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Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom, one and all!

Purim is next week can you believe it! Next week is kind of like the clash of the Titans. We have the AIPAC meeting and Purim, where a Persian wanted to annihilate the Jews, and this

is coinciding with the anti-Israel apartheid week and the anti-Israel "Christ at the Checkpoint" event.

All this as the President of Israel, Shimon Peres and Benjamin Netanyahu meet with President Obama to discuss the situation in Iran, the modern Persia of the Purim story, where they have publicly stated they want to annihilate all the Jews! Keep Israel in your prayers!

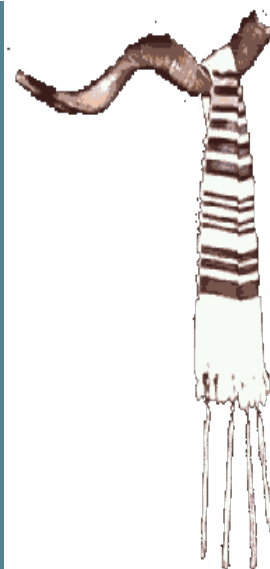
We have some excellent resources on our homepage of how you can actively help Israel in very tangible ways the next two weeks. From simply educating yourself on the facts of the situation by downloading the Israel 101 brochure to watching a cute video on the situation to where to buy Israeli made products in your area.

I want everyone to be aware of an upcoming event with Christians United for Israel. Randy Neal the Western regional coordinator will be speaking Monday night March 26th and the presentation is entitled:

"Israel 101: Understanding Israel's enemies, a genealogy of evil"

We want to encourage everyone to either come or watch online this event and encourage your Pastors to also.

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to be ranked in the top ½ of 1% of all websites in the world. If you go to the Alexa ranking website you will see what our rank is. When you consider there are over 100 million active websites in the world, you will see how god is truly enabling us to take Torah to the nations. Believe it or not we are looking at not only live streaming but also having an app download for Iphones and I pads!

I want to encourage all those who can to come to our Passover Seder on Thursday night April 5th to come. We have people flying in from Canada, Alaska, Mississippi, as well as other places. Could this be the year Elijah shows up! Don't miss the Divine Appointment! What's exciting also is many people count the omer differently as to when Pentecost/ Shavuot is to be celebrated. But this year everyone is in agreement! And it just so happens it falls on Memorial weekend a day of remembrance!

So for the very first time we are going to have a Shavuot conference at the Puyallup Fair Grounds. On Shabbat we will have our normal service then off to the park for a picnic and water baptisms. On Sunday and Monday we will have a seminar hosted by Dr. Frank Seekins of www.livingwordpictures.com

And Dr. Danny Ben Gigi of www.Hebrewworld.com Since the feast of Shavuot is about the marriage of God to Israel one of the focuses will be on the marriage covenant. Be sure and make this a Memorial weekend you will never forget! Very shortly we will have posted on our website the cost of the conference and it will be very reasonable.

For those that are able we still have room on our tour to Israel this fall. I believe this is going to be one of the most prophetically fulfilled years in a long time. Come with us and enjoy a trip of a lifetime. You can sign up right here: <http://www.unseensites.com>

Many people have told us how much they have enjoyed our series on the Hebrew letters so we will be making them available on dvd shortly. Be sure and facebook the links to all your friends! Also you will notice on our homepage we have a link where you can get a musical cd by our very own Sarah Sanders! Be sure and listen to the sample songs and see how great the cd is!

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protestors want to paint Israel as a racist, bigoted country that deserves international condemnation. There is one obvious problem, however. Israel is not an apartheid state.

The crime of apartheid is defined by the 2002 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as inhumane acts of a character similar to other crimes against humanity *"committed in the context of an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups and committed with the intention of maintaining that regime."*

The term Apartheid refers to the segregation of groups on the basis of ethnicity or race, and the denial of basic civil rights to the segregated group. There is no such segregation in Israel. Arabs are granted full civil rights under Israeli law, which forbids discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or sex. Arabs take part fully in Israeli society and government. Arab citizens of Israel vote in national elections, have representatives in the Israeli Parliament, sit on the Israeli courts and on the Israeli Supreme Court benches, and serve as tenured professors teaching in Israeli colleges and universities. The Arab citizens of Israel have more rights, and enjoy more freedom, education, and economic opportunity than the Arabs of any Arab state.

We feature a short cartoon animated video on our website titled "Why are you protesting against Israel". You can watch it by clicking on the cartoon below:



As a summary, Pastor Mark listed the following reason why Israel is NOT an Apartheid State in his teaching last Shabbat on February 25, 2012:

1. Equality: During South Africa's apartheid system, the majority black population was oppressed and persecuted by the minority whites. In Israel, all citizens—including Arab citizens—are equal before the law, regardless of their race, religion, or minority status. Of all the countries in the middle east Israel is the only true democracy with full freedom for its citizens.

2. Citizenship: In 1970s South Africa all non-whites were stripped of their South African citizenship. In 1948, Israel did the opposite. When the dust settled from Israel's war of independence, Israel gave full citizenship to the Arabs who remained in Israel and did not flee. They did this even though it was a defensive war. Today 20% of the Israeli citizenry's population is Arab. That's a million and a half Arab citizens living in Israel and enjoying all the same rights as Israeli Jews. In addition, only 4% of the Palestinian Arabs in the "West Bank" (Judea and Samaria) are under Israeli rule, the rest are under Palestinian Authority rule.

3. Democracy: In South Africa, non-whites were not allowed to be in government or even vote. In Israel, Arabs have been represented since the very first Knesset. Israeli Arabs vote and have been elected to every level of local and national office. Arabs in Israel have equal voting rights; in fact, it is one of the few places in the Middle East where Arab women may vote. Arabs currently hold 8 seats in the 120-seat Knesset. Israeli Arabs have also held various government posts, including one who served as Israel's ambassador to Finland and the current deputy mayor of Tel Aviv. Oscar Abu Razaq was appointed Director General of the Ministry of Interior, the first Arab citizen to become chief executive of a key government ministry. Ariel Sharon's original cabinet included the first Arab minister, Salah Tarif, a Druze who served as a minister without portfolio. An Arab is also a Supreme Court justice.

4. Freedom. The South African apartheid regime strictly regulated the lives of non-whites with a host of separation laws. Black South Africans were confined to *Bantustans*, defined labor areas that they were not permitted to leave. Israel, in contrast, has extensive anti-discrimination laws. Israeli Arabs work in all sectors, attend universities, and open businesses. While much of the Arab population lives in concentrated Arab municipalities in Israel, this is an informal segregation as a matter of choice. For South African blacks, segregation was a matter of force.

5. Security: The security fence separating Israel from the 'West Bank' is often denigrated as the "apartheid wall." During Israel Apartheid Week, a common tactic on campuses is to build mock "apartheid walls" at protest sites.

Admittedly, Israel must strictly enforce border control at entrance points from the Palestinian Authority and hostile Palestinian Arab communities to its jurisdiction. However, this restriction is due to their legitimate security concerns and not racism. The Security Fence is an operational concept conceived by the Israeli Defense Establishment in order to reduce the number of terrorist attacks whether in the form of explosive-rigged vehicles or in the form of suicide bombers who enter into Israel with the intention of murdering innocent babies, children, women and men. The fence is credited for a drastic reduction in the number of mass-murder attacks carried out in Israel after reaching a peak in the second intifada. In South Africa, racism formed the base of segregation, not terrorism. Blacks living under South African apartheid did not seek the destruction of South Africa, only the regime of apartheid.



Perhaps the best proof that Israel is not an apartheid regime is the fact that the vast majority of Israeli Arabs want to retain their Israeli citizenship. Israeli Arabs both privately and publicly say they would not want to leave Israel and move to a Palestinian state should one be created. When former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert suggested in 2007 that he would hand over Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem to the Palestinian Authority, the Arabs in Jerusalem rose up in protest. Nabil Gheit, an Arab mayor of one of these neighborhoods, said "If there was a referendum here, no one would vote to join the Palestinian Authority.

Apartheid and Torah

It is the Torah which gave the world the very notion of equality and dignity, as the

famous Catholic historian Paul Johnson wrote: "To [the Jews] we owe the idea of equality before the law, both divine and human; of the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human person; of the individual conscience and so of social responsibility; of peace as an abstract ideal and love as the foundation of justice and many other items which constitute the basic moral furniture of the human mind. Without the Jews it might have been a much emptier place."

Those who are demanding to "Stop Israeli Apartheid" from the comfort of their campus parade grounds, should first stop and ask the Arab citizens and the terror victims in Israel one question: Where in the Middle East is it any better than in the State of Israel?



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RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Quinoa Tabbouleh



Ingredients:

1. 2 cups water
2. 1 cup quinoa
3. 1 pinch salt
4. 1/4 cup olive oil
5. 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
6. 1/4 cup lemon juice
7. 3 tomatoes, diced
8. 1 cucumber, diced
9. 2 bunches green onions, diced
10. 2 carrots, grated
11. 1 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Directions:

1. In a saucepan bring water to a boil. Add quinoa and a pinch of salt. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Allow to cool to room temperature; fluff with a fork.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine olive oil, sea salt, lemon juice, tomatoes, cucumber, green onions, carrots and parsley. Stir in cooled quinoa.

Matzo Ball Soup



Ingredients

- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup matzo meal
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 dash white pepper
- 1 tablespoon water
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 1 medium carrot, cut into 2 inch julienne strips

Directions

1. In a small bowl, mix eggs with the melted butter or margarine. Stir in matzo meal, parsley, salt, pepper, and water to form a soft dough. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

2. Bring chicken broth and carrots to a boil in a large pot. Reduce heat to a simmer. Shape the matzo dough into 12 balls. (For easier shaping, dip hands in cold water from time to time). Drop the matzo balls into the simmering broth. Cover and cook for 30 to 40 minutes



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THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Moses' Birth & Passing (1393 and 1273 BCE)

Moses was born in Egypt on the 7th of Adar of the year 2368 from creation (1393 BCE) and passed away on his 120th birthday -- Adar 7, 2488 (1273 BCE)

The Spanish Inquisition (1481)

The Inquisition was created in the twelfth century to find "Christian heretics" who would be punished or killed. Eventually, Jews too were open to such charges of heresy, simply for being Jewish; and torture was routinely used to extract "confessions." Over the years, the inquisition, which operated with Papal consent, spread to many countries. In 1481 the Inquisition began to function in Spain to expose the secret Jews, known as the Anusim or Marranos. This Inquisition was anti-Jewish more than in any previous countries. The first public sentencing and

burning alive of six marrano men and one woman by the Spanish Inquisition was held on this date in Seville in Southern Spain. Following the start of the Spanish Inquisition many Jews fled Spain.

Oath on Torah Permitted (1674)

In the 1660's the Jewish community of Barbados became established and of considerable importance. The Jewish community, however, had a decided disadvantage in that their testimony was not admissible in court cases due to their refusal to take an oath on a Christian Bible. In October 1669 the Jewish community presented the king a petition requesting permission to take be able to take oaths on the Five Books of Moses, the Jewish Bible. Several years later, on Wednesday, February 14, 1674, Barbados passed a law granting the Jewish community the permission they requested.

Jews Enabled to Serve in Public Office in Maryland (1825)

In 1715, the Crown Colony of Maryland enacted a law requiring any citizen who wished to hold public office to take an oath of abjuration, which contained the words, "upon the true faith of a Christian." In 1776, the new constitution of the State of Maryland reaffirmed this law, requiring any oath of office to contain a declaration of belief in the Christian religion. In the decades that followed, the struggle to repeal this law attracted national attention. On February 26, 1825 an act "for the relief of the Jews in Maryland," was passed by Maryland's House of Delegates. The bill allowed every Jewish citizen to take an oath which professes his belief in a "future State of Rewards and Punishments, in the stead of the declaration now required by the Constitution and form of Government of this State."

First Dispute Between Two Schools of Torah Thought (1st century CE)

The schools of Shammai and [Hillel](#) for the very first time disagreed regarding a case of Jewish law. This occurred around the turn of the 1st century. In the ensuing generations, the schools argued regarding many different laws, until the law was established according to the teachings of the "House of Hillel" -- with the exception of a few instances. According to tradition, following the arrival of the [Moshiach](#) the law will follow the rulings of the House of Shammai. All throughout, the members of the two schools maintained friendly relations with each other.

[Parshat Zachor](#)

This being the Shabbat before Purim, on which we celebrate the foiling of Haman the Amalekite's plot to destroy the Jewish people, the weekly Parshah is supplemented with the Zachor reading (Deuteronomy 25:17-19) in which we are commanded to remember the evil of Amalek and to eradicate it from the face of the earth. "Parshat Zachor" is the second of four special readings added during or immediately before the month of Adar (the other three being "Shekalim", "Parah" and "Hachodesh")

Dedication of Herod's Renovated Temple (11 BCE)

After 334 years, the 2nd Holy Temple in Jerusalem (see "Today in Jewish History"

for Adar 3) was in disrepair. In the year 19 BCE, King Herod I floated the idea of rebuilding and renovating the Temple. Though many Jews were wary of Herod's motives, the renovation was completed eight years later. The new structure was magnificent, causing the Talmud to state: "He who has not seen Herod's edifice has not seen a magnificent edifice!"

Fast of Esther

A fast is observed today by all adults (i.e., over bar or bat mitzvah age) in commemoration of the three-day fast called at Esther's behest before she risked her life to appear unsummoned before King Achashveirosh to save the Jewish people from Haman's evil decree (as related in the Book of Esther, chapter 4). The fast also commemorates

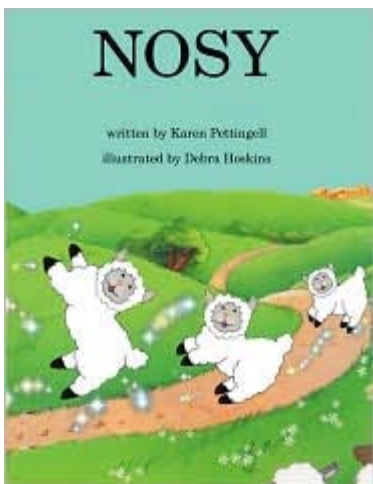
The events of Purim extended over a period of several years, culminating in the victory celebrations of Adar 14-15 of 356 BCE.

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Submitted by Tina Fallstead

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Illustrated by Debra Hoskins



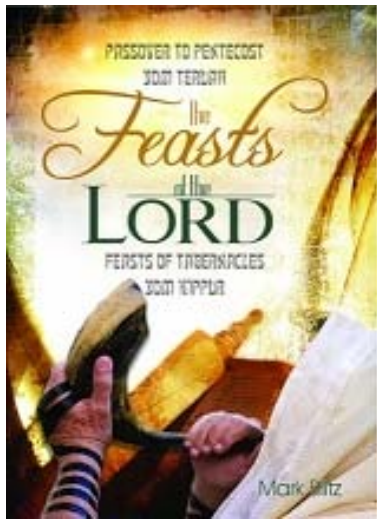
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by Pastor Mark Biltz

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-Pastor Mark Boltz

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