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George Washington’s Favorite Bible Verse

Many of us have those special Bible verses that speak to us. According to an article by D.L. Dreisbach, George Washington clearly had a favorite scripture. Do you happen to know what it was? According to Dreisbach, Washington cites his favorite scriptural phrase nearly four dozen times in his writings and Martha even used...
The phrase that our first President loved more than any other was apparently the prophetic picture of every man sitting safely "under his vine and under his fig tree." The phrase occurs three times in the Hebrew Bible (1 Kings 4:25, Micah 4:4, and Zechariah 3:10). It also occurs in the apocryphal book of First Maccabees (14:12). From a study of his writings it would seem most logical that he was referring to the passage in Micah since he also speaks occasionally of "swords into plow-shares" and "spears into pruning hooks," phrases that occur in Micah but not in the other passages referencing the vine and fig tree.

Here is the reference to the article for those that are interested.


The Jewish Wonder Woman Banning Continues in the Arab World

The talented Israeli actress Gal Gadot is taking the world by storm. The former Miss Israel (2004) was raised in Rosh HaAyin, Israel. She proudly served 2 years in the Israel Defense Force as a combat instructor. She has been public about her pro Israel stand, as well as her service in the military. The former IDF soldier and the face of Gucci's Bamboo perfume is now up against a new fight. Several Arab countries have banned the showing of the DC Comics movie, distributed by Warner Brothers Pictures, Lebanon, due to the Ministry of Economy and Trade’s ban on any ties to the Jewish state, has banned the movie. Tunisia recently suspended the movie's release in that country due to Gadot's military career. Jordan suspended the screening of the movie pending a decision from its media commission, a decision that is unlikely to be favorable, and Algeria had the film removed from a film festival. Despite the movie's cold reception in some Arab countries, it brought in an estimated $228 million in its opening weekend worldwide. With all of the opposition to the film, one has to wonder if the bans are due to its main character’s place of origin, or due to the fact that it presents a strong woman in a world that seeks to oppress women. United Israel is proud of Gal Gadot.
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Andrea Weinberg Uses Facebook Group to Present a Positive View of Israel

Readers of the Bulletin may enjoy the Friends of Israel Facebook Group Page. The page has an active membership approaching 4,000 members. According to its owner, she was inspired to set up the page in response to all of the negativity about Israel. Andrea told the Editor that she felt that "it would be nice to have one place, one group, which tries to focus on getting all that is positive about Israel, out into the world. I'm hoping it is making a difference." Indeed it is. Andrea spends many hours combing through media outlets, looking for news stories that present Israel in a positive light. Great job Andrea. The Facebook group is a closed group, but readers of the Bulletin can request to join. Here is the link.

United Israel Ministers Donate Time and Talent to Raise Funds for
Homeless in New York

On Friday May 5, 2017 David and Patty Tyler (Ministers for UIWU) and their band played at the Rome Rescue Mission Gala to raise funds for the homeless in Central New York. The Rome Rescue Mission serves 200 meals per day, has an 18-bed shelter for Women & Children. Their motto is: The Rome Rescue Mission, a hand up, not a hand out. Thanks to the Tylers for working on behalf of the needy in their community.

Here is a short video clip about the event.

United Israel Hebrew Classes Online

Have you ever wanted to learn to read Biblical Hebrew? In this five-week course, Ross Nichols will be teachings the Basics of Biblical Hebrew every Thursday night in June. Classes will be held at the United Israel Center South in Saint Francisville, Louisiana and via Facebook Live from the United Israel Facebook page for those who are unable to attend in person. A Facebook group has been set up for students. This will allow students to engage in discussion and also provide a place for uploading class documents. Participants will learn the basics of Biblical Hebrew and should be able to read at the end of five classes. Classes generally last 1-1.5 hours. The United Israel World Union website has a page set up for those wanting to learn Biblical Hebrew. On this page, you will find helpful charts, vocabulary sheets for the 1,000 most frequently used words in the Hebrew Bible, and videos of archived Hebrew lessons. Here is the Link to our Hebrew Helps page.
Ross Nichols, Jono Vandor and Tovia Singer to Lead Israel Tour

The Tanakh Tour, with Jono Vandor, Rabbi Tovia Singer, & Ross Nichols, will bring your Bible to life while you experience the modern miracle that is the State of Israel. The tour highlights Israel's past, present and future, by uniquely connecting people with the history, present-day realities, and prophecies contained in the Hebrew Bible. Visit the tour webpage, and pay your deposit to secure a seat on Tanakh Tour 3!

Louisiana Political Leaders Recognize 50 Years of a Unified Jerusalem

Thanks to Louisiana Representative Valarie Hodges and Nadine Boakye of the Consulate General of Israel, Louisiana had a great gathering to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem at the Louisiana State Capitol on June 7th. State Senators Rick Ward III and Neil Riser and Commissioner Jay Dardenne were also there to show support for Israel. Rabbi Jordan Goldson and Reverend Gene Mills gave remarks on the significance of the day, and many local...
remarks on the significance of the day, and many local Jews and evangelical Christians all came together in solidarity on behalf of Jerusalem’s 50th as a reunified city. For a full report of the event, see the article appearing in Southern Jewish Life Magazine.

Several United Israel World Union members from the United Israel Center South attended this function. At the close of the event, United Israel representatives presented Representative Hodges with an award (see photo below) for her “friendship and support of the people of Israel.”

It is a small token of appreciation for her efforts. Please pray for her as she attempts to persuade her peers to join 20 other U.S. states in the passing of Anti-BDS legislation. Kol Hakavod Representative Hodges!

New on TaborBlog

In Dr. Tabor’s recent post, “Jesus as Illegitimate and the Talpiot Tomb: Some Overlooked Considerations,” he points readers to an article by Professor Claude Cohen-Matofsky in which she weighs in on the discussion of the relevance of names and their clusters on ossuaries in the Talpiot “Jesus” family tomb. This new research adds significantly to our understanding.
From the Torah
"Remember the Torah of Moses..." Malachi

The Torah reading this Sabbath for those following the Annual cycle of Torah readings is Be Ha’alotcha (Numbers 8:1-12:16). The associated prophet reading is Zechariah 2:14-4:7. The congregation at United Israel Center South is studying Genesis 25:19-26:35 according to the ancient triennial Torah cycle of readings. Join us in person at the Center in Saint Francisville or via our Facebook Live broadcast at 10:30 AM CST.

Southern Jewish Life Magazine Editor / Publisher Visited UI Center South

Larry Brook, the Editor / Publisher of Southern Jewish Life Magazine stopped in with his lovely family for a visit during the Shavuot celebration at the United Israel Center South. Southern Jewish Life Magazine is a publication which serves the Jewish communities in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Northwest Florida. The Bulletin Editor and Larry Brook have been friends for quite some time but until this past weekend had never met in person. The two crossed paths again at the Louisiana State Capitol on June 7th. See the article in Southern Jewish Life Magazine for a full report of that event here.
New on Our Website

Executive Vice President Ralph Buntyn has published a new Portrait of the Past. In *A Zionist Trio*, Ralph shares of a photo capturing a meeting between founder David Horowitz, his wife Nan, and a young Menachem Begin in New York in the early 50s. Check out all of the previously published portraits in *Portraits of the Past* and share them with your friends.

Could it be that a vision in the Bible's Book of Daniel pointed to the present day? In *Daniel's Prophecy & June 7, 1967*, an uncanny connection between a passage in Daniel's eighth chapter and the Six-Day War is presented.

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*Psalm 133:1*

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