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Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Old City can be seen within the walled area. In 1860, Jerusalem began to expand outside the walls, the high buildings in the background are part of this expansion which includes most of Jerusalem today and is called "The New City" or "West Jerusalem".

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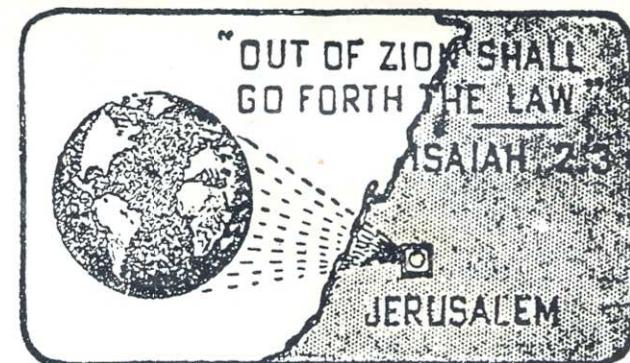
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### Jerusalem — The Chosen City of God (יהוָה)

"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" (Isaiah 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:17). "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might be there" (2Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem" (Joel 3:16).

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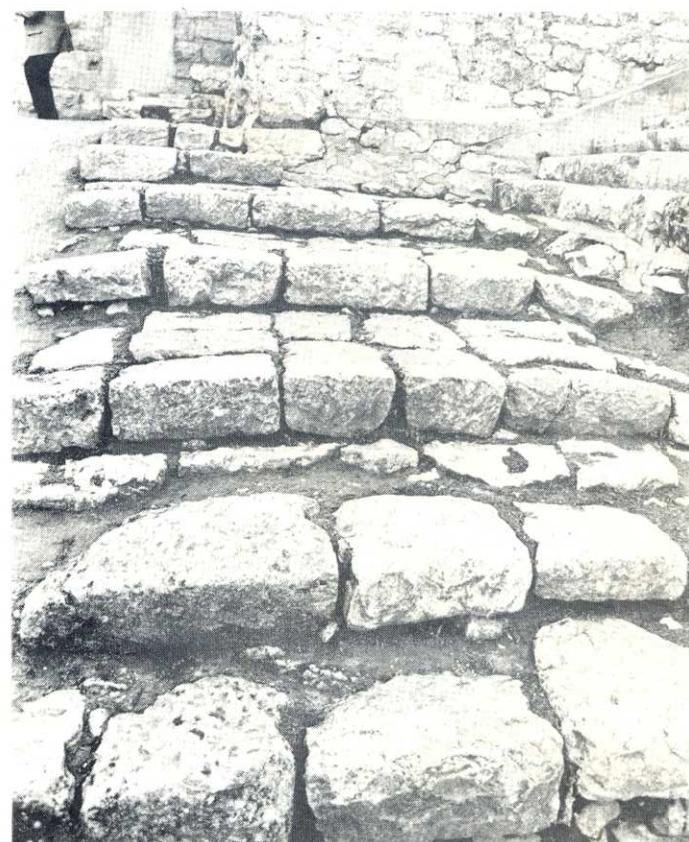
# Ascent to Mount Zion

by Jennie Goldman

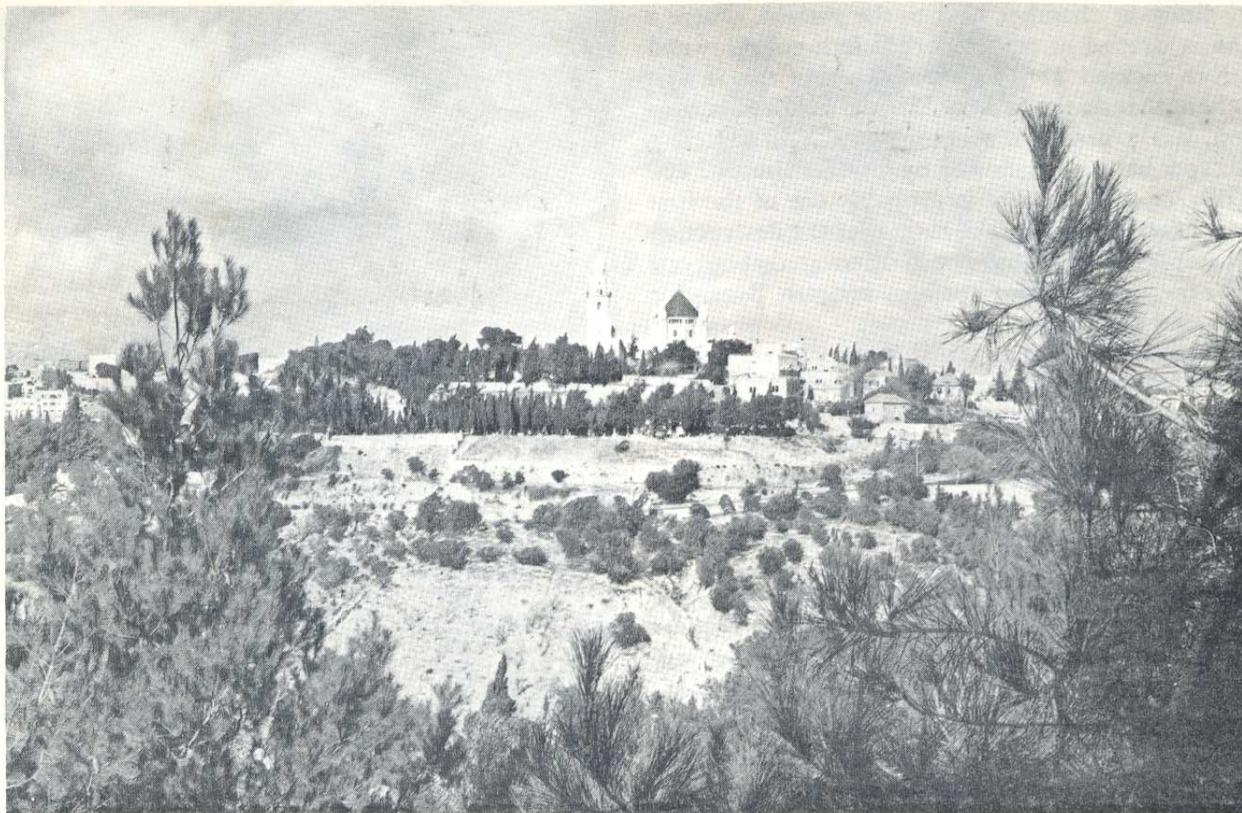
"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever," (Psalm 125).

A glance at the map of Jerusalem confirms that Mount Zion has indeed survived to our day. And with it, the symbolism of its biblical name, which inspires an ongoing spiritual quest atop this rocky hill. Green-black cypresses frame a dozen or so stone-built shrines and seminaries, Christian and Jewish. It seems barely relevant that the precise location of Mount Zion has, in fact, "migrated" more than once during Jerusalem's history. The first biblical mention of the Mount refers to the twin hill east of today's Mount Zion. Later, it was the name given to the mount where the Temple stood. The Mount Zion that Jesus knew was elsewhere again, on the ridge which today finds itself at the south-western corner of the Old City, its southern tip protruding beyond the city wall. It is this tip, an area of about five acres, which we now call Mount Zion. Steep-sided and timeless, it has become the reimbodiment of its biblical namesake.

From the cobbled lane which follows the crest of the Mount, a flight of stairs ascends to the Upper Room, or Cenacle. This vaulted chamber, built in



Stone steps from the first and second century B.C. which ascend up Mount Zion from the Pool of Siloam in The Kidron Valley. It is believed that Christ travelled these steps on his way down to the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before the crucifixion.



Mount Zion from across the Kidron Valley.



David's Tomb, hallowed by Jews for almost two millenia. It actually occupies the lower story of the ancient building housing the Traditional "Upper Room".

Crusader times, marks the traditional location of Jesus' Last Supper. The site had earlier been enshrined within the huge Byzantine basilica of Hagia Sion, "Mother of Churches."

Today the vanished basilica has an eminent successor. A few yards from the Cenacle stands the Benedictines' Dormition Abbey, its belltower and black, conical roof



Sign near David's Tomb on Mount Zion warns visitors not to desecrate the sanctity of the site.

giving Mount Zion its well-known skyline. In recent months, the Abbey's interior has become familiar to Jerusalem's music-lovers as the setting for an ongoing series of organ recitals.

Set into the slope next to the Abbey is its Theological Faculty, where German-speaking students from Europe follow a one-year programme leading to a diploma in theology. They form part of a highly variegated student population on Mount Zion. At the nearby Institute of Holy Land Studies, American post-graduates are exploring the history, geography and sociology of the Middle East, and the Jewish underpinnings of the New Testament. Their neighbours at the Greek Orthodox seminary follow the curriculum of a typical Greek high school, with a special emphasis on prayer and religious instruction. A little higher up the slope, Jewish students are poring over pages of Bible and *Talmud* at the *Diaspora Yeshiva*.

The focal point of Jewish pilgrimage to Mount Zion is

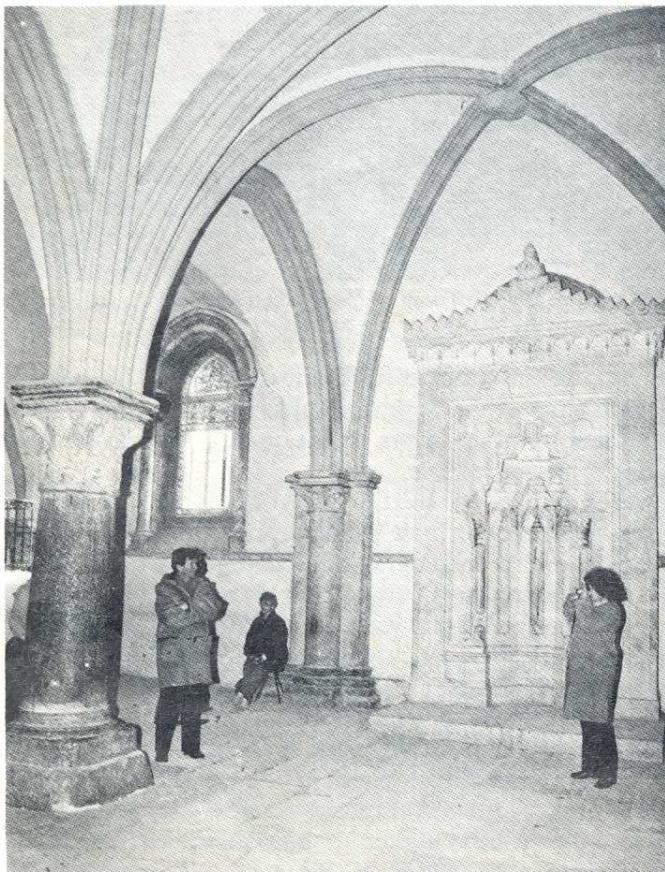
a long, dimly-lit chamber next to the *yeshiva*, where a *cenotaph* is draped in embroidered cloth and crowned with silver-encased *Torah* scrolls. Whether this in fact marks the authentic site of King David's tomb remains in question, but a dramatic archaeological find indicates that this spot has been hallowed by Jews for almost 2,000 years: the remains of what is probably one of the first synagogues established in the land after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, have been discovered about one metre below today's floor surface, beneath Byzantine and Crusader structures.

A more recent chapter of Jewish history is recorded in the small Museum of the Holocaust, where marble plaques bear the names of the vanished communities of European Jewry.

The mingling of past and present on the Mount engenders a particular sense of continuity. One striking illustration is to be found at the new Armenian Church of St. Sarkis, where centuries-old tombstones have been salvaged from the adjacent Armenian cemetery and set into the outside walls of the steadily rising church.

When you leave Mount Zion, you can either pass through Zion Gate into the Old City, or take the curving road paved in 1964 for the visit of Pope Paul VI. Recently, however, an alternative route surfaced from the past. This is the rediscovery stairway from the 1st or 2nd century BCE, which runs down the eastern slope of the Mount from the present-day Church of St. Peter-in-Gallicantu to the Pool of Siloam. Its stone steps are believed to be those trodden by Jesus when he went down to the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper; their reappearance has taken almost two millennia.

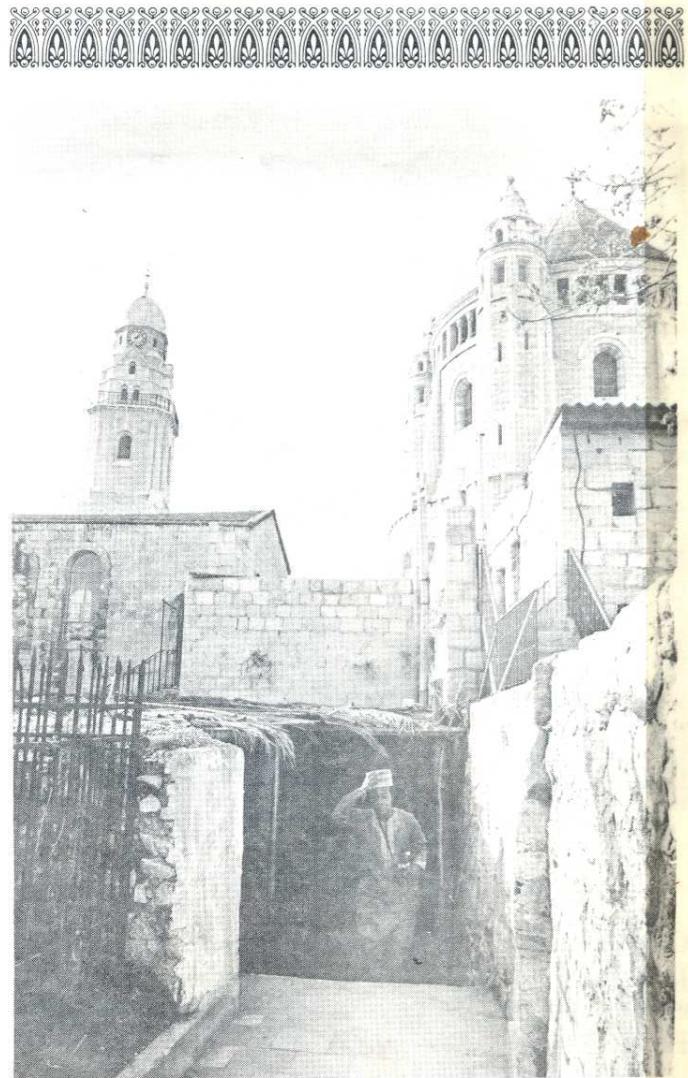
Mount Zion yields its secrets slowly. □



The Upper Room — traditional location of the "Last Supper"; where the Holy Spirit came down at Pentecost.



Replicas of Nazi extermination ovens, at the Museum of the Holocaust, on Mount Zion.



Tiled lane leading to the Upper Room and the nearby Dormition Abbey.

# Afraid?

## Afraid . . . of . . . What??

Art Whetstone

Both the Prophets Zephaniah and Micah foretold of a time when Israel would be gathered back into the land and ". . . none shall make them afraid." I have always pictured this in my mind as the time when wars would be forgotten and the evils that cause men to oppress and harm one another would all have been done away with. However, in nearly two years of living in Jerusalem and travelling through Israel, I am seeing actions that I can only explain by pointing to these prophetic words.

It is a common sight to see a mother pushing a baby carriage out into the traffic as if it were a Sherman Tank. We see pedestrians of all ages jay-walking across busy streets as if they were in their own back yards. A large group of young people, headed for summer camp, take up an entire roadway. I have to almost jostle them with my car, in order to get through. I go with my son into many homes and apartment buildings on his appliance repair calls, and we literally bump into children of all ages in dark hallways, staircases, and alleyways around the buildings. One would think it appropriate for them to be just a little bit afraid of these big strangers in dark passageways. Sometimes they are even a little curious, but afraid? Never!

A young soldier-friend explained to us how they teach them to drive in the army here in Israel. They teach them what the vehicle is made to do, and how to get the most out of it on curves, hills, and even rough mountain sides. They teach them how to manipulate the vehicle under the worst possible conditions and get from point A to point B as quickly as possible. Small wonder then that so many drivers in town are zipping in and out of tight places that make normal civilians catch their breath in terror. When asked if he shouldn't be a little cautious with his driving, our friend expressed this attitude: "I know exactly what I'm doing, my reactions are fast, and I won't have an accident; I don't even need insurance!" Hopefully this is an extreme, and not an average driver's way of reasoning. But the driving habits I see on a daily basis lead me to believe it is shared by far too many of the drivers on the road.

Even when a terrorist bomb has gone off in town or after a big shoot-out, people are not afraid to get involved helping the wounded or even fighting back at the attackers. Most of all, they are not afraid to walk the streets again the minute it is all over.

I understand that a certain amount of inflated ego was common in Israel after the 1967 war. But any superhuman feelings were badly injured by the difficult 1973 war

and further damaged by the fruitlessly prolonged Lebanese conflict.

It might be said that a lack of basic courtesy accounts for all these attitudes and actions, plus explain the pushiness in lines at the bank and getting on the bus. True, we don't see much Western-style courtesy on the road and in waiting lines. But what happens in the Western cities when someone is in real trouble? People hide their faces and duck away to keep from "getting involved". Here, when there is a real need, people will get involved, as though it were a member of their own family in trouble.

I see one other important factor as fundamental to Israeli attitudes. After centuries of second-class citizenship, or worse, in many countries of the world, the Jewish people are now a free, proud people in their own sovereign state. Even this just partly explains why so many drivers act like they own the street and why pedestrians don't move out of the way of traffic until absolutely necessary!

They are not being obnoxious or even discourteous, as might be the conclusion of a Western observer. But just like the Prophets said, they are simply **not afraid**.

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Girl Soldier in training.

### One Moment In Time

The Israel Defence Forces recruiting station in Jerusalem is located in an Orthodox neighbourhood. The building is indistinguishable from the quarter's other rough-stone, four-storey residences except for a small sign — IDF Recruiting Station — and the blue-and-white flag in the courtyard.

About 100 girls gather around on this unseasonably warm winter morning. Almost every girl is accompanied by her mother, father or both. Some

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# Paul, Apollos or Christ?

by A.N. Dugger, founder of The Mt. Zion Reporter

**“For while one saith I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal . . . I have planted and Apollos watered, but God gives the increase,”** (1 Cor. 3:4-6).

We find from the above that the Church of God in the year of 59 A.D. was divided and many were following the ways of the flesh, which Paul called carnality, instead of being led of the Spirit in love for one another. He rebuked them for following after men, and for magnifying their differences, which he speaks of as contentions in 1 Cor. 1:11-13.

It is very much the same way today; while some say, “*I am of this group,*” and another, “*I am of that group,*” and “*I am of some other group,*” it is very common also today to hear people call congregations by the names of those who are leaders of different groups, just as it was in Paul’s day. If Paul were here now, he would call them carnal, just as he did then, but still he would esteem all of the groups “*The Church of God,*” just as he did then. When people qualify according to Rev. 12:17 and 14:12, and emphasize the “*Testimonies of Jesus,*” as well as the Commandments of God, they are of the “*Family of God.*”

By strictly following the Testimony (The New Testament), they are known by the family-name by which the one family in both heaven and earth are known (Ephesians 3:14,15; Rev. 14:1). The unity of this body, as well as the name of the family, was the great burden of the prayer of our Saviour as He approached Calvary (John 17). Here He prays that the family, the household of faith, will hold to the name of the Father of the family, and that they will be “one”. He repeats both of these conditions a number of times in the prayer. Shall we not, dear reader, do our best that this prayer shall be answered? It is the enemy of souls that does not want it so. Those who truly love the Master will cooperate to bring unity to pass.

#### The Bridegroom Coming For The Bride

During the long period after the church fled to the wilderness (Rev. 12:6,14), they were separated in many different localities, with thousands of miles between and no means of communication. Different leaders, led of the Holy Spirit, fed them and nourished them. Yet these leaders, besides holding to the “*Commandments of God and the Testimony of the Saviour,*” held to different views on minor points. Still, they constituted the Church of



God in the Wilderness, just as the Scriptures tell us. There is an abundance of history relative to these leaders, and the belief of these scattered persecuted people, who emphasized the Power of God through His Holy Spirit. On many minor points they held to different views. This, however, did not cause them to manifest anything but love, because they believed they were one, and the people of God.

The Bridegroom is coming. His bride is making herself ready, “*and it was granted unto her, that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints,*” (Rev. 19:7,8).

We are told in these scriptures, “*Let us be glad and give honor to Him (the Bridegroom), for the marriage of the Lamb (Jesus — Hebrew Yeshua) has come and His wife has made herself ready.*” So, dear brothers and sisters, let us rejoice together, and best of all give honor to Him. Let us endeavor to see that His prayer is answered and let us, “*be one as He and the Father are one,*” (John 17:12,21,22,26). Instead of lifting up barriers and walls of partition, let us speak good of one another and fellowship together, without a motive of stealing sheep or transferring them from one pasture to another. Let us have liberty to teach the truth in love, seasoned with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

With the Holy Spirit, strife and division will not arise. But without the presence of the Holy Spirit to soften our speech, and tune it with kindness, it is best to remain in our own camp to avoid strife and contention, while we pray for one another.

#### Half Were Wise And Half Were Foolish

There were ten wise and ten foolish virgins; and remember, they were virgins. They all had the original

maiden name for the church. The Father said of her, "I am jealous over you with a Godly jealousy, for I have espoused you unto one husband, that I may present you a chaste virgin to Christ," (2 Cor. 11:2).

They were virgins, all having the name divinely given for the Bride of the Saviour, which name has been retained down through the long period of this dispersion and throughout her wilderness experience. Now in her broken fragments she still holds to the name, but half of this virgin class enter into the marriage, and half are shut out (Mat. 25:12). The wise paid special interest in possessing an abundance of oil. They had oil in their lamps and extra oil in their vessels. Oil represents the Holy Spirit, which gives people the light of the Word, with boldness, power and wisdom to give it to others.

The Saviour said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled," (Mat. 5:6). The trouble is that many of the virgin class are hungering and thirsting after money, after worldly possessions, after the very best and the most up-to-date (worldly standards) of everything, void of a holy purpose in possession for the Glory of God in sending out the light. Such are of the foolish virgin class. The wise are



those, "Hungering and Thirsting," craving and desiring righteousness above everything else, seeking for the Power of the Spirit and the joy of service, in this approaching midnight hour. We have the precious promise that the Father is more willing to give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him, than the earthly father is willing to give bread to his hungry children (Luke 11:11-13). Therefore, those who do not possess an abundance of this free gift, this divine power, are of the foolish class, who spent their time and thoughts coveting the mighty dollar to give them that deceptive joy of possession so prevalent today.

There are many, however, of the wise virgins, filled and led by the Holy Spirit, who are successful in business; led of the Lord and blessed, so that they may in this way be a blessing to the workers out in the fields of labor, preaching the gospel of salvation. In this way they are nobly serving the Master to the very capacity to which the Father has called them, and many stars will be in their crowns on redemption morning.

The possessors of oil in their lamps, with an extra supply in their vessels to bring them safely through the darkness and deception of the midnight hour, are, through the Spirit, also possessors of that, "Love one for the other," by which the disciples are known (John 13:35). This Bride of the Lamb, who enters into the marriage with Him will be possessors of that love, and the Saviour will be the one whom they will follow. They will be His disciples; and not the disciples of Paul,

Apollos and Cephas, or of any particular man, or of any of those groups of men, who exclude all of the others and separate themselves.

The true Church of God includes all of these several groups and many more as well as hundreds of people in different groups who are known by the Father above and whom He will call out in due time. The Bride is making herself ready. The wise virgins are trimming their lamps and filling their vessels with oil. They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, and are being clothed with those spotless linen garments of white. They await with joy the good news of His coming, and will be represented at the place where He comes, which is Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-4). Their eyes will be upon their Saviour and Him only. They will be His disciples — which is what His followers are called over one hundred times in the New Testament — and not the disciples of any man or group of men.

The true "Church of God," "The Remnant," the "Bride Class," includes all of these several groups, just as it did in the wilderness. And now, in this preparation time, the wise virgins from among all of them are trimming their lamps. They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness above everything else in this world, and, with love one for the other, they seek for a refilling of the Spirit; to be clothed with the beautiful garments of white. They will not have a worldly spot upon them. That virgin class will be represented at Jerusalem. It is here where He is to descend from heaven with all the Holy Angels to be King of Kings (Rev. 11:15).

I wish to especially express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our beloved readers who are sharing their tithes and offerings for the work here in the Holy Land from where the closing message is going out to all the world. You will be bountifully blessed and your heart will continue to rejoice to see fruit from your labors thus expended here through this part of your life placed upon the altar in sacrifice and service. □




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Then saith He unto His disciples,  
the harvest truly is plenteous,  
but the labourers are few; pray ye  
therefore the Lord of the harvest, that  
He will send forth labourers into His  
harvest. (Matt. 9:37, 38).

# Questions and Answers



Jews praying at the "Wailing Wall" or "Western Wall" — focal point for Jewish prayers in Jerusalem. This wall is over 2,000 years old and is believed to be the remains of the wall which enclosed the courtyard of the Second Temple, destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

## QUESTION —

We have been praying for the peace of Jerusalem and the ministry in Israel, but in order to be good spiritual warriors it is important for us to get some intelligence on what the local body there needs, and what the enemy is doing, so that we can effectively address these needs in prayer and pull down Satan's strongholds. So, as you are entrenched on the front lines, could you please fill us in?

## ANSWER —

We are happy to answer this question as we sincerely agree that for spiritual warfare to be most effective, one must focus on specific areas. So here is an up-to-date "intelligence dispatch" outlining the areas most in need of prayer:

### PRAY FOR THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL

A burden that is on many a believer's heart in this land (Jew and non-Jew alike) is for an effective indigenous congregation to come forth. So pray that God will raise up more spirit-filled Israeli leaders to shepherd congregations and to express the faith of the God of Israel and the

Messiah of Israel according to the culture of the Israeli people.

### YOUR PRAYERS CAN COMBAT VIOLENCE AND TERROR

There has recently been an increase in violence and terrorism in Israel. Many Israelis have been murdered in stabbings and shootings. There have also been many bomb attempts — some of which succeeded. These incidents fuel racism, which has been lifting its ugly head in Israel on both sides, resulting in tragic violence between Jews and Arabs. Israel's present economic recession, which has brought difficulties to many, also seems to have strengthened the hand of extremists among both the Arabs and Jews.

In addition to these internal menaces to the security of the State of Israel, is the looming Syrian threat, made all the more serious by the very real danger of direct Soviet involvement (read Ezekiel 38 and 39) as per their mutual defense treaty. Soviet-backed Syria has never given up its dream of destroying Israel and has been building up its armed forces at quite an alarming rate. The recent

escalation of tension between Syria and Israel shows once again how near the next Middle East war could be.

Please pray that the Almighty will continue to bless and protect Israel; and pray that there will also be peace within the land, and that racism and terrorism (two of Satan's most effective weapons here) will be replaced by tolerance and harmony.

#### PRAY FOR THE LOCAL BODY

The local body needs your prayers in the wake of renewed persecution. Right now the spiritual warfare in Israel is reaching a new intensity. One principle tool of the enemy is the anti-missionary movement. These groups spring from a radical, extremist faction of ultra-orthodox Jewish elements and are not supported by the majority of the Israeli people, but their attacks against the body here are many and varied. Please pray that God will sow confusion among their ranks, that their criminal activities will be exposed and punished by the authorities, and, most importantly, that the spiritual principalities and powers behind them will be bound and rendered powerless by the authority of our Messiah.

There was one particular attack on this ministry that we believe came from anti-missionary elements, and your prayers concerning it would be most appreciated. A clever forgery has been perpetrated against us (you may have heard about it already). This forged letter had on it our letterhead and the forged signature of our editor, Gordon Fauth, which were cut out from a stolen letter and photocopied. It contained some clever lies and, among other things, claimed that we had "erred", that God had shown us that it was wrong to share the Gospel with the Jewish people, and that we were discontinuing the ministry. This letter was sent to various friends and supporters, and, as you can imagine, it caused some confusion. Please pray that those responsible will be exposed and that the Heavenly Father will alleviate any harm caused by this attack.

#### PRAY THAT THE JERUSALEM WORK WILL BE BLESSED

Please pray that the Heavenly Father will guide and direct our labors, and that the Jerusalem ministry will be blessed abundantly and will be used to bring many more precious souls to righteousness. The hunger, worldwide, is great, and truly the time left to work in is short. Our greatest needs at present are for increased finances with which to carry on and expand the ministry, and for qualified people to help in the ministry. God is "not willing that any should perish" and we have been given many wonderful opportunities to follow our Savior's command to "Feed My Sheep!"

#### PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF WAR-TORN LEBANON

Please remember to pray for our brethren in Lebanon and for that troubled war-torn country in general. There are many new and dangerous turns of events there which are very disturbing. Lybian, Syrian and Iranian-backed terror groups have been added to the already schizophrenic

factions in Lebanon, constituting a threat to the Lebanese people as well as to Israel. Please pray for the peace and salvation of this war-wearied nation.

#### PRAY FOR THE JEWS OF RUSSIA

The USSR has increased its discrimination against Christians and Jews, and is permitting very few Jews the right to emigrate to Israel. For the two and a half million Jews living in Russia, it is a felony to even teach Hebrew or to worship the God of Israel. Many Jews and Christians are suffering in communist prisons and many have been martyred. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. Please pray that this modern-day Pharaoh will let God's people (both Jews and Christians) go.

#### PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

Pray especially for the "Peace of Jerusalem" (Psalms 122:6); that the current initiative for Middle East peace will become a reality, and that the "Good News" will be prevalent in this entire region and throughout the world as the Will of the Almighty is accomplished.

#### Help Us Get New Subscribers

*The Mount Zion Reporter* has gone out from Jerusalem for over 30 years now. Thousands of lives have been touched and changed as a direct result; and the power of the Holy Spirit through the written word has given birth to hundreds of churches around the world. *The Reporter* and its message are important and effective. We believe that it should reach many more with the Good News of Salvation. The Lord has been blessing the Jerusalem ministry — of which *The Mount Zion Reporter* is an important part — and always trusting in His leading and guidance. We expect the importance of the magazine to grow greatly in the time ahead.

However, we have a problem.

At the present time, our costs are very high. Paper, postage and printing expenses make it difficult to print *The Reporter* and come out ahead financially. The main reason for this is that many of our subscribers are in very poor countries and cannot afford to pay. In fact, most copies of *The Reporter* are sent out free. Ironically, it is our outstanding success in the poorer nations of the world that has caused the problem. We do not want to curtail our efforts in these areas, as they are where the need is the greatest and the opportunities the most worthwhile. However, we do need to do something to increase the proportion of paid subscribers and alleviate the burden.

It is a problem, but it does have a simple solution — more paid subscribers.

So, we are reaching out to you and are asking you to reach out to others. Tell your friends, relatives and fellow church members about *The Mount Zion Reporter* and urge them to subscribe today.

Every new subscription helps and in this way you can help the Jerusalem ministry to grow!

*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.*

# Romance And Love Is There A Difference?

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**I**t is one of the biggest lies of the 20th Century. It has been propagated through movies, books, music; through practically every media there is. It has become accepted as fact by countless millions, and it has brought them untold disappointment and misery!

So much misery, disappointment, and bitterness could be avoided if young people were taught the difference between attraction, romance, and real love.

## What Is Attraction?

God put within each of us a basic attraction for people of the opposite sex in general and for certain individuals in particular. That natural pull, linked to sexual desire, is usually based on appearance — at least in the beginning; we are attracted to someone we consider beautiful, handsome, appealing, or shapely. But we can also be captivated by an individual's personality, deeply impressed by his dedication, or drawn to his air of confidence or sense of humor. We can be attracted to the role a person plays (he is the star football player or an imposing officer of the law, she is a cheerleader or soloist in the choir).

Often, what starts out as physical attraction, grows as we learn more about the person; but it can work the opposite way. When a beautiful woman opens her mouth and spues forth vile curses, she can suddenly become unattractive; a dashing officer of the law may seem very undesirable after he spends an entire evening bragging about his hot rods. That is just how superficial attraction can be!

Attraction is quite natural, it is normal, it is not wrong, per se, but it does have its limitations; here are some of them:

1) Attraction is not love. "Love at first sight" is really attraction at first sight.

2) It does not automatically cease after marriage. Other personalities, physical appearances, physiques, characteristics, and roles can still be quite appealing.

3) Attraction by itself is not sin, neither is being attractive yourself; it is a gift of God.

4) Attraction can lead to sin — in just one thought. Jesus said, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, he hath committed adultery with her already in his heart," (Matthew 5:28). He did not condemn looking, or noticing, or appreciating the God-given attributes of another person. But He did condemn lust.

Attraction is a very natural phenomenon and it can very easily lead to romance.

## What Is Romance?

Another word for romance is infatuation. It involves giving in to attraction and becoming enamored with another person. What begins as attraction for a uniform or for a beautiful face can grow as the person and personality are revealed.

Romance can be a very beautiful and wonderful experience — provided the two people involved are: (1) Mature enough to keep their feelings and emotions (their romance) in proper perspective, and (2) Are single and



## What Is It?

It is the lie that romance is love. It is the lie that draws no distinction between attraction, sexual desire, infatuation, and real love. It is the lie that fails to distinguish between real love and illicit lust!

The media has so clouded our concepts that we talk of "love at first sight," "falling in love," being "in love," and "making love" — all in the same breath. We do not differentiate one love from another in our language; and most people, especially young people, do not differentiate one love from another in their relationships. They have been brainwashed by the movie industry and popular songs and novels, which have created an image of fairy-tale romances and *happy-ever-aftering* — all in the name of love. Love has become a virtual God! But which love? Nobody seems to know!

## And The Results?

Millions of young couples "fall in love" and marry without ever knowing what real love is, without ever having seen a real life example of the kind of marriage they are sure they are going to have. And when they discover that they do not have the Hollywood illusion of eternal romantic bliss, they are crushed with bitter disappointment. Frequently they divorce; sometimes they manage to negotiate an uneasy truce for the sake of the kids; and once in a while, they stumble onto the real thing and discover what love and marriage are all about.

eligible to marry.

However for someone who is too immature to control his feelings, romance can spell disaster. And for a married person, extra-marital romance is adultery!

As wonderful as romance is, it is not love! In fact, romance can be quite selfish if it is not accompanied by and guided by real love. Statements like, "I feel so great when I'm with him" or "He's such a wonderful person to be around" or "She really sends me" all point up the fact that romance tends to focus on the self.

### Romance Has Other Shortcomings

The expression "love is blind" should be "romance is blind": and indeed it is. For while real love has eyes wide open, the passion of romance tends to blind a person to the faults and humanness of the other. Her freckles and

crooked teeth seem cute and attractive. His preoccupation with his macho image is captivating. Shortcomings and problems, if recognized at all, are viewed very affectionately rather than realistically. Or they are shrugged off with "Oh, he will change after we are married."

Romance is a wonderful experience and has an important place in human relationships, but like all emotional responses, it has its limitations:

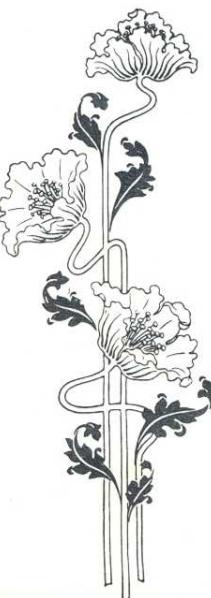
- 1) Romance is based to a large degree on the newness of a relationship — the thrill of discovery, the excitement and security of companionship. As the newness wears off, so too does the flame of passion.

- 2) Romance can be largely self-centred.

- 3) Though romance between two mature, single people is certainly not wrong, it can easily lead to pre-marital sexual involvement which is wrong.

- 4) Romance is not love, and, by itself, it is no basis for marriage.

- 5) Romance can develop and grow into real love, which can be the foundation for marriage.



### What Is Love?

Love is not concerned with self-gratification, personal feelings, and pleasures. Rather, it is a deep, outgoing concern for another human being. Love is not focused on self or how self feels. Rather, it is focused on the partner — concern for his feelings, for his well-being and happiness.

Romance says, "I want you" or "I have to have you."

Love says, "I want what is best for you," or "I want you to have what you need," or "I want you to be happy," or "I want to devote my life to caring for you."

Love is not an emotion, though it may be accompanied by much emotion. Love is not romance, though it may grow out of and accompany romance. Love is not accidental — you cannot "fall" in love; it must grow.

1 Corinthians 13 gives an excellent picture of what real love is all about — the kind of love that should be the basis for all marriages. Compare this description of love to the concept of love portrayed in modern songs and movies — the false concept that forms the foundation for so many marriages.

According to 1 Corinthians 13:

- ★ Love is patient
- ★ Love is kind
- ★ Love does not envy
- ★ Love does not boast
- ★ Love is not proud
- ★ It is not rude
- ★ It is not self-seeking
- ★ It is not easily angered
- ★ It keeps no record of wrongs
- ★ Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in truth
- ★ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres
- ★ Love never fails.



This kind of love is a very tall order — a tremendous responsibility. It involves a deep abiding respect and concern for another person. It involves giving, sharing, doing without for the sake of another. It involves giving 100 per cent rather than taking for personal gratification and pleasure.

Real love is a far cry from attraction, romance, or infatuation. It is the only durable foundation for a marriage.

Unfortunately, so many marriages are based on the feelings of attraction and romance, nurtured by Hollywood's never-ending stream of "love" stories. And when the enchantment wears off, as it inevitably will, there is no real love to take its place. Starry-eyed young people become quickly disillusioned with their mates and often with life itself.

They say things like, "I do not love you anymore". What they mean is, "I am not infatuated with you anymore". What happened is that they discovered their mate is, after all, just a human being. Or they say, "I have fallen in love with somebody else". What they mean is, "I am infatuated with someone else".

What happened is they gave in to their attraction for someone else and they are still chasing the illusion the media put in their minds.

So it is off to the divorce courts and on to another romance, which will probably also be dashed when reality sets in.

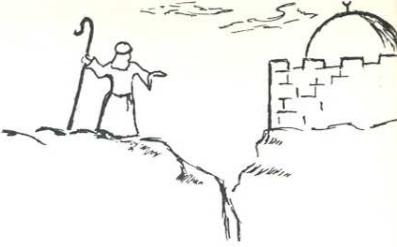
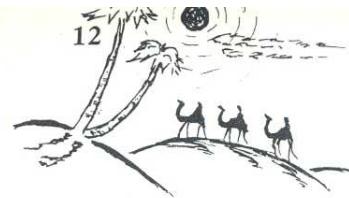
If only the songs and movies taught people what real love is; if only young people could learn the limitations of attraction and romance — and the importance of love. Then they would have a decent shot at real happiness. They would be prepared to work at keeping romance alive in their marriage — by going out of their way to treat their mate like the special person he was when they "fell in love." They would be able to quit chasing illusions and start enjoying the real passion, romance, and love that can be part of marriage as God intended it.



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SWEET TO THE SOUL, AND HEALTH TO THE  
BONES."**

**PROVERBS 16:24**



# Life in Israel

by Sarah Fauth

Shalom!

Greetings once again from Jerusalem. I hope you are well there in your corner of the world. We here are all fine and enjoying nice spring weather. Some days there has been a strong south wind blowing in from the desert which causes the atmosphere to become hazy with sand. Other days have been fresh and bright, and so clear that, looking east, you can see all the way to Jordan.

The nation was blessed with some badly-needed late rains which should do the land some good. I read in the paper that the sea of Galilee is the lowest it has been since the beginning of the State of Israel. Israel has been using water from Galilee to "make the desert bloom" (Isa. 35:1,2), and there just hasn't been enough rain in recent years to replenish the lake.

It would be nice if we could get a little more rain here. Almost all of Israel's desert areas would become virtual "Gardens of Eden" if they received more rain. I remember after one unusually wet winter, we took an old road that wound through a normally bare stretch of hills between Jerusalem and Bethlehem — and what a transformation! All the hills were covered with knee-high greenery, the meadows were bursting with red poppies and through the valley a little creek was flowing. It didn't look at all like the same desert land!

The land here is really quite fertile and the climate is generally ideal for growing things. This is evident in the variety of good fruits and vegetables which are abundant here. Right now we are approaching watermelon season. Outside the old City walls, near Damascus Gate, there are special stalls which sell nothing but watermelons — often stacked as high as a building.

Many of the Arab people who live on the outskirts of the city, grow their own fruits and vegetables and sell the excess on street corners and in open-air markets.

There's a blind beggar from Hebron who comes to the gate every day begging and peddling various fruits. If we don't buy anything, we usually give him something. He's been coming for years. My grandmother — when she was alive and she and Grandpa lived upstairs — would often invite him in for a bite to eat. He has seven children and really works pretty hard for a living.

There are not too many beggars here, but there are a few. In some cases, an entire family will be beggars (kind of make a tradition out of it). Begging, however, is becoming less popular than it once was. About 25 years ago, I am told, one would encounter crowds of young and very persistent beggars on almost every street corner. To solve the problem, the government sent them to kibbutzes where they have done very well. (A kibbutz is a communal farm or, sometimes, a collection of factories and farming projects where all the members work and share alike. They govern themselves and sort of live like one big family.)

The holiday of Purim has passed again, (see Esther 9:26-32) with many celebrations throughout the city. The holiday of Passover and The Feast of the Unleavened Bread will be here soon. Everyone is doing their spring cleaning now to get all the leaven out of their



Children in Israel celebrate Purim by dressing up in costumes and parading around the streets. The girl in this picture is a little "Queen Esther".

houses (see Exodus 12). In the religious sections of the city, sitting on out-door fires are giant metal vats, full of boiling water. The people all bring their heat-resistant dishes and eating utensiles and put them in the water to cleanse them of any trace of leaven and, thus, make them "kosher" for Passover. There are also special bread-burning ceremonies the day before Passover, in which all the bread that is left in the house is taken outside and burned on a small fire while prayers are recited. It's quite interesting to see the groups of people outside their houses chanting and burning bread.

My father and mother are also making plans for the "Lord's Supper" service at our church here in Jerusalem, which is how we, as Christians, celebrate Passover. (Luke 22:1-20.) We generally have a few visitors from abroad that come here especially for this event, and it is usually a very nice service.

Passover, in Israel, is one of the main holiday seasons.



Orthodox Jewish boys eating "Matza" (unleavened bread)

It's a time for family and friends to get together and go for their annual vacation.

This past weekend, I went to the town of Eilat, by the Red Sea, with my brother, Naphtali, a couple of friends and a visitor from England. We stayed at a lovely Christian youth hostel. It was very cheap, had good clean rooms, and we had the use of the kitchen to prepare meals.

The Red Sea is famous for its beautiful corals and its brilliantly multicoloured tropical fish — all the colours of the rainbow! We used snorkels and masks in the water to look at the beautiful sea life. A friend and myself also went scuba diving, an experience which was well worth it, because then we could see all the beauty at eye level.

Diving along the coral reef, to a submerged coral island called Moses' Rock, we saw so many interesting things that it was sometimes difficult to decide where to look.

And the fish were so tame that they would all flock around you in a dazzling display of pastel colours and you could reach out and touch them!

The Bible states in Gen. 1:2, "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life..." This seems almost an understatement when confronted by the abundance and variety of life in the Red Sea, and it is difficult to view these spectacular creations without giving God the glory and honor due Him.

The few days we spent in Eilat were really most interesting and worthwhile — a well earned rest and getaway from the hustle and bustle of everyday life here in Jerusalem. But, as always, it was good to come back to Jerusalem, the City of God. I trust that we will all be filled with new strength and vigour for the Lord's work here in Jerusalem and in the coming days ahead.

The Gospel work here is progressing quite steadily (Praise Him!). The days are usually very busy, and we are thankful for what the Lord allows us to accomplish. The

Bible ministry, especially, has been reaping much fruit!

Please continue to pray for us here, for the "Jerusalem Ministry" and for the peace of Jerusalem. I pray that God will bless and be with you always.

Shalom until next month.

Your Sister,  
Sarah Fauth

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### One Moment In Time

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have brought brothers, sisters and boyfriends to see them off.

Most of the girls (women?) are dressed in their pre-army uniform of jeans. They carry canvas bags filled with all the paraphernalia that they, and their mothers, believe will see them through the first part of their month of basic training.

The air carries a hum as each family group engages in small talk. Everyone seems to be smiling, but above upturned lips are the sombre eyes. The beautiful, spring-like day is blanketed in a haze of cigarette smoke.

It is 8 a.m. The girls were told to be there at 7:30 a.m. This is their first experience of what the world respects as the efficiency of the IDF.

The recruits have given their call-up orders to the girl soldiers in the office. Fathers buy them a candy bar or bags of menthol hard candies. "Don't forget to tell Deborah (No. 2 daughter) to water my plants," one girl tells her mother.

It is 8:15 a.m. Some of the girls are venturing out of their family groups to say hello to friends.

Two busloads of small boys, dressed in black and replete with side-curls, ride by. The draftees and the yeshiva boys stare at each other, a meeting of two worlds. A black-coated, ultra-Orthodox man is less daring. He walks down the middle of the street, keeping his eyes glued to the pavement.

It is 8:30 a.m. Parents and daughters seem to be pacing

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# Tyranny of the Urgent

by Charles E. Hummel



Have you ever wished for a thirty-hour day? Surely this extra time would relieve the tremendous pressure under which we live. Our lives leave a trail of unfinished tasks. Unanswered letters, unvisited friends, unwritten articles, and unread books haunt quiet moments when we stop to evaluate. We desperately need relief.

But would a thirty-hour day really solve the problem? Wouldn't we soon be just as frustrated as we are now with our twenty-four hour allotment? A mother's work is never finished, and neither is that of any student, teacher, minister, or anyone else we know. Nor will the passage of time help us catch up. Children grow in number and age to require more of our time. Greater experience in profession and church brings more exacting assignments. So we find ourselves working more and enjoying it less.

## Jumbled Priorities?

When we stop to evaluate, we realize that our dilemma goes deeper than shortage of time; it is basically the problem of priorities. Hard work does not hurt us. We all know what it is to go full speed for long hours, totally involved in an important task. The resulting weariness is

matched by a sense of achievement and joy. Not hard work, but doubt and misgiving produce anxiety as we review a month or year and become oppressed by the pile of unfinished tasks. We sense uneasily that we may have failed to do the important. The winds of other people's demands have driven us onto a reef of frustration. We confess, quite apart from our sins, "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

Your greatest danger is letting the  
urgent things crowd out the important

Several years ago an experienced cotton-mill manager said to me, "Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important". The problem is that the important task rarely must be done today, or even this week. Extra hours of prayer and Bible study, a visit with that non-Christian friend, careful study of an important book: these projects can wait. But the urgent tasks call for instant action — endless demands pressure every hour and day.

A man's home is no longer his castle; it is no longer a place away from urgent tasks because the telephone breaches the walls with imperious demands. The momentary appeal of these tasks seems irresistible and

important, and they devour our energy. But in the light of time's perspective their deceptive prominence fades; with a sense of loss we recall the important tasks pushed aside. We realize we have become slaves to the tyranny of the urgent.

### Can You Escape?

Is there any escape from this pattern of living? The answer lies in the life of our Lord. On the night before He died, Jesus made an astonishing claim. In the great prayer of John 17 He said, "*I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do*" (v. 4).

How could Jesus use the word "finished"? His three-year ministry seemed all too short. A prostitute at Simon's banquet had found forgiveness and a new life, but many others still walked the streets without forgiveness and a new life. For every ten withered muscles that had flexed into health, a hundred remained impotent. Yet on that last night, with many useful tasks undone and urgent human needs unmet, the Lord had peace; He knew He had finished God's work.

The Gospel records show that Jesus worked hard. After describing a busy day Mark writes, "*And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils*" (1:32-34).

On another occasion the demand of the ill and maimed caused Him to miss supper and to work so late that His disciples thought He was beside Himself (Mark 3:21). One day after a strenuous session, Jesus and His disciples went out in a boat. Even a storm didn't awaken Him (Matthew 4:37-38). What a picture of exhaustion.

Yet His life was never feverish; He had time for people. He could spend hours talking with one person, such as the Samaritan woman at the well. His life showed a wonderful balance, a sense of timing. When His brethren wanted Him to go to Judea, He replied, "*My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.*" (John 7:6). Jesus did not ruin His gifts by haste. In *The Discipline and Culture of the Spiritual Life*, A. E. Whitehead observes: "Here in this Man is adequate purpose . . . inward rest, that gives an air of leisure to His crowded life: above all there is in this man a secret and a power of dealing with the waste products of life, the waste of pain, disappointment, enmity, death — turning to divine uses the abuses of man, transforming arid places of pain to fruitfulness, triumphing at last in death, and making a short life of thirty years or so, abruptly cut off, to be a "finished" life. We cannot admire the poise and beauty of this human life, and then ignore the things that made it."

### Dependence Makes You Free

Freedom from the tyranny of the urgent is found in the example and promise of our Lord. At the end of the vigorous debate with the Pharisees in Jerusalem, Jesus said to those who believed in Him; "*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin . . . If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed*" (John 8:31-32, 34, 36).

Many of us have experienced Christ's deliverance from the penalty of sin. Are we letting Him free us from

the tyranny of the urgent? He points the way: "*If ye continue in my word.*" This is the way to freedom. Through prayerful meditation on God's Word we gain His perspective.

P. T. Forsyth once said, "The worst sin is prayerlessness." We usually think of murder, adultery, or theft as among the worst. But the root of all sin is self-sufficiency — independence from God. When we fail to wait prayerfully for God's guidance and strength we are saying, with our actions if not our lips, that we do not need Him. How much of our service is characterized by "going it alone"?

The opposite of such independence is prayer in which we acknowledge our need of God's instruction and supply. Concerning a dependent relationship with God, Donald Baillie says: "Jesus lived His life in complete dependence upon God, as we all ought to live our lives. But such dependence does not destroy human personality. Man is never so truly and fully personal as when he is living in complete dependence upon God. This is how personality comes into its own. This is humanity at its most personal."

*If you can withstand the urgency  
of the moment, you will be in a  
better position to weigh the cost  
and discern God's will for you.*

Prayerful waiting on God is indispensable to effective service. Like the time-out in a football game, it enables us to catch our breath and fix new strategy. As we wait for directions, the Lord frees us from the tyranny of the urgent. He shows us the truth about Himself, ourselves, and our tasks. He impresses on our minds the assignments He wants us to undertake. The need itself is not the call; the call must come from the God who knows our limitations. "*The Lord pitied them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust*" (Psalms 103:13-14). It is not God who loads us until we bend or crack with an ulcer, nervous breakdown, heart attack, or stroke. These come from our inner compulsions coupled with the pressure of circumstances.

### Evaluate

The modern businessman recognizes this principle of taking time out for evaluation. When Greenwalt was president of DuPont, he said, "One minute spent in planning saves three or four minutes in execution." Many salesmen have revolutionized their business and multiplied their profits by setting aside Friday afternoon to plan carefully the major activities for the coming week. If an executive is too busy to stop and plan, he may find himself replaced by another man who takes time to plan. If the Christian is too busy to stop, take spiritual inventory, and receive his assignments from God, he becomes a slave to the tyranny of the urgent. He may work day and night to achieve much that seems significant to himself and others, but he will not finish the work God has for him to do.

A quiet time of meditation and prayer at the start of the day refocuses our relationship with God. Recommit yourself to His will as you think of the hours that follow. In these unhurried moments list in order of priority the

tasks to be done, taking into account commitments already made. A competent general always draws up his battle plan before he engages the enemy; he does not postpone basic decisions until the firing starts. But he is also prepared to change his plans if an emergency demands it. So try to implement the plans you have made before the day's battle against the clock begins. But be open to any emergency interruption or unexpected person who may call.

You may also find it necessary to resist the temptation to accept an engagement when the invitation first comes over the telephone. No matter how clear the calendar may look at the moment, ask for a day or two to pray for guidance before committing yourself. Surprisingly the engagement often appears less imperative after the pleading voice has become silent. If you can withstand the urgency of the initial moment, you will be in a better position to weigh the cost and discern whether the task is God's will for you.

In addition to your daily quiet time, set aside one hour a week for spiritual inventory. Write an evaluation of the past, record anything God may be teaching you, and plan objectives for the future. Also try to reserve most of one day each month for a similar inventory of longer range. Often you will fail. Ironically, the busier you get the more you need this time of inventory, but the less you seem able to take it. You become like the fanatic, who, when unsure of his direction, doubled his speed. And frenetic service for God can become an escape from God. But when you prayerfully take inventory and plan your days, it provides fresh perspective on your work.

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### Wait For Instructions

What was the secret of Jesus' work? We find a clue following Mark's account of Jesus' busy day. Mark observes that "*And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed*" (Mark 1:35). Here is the secret of Jesus' life and work for God: He prayerfully waited for His Father's instructions and for the strength to follow them. Jesus had no divinely-drawn blueprint; He discerned the Father's will day by day in a life of prayer. By this means He warded off the urgent and accomplished the important.

Lazarus' death illustrates this principle. What could have been more important than the urgent message from Mary and Martha, "*Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick*" (John 11:3)? John records the Lord's response in these paradoxical words: "*Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was*" (vv. 5-6). What was the urgent need? Obviously to prevent the death of this beloved brother. But the important thing from God's point of view was to raise Lazarus from the dead. So Lazarus was allowed to die. Later Jesus revived him as the sign of His magnificent claim, "*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live*" (v. 25).

We may wonder why our Lord's ministry was so short, why it could not have lasted another five or ten years, why so many wretched sufferers were left to their misery. Scripture gives no answer to these questions, and we leave them to the mystery of God's purposes. But we do know that Jesus' prayerful waiting for God's instructions freed Him from the tyranny of the urgent. It gave Him a sense of direction, set a steady pace, and enabled Him to do every task God assigned. And on the last night He could say, "*I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*"

### Continue The Effort

Over the years the greatest continuing struggle in the Christian life is the effort to make adequate time for daily waiting on God, weekly inventory, and monthly planning. Since this time for receiving marching orders is so important, Satan will do everything he can to squeeze it out. Yet we know from experience that only by this means can we escape the tyranny of the urgent. This is how Jesus succeeded. He did not finish all the urgent tasks in Palestine or all the things He would have liked to do. The only alternative to frustration is to be sure that we are doing the will of the Father. Then and only then can we think of all the other unfinished tasks with equanimity and leave them with God.

Sometime ago Simba bullets killed a young man, Dr. Paul Carson. In the providence of God his life's work was finished. Most of us will live longer and die more quietly, but when the end comes, what could give us greater joy than being sure that we have finished the work God gave us to do. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ makes this fulfillment possible. He has promised deliverance from sin and the power to serve God in the tasks of His choice. The way is clear. If we continue in the world of our Lord, we are truly His disciples. And He will free us from the tyranny of the urgent, free us to do the important, which is the will of God. □

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### One Moment In Time

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more but always in circles, never far from each other.

Two buses finally arrive. Several girl soldiers emerge from the office carrying files. "Girls, follow us," they command. Parents and children walk down the small incline to where the buses are parked. The soldiers get on the second bus and begin to read a list of names.

"We can't hear," complains a father. "Those who have to hear will hear," the soldier replies. She continues to read the list.

My daughter is first on the bus. As other girls find their seats, the parents move to places outside the bus parallel to their daughters' seats.

Everyone is smiling. It is hard to know who is more scared — the girls or their parents.

A second list of names is read. Cheers from her family greet the fifth name and the crowd laughs.

The bus has filled and is about to leave. The driver opens the door and a mother climbs aboard. She has to be coaxed off.

The bus pulls out.

Good-bye, my daughter.

— The Jerusalem Post Aaron Leibel □

# Extracts From Readers' Letters

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA. —

Dear my fellow brother in Christ,

Greetings in Jesus Name from Papua New Guinea. I was so blessed when I received your introductory letter. Some parts of the letter really touched and revived my spirit when I read thru. Some sort of spoke to me.

Well, Brother, God's doing great and mighty things here in P.N.G. People are getting saved, and also being healed of sickness and diseases; being delivered from evil oppression.

In the area where I'm living, God's also doing great and there's also a great need for evangelism, but the problem is materials, equipments etc. As you may know, our country is an underdeveloped country.

Concerning the magazine "The Mount Zion Reporter", I'd like to be a subscriber of it.

I'll encourage my congregation to pray for the work in Jerusalem. We will support in prayer. We would also request your brethrens in Jerusalem to pray for the work here in Papua New Guinea.

Thank you.

Your brother in Christ,  
E.D.I.

## TORONTO. —

Shalom Gordon M. Fauth!

My name is Alexander Smith and I am Jewish! I praise the God of our fathers for what you are doing in Jerusalem and Israel, as well!

I work for an organization, as you can see from the letterhead, that promotes evangelism amongst our people (Jews for Jesus). Now, we have many volunteers that come into our office and do some work for us; without these people our ministry would flounder, and one lady had said she had been to Israel, Jerusalem in particular, and was sharing with me about your ministry and her trip. I can't tell you how excited I was.

This was told to me about a month ago, and today she came in with your magazine. I am really impressed! Having been a believer for just over eighteen years I have seen many "Christian" groups who publish different things which, as far as I am concerned, are really very poor in quality. Your magazine is very refreshing because it is done with class something not seen very much anymore.

Me hearing about you is an answer to prayer. I wanted to know of an organization, in Israel, that I could support and when Edna told me about you, less than a week later, I decided that I had received the answers to my prayer!

I will be passing the magazine on to my Rabbi and depending on his response I will get him a subscription, for Channukah, as well.

May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bless you and look down from His throne and be pleased with what He sees!!

Yours in Y'shua,  
A.S.

## U.S.A. —

Dear Sir,

I'm nine years old and my father got killed so I'm left alone with my mother and grandmother. Please keep sending us the Mt. Zion Reporter and thank you very much. Here in is a dollar.

Yours,  
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## ABIDJAN. —

Beloved Brother,

Peace be unto you from God Almighty through Christ our Lord.

I was studying the Holy Scriptures when I came across one of your magazines "The Mount Zion Reporter" (through a friend). As said through Prophets Isaiah 2:3 and Micah 4:2, "Out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the teachings from Jerusalem."

I hereby, in the name of the Lord Christ, request you to send me issues of "The Mount Zion Reporter" magazines every month.

Any other assistance to help me in the name of the Lord is welcome. I have decided to do God's work all the days of my life.

In conclusion, may the Lord Christ Jesus help you and give you peace in all that you do to bring glory to His Name. Peace to the brethren in Israel and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Christ Jesus be with you all.

Yours in Christ,  
M.S.N.

## ETHIOPIA. —

Dear brother,

May God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Thanks for the Mount Zion Reporters.

Ethiopia has got enough rain, and all the farmers are very glad and give thanks for our Savior and His Father.

We are glad, because our Savior is our helm. We do not fear about world wars. He lives in us, and we live in him.

Dear brother, fire proves iron, and temptation a just man. We know not oftentimes what we are able to do, but temptation shows us what we are. Brothers, our true message of the Kingdom, should reach Northern Ethiopia. For nine years it has disappeared from Ethiopia. May our Lord Jesus Christ open a path for coming to Ethiopia. I believe before Christ comes I will see it.

Please remember me in your prayer. I am eager to share our Lord any way I can. I would like to be an Evangelist.

Yours sincerely,  
A.A.

## WEST AUSTRALIA. —

Dear Bro. Gordon,

Thank you for the beautiful tape which arrived safely last week. Oh what joy it gave me as I first played it on Friday evening the beginning of our Sabbath. I will try to explain how I felt.

The opening notes sounded to me like a chime of a great clock, symbolic of the voice of "Time" or "Ancient of Days" carrying on into the song Jerusalem, bringing a little part of the Beloved City into my home. I felt very close to you all and tears of joy filled my eyes as I listened to the perfect harmony of the lovely voices and good music. A wonderful tape indeed, made without a fault, and touching on professional standard. The Lord will no doubt bless it. Thank you also for the picture of the SonBeams group. Please convey to them my congratulations, my love and blessings.

May God continue to bless you all in your work to the Glory of His Name.

Yours sincerely in Christ's love,  
Sister A.S.C.

# NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

## Peres, On TV To U.S. Jews, Calls Kahanism A 'Disgrace'

Prime Minister Peres told American Jews in a closed-circuit television transmission Sunday night, that "Kahanism is a disgrace (to) the Jewish people."

Speaking to over 10,000 Jews taking part in a teleconference programme from Jerusalem's Kastel studio, Peres fielded questions from the audience gathered in locations around the U.S.

The two-hour programme, hosted by broadcast newsman Daniel Schorr, was arranged by the World Zionist Organization and the American Zionist Federation. The aim of the broadcast, according to the WZO's Yitzhak Warshawsky, was to create a direct link between the prime minister and Jewish communities and Zionist federations around the U.S.

Most of the questions centred on negotiations between Israel and Jordan, the possibility of a mass exodus of Soviet Jews, the danger of Kahanism to Israeli democracy and the relations between Israel and South Africa.

Peres asserted that MK Meir Kahane's ideology does not constitute a danger to Israeli democracy, but is a disgrace to the whole Jewish people.

He also said he is willing to meet with Jordanian representatives and with Palestinians, stressing that he refuses to deal with the PLO.

The Jews, grouped in audiences of 500 to 1,500 people, were gathered in synagogues and community centres. Volunteers in the buildings manned tables with information about aliyah and summer programmes in Israel.

One man in Cleveland who asked the premier if intermarried couples were welcome in Israel was told: "Of course they should come and we'll convert the non-Jewish partner properly."

## Lack Of Rain Endangers Wells On Coast

TEL AVIV. — Below average rainfall is increasing the danger of wells in coastal regions becoming saline, a water specialist told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

In southern coastal areas, only 20 to 30 per cent of average rainfall has been recorded, leaving underground reservoirs emptier than usual and allowing salt water to seep in, the expert reported. The Galilee and Jerusalem regions have had some 60 per cent of the average rainfall.

This is the third year running that the southern coastal areas have had below average rainfall, and the expert warned that once the water turns saline, the wells cannot be used again.

The weekend rain was hardly significant, according to the Beit Dagan forecasting centre. Hebron was the wettest part of the country, with 20 millimetres. Galilee rains were "patchy" at between 5 and 10mm, and the coastal regions had only three or four mm, the centre said. No more rain is expected this week.

The water specialist said he feared that future

generations would find no fresh-water wells in the coastal region. "The water commissioner tabled a 15-year plan to save these wells two years ago, calling for a \$120 million investment in water projects each year for 15 years. Unfortunately the plan was not fully accepted, and only \$30m. is being invested a year."

Wheat farmers in the Negev are being especially hard hit by the lack of rain, particularly those whose crops are dying off after the sprouting in the October showers.

**Teenage terrorist regrets her attempted suicide attack —**

## 'The people I wanted to kill are treating me so kindly'

MARJAYON. — "I can't believe that I was enticed to carry out a suicide attack," Ma'ilah Safanji, a 17-year-old Lebanese terrorist caught two weeks ago, told reporters yesterday from her hospital bed here.

"It's so easy to tell a young girl like myself stories. I believed in sacrificing for a holy purpose. Now I don't understand how it is that people I wanted to kill are treating me so kindly," she said.

Safanji, from the village of Khamed a-Luz near Lake Karoun, was shot in the leg on November 3 when she and two other terrorists trying to infiltrate the security zone with an explosive-laden mule were spotted by South Lebanese Army forces. The other terrorists, a Syrian and an Egyptian, were killed when the explosives they were carrying on their bodies were set off by the SLA fire.

Safanji was speaking to reporters with her right leg in a cast and her left handcuffed to the bed frame. An SLA guard watches over the entrance to her private room.

Syrian TV broadcast a pre-recorded interview with Safanji on November 4, one day after she was intercepted. In the interview she told how she had been born in Khamed a-Luz in 1968 and later immigrated with her family to Brazil. Her family returned to Lebanon a year before Israel's invasion, she said. In 1983 she joined the National Lebanese Resistance Front, and this year the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party.

She said in the interview that "when Israel withdrew as a result of the blows delivered by the National Lebanese Resistance, I was happy, but my true happiness will come when we finish off the Zionists. I am carrying out this action, not only for the sake of my village or my motherland, but for the sake of the entire Arab nation and the liberation of all the Arab lands."

Yesterday, however, she recounted bitterly how she was recruited by a Syrian colonel named Aafas. He took her along on family outings, she said, and would explain to her how to carry out suicide attacks. She spoke quietly, with a tear running down her face now and then.

"I was told that it is important to kill the

Zionists," she added. "I decided on the attack for the sake of the entire Arab nation."

But she concluded, "I call on my friends, those about to commit suicide, not to do it: God doesn't permit carrying out attacks like these."

## Negev Plant Could Produce 10 Per Cent Of Oil Needs

**MISHOR ROTEM.** — Prime Minister Peres yesterday accepted the first barrel of crude oil produced from Negev oil shale at a plant that could be producing 10 per cent of the country's needs within a decade.

Speaking at the dedication of the Pama experimental facility for producing oil from oil shale, Peres said the new technology follows a biblical tradition. "Moses became the first technological innovator when he extracted water from stone. This installation is not that different," he joked.

"Every new industrial plant in the Negev is progress," said Peres, adding that "industry, not just agriculture, is the future of the region." Turning to Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kesser, the prime minister promised that the new facility would eventually bring "employment as well as energy to the Negev."

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal then announced that the facility would be expanded into a \$17 million plant to generate electricity from oil shale. Shahal said the installation should be generating four megawatts of electricity annually by 1990.

Pama (a Hebrew acronym for energy resources development) is a corporation set up in 1981 to develop the energy potential of Israel's 10 billion tons of oil shale, a chalk-like rock containing petroleum. The oil shale reserves could yield about 50 million tons of oil — enough to meet all oil needs for over 60 years at present consumption — if an economic method of extraction can be found. Pama's technology is expected to be economical, unless there is a dramatic drop in world oil prices.

Research is being carried out elsewhere in the world, and Nazi Germany produced oil from oil shale during World War II using an earlier form of extraction technology. But Pama is developing a new technology that is tailor-made for the country's specific type of shale.

Israel's oil shale is soft and crumbly and easier to process than that found in the U.S., whose research developments have been hampered by environmental restrictions. The Pama plant, located in the desert not far from Dimona, is protecting the Negev environment by reburying processed oil shale and purifying the water used in extraction.



**100 Kids From Broken Homes Wear Big Smiles At 4,000 Feet**

Israeli airline employees yesterday treated some 100 children from broken homes to a 40-minute flight over Jerusalem and Masada.

A Boeing 737 chartered from El AL took the children flying at an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, which was low enough to make discernible even the pedestrian crossings in the capital.

The flight was part of an annual event organized by the Israel Interline Club which chartered the

flight for \$2,500. The club uses part of the proceeds of an annual ball for such flights, which in previous years have been for elderly people and handicapped children. The children flown yesterday live at the Givat Hod boarding school run by the Tel Aviv municipality.

Many said it was the first time they were inside a plane. One asked whether it would take them to China.



Demonstration of support for Soviet Jewry.

### 'Repression Of Jews Persists Despite Gorbachev's Decree'

Soviet repression of Jews continues despite last week's summit in Geneva, according to information received in Jerusalem from calls placed by Jews in Riga, Moscow and Leningrad.

According to the Jerusalem Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre, which was in contact with Soviet Jews yesterday, Prisoner of Zion Zachar Sonnschein has been in solitary confinement for 11 days. It is not known why he was given additional punishment. He was also informed that his wife would not be allowed to visit him in prison for the next 18 months, the centre said.

Meanwhile, Alexander Kholmiansky, serving a three-year sentence for "defaming the Soviet state," has been told that he may not buy food in the prison store, a right given to every prisoner. Kholmiansky is observing prison rules to the letter and meeting his work quotas, according to the Jerusalem centre.

Jews in Leningrad have been called in for interrogation in recent days. In addition, a group of refuseniks in Moscow are scheduled to start a hunger strike today on behalf of Arue Volgovsky, who was recently sent to prison.

In New York, Israel's UN ambassador said on Wednesday the Soviet Union is "no less than the cultural and religious lobotomy of Soviet Jewry."

Binyamin Netanyahu spoke in the General Assembly's social committee in reference to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's statement in news conferences, most recently in Geneva, that the problem of Jews in the Soviet Union does not exist.

Netanyahu said there are bans for Jews on studying Hebrew and publishing religious books and that the number of synagogues has dropped from

5,000 in 1917 to 60 for a current Jewish population of two to three million.

### Doctor Weakened By Hunger Strike For Soviet Friend

An Israeli physician, who has been on a hunger strike at the Western Wall on behalf of a Soviet Jewish doctor who wants to emigrate to Israel, was in weak condition and needed infusions yesterday.

Dr. Yehuda Mendelson, an immigrant from the Soviet Union over a decade ago, has been trying to pressure the Soviets to grant an exit visa to his former colleague, Dr. Semyon Glusman. Mendelson has been on his strike for three days.

Glusman, a 39-year-old psychiatrist, is an honorary member of the American Psychiatric Association. Because of his aliyah activities, he fears being sent to a Soviet prison camp a second time.

Fired from his work, Glusman is working as an unskilled worker in a metal factory and has been denied the right to live with his wife or with his father in Kiev.

Mendelson, a resident of Haifa, has said he is ready to endanger his own health for Glusman's sake.

### Refusenik Mark Nashpitz 'Comes Home' To Israel

Longtime refusenik Mark Nashpitz arrived at Ben Gurion Airport to an emotional welcome last night, declaring: "It is a miracle to come home and to see my parents."

Mark's father, Haim Nashpitz, who defected while on a mission to Denmark when Mark was only eight and came to Israel, was at the airport to embrace his son.

Haim Aharon, head of the Jewish Agency aliyah department told reporters at the airport that Nashpitz's immigration might be "the first swallow" of renewed aliyah.

Nashpitz, whose emigration hopes were dashed a few weeks ago when he was told he wouldn't get a promised exit permit, arrived in Israel with his wife Ludmilla and five year-old son.

The 37-year-old stomatologist (a specialist in diseases of the mouth), was exiled to Siberia for five years for attending a peaceful aliyah demonstration in Moscow a decade ago. He was arrested along with Boris Tsitlyonok, having received Israeli citizenship five years before. (Nashpitz and Tsitlyonok were among the first Soviet Jews to be granted Israeli citizenship while still in Russia.) After returning from Siberia, Nashpitz could not find work and was not allowed to register as a permanent resident of Moscow. The other five aliyah demonstrators were given 10- to 15-day jail terms.

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin told reporters in Jerusalem last month that the Nashpitz family was due to arrive 10 days later. But days passed and there was no news. It was learned recently that Nashpitz, upon arrival at the emigration office, was told that his aliyah was cancelled and that he would have to secure a new "invitation" from relatives in Israel. Nashpitz's parents, who have been living in Kiryat Ata since they arrived in 1974, planned to send him one.

It is too early to determine whether the granting of an emigration visa to the Nashpitz family is a matter of chance, or whether it is part of a well-planned Soviet propaganda plan to improve their image on the eve of the November summit between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan.

Nashpitz is not expected to have difficulty finding work here, given his expertise and the shortage of professionals in his field.

The Public Council for Soviet Jewry said yesterday that Leonid Valkovsky, 43, an aliyah activist and Hebrew teacher, is being tried in Gorky for "slanderizing the Soviet Union."

### **Jordan River Baptism To Resume**

A Roman Catholic baptismal ceremony at the traditional site of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan is to be revived at the end of the month — the first time the ceremony is being held since the 1967 Six Day War.

The security forces have taken the necessary precautions to safeguard the site, not far from Jericho. The revival of the ceremony was requested by the head of the Franciscan order here. It was last held in October 1966.

### **'Peace Talks' Draw Press To Jordan River**

What might otherwise have been a fairly routine religious ceremony at the Jordan River yesterday became an international media event because of reports about possible peace talks between Israel and Jordan.

The event was the renewal by the Franciscan order of its pilgrimage to the traditional site of the baptism of Jesus near Jericho on the last Thursday in October. The Franciscans, representing the Roman Catholic Church, have not held the pilgrimage since the Six Day War in 1967.

The pilgrimage area, which is part of a military zone along the Jordan River, was opened specially for the ceremony by the Civil Administration in Judea and Samaria.

Officials present at the ceremony yesterday said additional work in clearing the area of mines, paving a road and landscaping made it possible.

As the congregation of mostly monks and nuns gathered, priests donned their vestments in the open air. The Franciscan *Custos* of the Holy Land, who is entrusted with the care of the holy places by the Vatican, celebrated mass in a small chapel by the riverside.

But for the score of foreign correspondents, photographers and television news crews, the focus of attention was the river itself and the overgrown eastern shore, on the other side of the sluggish river. A half-submerged abutment of what evidently was once a bridge provided the colour as journalists questioned officials of the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Civil Administration on the "implications of the ceremony and its relation to the peace process."

### **Police Enter Sabbath Siren Dispute**

HAIFA — A dispute over a siren intensified Friday when municipal inspectors demanded that the Tiferet Yisrael Yeshiva on Rehov Geula disconnect the device which announces the approach of the sabbath.

Residents of the neighbourhood have been complaining for months that the siren disturbs their Friday afternoon rest. The city turned off the current to the siren several months ago, but it was somehow repaired and reactivated.

Members of the Haifa Sabbath Observance Committee rushed to the yeshiva on Friday and prevented city inspectors from dismantling the device. In the ensuing row, police were called in.

The sabbath observance committee maintains that the municipality would never consider asking churches around the city to stop ringing their bells, or mosques to stop broadcasting calls to moslem prayers through loudspeakers.

City inspectors left without disconnecting the siren after they were informed by police that they must obtain a court order.

### **West Bank Moderate Shehadeh Murdered At Ramallah Home**

RAMALLAH. — Leading Palestinian moderate lawyer Aziz Shehadeh was last night stabbed to death outside his home here by unknown assailants. No group claimed responsibility for the killing, and it was not clear whether the murder was politically motivated or not.

Shehadeh, 73, who had the largest law office on the West Bank, left his brother, wife and four other advocates in his office and drove to his home, arriving at 7 p.m. His assailant (or assailants) attacked him when he arrived, stabbing him in the neck and back.

The head of the Judea Police, David Cohen told *The Jerusalem Post* that Shehadeh had left his Ramallah office at 6.45 p.m.

One or more people waited at his house in ambush and "slaughtered" him, Cohen reported. Cohen would not say whether the knife was found, but another source reported finding a blood-stained knife. A neighbour alerted police.

Shehadeh became well known here when he was

among the first to break a boycott that West Bank lawyers had declared, following the Six Day War. His law firm, which has offices in Jerusalem and Ramallah handles land transactions and represents several churches.

Shehadeh was recognized as one of the leading moderates on the West Bank, favouring negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis on the basis of mutual recognition of rights.

He was one of the earliest advocates of a "Palestinian entity" shortly after the Six Day War, but was also regarded as close to King Hussein.

In 1974, Shehadeh defended Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, who eventually was sentenced to 12 years in jail for smuggling arms for the PLO.

In 1977, before the Sadat visit to Jerusalem, Shehadeh was one of a group who met with then U.S. secretary of state Cyrus Vance, presenting him with a position paper outlining steps towards a solution of the Israeli Palestinian dispute.

*The Jerusalem Post* reported at that time that the position paper contained six basic points:

- Mutual recognition of the national rights of Israelis and Palestinians.
- A plebiscite to decide whether West Bank inhabitants wanted to be united with Jordan or have their own independent state.
- A non-aggression pact between Israel and a Palestinian state, whether linked to Jordan or not.
- Negotiated open borders between Israel and a Palestinian state, to be arrived at by agreement and not by armed conflict.
- A just and generous settlement of the refugee problem on the basis of repatriation or compensation.
- Shared sovereignty for Jerusalem.

In 1979, he expressed support for president Jimmy Carter's efforts to wrap up the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, but said the Palestinians would only support a settlement if it included self-determination for Palestinians, an end to Jewish settlement in the West Bank, and discussions about Jerusalem.

In 1981, Shehadeh expressed support for a national unity government for Israel, including the two large parties, terming it "a broad coalition that would be able to take the difficult decisions necessary."

Shehadeh also backed his son, Raja, and a colleague Jonathan Kutab, who established an organization called "Law in the Service of the Citizen" which sought to protect civil rights in the territories.

Shehadeh had close ties with senior Israeli officials, including Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, a well placed source said.

### Cave Is Turned Into Swank Meeting Spot

Zedekia's Cave, the vast underground site beneath the Old City of Jerusalem, was yesterday inaugurated as a meeting place, as some 300 delegates to the Skal International congress attended a reception there.

The cave, which is also known as Solomon's Quarries, is said to have been the source of stone for the First and Second Temples. Last month it was reopened by the East Jerusalem Development Company (EJDC) after being prepared for visitors.

### Swastikas, Slogans Anger Acre's Jews

ACRE. — The swastikas and Nazi slogan daubed on the walls of the old quarter here Friday night have sent shock waves through the town and have evoked angry responses from the Jewish community.

"In my wildest dreams I never imagined that the horrors I witnessed in pre-war Germany, with swastikas and slogans like 'Jews out' painted on Jewish-owned shops, would occur here in Israel," a Holocaust survivor said yesterday.

Acre Mayor Eli De Castro has added his voice to those condemning the anti-Semitic graffiti, and said that the municipality and the security forces regard the act with the utmost severity and will act harshly and uncompromisingly with those elements attempting to upset the coexistence between the Jewish and Arab communities. "We, both Jews and Arabs, are disgusted by this act. The extremists responsible will not succeed in disrupting the coexistence we've built here over the past 33 years," he said.

Giant blue swastikas were painted on the doors of Jewish owned shops in the city's old quarter, as well as slogans such as "We're all PLO," and "We're all Palestinians."

Police are investigating if the graffiti is linked to a recent spate of hostile acts in the town — including the defacing of several Israeli flags during a recent theater festival and a bombing here some two weeks ago.

### S. Lebanon Suicide Bomber Dies In Bid To 'Deliver Mail'

A suicide carbomb driven by a 17-year-old girl, reportedly dressed as a mailman, exploded yesterday at a South Lebanese Army checkpoint near the village of Falous, west of Jezzine, killing the girl and wounding an SLA soldier.

The girl, identified by the Associated Press as Hamideh Mustafa al-Taher, a member of the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party from the Syrian town of Deir Ezzor, was killed when she refused to obey orders by SLA soldiers to stop at the checkpoint. The soldiers opened fire on the car detonating the explosives. One SLA soldier was wounded in the blast.

Ba'ath sources in Sidon said she was dressed in the uniform of a mailman kidnapped on Monday by Ba'ath gunmen, and had a "special Israeli pass" into the SLA sector to deliver letters.

Yesterday's attack was the 14th carbomb attack or attempted attack in South Lebanon since Israel pulled out the bulk of its forces on June 10, and the second suicide mission carried out by the Ba'ath Party in the area.

### Ras Burka Murders 'Not Premeditated'

CAIRO — Military prosecutors have filed charges of murder without premeditation against an Egyptian policeman accused of killing seven Israelis last month at Ras Burka, the weekly *El-Shaab* said yesterday.

Under Egyptian law, murder without premeditation is punishable by life imprisonment, which can be reduced to only 10 years in jail. Premeditated murder is punished by death.

# The Harp Returns To Israel

by Glen Carpenter

Think of harps and the mind dwells on the Bible, King David and Jerusalem. Now, for the first time in almost two thousand years, harps are again being made in Israel.

It's early morning as I make my way to Micah and Shoshana Harrari's workshop.

The door to the shop stands ajar and I find Micah already hard at work sandpapering an almost finished harp for a customer.

Micah stops working and willingly answers my questions, explaining the different kinds of wood, what they are used for and basically how the harps are made.

Time flies and it is almost mid-morning when Shoshana walks in with steaming mugs of herbal tea. She stops to inspect her husband's handwork, asking questions.

Between sips of hot tea, I learn that Micah and Shoshana had been selling and repairing guitars in California when they first became interested in making harps.

Through subsequent moves from state to state, they had a recurring dream — a dream of going to Israel and making harps for the Lord.

Finally, after living in Europe for almost a year, the Lord made it clear to them that it was time to leave for Israel.

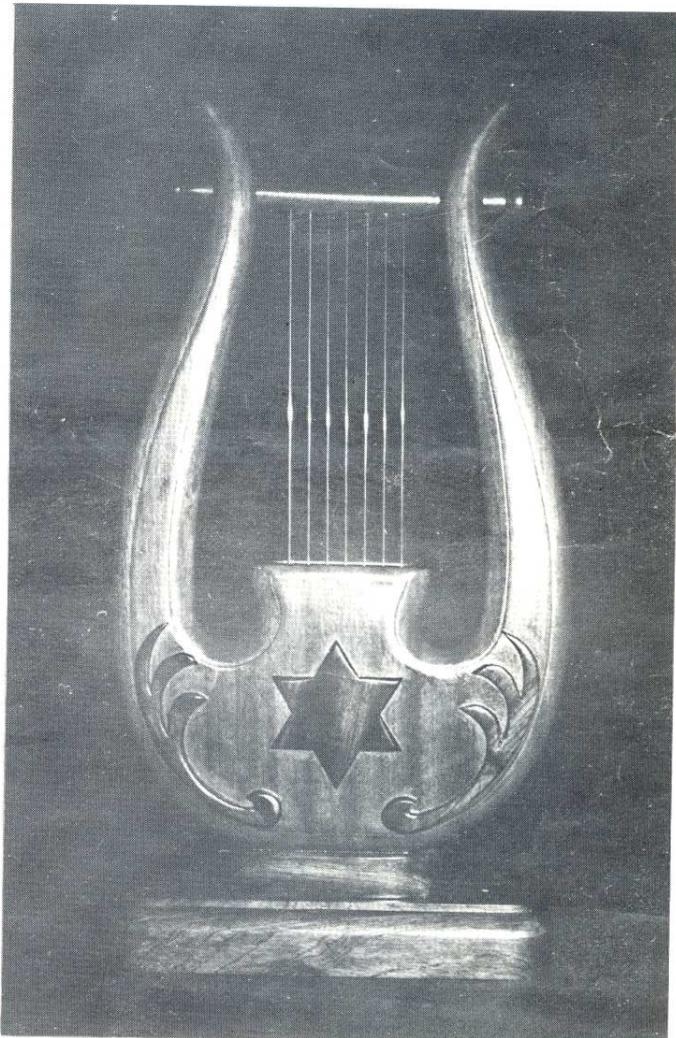
They arrived here with nothing but their backpacks. Soon after, they were able to begin their Biblical craft in the land of the Bible, and have become modern Israel's first and only harp makers — a dream come true.

Micah and Shoshana say there is a prophetic significance in their harpmaking; that it is a sign that we are approaching the "end of days" before the millenium. As Micah expressed it, "Over 2,500 years ago, we hung our harps on the willows when we first went into captivity (Psalms 137). Now we are back in our own land, so we can take our harps off the willows."

The harp appears in many places in the Bible. The first harpist mentioned is Jubal (Gen. 4:21). Harps were used in prophesying in the days of the kings of Israel (I Chr. 25:1). Solomon had singers in the Temple who used harps and psalteries (a square type of lyre — I Kings 10:12). In Rev. 14:12, harpists are seen in heaven.

Remains of ancient harps have never been found in modern Israel, because the materials they were made from (such as wood for the frame and sheep gut for the strings) were usually perishable.

Ancient Gold and Silver harps have been discovered in Mesopotamia. Other than those finds, most of the information we have about old harps comes from ancient writings, sculptures and engravings depicting harpists.



David's Harp — the "Kinnor".

The Harrari Harps come in two types: The "nevel" with 22 strings, and the "kinnor" or "lyre" with 7 strings. The "kinnor" was the common people's instrument in Bible days, and almost every Israelite family had one.

The "nevel" was used by the higher classes, and was slightly larger and more difficult to build. Yet, from accounts in the Bible, it appears that King David used only the "kinnor". The prophets used both.

Both types were used in the Jewish Temple; sometimes in the thousands! Josephus described one of the

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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.



Micah in his workshop.

Temple harps as being made of electrum (four parts gold, one part silver).

After the Temple was destroyed, (in 70 A.D.) musical instruments were forbidden in the synagogues, and still are, especially in orthodox synagogues, because to this day the Jews are in mourning for the Temple.

Micah and Shoshana believe that when the Third Temple is built, musical worship will be part of the Temple services. They are also looking forward to the prophecy of the harpists in Rev. 14:2, 3.

Many of their harps are ordered from other countries, especially from churches in the U.S. (for use in worship). Many harps are also ordered for private use. Micah and Shoshana pray over each harp they make — that it will be used to glorify God in songs of praise.

The Harrari Harps are made of various African hardwoods, the same kind that Solomon's ships once brought to Israel. They are hand-made and individually designed. Each harp takes three weeks to a month to complete. The "nevel" type sells for about \$875 plus tax, and the "kinnor" type for about \$500 plus tax. Both types are designed to last generations.

*For more information about the Harrari Harps, write to:  
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*David took a harp and played . . . so Saul was refreshed . . . and the evil spirit departed from him. (1 Sam. 16:23.)*



Shoshana with a "Nevel" harp.