israeli settlers in some 30 settlements established since 1967.

Before 1967, the native Druse were, under Syrian rule, a persecuted religious minority. Today, the Druse community in the Golan has two main political factions — one pro-Israel and one pro-Syrian. The pro-Syrian faction greatly predominates, and has attempted to impose religious and social sanctions against those who accept Israeli citizenship. It is hoped that the new bill will help stop this. Druse have accepted citizenship, and more do all the time, and many actively involve themselves in the affairs of the state. It is interesting to note that during the Knesset debate over the proposed law annexing the Golan Heights, one of the speakers in favor of the law was MK Amal Nasr a-Din (Likud), a Druse whose son was killed while serving in the Israeli army during the Yom Kippur War of '73. In his speech, he called it a great day for the people of Israel, and said that with this bill the government was freeing the Golan Druse who had accepted Israeli citizenship from the threat of excommunication that hung over their heads.

Reaction to the annexation was swift in coming. The United Nations condemned Israel — again. The Arab and Communist world, and most of the Western world, condemned the move, as also did the United States. In fact, not one country in the world officially approved the act — but all this should have been, and evidently was, expected by Israel's government.

What did come as a surprise here was the extent of the American reaction, in particular, President Reagan's decision to halt the implementation of the much-heralded U.S.-Israeli agreement on strategic cooperation, which had been signed only a few weeks before. This step prompted some harsh criticism of the U.S. by Mr. Begin, and in general led to a certain coolness in present relations between the two nations.



America's point of view is easy to see, and to sympathize with. Like most Western countries, it tries to appease the Arab oil-exporting nations, on whose goodwill its economic prosperity depends; and at the same time it tries to preserve the shaky stability of the Middle East and to ensure the security of its ally, Israel. It can't be easy, and the politicians in Washington would hardly approve of anything as unsettling to their diplomatic efforts in the region as Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. In spite of  
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# A Mission To Heal

by Joan McWhirter

This is the story of a unique achievement; the story of the greatest voluntary women's organisation in the world. The need of the hour, it seems, produces the man or woman who can meet that need.

Palestine, as it was then called, in 1909 was a desolation, and in that year Henrietta Szold paid her first visit to the land of which she was to give twenty five years of unremitting service, with tremendous results. Henrietta was the daughter of a distinguished and scholarly Jewish rabbi who, with his young bride, had left his native Hungary and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. Denied the son which such a man would naturally hope for, he educated his first-born daughter as he would have educated a son. Gifted, as Henrietta was, with a brilliant mind and a character of exceptional strength and integrity, her father's training equipped her with the wide-ranging knowledge which made possible her outstanding achievements.

In her mid-forties personal tragedy brought her to the verge of a nervous breakdown. A complete rest from her heavy schedule of literary and public work seemed the only answer, and a long trip abroad was planned. This was made possible by the Jewish Publication Society of America, for which she had done outstanding work, as a token of their gratitude.

Henrietta and her mother left America for Europe, but before going home they visited Palestine. Utterly appalled by what she saw; the poverty and misery on every hand, Mrs. Szold remarked tartly to her daughter, *"Here's work for you, this is what your group should be doing."* Henrietta's group was a study circle which met to discuss Judaism's answers to problems of social justice.

There and then the seed was sown. On her return Henrietta plunged again into her labours for the Jewish community, in which she played an important part. But she was haunted by the memory of what she had seen in Palestine. Born leader and organiser that she was, she took action by calling together a few like-minded women, and told them what she had seen, and so, what was to become a mighty organisation of help and healing in Palestine, was born.

The name "Hadassah" (Hebrew for myrtle) was chosen for the organisation. It was particularly appropriate, for the meeting was held on the Feast of Purim, when the Jewish people commemorate the courage of Queen Esther, who was willing, for the sake of her people, to risk her own life. Esther's name in Hebrew is "Hadassah".

The founding members numbered 38, and Henrietta was naturally elected president. At the end of the first year there were 157 regular member and \$542.00 in the kitty. Today Hadassah has 350,000 members and annually spends multiplied millions of dollars on its social and medical projects. From the beginning Henrietta saw that if the dire situation in Palestine was to be changed it could only be done on a county-wide scale. The foundations would have to be sound and the projects practical.

The first test came in 1913. An American philanthropist, Nathan Straus, offered to pay the cost of sending a nurse to Palestine for four months; after that Hadassah must be responsible for her salary for two years, which would cost \$2,500. It was make or break for the society, but the courage of Henrietta and one other member carried the day and the nurse was sent. The reports sent back to Hadassah in America by the nurses, who now numbered two, were horrifying. Four hundred years of Turkish rule in Palestine had resulted in a ravaged, treeless countryside, and the small Jewish and smaller Arab communities were poverty stricken and diseased. Malaria, trachoma, cholera, typhus and typhoid, smallpox and malnutrition were commonplace. Describing the appalling conditions one nurse wrote that the only thing to do with some of the hovels in which the wretched people had to live would be to fumigate them and use them for dog kennels. Four thousand destitute, sick orphans roamed the country, the majority of Jerusalem. In their first year the nurses treated five thousand children suffering from eye diseases.

It became clear to the Hadassah women that only a national health service could possibly hope to alter these fearsome conditions and that a large part of their work would have to be social and educational, to lift the population out of their ignorance and misery. This was their vision at a time when even America had barely begun to think in terms of a national health service.

Always the problem was lack of money, but behind every project and every new outreach was the army of Hadassah women back in America. When the plan to send a medical unit was announced by Henrietta Szold and Hadassah members were told that out of a total cost of \$265,000 they would be expected to contribute \$25,000 they were aghast. It was eleven times more than they had in the bank, but Miss Szold pointed out that if each member donated \$15.00 by saving on bus fares it could be done. She won the day, and the sum was raised. Across the States women saved small coins in every possible way, using as Henrietta had challenged them, *"the emergency as an opportunity."*

In 1918 the American Zionist Medical Unit sailed for Palestine with a complement of forty four doctors and nurses. Their medical services were given to Jew and Arab alike. There is the amusing story of a Beduin man who brought his young wife, who had lost the use of one eye, to the Jewish doctor, who was able to restore the sight of the eye. The delighted husband explained his pleasure by saying, *"I took a chance and won, thanks to you. I bought this woman cheaply because she had one bad eye. Now she is worth twice as much."*

Gradually, though the labours of Jewish pioneers from many countries, working in horrible conditions, things began to improve. Swamps were drained, and so it was possible to eradicate malaria. Mothers started to

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# Men Used of God Have Been Mighty in Prayer

by Vance Havner

Christmas Evans, the great Welsh preacher, relates that he was riding on horseback through the mountains one Saturday on his way to preach, when he became convicted of a cold heart.

He tied his horse and spent about four hours in soul-searching and prayer. His soul was revived with a joyous experience, like the "breaking up of a hard winter," and he went on his way to preach, with the result that a gracious revival began and spread all over the community.

**If you do not feel like repenting — confess that!**

Surely we need something like "the breaking up of a hard winter" in our hearts today. Will you confess that your heart is fallow? Will you acknowledge and confess the sin that God points out in your heart? If you do not feel like repenting, will you confess that — and ask Him to help you to do what you ought to do, whether you fell like it or not?

Let us get back to God's time-table: It is time for Him to work. . . It is time to seek the Lord. (Psalm 119:126; Hosea 10:12).

It is strange that some should discourage prophetic truth in revival. There is no greater incentive to revival than the hope of our Lord's return. Revival grows out of a knowledge of the times. *"Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep."* Romans 13:11.

What is revival but the saints awaking out of sleep? One of America's great revivals was called "The Great Awakening". Since we are in the last days — that very fact should fire us to renew the covenant, go back to Bethel, set our house in order, and sanctify ourselves against tomorrow.

## Today — Our Prayer Can Shake the World!

Back in the 1600's, God roused a serious-minded lad, so grieved over the sins of his time that he could not rest at ease in Zion but wandered in a leather suit all over England, calling simple men back to faith in God. He was George Fox, and he said, "The Lord had said unto me; If but one man or woman were raised up by His power to stand in the same spirit that the apostles and prophets were in, that man or woman would shake all the country for miles around."

Two centuries later, a huge rugged young Christian heard Henry Varley say, "The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and in and by the man who is fully consecrated to Him," and then and there Dwight L. Moody resolved to be that man.

God is on the lookout for men and women who mean business with Him, who remember Him in all His ways, and He always meets such people in blessing and power. (Proverbs 3:6).

He found Jonathan Edwards, who said, "If it were revealed to me that in any stage of history there could be but one man who were in all things to fulfill the will of God, I would strive with all my might to be that

man."; and God gave him a message that made his listeners hang on to pillars of the church before the terror of the Lord.

## Looking for Men of Prayer

God looked around in Wales some years ago and found a serious minded lad so burdened for revival that he lived in prayer that God might rend the heavens and come down — and He did come down in one of the mightiest revivals of history.

Heaven is on the lookout today for somebody who is concerned and in dead earnest about the state of his own heart and the need of the church and the world. He has blessed such people in the past. He can do it again.

It was after the funeral of General Booth of the Salvation Army, after the great congregation had left the church, that the sexton found one lone preacher on his knees at the altar. Moved with what God had wrought through the mighty life and work of William Booth, this solitary preacher was praying from the depths of his soul, "Lord, do it again! Lord, do it again!"

Yes, God can rend the heavens and come again in a mighty movement of His Spirit, and that is exactly what it will take to meet the need of this miserable hour in our hearts, our homes, and our churches. (Isaiah 64:1-3). I mean more than a pleasant little 'Religious Retreat' or a harmless 'Spiritual Emphasis Week'. I mean more than a mere denominational drive or a much advertised preaching crusade. The times are too desperate for all that. We can do all these things and hold on to our sins, — and right there is our trouble. Look at Isaiah 64:5, 6: *"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags."*

Time spent in prayers of thanksgiving and praise, with your mind on the glories of heaven, and the goodness of our mighty creator God, will charge your very being with the magnetism of the powerful Holy Spirit by which you can do a worth-while work for Him. The Father is more willing to give you of His Spirit in this way than the earthly parent is to give bread to his hungry child. (Luke 11:9-13). □

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## SO LITTLE TIME FOR GOD

If one lives to be 70 years of age and is the average church going Christian, he spends:

23 years sleeping,  
19 years working,  
9 years playing,  
6 years eating,  
2 years dressing,  
4 years unaccounted,  
1 year in the House of the Lord.



# The Lord's Work Around The World ...

Praise the Lord! His work around the world is pressing onward, and many precious people are being reached with the message of salvation so vital to these times we live in. Our co-workers in many countries are working hard, and many souls are being saved. We wish we had the room to share with you all the many good reports and testimonies we constantly receive, but we will devote a few pages of The Mt. Zion Reporter to this from time to time, as space allows. Please pray with us that the Heavenly Father will bless His people around the world, and that He will pour out His Spirit on all of us, everywhere, making us true soul-winners — shining lights in a darkening world.

— Gordon Fauth

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The Church of God 7th day, in Abak, Nigeria, West Africa.

## Report from River State, Nigeria, West Africa

### BAPTISMAL REPORT

Dear Brother Fauth,

Sincere and warm greetings to you and the Reporter staff in Jesus' loving Name.

I rest assured that the work at Jerusalem is faring on, through the direction and leading hand of our beloved Father. Praise His Name!

I am very happy to intimate to you the progress of the Church of God at Ohiauga. Although it is the least in number amongst the churches of God under Igburu district, the Lord's manifestation and intervention is greatly felt and witnessed. The few members in this church are daily upholding the true doctrines and religion of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Apostles.

On Sabbath, April 4, 1981, there was a baptismal ceremony conducted. It commenced after the morning service, with an opening prayer by Pastor S.N. Okegbe, the chairman of the occasion. Pastor Okegbe expressed his joy and happiness of being invited to baptize the prepared candidates.

The candidates were called upon by two officiating ministers, and were asked whether they were ready and prepared for baptism. The sisters were examined scripturally by the chairman and vice-chairman of the occasion, and they received counsel from the Scriptures. After this, they were led to Ohiauga water-side with melodious refrains. There they were immersed in the water by Pastor S.N. Okegbe. The ministers also prayed for them to receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for the peace and progress of the church here and for these newly baptized sisters. We will also remember you and the work there in our prayers.

Yours in the same Faith,  
Pastor N.E. Friday

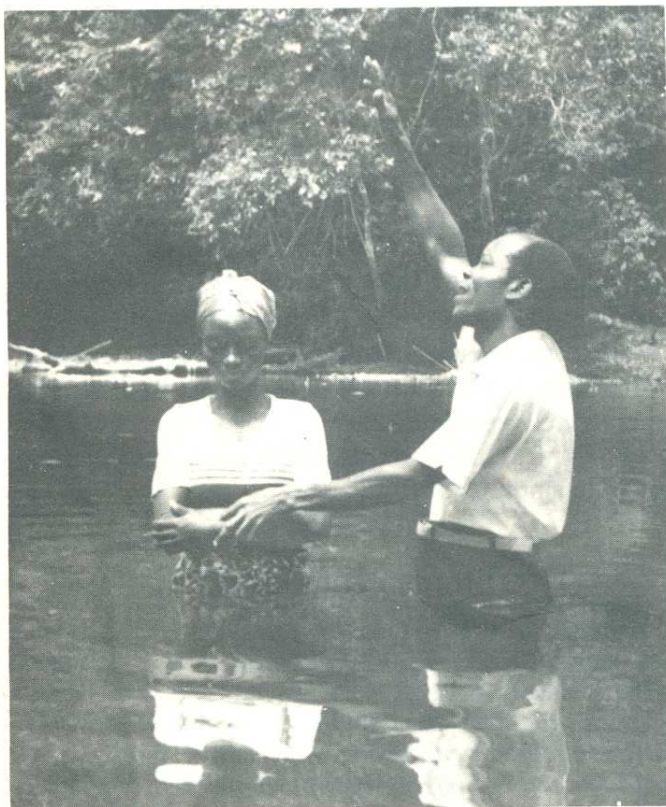


Crusade which was recently held in Ahiazu-Mbaise, Imo State, Nigeria, West Africa. Over two thousand attended and 956 received Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Hallelujah!



The Church of God 7th day, in Sigor, Kenya, East Africa.





Pastor S.N. Okegbe baptizing Sister Evelyn Okwukwu in Ohiauga, River State, Nigeria, West Africa.



The three sisters pictured here were baptized by Pastor S.N. Okegbe (far left) in Ohiauga, River State, Nigeria, West Africa. The brother on the far right is Pastor B.N. Igwe.

#### Report from Tiloa Farm, Molo, Kenya, East Africa

Dear Brother Gordon,

Greetings of peace and love to you all in the Master's service.

May this letter reach you in good condition as it leaves us here. Our Lord be praised for ever more. Hallelujah!

Last Passover (Lord's Supper) we had a great joyful day, and one soul was baptized. Since that time up to now as I write this letter, five other souls have been baptized.

Here are two pictures which were taken a day after the Lord's Supper: The Elders and Deacons, and the other one is the congregation which attended the Passover meeting which took place at Tiloa Farm, Molo, (Church of God 7th day).

May the Lord our Saviour bless you in His service and grow with His truth of faith is our prayer. Hallelujah!

Yours in His service,  
Pastor Joel Talaam



The Church of God 7th Day in Tiloa Farm, Molo, Kenya, East Africa.



Elders and Deacons of The Church of God in Tiloa Farm, Molo, Kenya, East Africa.



**SAY NOT YE, THERE ARE YET FOUR MONTHS, AND THEN COMETH HARVEST? BEHOLD, I SAY UNTO YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.**

**JOHN 4:35.**

**THEN SAITH HE UNTO HIS DISCIPLES, THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW;**

**PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.**

**MATTHEW 9:37, 38.**



# GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## FIBRE FOODS

Every since the beginning of modern times, we have seen more and more fibre foods step down from their part in our diets. The blame for this could be placed, to a large extent, on our food refinement processes. It is common knowledge that fibre and roughage is of indisputable necessity to our digestive system. But did you know that a very wide percentage of the once fibre full foods on our market have today been so processed and refined, that in many cases they now contain no fibre whatsoever?

A few examples:

**Corn (Maize)**— Whole grain cornmeal (ground) contains a good amount of fibre. But do not be fooled. The standard cornflour found on grocer's shelves today is a refined variety and contains no fibre at all.

**Rice**— Brown rice, which is the original kernel, is of good food value and contains fibre. The later refined version, however, the white rice containing merely devitalized starch, has little food value and is completely devoid of fibre.

**Wheat**— If all digestable parts of this grain were used, wheat flour would indeed be very rich in fibre. As it is, however, for many years our modern methods of milling have removed the healthy fibre-rich part of the wheat grain: The bran. Consequently, it has been proved, bread made of this white wheat flour, with the bran removed, plays an unhealthy roll in many modern day diets.

There are many, many other such examples of processed fibre rid foods on the market today.

Our ancestors did not have to give the fibre part of their diet a second's thought. Fibre foods were guaranteed in the past ages of natural home grown food devoid of modern processing. In today's age, it is not so. Fibre is not an assured part of our diet, as it was of our great grandparents'. This has changed, but man's need for fibre has not. There is strong evidence that fibre should definitely be a part of every individual's diet, if they choose to remain healthy.

A good source of fibre, which has not diminished with time, is that of natural raw foods. Fruits and vegetables. Roughage can be found in any uncooked natural food.

It is an indisputable fact that vegetables are a very necessary part of the human diet and supply many vitamins, minerals, etc., needed to sustain life. But the great value of fibre content in vegetables, until recently, has almost been overlooked.

For example: In considering the potato, certainly one of the most used root vegetables, it is interesting to note that the best and most useful part of this vegetable, the part which provides the necessary fibre, is generally not used. This part, which is so unfortunately discarded, is the peel.

If, after you have learned the great worth of the

potato peel, you still do not want to eat it, you would be advised to at least cook the potato in its peel; as this preserves its flavour and nutritional content.

Other vegetables such as turnips, carrots, cucumbers, beans, cabbage, etc., all provide fibre. It is important, however, if one wishes to obtain the best value of their vegetables, that they bake or casserole them instead of boiling, as boiling vegetables devitalizes them.

**Fruits:** Among citrus fruits, the orange and grapefruit have a fibre content. Figs also rate high in roughage. Other fruits containing high fibre are apricots, pears and dates. Raisins, currants and saltanas also contain moderate amounts of fibre. □

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## HIGH FIBRE SNACK

*3 cups raw oatmeal  
1 cup honey  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
½ cup bran  
¼ tsp. salt*

Place the oatmeal, coconut, chopped walnuts, bran and salt into a large bowl, and mix well. Mix the honey and peanut butter together in a separate bowl. Then combine the two mixtures, (more oatmeal may be added if desired). Oil hands and roll into small balls, then roll the balls in coconut flakes.

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## HEALTHFUL HINTS

♦ According to research done by the North Western University in Chicago, eating carrots, spinach, and other dark green leafy vegetables, reduces the risk of getting cancer; especially that of lung cancer.

♦ Few people realize how completely they are made of the food they consume and that sickness and disease are the result of improper diet. Within the last few years, however, this fact has been more generally accepted everywhere and is causing a veritable revolution in the treatment of disease.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research stated: "If the doctor of today does not become the dietitian of tomorrow, the dietitian of today will become the doctor of tomorrow." And this was not just a voice crying in the wilderness. A host of modern doctors and scientists now recognize how vitally important is the food we eat.

Man is what he eats, and only through proper diet can he maintain health, vigor and immunity to disease.



# Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Shalom to one and all of our Reporter friends. "Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus." Philemon 1:3. Greetings of love from the city of Zion.

Today the sky is clear and the sun is shining warm and bright; A pleasant change from the cold wintry weather which we usually have this time of year. We have not had too much rain yet this winter, although I suppose we can expect more in the months ahead.

It is the holiday season now in much of the world. In Jewish Israel the holiday being celebrated is Hanukka (The Feast of the Lights), whereas elsewhere it is Christmas.

For our readers who do not know about Hanukka, I will tell a little about this holiday. Hanukka is, strangely enough, not a Biblical holiday, but it is in commemoration of a great miracle in Jewish History, when the Temple at Jerusalem was recaptured by the Jews after it had been in the hands of the heathen; and the temple lamps, which only had a very small amount of oil left and should have burned out in a very short time, kept on burning throughout the 8 days of the Temple's rededication celebrations and ceremonies. One may imagine this was of great moral support to the defenders of the Temple, and Jews, through the ages, have remembered this miracle every year on Tislev 25 (Jewish month). Candles are lit, one each night of the 8-day-long holiday, gifts are given to the poor, and children also receive gifts during Hanukka.

There is also much Christmas celebrations in Israel at this time of year. 25,000 to 30,000 Christian Pilgrims are expected in Bethlehem for Christmas Eve, and ten choirs from around the world will preform in Manger Square, outside the Church of Nativity, which is the traditional birth-place of Christ. Although the church is a large one, most of the Christmas visitors will have to remain outside in Manger Square, and even there it will be very crowded.

Bethlehem is a small town and only special transportation vehicles will be allowed to pass into the city. This is to avoid traffic jams and for the security of the pilgrims as protection against terrorist attacks, of which there have been attempts in past years.

Many of the Christian Pilgrims will wait in Manger Square till midnight, when Christmas officially begins, and all the bells in the city's churches will ring.

Another beautiful day has dawned on Jerusalem. Birds are singing and drifts of Moslem prayers are echoing from the east side of the city.

Just below our house, here in the district of Abu-Tor, there is an Arab village which is mostly Moslem. The Moslems build prayer towers called *minarets*, where, at certain times of the day and night, their prayers are broadcasted across the city. These prayers are actually extracts from the Koran (the Moslem Holy Book), which are sung rather than read. In Jewish synagogues, the Psalms of David and other parts of the Bible are also sung as prayers in much the same way.

Jerusalem today is a good sized city, but it seems to me, that one could walk continually along its avenues

and not get tired. I am told that people here do walk more than in many other countries, and it is always enjoyable to meet friends, neighbors and acquaintances on the streets of Jerusalem. Just this last night, after the Sabbath, I met a young Jewish man at the bus stop, around the corner from our house. It wasn't until we had talked for awhile that I learned he was a Jewish believer. We had a good conversation, and he related to me his testimony, which was wonderful and touching.

It is hard to find a person in Israel who does not have an interesting history. There is rarely one who does not have a story to tell of the sufferings in Europe or the Arab countries before coming to Israel, or about the hard times in early Israel; or of pre-Israel times when the country was called Palestine. There is hardly a family who has not suffered great loss, and in some cases there is only one or two, out of entire families, who have survived.

Our niece, Leora Dugger, has recently returned from America where she was ministering with "The Zion Son Beams". It is nice to have her back and helping here at the publishing house again.

The Gospel work is moving along in a good way and we ever rejoice as the Lord continues to give the increase, (1 Corinthians 3:7).

Please continue to pray for the Lord's work here and also for the peace of Jerusalem. We appreciate your prayers and look forward to hearing from all our "Reporter" friends. Until then, Shalom, and God be with you.

Your Sister,  
Naomi Fauth

## Our visit to the Holy Land

In April 1981, last days of Passover, we, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ball of Dyersburg, Tennessee, visited in Jerusalem and other places of Israel.

It was our great pleasure to be able to attend church at The Church of God 7th day, founded by our dear Elder A.N. Dugger. We also greatly enjoyed: hearing a music and song concert presented by The Son Beams, and, a lovely dinner with the Church.

Our hearts were very thrilled as we were at the Holy Temple grounds and Western Wall among an estimated 100,000 people on Sabbath p.m. No meetings ever so wonderful as those we attended there.

We, Brother and Sister Ball are very close to all God's saints and Israel, as a very special unity is deep in our hearts for Israel. Our love shall ever be to love and share and support Israel and tell the world, if possible. We pray daily for Jerusalem, for its peace and prosperity and for all the Holy Land.

We, while in Jerusalem, were very blessed to find two lovely candle stick holders, with a bowl on top, exactly what we had tried for many years to find in America for our new church altar. They are indeed one of the many things God's great hand provided us. Only by the help of Sister Naomi's faithful search, over the city, were they found. Thank God for this and all other blessings of our trip to the Holy Land.

Yours in the true faith,  
Elder and Mrs. Wm. C. Ball



# Extracts From Readers' Letters

## PHILIPPINES. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

Holy greetings to you and all co-workers, in the name of Yahshua. Praise His name!

We are constantly praying for you, and for the peace of Israel, for we know the Heavenly Father will surely grant you all a real blessing.

I am sending my humble contribution to the great work you are all doing in the Master's service, in the beloved land of His choice, Jerusalem.

Please put me on your mailing list. I would like to receive "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" regularly.

Yours sincerely,  
P.U.F.

## THE NETHERLANDS. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

I just want to send you a little note and thank you for sending me "*The Mount Zion Reporter*". I am always glad when it has come, as I'm very interested in what is happening to Israel, and then I hear all the news from the place itself. I will be very pleased if you will go on sending it to me. I have a friend who wants me to translate some articles, and this I do; so you will be able to understand that I always am excited when your magazine arrives.

I pray that the Lord may bless your work abundantly in Jerusalem.

Your sister in the faith,  
A.B.S.

## KENYA, EAST AFRICA. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

May the grace, peace and mercy from our Heavenly Father and from our soon coming King be with you; your family and the Mount Zion Reporter staff.

I thank and give glory to the Almighty for the continued care and guidance to His loved ones all over the world; especially there in Jerusalem.

We always remember you and our Father's work there at Jerusalem. We rejoice with the growing work and souls won for the Kingdom.

We thank the Heavenly Father for the way He leads you to satisfy our spiritual needs. We appreciate the Bible Lessons which we received in time for translation. This quarter we produced 700 booklets and the demand is increasing.

We here in Nairobi are all fine and looking forward to the soon coming of Yahshua (Jesus).

Please always remember us in your prayers.

Peace be with you all,  
J.K.W.

## CAYENNE, FRENCH GUYANE. —

Dear Elder and Sister Fauth,

Holy greetings in Jesus' most precious name, our soon coming King.

Once again I'm writting to you hoping this letter will reach you safe in hand.

We are happy for you to be sending the Quarterly and "Reporter" to us. We really do appreciate them. By them we can keep in touch with what is happening in Israel corresponding with the Bible. Thank the Heavenly Father for such good help.

Yours truly in Christ Jesus,  
Sister N.J.

## VENEZUELA. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah.

I thank God for this priviledge He has given me to be able to write to you all.

About two years ago my mother wrote you about me, and she had also sent my name and address to you. I had received from you a Judah magazine and some tracts; but I never answered your letter because I thought I had no need for another religion. But now after two years, the Lord has made me realize how wrong I was. The Lord, through His mercy, sent me back home to Trinidad, where I should hear the preaching of the soon coming kingdom of Christ, and how very important it is to keep the Sabbath of the Lord our God. Thanks and Praise to Elohim God for this priviledge. This is the reason you all are hearing from me.

Please remember me in your prayers; that the Lord will use me to help others here in Venezuela to come from darkness into light.

I will be anxiously looking forward to hearing from you all.

May the grace, love and peace of our Father Elohim and Yahshua the Messiah be always with you. I will be praying for you all; that this wonderful work may continue until the coming of the Lord. May this message go forth to every nation that many should come from darkness into light.

May the Lord bless you all richly.  
Yours respectfully,  
G.G.

## W. AUSTRALIA. —

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your letters, "Judah's" received recently. I love to hear your news.

Trusting you are all well and continue to be used and blessed in the beautiful work you are doing for Him. How precious are they who publish the truth. Micah 4; Isa. 2.

In the Saviour's love,  
T.M.

## FLORIDA, U.S.A. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

Once again it gives me great pleasure to greet you and the Reporter staff in the name of Jesus our soon coming King.

I received "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" and Bible Calendar. Thanks a million for them. "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" is truly a wonderful and inspiring magazine.

We do pray for the Lord to bless you to keep up the good work.

As one family in Christ Jesus, we are all concerned about the Middle East. We pray always for the peace of Jerusalem. God promised to protect her and we know His promises are true.

Brother Fauth, my husband and I are up in age, but we are still children of the Lord, trying in every way we can to help establish God's Kingdom.

Please pray for us, we crave your sincere prayers. We are doing the same for you.

May God bless you and yours, and keep you faithful, is our hearts desire in Jesus' name.

Yours in Christ,  
Brother and Sister W.S.G.



# To Be Like Jesus

by Priscilla Fauth

*"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked."* 1 John 2:6.

As one looks at the Christian world today, it is so sad to see that though many claim the title of a Christian, they do not in most ways, resemble Christ even the slightest.

Before we call ourselves a Christian, we need to know first what the word means, and then we should strive through our Lord to live up to it.

"Christian" means "Christ-like". How many of us can say truthfully that we are living up to that name? Sure, we can profess to be a Christian, and maybe even play our role very convincingly, good enough even to convince ourselves to a certain extent, and others may even remark; "Now there's a fine decent person." This might work out well for us if it wasn't for one thing. When we face that judgement day, what will happen? *"Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* Matthew 7:20-23.

Let us examine ourselves and be very honest when we do, for it truly is a matter of life and death and is not something to be taken lightly. God cannot be fooled, even if man can be! We need to be careful that we do not get our priorities mixed up; that the reason we want to be a Christian is because we have realized

just how wretched, poor and needy we are, and not just so everyone will call us Mr. Nice Guy. *"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"* Romans 7:24.

Yes, being a Christian goes much deeper than what shows on the outside. Of course, if we are a true Christian in heart, our deeds and actions will prove this, but, we have to possess, inside, the same love that our Saviour has; the same mercy, forgiveness, pure spirit; the same desire to do our Father's will; and if we are truly grounded in Him, we will not stop at anything to fulfill His will, even if it be to give up our own physical body. *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* Philippians 1:21.

Christ is our example. To be a true Christian, we must follow that perfect example. We must never cease climbing that ladder to perfection, but we must strive every moment of the day to be more and more like Him.

The only way to achieve this is to stop trying to live our own life, and to give it wholly to Jesus, for to have Christ living and ruling in our being is the only way we can truly be called a Christian. *"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."* Romans 6:5. *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."* 2 Corinthians 5:14,15. □

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

*"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near."* Isaiah 55:6.

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*"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver."* Proverbs 16:16.

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*"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."* Proverbs 16:20.

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*"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits."* Proverbs 16:2.

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*"The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath."* Proverbs 15:24.

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*"Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right."* Proverbs 16:8.

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Bear in mind that God is not limited by any material shortage, or barrier, but He limits Himself when men will not give Him faith and obedience. A sea was no barrier; a desert could not thwart His plan; He could supply bread for millions; these material things which are so important to man are as nothing in the sight of the Creator. He has an abundant supply of them all. What He seeks is true devotion in the hearts of His people.

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*"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at eve, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."* Mark 13:35,36.

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# The Church and the World

by Pearl Ross

*The Church and the World walked far apart  
On the changing shore of time;  
The World was singing a giddy song,  
And the Church a hymn sublime.  
"Come give me your hand," said the merry World,  
"And then walk with me this way."  
But the good Church hid her snowy hand  
And solemnly answered — "Nay.  
I will not give you my hand at all,  
And I will not walk with you;  
Your way is the way of eternal death,  
And your words are all untrue."*

*"Nay, walk with me a little space,"  
Said the World with a kindly air,  
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,  
And the sun shines always there.  
Your way is narrow and thorny and rough,  
While mine is flowery and smooth;  
Your lot is sad and reproached with toil,  
But in rounds of joy I move.  
My way you can see, is a broad fair one,  
And my gate is high and wide;  
There is room enough for you and me,  
And we'll travel side by side."*

*Half shyly the Church approached the World,  
And gave him her hand of snow;  
And the false World grasp it, and walked along,  
And whispered in accents low,  
"Your dress is too simple to please my taste,  
I have gold and pearls to wear;  
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,  
And diamonds to deck your hair."*

*The Church looked down at her plain white robes,  
And then at the dazzling World,  
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip,  
With a smile contemptuous curled;  
"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"  
Said the Church with a smile of grace;  
Then her pure white garment drifted away,  
And the World gave in there place,  
Beautiful satins, and fashionable silks,  
And roses and gems and pearls:  
And over her forehead her bright hair fell,  
And waved in a thousand curls.*

*"Your house is too plain," said the proud old World.  
"Let us build you one like mine.  
With kitchen for feasting and parlor for play,  
And furniture ever so fine."  
So he built her a costly and beautiful house;  
Splendid it was to behold;  
Her sons and daughters met frequently there,  
Shining in purple and gold.  
And fair and festival-frolics untold,  
Were held in the place of prayer;  
And maidens as bewitching as sirens of old,  
With World-winning graces rare.*

*Bedecked with fair jewels and hair all curled,  
Untrampled by gospel or laws,  
To beguile and amuse and win from the World,  
Some help for the righteous cause.*

*The angel of mercy rebuked the Church,  
And whispered, "I know thy sin."  
Then the Church looked sad and anxiously longed,  
To gather the children in.  
But some were away at the midnight ball,  
And others were at the play:  
And others were drinking in gay saloons,  
And the angel went away.  
And then said the World in soothing tones,  
"Your much loved ones mean no harm —  
Merely indulging in innocent sports."  
So she leaned on his proffered arm.  
And smiled and chatted and gathered flowers,  
And walked along with the World;  
While countless millions of precious souls,  
Were hungering for truth untold.*

*"Your preachers are all too old and plain."  
Said the gay World with a sneer.  
"They frighten my children with dreadful tales,  
Which I do not like to hear.  
They talk of judgements and fire and pain,  
And the doom of darkest night.  
They warn of a place that should not be thus  
Spoken to ears polite!  
I will send you some of a different stamp,  
More brilliant and gay and fast,  
Who will show how men may live as they like,  
And go to heaven at last.*

*The Father is merciful, great and good;  
Loving and tender and kind.  
Do you think He'd take one child to heaven,  
And leave the other behind?"  
So she called for pleasing and gay devines,  
Deemed gifted, and great and learned;  
And the plain old men that had preached the cross,  
Were out of their pulpits turned.  
Then Mammon came and supported the Church,  
And rented a prominent pew;  
And preaching and singing and floral display,  
Soon proclaimed a gospel new.*

*"You give too much to the poor," said the World,  
"Far more than you ought to do;  
Though the poor need shelter, food and clothes,  
Why thus let it bother you?  
Go take your money and buy rich robes,  
And horses and carriages fine;  
And pearls and jewels and dainty food,  
The rarest and costliest wine.  
My children they dote on all such things,  
And if you their love would win,  
You must do as I do, and walk in the way,  
The flowery way they're in."*



*Then the Church, her purse-strings tightly held,  
gracefully lowered her head;  
And simpered, "I've given too much away.  
I will do, Sir, as you have said."  
So the poor were turned from the door in scorn,  
She heard not the orphans cry;  
And she drew her beautiful robes aside,  
As the widows went weeping by.  
And they of the Church, and they of the World  
Journeyed closely, hand and heart,  
And none but the Master, who knoweth all,  
Could discern the two apart.*

*Then the Church sat down at her ease and said,  
"I'm rich and in goods increased.  
I have need of nothing, and naught to do,  
But to laugh and dance and feast."  
The sly world heard her and laughed within,  
And mockingly said aside,  
"The Church has fallen, the beautiful Church,  
Her shame is her boast and her pride."  
Thus her witnessing power, alas, was lost,  
And perilous times came in;  
The times of the end, so often foretold,  
Of form and pleasure and sin.*

*Then the angel drew near the mercy seat,  
And whispered in sighs her name,*

*And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed,  
And covered their heads with shame.  
A voice came down from the hush of heaven,  
From Him who sat on the throne;  
"I know thy works and what thou hast said,  
But alas, thou hast not known;  
That thou art poor and naked and blind,  
With pride and ruin enthralled;  
The expectant bride of a heavenly groom,  
Is the harlot of the World!  
Thou hast ceased to watch for that blessed hope;  
Hast fallen from zeal and grace;  
So now, alas, I must cast thee out,  
And blot thy name from its place."*

*But out from the side of the harlot Church,  
While she sleeps in indolent shame,  
Will be taken the remnant who keep God's word,  
And honor His holy name.  
By the word of their testimony, and the  
Blood of the Lamb, they overcame the World.  
They prayed for the day when their enemy strong,  
Would be in the Abyss hurled.  
For those who keep their garments clean,  
Shall walk with Him in white,  
In the day when He comes to claim His own;  
To make them His jewels bright.*

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## Redemption Draweth Nigh

One does not need to look far for signs of despair in the world. Around every corner and in all walks of life, disheartenment and destruction await.

Here in the Middle East there is obvious evidence of hatred and disparity: The P.L.O., Israel's renowned enemy, will stop at nothing it seems to further ill will against the children of Jacob. Iraq and Iran's raging war continues; and the bloodshed and chaos in Lebanon is far from over.

In undeveloped countries millions die each year from malnutrition and starvation.

In modern industrialized nations, where no lack of nutrition exists, we tend to destroy and create havoc to the human race in other ways. The world has gone so far that it no longer holds of value the most sacred existing life, that of the unborn child; and every year millions of undefended innocents are disposed of.

Crime rates in most of our cities are continually on the increase.

Many of the younger generation today, perplexed by their existence and unable to cope with the world around them, turn to drugs as an escape: Thus, millions of the world's next ruling generation are presently deteriorating and ruining their minds and bodies.

Industrialization continues to pollute an already unhealthy atmosphere, as more and more undissolvable poisons are released into our waters and skies.

The military might of the nations has reached such a climax that the whole of mankind could be blown off the face of the earth by the push of a button.

Natural catastrophies throw in their share of destruction too. Such as the volcanic eruptions in America of one of Washington State's most beautiful mountains, 'Mount Saint Helen'; which demolished miles and miles of forest and sent volcanic ash across much of the vast United States.

Earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tornados are on the rampage; leaving their paths of destruction across the globe. We are told by scientists that the 1982 Planet line up may cause further disturbances in weather, and may also cause major earthquakes.

And yes, there are many more present day happenings of doom. In fact, we find an accurate list of them in Luke chapter 21, which foretells almost word for word these present day events as things that are to take place just before the coming of our Redeemer and King, Jesus the Messiah.

"So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 31,28. Praise the Lord! □

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"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever." — Psalms 125:1, 2.



# Satanic Messages In Rock Music

More and more evidence is piling up to the effect that rock music contains Satanic messages when played backwards.

A Texan minister of youth for the Christ Church, James Gilbert, who has been conducting a campaign to tell people of the hidden messages in rock music, says that when these records are played backwards, instead of the gibberish that is usually heard, there are clear discernable words conveying Satanic messages. He says that although these words are not heard by the conscious mind when the songs are played normally, the subconscious mind does pick up the messages and respond to them. "A subliminal message is a message that's just below discernable level," Gilbert explains, "Your conscious mind hears one thing, but your subconscious mind can pick the other up. Your mind works like a file cabinet or a computer — it stores everything. That's what's so aggravating. They're messing with your mind and you don't even know it. Subliminal persuasion is as close to mind control as you can get."

Recording industry spokesmen in Dallas confirm that backward lyrics are put into rock music recordings, but Tom Gondolf, chief engineer for Goodnight Audio, said that he does not believe the subconscious mind can understand these lyrics. He says, "Probably the only way to understand it would be to record the record on tape and play the tape backwards."

A record store manager said that some young people buy records for the hidden messages they contain. Although according to another source, most people do not know of the messages, nor do they care.

James Gilbert, who has done extensive research on the subject of hidden messages in rock music, lectures in churches and schools, and even has special seminars

on the subject, which he entitles "Satan's Attack". He says that "The point of the whole thing is that Satan can attack us but he can't control us. He has only as much power as we let him have. If we put ourselves in a position where this stuff can influence us, it will reach us. In some cases rock stars are trying to subvert the minds of our young people, to destroy their morals and lead them into drugs and sex. Drugs wreck their home and family life. Sex leads to unwed mothers and abortions and tons of stuff that just wrecks life."

Songs by the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Black Oak Arkansas and Queen, contain these hidden messages, all of which name Satan as Lord, when played backwards; or, as in Queen's song "Another One Bites the Dust", which repeats over and over, "decide to smoke marijuana", compel people to do bad things.

Gilbert has had a lot of people ask him if the messages are actually there, or if he's not just making the whole thing up. "If it's not true," he asks, "where are the people who should be defending it? Why hasn't someone stood up to say that it's not true? It's because it's being done."

Even without the hidden Satanic messages, there are plenty of rock songs that openly speak of Satan. Such as: the Rolling Stones' song "Sympathy for the Devil", which has become the unofficial anthem for Satanists. And AC-DC has a song called "Hell Ain't Such a Bad Place to Be"; Plus other songs titled "Highway to Hell" and "Hells Bells".

James Gilbert's campaign against these Satanic songs is very effective and teenagers, after his lectures, go home, tear posters of rock stars off their walls and throw albums away. "All I can do," he says, "is expose it and let young people make decisions." □

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## "I CAN" OR "I CAN'T"

"I can't." "I can't control my temper." "I can't concentrate on my work." "I can't keep my thoughts clean." "I can't stay sober." "I can't pray in public." "I can't tithe." "I can't live victoriously." "I can't keep from worrying." The list of "can'ts" is endless.

Our "can'ts" reveal frustrations. Obviously we do have limitations. There are tasks which require greater physical strength than we have been given; there are also problems that require greater mental or spiritual power than we can muster. Too often, however, we live below our abilities. Too often we think we can't meet the challenges of life. And we fail to take into account the help that is on our side.

The Apostle Paul was an individual who displayed a lot of natural fortitude, and he suffered many hardships. He knew how to say, "I can." This is

what he said: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. Though the Apostle Paul had considerable determination of his own, he also knew that the strength to do what otherwise might have been impossible came from above.

Paul could do the things that needed to be done — through the strength that comes from God. You have the same source of strength and there is much for you to do. Will you do what has been entrusted to you? Have you learned to say, "I can"? □

— from "The Bible Standard"





# A Wonderful Star

Far, far away from Bethlehem, the little village where Jesus was born, there lived some wise men. These wise men had studied the Scriptures and they knew that someday a Godly King would be born.

One night as they looked at the heavens they saw a new star. It was beautiful and shone brightly in the dark eastern sky. They knew this star was different from all others that twinkled in the heavens. Yes, this was the star that was shown to tell them the King was born.

"We must find this King," they decided. "We must bring presents to Him, too."

So they made ready and rode away on their camels to find the new King. In their saddles they carried lovely gifts — gifts fit for a king — gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The men rode for many days. The days became weeks, and the weeks became months before they finished their journey. They knew that this King would be the King of the Jews. Since Jerusalem was the greatest city of the Jews, it was into this city that the wise men finally rode.

No doubt the people of Jerusalem looked with surprise at the stately visitors riding through their streets on camels. "Where is the new baby-King?" the men asked. "We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him." The people did not know about the new King. When the word of the eastern visitors reached Herod, he became worried. He was the king, and no doubt he was unhappy to think that perhaps another king had been born.

Herod quickly gathered together the chief priests and the scribes of the people. He asked them if they knew where this King was to be born. These religious

men told the king what the prophets of old had written, that this king would be born in Bethlehem.

The king, Herod secretly called the wise men to his palace. He asked them many questions. He was greatly troubled, and wanted to know when the star first appeared. He told the wise men to go to Bethlehem. "Go find the baby-King," he said, "and when you have found Him, come back and tell me so that I may worship Him, too."

Then the wise men started towards Bethlehem. Imagine their great joy when suddenly the star they had seen in their far away land, appeared again. The star led them right into Bethlehem. Presently, it stopped above the very house where Joseph, Mary and the baby were living. The wise men went into the house. They found Mary and the baby. Here was the new King! At last they had found Him. They fell down and worshipped baby Jesus. The wise men gave Him their gifts — the gold, the frankincense, and myrrh.

God appeared to these wise men in a dream after they had worshipped the Christ Child. The Lord revealed to them that they should not return to king Herod. Thus the wise men returned to their homeland another way.

Just as these men of God understood the Scriptures that the King would be born, so men of God today know that the same Jesus will soon return from heaven. This time He will not come as a babe, but will reign as King, upon the throne of David. Are you ready for His coming? Only those who are obeying His words will be permitted to reign with Him. If you do not know Jesus as your Saviour, today call upon Him, and He will hear your prayer. □

## A MISSION TO HEAL (continued from page 4)

go to the small Rothschild hospital to have their babies, and infant mortality dropped from 144 death per thousand in 1922 to 69 per thousand in 1930 and trachoma in the Jewish community was beaten.

Those were troublous times and the pioneering work of healing and social education had to be done in the midst of murders, riots and wars by the Arabs. Foreseeing the possibility of trouble the Jewish leader Chaim Weizmann, who made an outstanding contribution to the British war effort, went to meet Emir Feisal, and pointed out to him that there was room for both peoples, and the redemption of land which the Jews would bring about would also benefit the Arabs. Feisal agreed heartily and promised co-operation. Later, sad to say, under political pressure Feisal broke his word, and relations between the Jew and Arab worsened.

None of this stopped the indomitable Hadassah women, and the day came, when on Mount Scopus in East Jerusalem, there stood a fully equipped modern hospital where Jew and Arab alike could receive the best medical aid available in the Middle East. Tragedy

came, however, when during Israel's War of Independence in 1948 the hospital had to be abandoned, and the buildings fell into ruin. In the course of years it became possible to build another Hadassah hospital, the mighty complex now stands to the south of Jerusalem, above Ein Kerem, traditional birthplace of John the Baptist, and the valley of Sorek, where Delilah betrayed Samson. Later still the rebuilding of the original Hadassah on Mount Scopus was started, and to both hospitals today come not only Israelis, but Arabs from all over the Middle East.

We have travelled a long, long way from the desolate, poverty and disease-stricken country which Henrietta Szold came to. Today the Jewish State, officially only thirty years old, has a medical service that bears favourable comparison with those of the old civilisations of the West, where infant mortality is one of the lowest in the world and the diseases which once ravaged the population have been conquered. Behind this unique story stands the figure of a great woman, Henrietta Szold, and behind her stands the mighty army of women who have given, and continue to give, the sort of service which has made this modern miracle possible. □



# Not Moses, but Abraham

by A.W. Tozer

The Christian's spiritual progenitor is not Moses, but Abraham.

The great doctrine of faith takes us back to Abraham and thus antedates the Law of Moses by 430 years. This is the argument of Paul in Galatians 3:15-18 and Romans 4:9-16.

There is a mistaken notion abroad that in the Old Testament salvation came by obedience to the Law, while in the New Testament it comes by faith. The truth is that since the beginning of the world no one was ever saved in any way other than by grace through faith.

"The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ long before the incarnation. When God slew those beasts (presumably lambs) and gave the skins to Adam and Eve for clothing He was telling them in symbolic language that the redemption of the race would be by the merit of innocent life laid down. Not by law but by atonement would they and their descendants be ransomed from the Fall.

This idea was never wholly lost to mankind. When the Law was given it was accompanied by a system of sin offerings and atoning sacrifices leading straight to the Saviour who was to come. When John pointed to Jesus and exclaimed, "*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,*" he was identifying Christ with all the sacrificial lambs that had been offered for sin from the time of Abel to the appearance of Emmanuel.

The idea creeps into much evangelical teaching that the Old Testament is a book of justice and judgment without a ray of mercy or grace or love to lighten the darkness, whereas the New Testament is filled with

mercy and forgiveness. The truth is that mercy and justice, love and judgment are found in both the Old and the New Testament in about equal proportion. Not two Gods but one wrote the Bible, and the unity of His perfect character reveals itself in all parts of the Scriptures.

It may come as a surprise to some to learn that there is as much about mercy in the Old Testament as in the New, but such is actually the case. Grace is found throughout the Old Testament, and love also is found there in abundance. Justification by faith is an Old Testament doctrine. It was first associated with Abraham, appearing later in the writings of David and Habakkuk and was shown by Paul to be one of the most vital doctrines of the New Testament. Thus the organic unity of the Bible is confirmed.

It is a heartening thought that no one ever had or can have any advantage over another in his search for God. No matter what the dispensation or the circumstances, everyone who came to God came by faith. Those of ancient times looked forward to the cross and those of later times looked and must look back to it. Everyone and anyone may find forgiveness and cleansing through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and any progress in the knowledge of God, any growth in spiritual stature must come the same way. Our spiritual ancestor is Abraham whose faith pleased God, brought an imputation of righteousness and made him the father of the faithful.

We Christians are the sons of faith and the heirs of liberty. Let us stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ has made us free. □

— from "*The Marturion*"

## HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL!

We are urgently in need of funds for printing tracts, booklets, books and other materials, both in English and in other languages. There is a very great demand, and we are hard put to meet it. The cost of paper, postage, ink, etc. has been going up at a tremendous rate, and our publishing ministry has become very expensive. We need your help, and any amount sent in for this work will be put to good use in doing the Will of the Lord. Pray about it!

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## THE ALMIGHTY CHOSE ZION

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My rest for ever. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it." — Psalms 132:13, 14.

"Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion." — Psalms 129:5.

"The Lord shall inherit Judah His portion in the Holy Land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for He is raised up out of His holy habitation." — Zechariah 2:12, 13.

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, He will appear in His glory." — Psalms 102:16.



# Questions And Answers

## QUESTION. —

Can you tell me exactly what a Kibbutz is? How many people in Israel live on a Kibbutz?

## ANSWER. —

In Hebrew the word "kibbutz" means "group", which gives some hint of what a kibbutz is. Briefly, the Kibbutz is an experiment in communal living. It is a voluntary collective community in which all the members live and work together. The members are not paid for their work, but instead have all their needs met by the community. Each Kibbutz has a regular meeting of all members, usually once a week, at which the members vote and decide on the issues at hand, elect their leaders, etc.

The Kibbutz is a classless society. No one is paid for their work, and the leadership positions on a Kibbutz do not confer any material rewards. In most kibbutz communities seniority is the criterion for allocating housing, etc.

Usually all members of the community eat together in a communal dining hall. The education of the children is strictly communal. The child is brought up together with a peer group from an early age until reaching adulthood. In some kibbutz villages, the children sleep in their parents quarters, while in others they live in their own centres. This is one area in which the kibbutz has changed considerably since its beginning. At first the Kibbutz tried to do without the family institution, but changed; until today the family is the basic unit of every kibbutz.

The first Kibbutz in Israel was Kibbutz Degania, at Galilee, established with 8 members in 1909. Today there are some 90,000 people living in 230 kibbutz communities throughout Israel. Of course, this is only a very small percentage of the people living in Israel, being only about 4 per cent of the population. However, they have the enviable record of producing 28 per cent of Israel's farm production and almost 6 per cent of the country's industrial output, providing 12 per cent of the Gross National Product.

Anyone desiring to know more about the kibbutz

way of life should read "The Kibbutz", a book which can be ordered on page 23.

## QUESTION. —

In the September 1981 issue of *The Mount Zion Reporter* you have a picture of a cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, along with a short commentary on the scrolls, which I found very interesting. And, I was wondering if you could tell me in what language/languages the scrolls were written?

## ANSWER. —

The Dead Sea Scrolls are mostly written in Hebrew, although there are some in Aramaic, and even a few in Greek.

## QUESTION. —

I understand that the Hebrew word 'Shalom' means 'greetings of peace', but what does 'Shalom aleikhem' mean?

## ANSWER. —

'Shalom aleikhem' is a form of greeting commonly used among the Jews. It means 'peace be upon you'.

## QUESTION. —

What does it mean in Isaiah 24:23, where it says "the sun and the moon will be ashamed when the kingdom is established here on earth"?

## ANSWER. —

We believe the glory of the Lord will be so great that the sun and moon will not be needed, for it says they will be ashamed. "Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." Isaiah 24:23.

When you have a candle burning in your room, and then turn on the electric light, the candle will be confounded and shamed. It will hardly be noticed, and that is what these texts mean. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, for the glory of God did lighten it." Revelation 21:23.

## MERIDOR PLEDGES TO UNVEIL SECRET GENERATOR BY MARCH

Minister of the Economy Ya'acov Meridor told reporters that he would unveil a pilot plant that will demonstrate his revolutionary energy production system by next March.

The system, which Meridor had announced but declined to reveal just before last June's elections, reputedly generates electricity with half the fuel consumed in conventional generators.

According to Meridor, the invention will save up to 60 per cent of the fuel now required for the generation of electric power. The invention, he said, is Israeli, although it might easily have been American or British. It will, he believes, save Israel considerable amounts of foreign currency and will bring the economy closer to independence.

## EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST VISITING EILAT

EILAT. — The first Egyptian journalist to ever accept the invitation of an Israeli government ministry — Hussein Sarrij of the weekly *October* — arrived here for celebrations opening the tourist season.

"I cannot believe my eyes," Sarrij told his hosts, thrilled that he is seeing Israel and talking to Israelis.

Sarrij, who speaks a fluent by extremely literary Hebrew, translated Moshe Dayan's book *Shall You Always Live by the Sword?* for publication as a series in *October*.

During the recent visit by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir in Cairo, his media advisor Zvi Rimmon learned that Sarrij had often expressed a desire to visit Israel. With Sharir's approval, Rimmon invited the journalist to join some 100 foreign journalists covering the events of Tourist Week in Eilat.



# NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

## SAUDI TALKS ANY TIME, ANYWHERE, JERUSALEM SAYS

Israeli officials yesterday challenged Saudi Arabia to enter into "negotiations without preconditions — any time, any place," if it sincerely intends to make peace with the Jewish state.

The statement came after Ja'afar Allangani, Saudi Arabia's acting delegate to the UN, told *The New York Times* that the Fahd plan is a starting point for peace negotiations between Israel, the Arab states and the PLO.

Allangani asserted that the Saudi eight-point peace plan did imply recognition of Israel and a desire to negotiate.

Official circles in Jerusalem said that Israel was always ready to negotiate with the Saudis, as with any Arab state.

The Saudi plan, however, was unacceptable as "a basis" for negotiation because, in Israel's view, it spelled the elimination of the Jewish state in stages.

## BEGIN WARNS: SAUDI PLAN IMPERILS PEACE

Prime Minister Menachem Begin warned in a U.S. television interview yesterday (Nov. 1) that, "if the so-called Saudi Arabian peace plan should ever be adopted by anyone, then it would be a great obstacle to the peace process. . . a complete deviation from the Camp David agreements."

Interviewed in Jerusalem for ABC Television's *Issues and Answers*, Begin made an "appeal to the president and the cabinet of the U.S. to make the position absolutely clear. There are real, great worries in my country about it. We all of us put our faith in Camp David: we said so, President Mubarak said so, and the U.S. also said so. But now. . . there is some confusion about it."

Begin's outspoken interview set the tone for what officials here said would be an Israeli drive to alert U.S. public opinion to the dangers of the Saudi plan — and of U.S. government support for it. Begin told his interviewers the Saudi proposal is "a plan to liquidate Israel in stages," and said Washington ought to reject it "without any equivocation whatsoever."

Earlier during the weekend, the premier sent a letter to President Ronald Reagan on the same issue, referring to certain statements from Washington that had recently seemed to welcome part of the Saudi plan. While he was not more specific than that, it was obvious that Begin had in mind Reagan's own statement, shortly following the Senate AWACS vote last Wednesday, in which the president appeared to regard the Saudi plan as a basis for negotiation.

In the letter, Begin wrote that it would be suicidal for Israel to withdraw to the 1967 lines, as the Saudi plan prescribes. He elaborated on this in the TV interview, speaking of Russian-supplied, PLO-operated guns that would have much of Israel's population in their range "from the hills of Samaria," and the Saudi-proposed Palestinian state on the West Bank becoming a Soviet base.

The Saudis were portrayed as "angels of peace," Begin wrote to Reagan, but in fact they fund the PLO and their money has turned Beirut into the terror capital of the world.

Begin will return to these themes when he delivers

a policy statement at the start of the Knesset's winter session this afternoon (Nov. 2). The Premier discussed his television appearance with the cabinet before he was interviewed.

Israeli critical analyses of the eight-point Saudi plan stress the following points:

- the plan does not call for "negotiations;"
- the plan does not call for "peace" as such between Israel and its neighbours;
- the reference to "the right of the states in the region to live in peace" is vague and might not be intended to refer to Israel, since Saudi Arabia has never recognized Israel's existence (this was a point that Begin himself made in his letter to President Reagan);
- the call for a brief UN trusteeship over the administered areas before they become a Palestinian state is plainly designed to obviate the need for any direct contact with Israel;
- there is no endorsement of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which are the only UN documents accepted by Arabs and Israelis. Instead the plan is a collage of bits of General Assembly resolutions hostile to Israel.

For all these reasons, say officials here, Israel refuses to see the Saudi plan even as a basis for dialogue or as any new departure on the part of the Saudis.

## SAVIDOR CALLS SAUDI PLAN 'A TIME BOMB'

Saudi Arabia's eight-point plan for the Middle East is a time bomb. Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor told a group of West German parliamentarians who visited the Knesset yesterday as a delegation of the German-Israel Society.

Ever since 1949 Saudi Arabia has tried to sow discord between Egypt and Israel to keep Egypt economically dependent, Savidor added.

A communist takeover in Riyadh is the likely result of the flow of modern arms to Saudi Arabia, Savidor warned the Germans.

The speaker also said that "Italian parliamentarians told me that if the inhabitants of South Tyrol got 20 per cent of the autonomy being offered to the Arabs of Judea and Samaria, they would dance for joy in the streets of Rome."

## BEGIN REASSURES U.S. ON SOUTH LEBANON

Prime Minister Menachem Begin told U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday morning that the tension in South Lebanon that followed the deaths at the weekend of three young Christian militiamen is now abating. Begin said Israel's interest is that the ceasefire in South Lebanon be maintained "indefinitely."

Israeli sources said the U.S. envoy was "gratified" to hear this message, which Begin asked him to convey to Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

## CIVILIAN TAKES OVER IN WEST BANK TODAY

Menachem Milson takes up his post as civilian administrator of Judea and Samaria today, replacing Tat-Aluf Binyamin Ben-Eliezer. He is expected to implement the government's new policy of replacing the military with a civilian administration.



## ISRAEL, EGYPT SEE LONG HAUL FOR AUTONOMY

Egypt and Israel both seem to have resigned themselves to the prospect of more long months of Palestinian autonomy talks following the failure of last week's ministerial meeting in Cairo to achieve any breakthrough in the negotiations.

A key aide to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said that the U.S. was likely to put forward compromise proposals of its own — but only “in a few months’ time.” Israeli observers took this to mean that Egypt is expecting the Americans to make their move only after Israel has completed its withdrawal from Sinai next April.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Premier Menachem Begin noted that while Israel would like an agreement, it would be no disaster if no such early agreement were reached and the talks went on for many more months. Well-placed observers said the premier was taking this line now for “tactical reasons” — so Israel should not appear overly eager to make progress in the face of what is seen here as deliberate Egyptian lack of eagerness.

## GERMAN YOUTHS UNCOVER THE DARK PAST

An 18-year-old German whose grandfather was a low-level Nazi party official is among 20 German youths who have won trips to Israel for their research on the Nazi era.

Jens Rehlaender of Hanover responded with a soft-spoken voice to a difficult question posed to the group yesterday (Nov. 23) at Beit Hanassi by President Yitzhak Navon: “Did you find out about what members of your family did during the Holocaust?”

“I had hard discussions with my grandfather,” related Rehlaender whose research dealt with the Jewish community of 5,000 in the town where he grew up. “He just wasn’t interested. When I asked him about the Jews, he changed the subject.”

First prize in the competition which was held countrywide under the patronage of German President Karl Carstens, was won by Michael Brenner whose father is chairman of the Jewish community in Weiden, Bavaria. Though the topic was “Day-to-day life in Nazi Germany,” most of the young people decided to specialize in the Jews who lived in their hometowns and went to their deaths, doing up to six months of research.

“I was glad to hear that you’re interested in these topics,” Navon told the college-age Germans. “You are young; you are not responsible for what others did. It is a dark page in your history. That you study it when you could easily ignore it is a good omen.”

## MUBARAK WOULD GO TO RIYADH AT ‘RIGHT’ TIME

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview that he is prepared to visit Saudi Arabia or any other Arab state to explain his country's policy with Israel — but only at the appropriate time.

Asked in an interview with the Cairo weekly *October* whether he agreed with the late President Anwar Sadat's declaration earlier this year that he was ready to go to Riyadh to explain his peace policy to the Saudis, Mubarak replied:

“It is a very good sound idea. But I do not want to create problems for Saudi Arabia or anyone else. The Saudis may not be ready for such a step. But I am prepared to go to Saudi Arabia or any other country to explain the case and settle the dispute with them if I

find the time is ripe.”

That time, observers here believe, may well be after Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai next April.

The restoration of ties with Saudi Arabia, Egypt's main financial backer and its principal Arab ally, prior to severance of formal relations following the conclusion of the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty in 1979, is believed to be a high-ranking priority of the new regime in Egypt.

But to openly pursue such a policy now would clearly place in jeopardy Israel's withdrawal from the remainder of Sinai.

Israel has not hidden its distaste for the regime in Riyadh, and is already on the defensive in the face of growing support in the West for the eight-point Middle East peace plan floated by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd last August.

## MUBARAK ACCEPTS NAVON'S INVITATION TO VISIT ISRAEL

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT.** — President Yitzhak Navon said yesterday upon his return from a one-day visit to Egypt that President Hosni Mubarak has accepted his invitation to visit Israel.

Navon said no date had been set for the visit.

The president and his wife, Ofira, were in Egypt for the day to pay a condolence call on President Anwar Sadat's widow, Jehan, and to lay a wreath on Sadat's grave.

Navon said his visit to Egypt had been an excellent opportunity to exchange views on relations between the two countries. His talks with Mubarak touched upon the Palestinian autonomy negotiations, the Saudi peace plan, and other Middle East-related subjects, Navon said.

*The Jerusalem Post* Mideast Affairs Reporter, adds from Cairo:

Visibly moved, President Navon and his wife yesterday laid a wreath on Sadat's grave at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Nasr City.

Arriving at the open-pyramid-shaped memorial from Cairo International Airport, where they were received in a low-key ceremony on the runway by first deputy premier Fuad Mohieddin and his wife, the Navons first placed a wreath on the plain black stone marking the grave of the unknown soldier. Drums rolled, bugles sounded, and the guard of honour presented arms.

The couple then moved a few steps forward, to place a second wreath on the simple white stone over the grave of Anwar Sadat. They stood in total silence contemplating the grave, emotion clearly showing on the faces of them both, with the first lady blinking back tears.

In the background, behind the eternal flame, was the Nasr City Stadium, where Sadat was gunned down while reviewing a military parade last month.

The president and entourage — which included Egypt foreign and industry ministers, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali and Mohammed Taha Zaki, Egypt's Ambassador to Egypt, Moshe Sasson — then preceded to Giza to pay a courtesy call on Sadat's widow.

The Navon's visit was conspicuously a private one, despite a red carpet welcome at the airport. The official 40-day mourning period, following Sadat's death, ended last Saturday, but the private mourning period, which commenced with the late leader's burial, only ends today.

They spent half an hour with Jehan and her family before going to their planned meeting with President Hosni Mubarak and his wife at their residence in Helipolis.



## THOUSANDS REFUSED SOVIET EXIT VISAS

The Soviet authorities have returned emigration visa applications to thousands of Jews who recently asked to be allowed to go to Israel, Soviet Immigrants Association president Grisha Feigin said at a conference of 200 Soviet and East European immigrants in Jerusalem.

Feigin said that applications submitted by families from large Soviet cities were returned without even being processed. In addition, according to Feigin, the KGB has stepped up its harassment of Jews who want to leave the USSR.

## ETHIOPIAN JEWS TERRORIZED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A powerful Ethiopian provincial governor with "a grudge against the Jews" has ordered the arrest and torture of scores of Falasha leaders and in some cases has personally abused the jailed victims *The Jerusalem Post* was reliably informed recently.

This is the first time that any government official of the Marxist regime has engaged directly in the persecution of the Ethiopian Jews, the sources said. There are an estimated 28,000 members of the tribe in Ethiopia and about 1,300 Falashas in Israel. The Falashas are recognized as Jews under the Law of Return.

"The torture of alleged 'Zionist ringleaders' has increased dramatically," one source said. "Falasha villagers grow terrified when they hear the sound of tires on the dirt trails, just waiting for someone to be taken from his bed to be tortured.

Falasha villages which were once open to visitors have been closed off by the governor, and there is almost no first-hand information on the current situation of the Ethiopian Jews. Falashas are barred from talking to visitors.

Christians in Gondar are also being tortured, "but it's especially bad for the Jews — there is a disproportionate number of arrests and they undergo worse torture," the source said.

Anti-Semitism is endemic in Gondar, where the Falashas are a pariah people associated with the "evil eye." The word Falasha itself is a slave name meaning "Stranger" or "exile" in Amharic. The Falashas call themselves Beta Israel.

One of the elderly Falasha religious leaders in the Gondar area was arrested for distributing food, including Matza, to those Jews who were seeking religious fulfillment. The religious leader reportedly has been "horribly tortured."

Major Melaku, who has a reputation as the harshest governor in Ethiopia, allegedly has told Falashas who have been tortured: "No one's going to save you dirty Jews — Israel's not going to save you."

Now they are left without health care, their schools have been closed down and between 3,000 and 5,000 Falashas have died in recent months because of hunger and disease, according to the Falasha community in Israel.

The Israel Falashas have been pressing for international action on the issue of reunification of families, which would bring several thousand more Falashas to Israel, where they have close relatives. Prime Minister Menachem Begin has pledged to do everything in his power to help the Falashas bring their parents, children and sibling to Israel.

Their hopes are being stymied by hard-liners like Major Melaku, who believes the Falashas leaders in Gondar are "Zionist spies" as well as "CIA agents," and who has conducted a campaign of terror against

Ethiopian Jews.

One of the victims was hung up on a stick like a piece of game and tortured for two weeks in that position until he "confessed" that he was part of some Zionist conspiracy. His wounds were untreated and became worm-infested. He was ordered to be executed, but at the last minute, he was released.

## ISRAEL AGAIN PROPOSES BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MIDEAST

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel has again presented a resolution to the General Assembly calling for the establishment of a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East.

The plan, based on the Tlateloco Treaty which establishes such a zone in Latin America, was received with favour by many Western and Third World states when Israel submitted it to the 35th session of the assembly last year. But it was rejected after strong Arab pressure. Israel later voted for a similar Egyptian resolution on the issue.

Until the previous assembly session Israel had rejected the idea of a ban on nuclear weapons in the Middle East. Israeli diplomats expressed concern that the Arabs will try this time to stress the alleged Israeli nuclear capability more than ever before, in the light of the recent Israel attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

## HURVITZ TAKES DAYAN'S SEAT IN KNESSET

Yigael Hurvitz took his Knesset seat yesterday, replacing the late Moshe Dayan. Hurvitz, a former finance minister, was No. 3 on the Telem list, and the faction now consists of him and Mordechai Ben-Porat.

Hurvitz and Dayan were cousins.

## 200 GAZANS MAY STUDY IN EGYPT

GAZA. — Egypt has agreed to admit 200 high-school graduates, from the Gaza Strip into universities and colleges in Egypt, reversing a previous ban.

Until the signing of the Camp David agreement, three-to-five thousand high-school leavers continued their academic education in Egypt every year. But three years ago, the Egyptians announced that they would no longer accept Gaza candidates for Egyptian universities. A year later, only 100 were admitted. The Egyptian authorities hinted that they would reaccept students only if a high-level delegation from the Strip went to Cairo to express support for Anwar Sadat's policies.

But no such delegation was willing to go, and the Egyptians again refused to allow students into Egypt. There has been no explanation for the current reversal of policy, which was announced in a letter sent to the Ministry of Education in the Gaza Strip.

## BIR ZEIT 'TUTORING' STARTS THIS WEEK

Israeli academics will this week start tutoring students of Bir Zeit University, shut almost a fortnight ago by the military government following days of rioting on and around the West Bank campus. The first lecture will be given sometime this week in a Ramallah hall by Prof. Chandler Davis, an American mathematician from the University of Toronto who has spent the last year as a visiting professor at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba.

Arrangements for this lecture were agreed upon between Hebrew University Professor Daniel Amit, Davis and unnamed Bir Zeit faculty members following the recurrent delays of a meeting between an *ad hoc*



Hebrew University lecturers' committee and the Bir Zeit faculty committee responsible for contacts with Israeli academics.

The Israeli committee, whose members were to have met their Bir Zeit counterparts on Friday, to set up tutoring arrangements was formed last Tuesday when about 100 Hebrew University lecturers and professors met to discuss ways of helping the Arab university.

The university's attitude to the closure of Bir Zeit is likely to be raised at next Friday's standing committee meeting. But observers told *The Jerusalem Post* that it is unlikely that the deans will censure or criticize the military government's action.

"After all, Bir Zeit is not a normal university," said Mechoulam. "Study is not its only activity."

#### N. JERUSALEM GETTING NEW LINK TO COAST

Work on an alternative route between north Jerusalem and the coastal plain has been started by the Public Works Department near Atarot.

The six kilometre-long north-south road, to be completed in two years, will link near Givon with the existing Beit Horon road which extends to the coastal plain near Modi'in.

"It will provide a reasonable alternative to the existing Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road which is overcrowded," said Avimar Gil, PWD Jerusalem district director. "It will be especially useful for residents of north Jerusalem."

#### KFIRS INAUGURATE NEW NEGEV AIR BASE

Six Israel Air Force fighter-bombers touched down at the partially-completed Uvda air base in the Negev, marking the first transfer of combat aircraft from bases in Sinai.

The Israel-made Kfirs flew in from Etzion base south of Eilat, which together with the Eitam base in the Rafiah area will be turned over to Egypt following Israel's April 1982 withdrawal from Sinai.

"This air base, despite the fact that warplanes will land and take off from it, symbolizes a strong desire for peace and of the sacrifices we have made for peace", Prime Minister Menachem Begin said as he unfurled the squadron's flag during a ceremony at the base.

#### FRENCH GIVE PRIZE TO ISRAELI AUTHOR DAVID SHAHAR

PARIS. — David Shahar, the 55-year-old Israeli author, was awarded the "Medicis Prize for Foreign Literature," one of France's best-known literary awards. The jury singled out one of Shahar's books, *The Day of the Countess*, which has appeared in French translation, to pay tribute to the literary quality and poetic style of the Jerusalem-born writer.

Shahar has published 15 books, five of which have appeared in English and French translations.

*The Day of the Countess* tells about a week in the life of a group of Jews, Christians and Moslems, all former friends, caught in the turmoil of the Arab disorders of 1936 in Jerusalem.

#### HALF OF ALL ISRAELIS FAVOUR UNLIMITED FURTHER SETTLEMENT

TEL AVIV. — Over half the public favours unlimited continued settlements in Judea and Samaria, with 20 per cent wanting to make such a policy subject to various conditions, and only one-fifth totally opposed to continued settlement. The hawkish trend in public

opinion emerged from a poll conducted for *The Jerusalem Post* by the Modi'in Ezrachi Applied Research Centre. The survey was held among a sample selection of 1,230 adults toward the end of last month.

Question: "In your opinion should we continue settlement in Judea and Samaria?"

No: 18.9 per cent

Yes: 52.8 per cent

Yes, but: 21.8 (only in certain zones, 4.6 per cent; Not at the expense of social spending, 2.5.

Not at the cost of hostile world opinion 0.8

Not at the expense of peace 7.0

Other conditions 1.4

Could not itemize conditions 5.5

Undecided: 6.5 per cent.

#### EXPAND SUCCESS OF EXPORTS: PATT

Israel's visible exports will increase two-and-a-half-fold by the end of the decade, according to a ten-year plan due to be released shortly, Gideon Patt, minister of industry and trade, informed *The Jerusalem Post*.

The focus is on exports, which have been the biggest success in the present government's economic policy. They rose from \$2.4b. in 1976 to \$5.5b. last year — of which 85 per cent were industrial exports.

"These came to \$4.75b. Our plan deals with industry only. Its foreign sales are due to go up by an average of 9 per cent annually, to reach \$11.5b. by 1990," the minister said.

Chief accent is on the high technology branches, and that means pushing the creation of the new products based on local research and development. The trend is reflected in the figures. The growth-rate for electrical equipment will be 12 per cent a year.

#### BEGIN WILL MEET BIRIM VILLAGERS

NAHARYIA. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin has agreed to meet with representatives of the Galilee village of Birim.

The villagers wrote to the prime minister before the elections, requesting the implementation of a High Court ruling which grants them the right to return to their village, evacuated during the War of Independence.

In his reply, Begin agreed to discuss the matter after the new cabinet was set up. The villagers hope that the meeting will take place after Begin's Nahariya vacation.

#### SHARON: MAY MOVE AGAINST PLO IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said that Israel may have no choice but to abandon diplomacy and take other action to stop PLO violations of the cease-fire in Lebanon.

Speaking to foreign correspondents, Sharon said that Israel had agreed to hold off acting until political steps are taken to solve the problem of Lebanon.

But, he warned, "Israel will not be able to wait for an unlimited period. And if all these efforts do not succeed — and I don't see them doing so right now — Israel will have to decide to act."

Sharon said the terrorists had violated the cease-fire "about 20 times" since it went into effect on July 24. There have also been eight terrorist attacks against Jewish targets in Europe, and numerous Palestinian attempts to launch strikes against Israel from Jordan, including one in which landmines killed one Israeli soldier and wounded eight others.

Repeating accusations that the Palestinians have increased their firepower in Lebanon and strengthened their positions there, Sharon noted that U.S. envoy



Philip Habib, who negotiated the cease-fire, "told Prime Minister Meachem Begin that if any additional heavy weapons are obtained by the terrorists, this will be regarded as a cease-fire violation."

Habib is due back in the region later this month and Sharon said Israel still hoped for a diplomatic solution to the crisis caused by Syria's deployment of SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon's Beka'a Valley.

The defence minister also revealed that last year 1,700 terrorists from all over the world were trained in Lebanon. Graduates of the terror courses were sent back to South America, Germany, Italy, Japan and Angola, he said.

### GOLAN 'ANNEXED' AFTER SURPRISE BEGIN MOVE

Israel yesterday (December 14) annexed the Golan Heights — and braced itself to face a wave of hostile international reaction to its surprise unilateral act.

The cabinet, under Prime Minister Menachem Begin's energetic urging, took the decision at midday, and by midnight a bill announcing the immediate application of "Israeli law, jurisdiction and administration" to the Golan Heights had been ramrodded through all three readings in the Knesset and become law.

Begin, discharged from hospital only yesterday, had himself wheeled into the Knesset in a wheel chair and introduced the bill from the chair, seated at the cabinet table. He cited Syrian President Hafez Assad's assertion that Syria would never recognize Israel as a main reason for proposing the annexation measure at this time.

In angry and surprised reactions, the U.S. and Egypt both branded the Israeli move as a violation of Security Council Resolution 242 — and therefore of the Camp David framework. Egypt said it was a threat to peace.

Syria called for an urgent session of the Security Council, and there were fears here that the U.S. would support a resolution condemning Israel.

Some observers saw the premier's move — which surprised even senior ministers — as intended to "test" Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak before Israel withdraws from the remainder of Sinai next April. In Tel Aviv, the Egyptian delegation to the ongoing autonomy talks sharply criticized the Israeli move, and sought a postponement of the talks until this morning.

### BILL RUSHED THROUGH HESITANT CABINET

Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday persuaded a surprised and hesitant cabinet to give unanimous approval to his proposal to apply Israeli law to the Golan Heights.

Not a single cabinet minister had any idea of what was in Begin's mind before he summoned Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to his bedside at 8.30 a.m. in Hadassah Hospital.

Ministers told *The Jerusalem Post* that Begin presented his proposal with more vigour and emphasis than he had shown in cabinet sessions for the past few months.

Begin said that there would obviously be international opposition to the law, but he was equally sure that the nation would rally round and withstand whatever pressures, if any, that the world might exert.

He said that the U.S. would be compelled to criticize the Golan Law in international forums, and that it might even lend its support at the UN to resolutions

condemning Israel's move. But Israel would be prepared for such an eventuality, Begin said.

Explaining the timing of his proposal, Begin reportedly referred to the Polish crisis now preoccupying the great powers. He also mentioned U.S. mediator Philip Habib's repeated failure to negotiate the removal of the Syrian anti-aircraft missiles deployed in eastern Lebanon.

The development which had especially spurred him to make the move at this time, Begin said, was the statement by Syrian President Hafez Assad that Syria would not recognize Israel for a 100 years even if the Palestine Liberation Organization were to recognize Israel.

Assad said that Syria was ready to wait and bide its time until Israel was weakened militarily.

Begin therefore decided, apparently, that since there is no point in waiting for Syria, which refused to countenance recognition, let alone peace, Israel need not feel inhibited about annexing Syrian territory.

### AUTONOMY TALKS GO ON DESPITE GOLAN LAW

There was gratification in Israeli government yesterday when it became apparent that Egypt's objections to the Golan Law would not extend to a disruption of the peace process.

This became clear when the autonomy talks on the expert level resumed as normal yesterday morning. The Egyptian delegation had asked for a postponement of Monday afternoon's session when it learned of the cabinet's decision.

Egypt's Minister of Tourism Gamal el-Nazer arrive via the Sinai crossing point for an official visit as planned. El-Nazer called on Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in the afternoon — and the Golan issue was not raised during their conversation.

In a radio interview last night, Shamir said there was no reason for any build-up of bitterness in Egypt over the Golan measure which was a "legitimate step by Israel to ensure its security."

The Egyptians need have no complaints against Israel, Shamir added, because Israel "is doing the giving and Egypt the taking" in the Israel-Egypt relationship. Israel for its part had complaints over Egypt's attitude towards the normalization and over "the atmosphere in Egypt today." But "we are doing everything to overcome the obstacles. . . and to broaden and deepen the peace," the foreign minister noted.

### FUND DRIVE TO KEEP JERUSALEM ELDERLY WARM

Some 2,000 Jewish and Arab elderly persons in Jerusalem are to be assisted in heating their apartments this winter through a fund-raising drive which gets under way in the capital this week.

The drive, which has the backing of the municipality, aims at raising IS2 million for heaters, kerosene and grants to cover electric heating. Peace Ship owner Abie Nathan has pledged IS250,000 to the drive, which is headed by Hanna Daskel, head of the Council of Social Work Organizations.

GET THOSE gold and white flags out; Pope John Paul II wants to come to Jerusalem. The pope was speaking to Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich at a reception for delegates at a UN Food and Agriculture Organization meeting in Rome. The pontiff asked Ehrlich to convey his best wishes to the people of Israel and ended his conversation with the Hebrew word, *Shalom*.



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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.  
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of  
my mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."

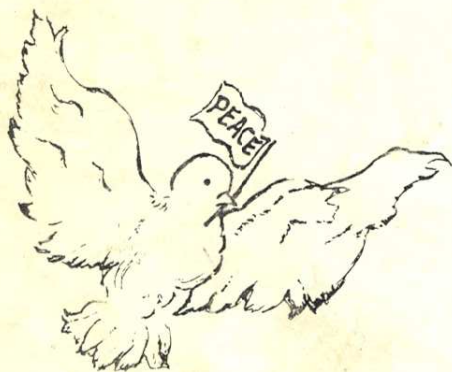
Psalms 137:5, 6.

### Golan Heights Annexed (cont. from page 3)

America's expressed disapproval of the Israeli action, though, relations between the two countries will likely remain warm. Israel is, all things considered, America's best guarantee of a foothold in the Middle East and its only real ally in the region.

Israel has been feeling for some time — with justice — that when it comes to achieving peace in the region, it is the only party called on to make the sacrifices. This probably had something to do with the Golan decision. The recent decision by the U.S. Congress to supply Saudi Arabia with advanced AWAAC planes was viewed here with extreme alarm, and seen as a dangerous threat to Israel's security as well as an act setting a dangerous precedent.

At the same time, making its southern front even more insecure, Israel is in the process of withdrawing from the Sinai peninsula, is giving up the region's enormous mineral wealth, is dismantling its large military bases there, and is moving the settlements in Sinai to other parts of the country. Israel is giving up two thirds of its land mass, making enormous economic sacrifices as well as running grave security risks. All of this is being done in the search for peace; not in exchange for an assured peace, mind you, but just in the search for peace. And, more and more, it seems as if the world — even the friendly part of it — is turning a blind eye to the sacrifices Israel is making, and instead calls on this tiny nation to give up more and more of what little it has. It's not hard to see how this trend could cause a feeling of frustration, and make one wonder if any of the sacrifices Israel is making are appreciated — anywhere.



Debate over Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights will no doubt continue for some time — both here and abroad. The move certainly attracted the world's attention, and it has unfortunately served to draw attention away from the sacrifices Israel is presently making in the search for peace, in withdrawing from Sinai.

Israel will have withdrawn from Sinai by April 25, in accordance with the Camp David accords. It is after that date that the real test of the peace with Egypt will come. If, as some here fear, Egypt then decides to rejoin the majority of the Arab states arrayed against Israel, then Israel may well wish it had not stopped with annexing the Golan Heights, but had included Sinai as well.



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