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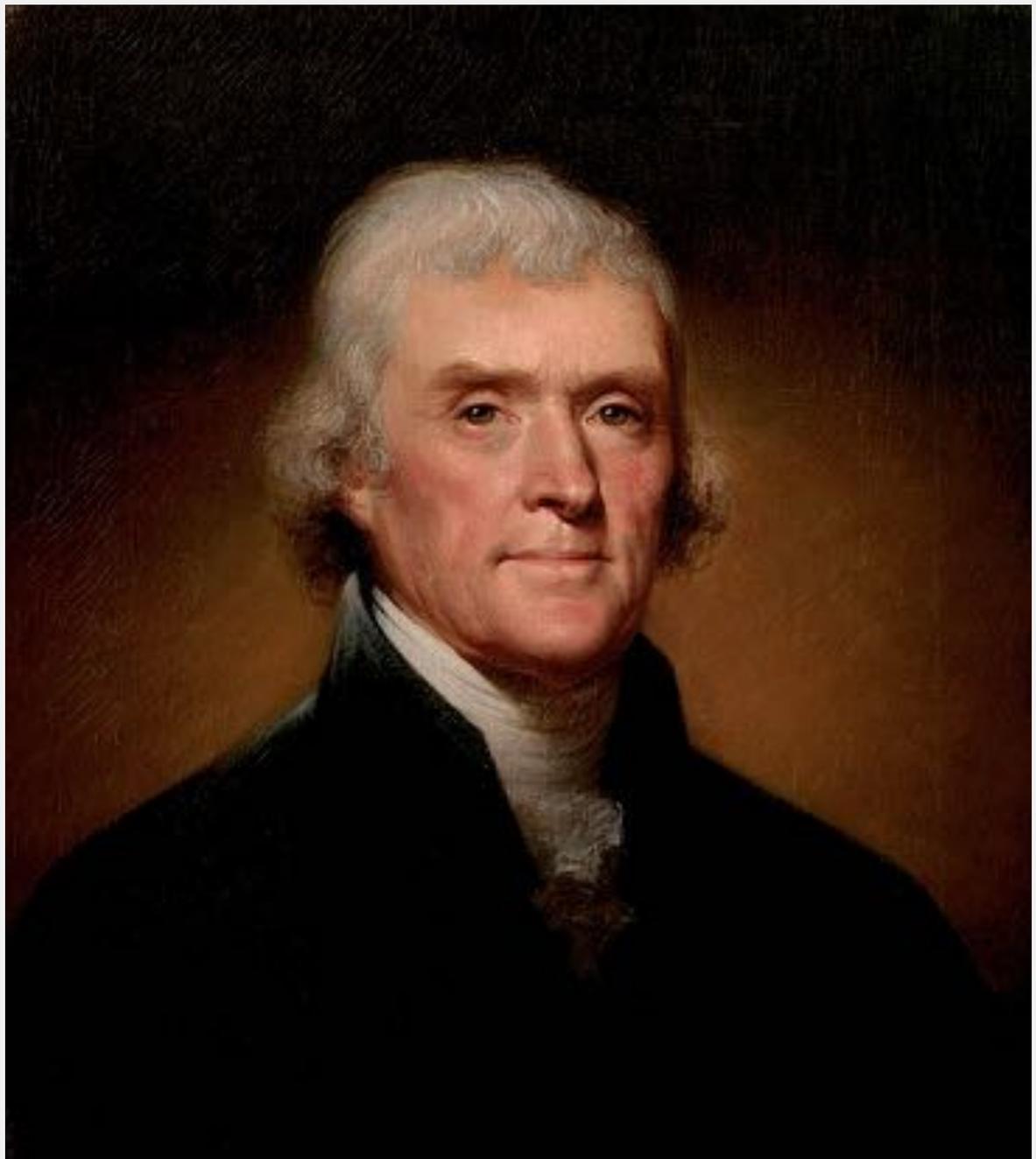
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For my house shall be called a house of prayer for ALL Peoples
כי ביתי בית תפלה יקרא לכל העמים

[Read our 2019 Year-End Review](#)



Of Deism, Liberty, and the American Way

by **Ralph Buntyn**

He was the primary draftsman of the Declaration of Independence, but his Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was one of his greatest legislative battles.

He revised his own version of the Bible believing that a person's religion was between them and their God, doing his editorial work in a United States that was deeply rooted in state-sponsored religion at the time.

In the end, he wrote his own epitaph and designed the obelisk grave marker that was to bear his three greatest accomplishments.

Don't miss the account of a man and his country's religious struggles in colonial America in Ralph Buntyn's latest article titled: "Of Deism, Liberty and the American Way."

[Read the full article here.](#)



Tylers Participate in Fundraiser to Help Family Following Tragedy

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of Everett Chase Newman, 9, of Remsen, NY. Everett passed away unexpectedly on December 18, 2019 in a tragic house fire alongside his dog, Bubby and cat, Ash. Everett was a fourth grader at Remsen Central School. He loved school and loved learning the trombone. Everett was a smart, handsome, funny young man who adored his mother and idolized his grandfather.

Surviving are his mother, Amelia Newman; and grandpa, Louis Newman, both of whom he resided with; grandmother, Mailin Rounds and Poppi, Jeffery Rounds; Aunt Alyssa and Uncle RJ Flemming, Aunt Sarah and Uncle Jeremy Sullivan, Aunt Julia (Aunt JuJu) and Uncle Joe Gemelli, Uncle Corry (DohDoh) Aunt Sheri Newman, Aunt Bob (Charlene Newman), Aunt Neni (Aunt Neenee) and Uncle Kermit Luther; very special cousins who were more like his siblings, Gianna, Makenna, Kaylee, Tasia, Tony, Logan and Corryn, Arianna, Tinley, Samantha, Lane and Waylon. He is also survived by his "Grandma" Jean Gemelli.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the Remsen Volunteer Fire Department, STAR Ambulance and all other agencies, men and women who tried so hard to save this sweet amazing boy. Additionally, thank you to this small community for their support during this heartbreaking time. Currently, Everett's mother and grandfather remain hospitalized with severe burns at Upstate Medical Center.

The Tyler Band with other local bands will play at a fundraiser February 1, 2020 at the Rome Polish Home in Rome, NY in order to raise funds for Everett's burial and the family's recovery. If you are interested in helping, please **send funds to UIWU** with a note directing it to the Family of Everett Newman.

Latest Class by Ross Nichols

Sticks and Bones - Ezekiel 37

In this teaching, based upon Torah Reading VaYiggash (Genesis 44:18-47:27), Ross covers the connection between the Torah portion and the Prophet reading. The theme that connects the two is the reunion of Judah and Joseph. Working through texts in the Torah and the Prophets, Ross shows that history and prophecy contain interesting parallels between Joseph and his latter-day descendants.

Here is the link to our blog post entry for this class on our website. Here you will find audio and video files of the teaching as well as a PDF of John "Baruch" Perry's popular teaching notes. The direct link to the video on YouTube is below.





The Three Highways

Excerpted from Sinai, by David Horowitz, 1931

And there was something like darkness, a fleeting light gradually crept over the face of the earth; tempestuous clouds had preceded this, and now man was groping blindly through the various thoroughfares he had built. Most noticeable were three highways, which differed from the rest in their enormity of size and predominance. Their visibility was due to a mysterious fleeting light.

The first highway was of tremendous width; there were huge towers and structures, which reached far into the clouds; in it were billions of people crowding their way in various directions. Somehow, they clung to this highway because of the great influence of magic rays radiating from huge, iron crosses which proudly ornamented every structure.

The second highway was much smaller than the first and the people therein were scattered; the buildings here were of no height but had low flat roofs. The outstanding attraction was the unique looking streetlamps, which gave forth dull, blue and white rays of light. The people clung to a wall they had built with incohesive mortar around the highway.

The third highway was most peculiar in shape; it had many strange curves and to behold the mass of people from above was like seeing all the colors of the rainbow. The buildings were constructed in such a manner that the roofs seemed like semi-circles with swords ornamenting them. Many of the

people of this highway had gone to the first highway, but the majority remained true to their own, in spite of all the temptations the former offered.

These three highways were made visible through the fleeting light. There were hundreds of other roads and thoroughfares, however, which were not visible; from them voices of groaning and moaning could be heard. Huge mountains encompassed the highways, thus keeping the people within their bounds.

Far, far away from these man-made thoroughfares, there arises in a wilderness, a mount of lowly appearance; its sight few men desire. The huge mountains, which encompass the highways, have almost completely hidden the lowly mount from the people, who are, nevertheless, aware that the fleeting light originates from this peculiar and mysterious mountain they have evaded in clinging to their highways.

The fleeting light grew dimmer, and fearing that it might disappear entirely, some of the people began to seek the source of the light; they left their highways, encountered many obstacles in their way, but finally reached the lowly mount where many other seekers were gathered, entranced with the "Mountain," so distinct from all other mountains on earth.

As the growing darkness swept over the highways, the people of the second thoroughfare flocked to the dim, blue and white rays in such vast throngs that thousands were trampled underfoot. In the first highway such scenes were terrific, millions were trampled to oblivion in their efforts to reach the weak and magic light, which radiated from the very old and decadent crosses. As the crowding increased, the people, fearing a complete collapse of the antiquated crosses, grievously moved backward with great rapidity, causing much loss of life.... Thousands now sought in all eagerness the "lowly mount" whence originated the fleeting light.

Likewise, the third highway became a tiresome *chemin de vie* to all its inhabitants. Complete chaos reigned there, and the millions of swords became stumbling blocks. In the course of these events more and more people reached quite securely, within a safe distance of the "lowly mount."

Then came a peculiar day, when it was neither day nor night and a thick darkness prevailed; from the North and South poles began quakes, and from there spread over the whole face of the globe terrible quakes. The whole earth was shaking, and the crust began to fall off. Mountains were lowered; valleys made straight; thoroughfares and roads disappeared with the people in them. And the highways...the three highways...their fate was a tragic one. In the first, which was the widest, the eroded crosses had already fallen on the people, the buildings had collapsed...utterly destroying the entire highway with everybody in it.

"Crushed entirely is the earth, split in pieces is the earth, shaken to its

center is the earth."

"The earth reeleth to and fro like a drunkard, and vibrateth like a watch-hut; and heavily lieth upon it its transgression; and it shall fall and not rise again." Isaiah XXIV, 19-20.

In the second highway, the "protecting wall" which was built with incohesive mortar, was demolished together with those that had built it. The third highway disappeared entirely as the crust continued to dissolve. There were terrific fires and quakes and now, as all high mountains were already lowered and all the crust disappeared there suddenly appeared a new and beautiful light, which enclosed a new earth.

While the earth had thus been shivering and quaking, the lowly mount, during the destruction, had remained firm and unshaken. The only people left on earth were those who had clung to the "lowly mountain," they beheld the new light, the new earth, the new cosmos. Those who had reached the "lowly mount" first, were the first to see the glory of the new light.

All were saved who clung to the mount, the mountain of mountains, the firm and steadfast height of heights, the mountain, the mountain! Hear ye, O ye people! The mountain! the mount of mounts! the altitude of altitudes! the mount, the mountain! O, people of the "highways" return to the mount, Mount Sinai.

New Playlist on UI YouTube Channel

Several months ago, Ross taught a three part series on Jeremiah's New Covenant. These three classes have now been combined into a single Playlist on our United Israel YouTube channel.

The three classes are:

1. A New Covenant - Part One
2. Jeremiah's New Covenant Scroll
3. The New Covenant Oracle.

[Playlist for Jeremiah's New Covenant Scroll](#)



THE LANGUAGE OF CREATION

COSMIC SYMBOLISM
IN GENESIS

A COMMENTARY



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Gift Received at UI Center South

This week we received a gift in the mail with the following note:

Hello Ross, from what you share in your teachings I believe you will find this interesting, validating your findings in the Hebrew Torah, and well worth the read. May Yehovah bless your work. Sincerely, Tom Moniz.

Thanks so much Tom!

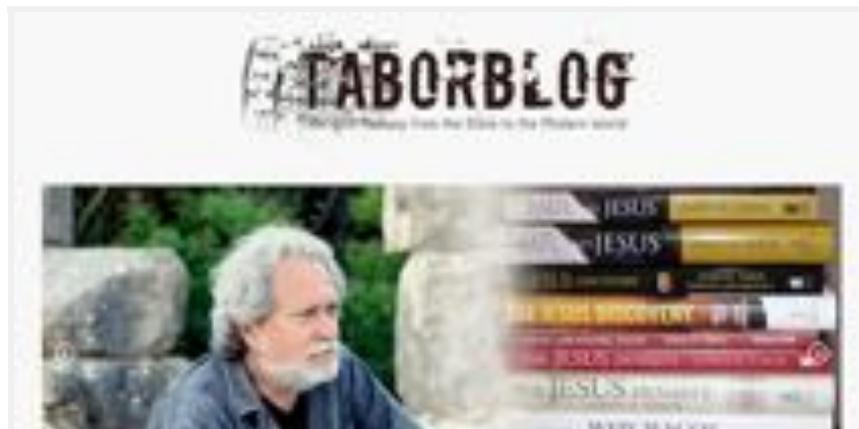
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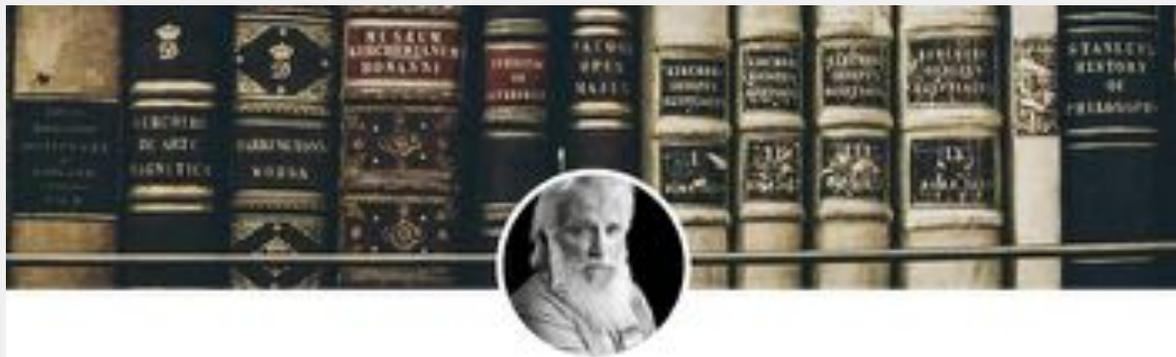




Montreat 2020 BAR Seminar

Next spring, BAS Travel/Study is hosting a special week-long program in the marvelous mountains of Western North Carolina. We invite you to join us for expert Biblical scholarship, wonderful company and Southern relaxation at the Montreat Conference Center, nestled in the hills of North Carolina, a stone's throw from the very interesting town of Asheville. Professors **James Tabor**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and **Tina Wray**, Salve Regina University, will present ***Excavating Lost, Forgotten, Misunderstood, and Marginalized Figures of the Bible***, a series of 20 lectures. This seminar offers you a unique opportunity to learn from two popular, renowned Biblical scholars with like-minded participants in a relaxed setting. For more information on this seminar, please visit the **[Biblical Archaeology Society website](#)**.

Ross K Nichols on Academia.edu



Ross K Nichols

The editor has recently begun to upload written material on a newly established page on Academia.edu. Presently there are documents posted in 5 categories. Readers of the UI Bulletin can visit **[the page here](#)**.





Hanoch Young

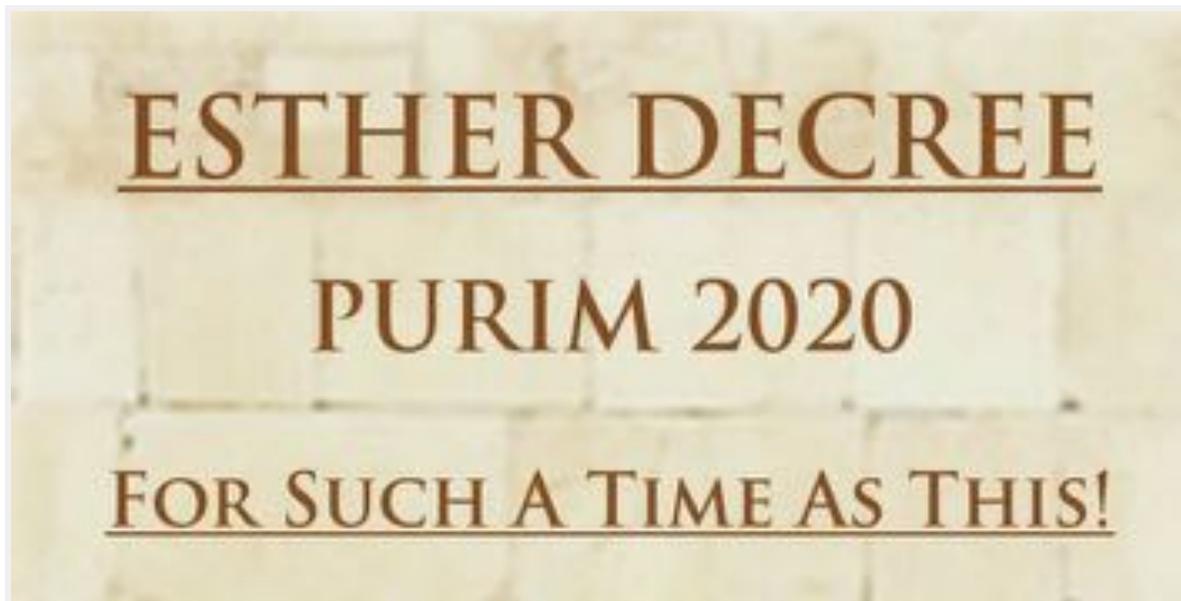
The Courage to Be Blessed

Join us at Temple Sinai Synagogue in Saint Francisville for an evening with Hanoch Young as he presents, *The Courage to Be Blessed*.

Hanoch Young, renowned international speaker and author, is one of Israel's most dynamic Tour Guides. Currently, he travels overseas several times per year to lecture to groups about Israel, Biblical prophecies and how to bless the Chosen Land. Make sure to hear him speak; it's time to begin making history instead of just reading about it!

This is a one-night only event. Join us on Wednesday, January 8th. Let us know you will be joining us on the link below to our Facebook event!

[Hanoch Young Event](#)



For Such a Time As This...Purim Event March 3, 2020

On March 3, 2020, there will be a Purim event at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. Jewish and Christian Leaders from Israel and America will unite to pray for Israel and the United States in 2020. The stated mission of the event, "is to prayerfully unite Jews and Christians spiritually and politically to support and elect pro-Israel, pro-America Political Leaders, who sincerely support Judeo-Christian values in 2020 FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!"

For more information about the event, please [email Carrie Simms](mailto:Carrie.Simms@MuseumoftheBible.org).

An Accessible Adventure - A Limited Mobility Friendly Tour of Israel with Ross and Hanoch

Have you ever wanted to experience Israel but were concerned that you would not be able to keep up with the pace of most standard Israel tours due to physical limitations or limited mobility? If so, this is YOUR tour! Perhaps you don't have physical limitations but simply prefer a more relaxed paced tour of the Holy Land - This Tour is for you!

Israeli Tour Guide Hanoch Young and Bible Teacher Ross Nichols, long-time friends, have teamed up to provide a unique opportunity to visit the Holy

Land at a relaxed and enjoyable pace. This tour has been organized especially for those with physical challenges or limited mobility. Every aspect of this tour has been designed, and every site has been carefully selected, with accessibility in mind.

After many years of combined experience leading tours to Israel, Ross and Hanoch decided to put their expertise into practice and design a tour that removes many of the physical challenges that most people experience. This will allow those who might not otherwise go on a tour to the land of the Bible, to join us. All sites we will visit are easily accessible.

This tour, while moving at a relaxed pace, still hits many of the greatest sites. We will traverse the land in a luxury coach equipped with a ramp for easy and accessible boarding, as well as being equipped with WiFi. We can view many of the places we know from the Bible and learn about the history of this land from the comfort of the bus.

The tour also includes stops at some of the greatest sites across Israel as the itinerary demonstrates. We have designed the tour so that we only need three hotels, which will help to reduce the stress of moving from one hotel to another during our tour. We will stay at the King Solomon hotel in Jerusalem, the Leonardo Club on the shore of the Dead Sea, and the Leonardo Club on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Watch the Promo Video below and then click the button below to learn more, and to sign up to secure your place.



Sign up for The Accessible Adventure Tour



From the Torah

The Torah reading this week for those who follow the annual cycle of Torah Readings is Va-Yechi (Genesis 47:28-50:26). The prophet reading associated with this Sabbath is I Kings 2:1-12.

"Remember the Torah of my servant Moses, the statutes and judgments that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel"

(Malachi 4:4 English / Malachi 3:22 Hebrew).

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The Month of Tevet –Looking Backwards, Looking Forwards

Part Two –A Time of T'shuvah (Return)

Fast of the 10th Month

Part of an ongoing series entitled Hidden Sparks Beneath the Surface

By Elisheva Tavor aka Betty Tabor Givin

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks states, "We live life forward but we see the role of Providence in our lives only looking back..." HaShem through the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the clarity that comes in **looking back** when He says in Jeremiah 23:19, "in **the latter days you shall consider it perfectly.**"

To re-cap, we pointed out that the beginning of the horrific siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar occurred during the month of Tevet...yet the very name of this month (Hebrew טֵבֵת) shares its root with the word טוֹב *tov* meaning good!

This indicates that even when it appears on the surface that all is lost, in reality it is far from it, for HaShem and His Providence are always working behind the scenes to turn the evil into **tov, into good**, which in itself is an amazing life lesson for us both as individuals and as a corporate body of people who love our Creator. We just have to delve deeply to discover those **"hidden sparks beneath the surface."**

We commemorate this horrific event with a fast known simply in the Book of Zechariah as The Fast of the 10th Month, which falls on Tuesday January 7 of this year. The Jewish sages designated that this fast be observed on the 10th of Tevet, for according to tradition, the death of the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah fell in close proximity to that day. Yet despite the tragic events commemorating this fast day, HaShem through His prophet Zechariah has promised that **טוֹב *tov* or good will indeed come** when he states that **one day the Fast of the 10th month will be one of the 4 fast days that will be turned to a day of joy and gladness!** (Zechariah 8:18-19) We look forward with great anticipation to that glorious day, but in the interim, let us examine the purpose of a fast day so as to derive meaning from it.

HaShem speaking through the prophet Joel in His poignant plea admonishes but at the same time also assures the people that all is not lost as He enlightens them as to the purpose of their fasting.

"Yet even now, says HaShem, turn to me with all your heart and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to HaShem your G-d: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, great in love, and repents of evil."

A fast then is meant to be a time of **rending our hearts**, a time of questioning and introspection, of determining who we are and who we really want to become...it is a time of **looking back, of teshuvah** ...a time to **return** to the pure souls HaShem gave us!

It is a time of "seeing" things that we missed; for when the events were actually occurring, staring us in the face so to speak, we were so steeped in those events that were happening that we lacked the perspective to see them

those events that were happening that we lacked the perspective to see them for what they actually were...so we have to look **back** to actually **see** with clarity where we've been and to be more aware of where we are going.

A fast is meant to be a time to STOP and take notice and to awaken from our apathy, to question whether we should simply ride through history as passive sojourners looking out the window as we take the easy road allowing ourselves to just go with the flow and follow the age old path of assimilation...a slippery slope...one leading to moral and spiritual decay...or whether we do the hard, often painful work of **looking back**, seeing where we've lagged behind or gone wrong, of **rending our hearts**, and taking whatever measures are required to change what needs to be changed and then begin **living our lives forward**...the choice is ours.

As they were entering the Promised Land, Joshua admonishes the people, **"Choose this day whom you will serve."** (Joshua 24:14)

Today, more than ever, all the doors are open. We can choose the path of letting others define who we are or we can courageously define ourselves by choosing to renew our commitment to our heritage and to Torah living.

HaShem admonishes the people through His prophet Jeremiah of old to **"Stand on the highways and see and ask for the ancient path, where the good way is and walk in it."** (Jeremiah 24:16)

II Chronicles 7:14 **"If My people who are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land."**

HaShem's words through His prophet Moshe in Deuteronomy 30:1-10 are encapsulated in a white space in the Torah scroll. These heartrending words issue a clarion call to all of His children through the ages and up to the present day.

Quoting from verses 1-6 ...**"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations which HaShem thy G-d has driven thee and thou shalt return it to your hearts that HaShem is your G-d, and thou shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that then HaShem thy G-d shall turn thy captivity and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, amongst whom HaShem thy G-d has scattered thee..."**

These words and the promises of HaShem through Moshe and the prophets to regather all of His children and bring them home have echoed through the ages, and they are reaching our hearts and our ears today...there is an

awakening going on in our world ... people are tuning in and returning to HaShem and His Torah...and this is just the beginning!

It will indeed be a time of great joy for all of HaShem's children will be regathered together. As the prophet Jeremiah states in Jer. 50:4, "***In those days and at that time, says HaShem, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together.***"

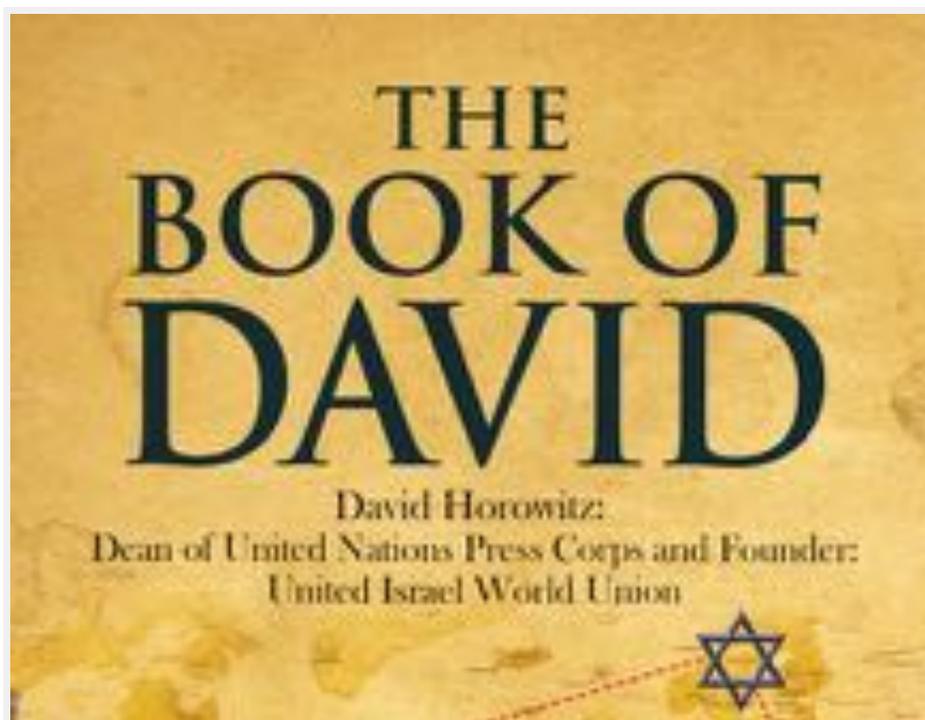
The month of Tevet, with its name spelled both backwards and forwards, is a time of looking both ***backwards and forwards***. It is a time of introspection, a time to return, engage in ***t'shuvah, a time to*** unite, to gather ourselves together and focus on the ***tov, the goodness*** inherent in this month and the ***goodness*** inherent in each of us.

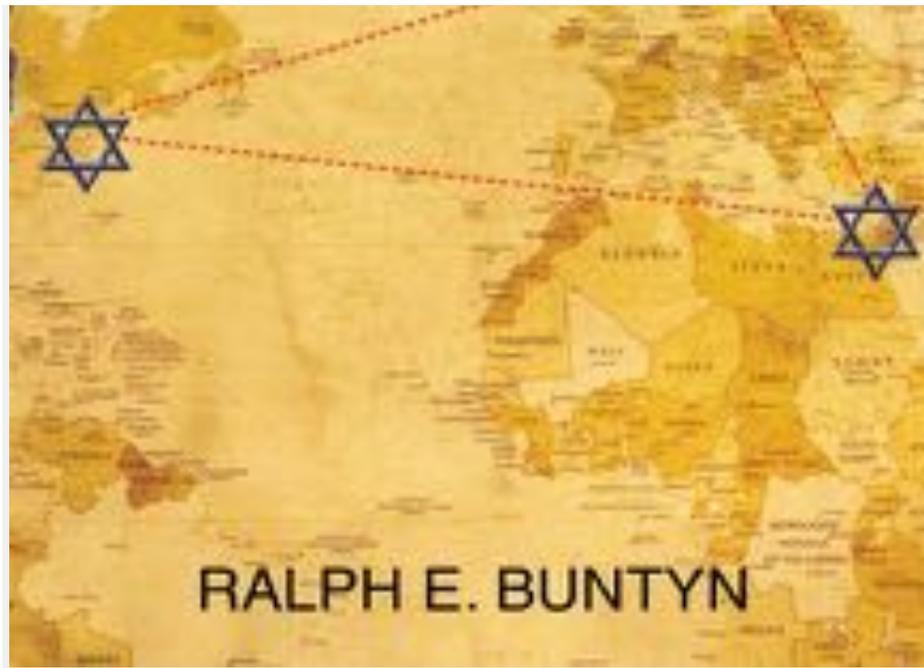
By HaShem's grace may we draw closer to Him every day as we continually strive to live our lives ***forward*** with eyes wide open. Having gained a clearer perspective of who we are and who we want to become, both individually and corporately, may we go from strength to strength! May we utilize all the lessons we've gleaned by looking ***backwards*** and may we continue to delve deeply in our quest to discover those ***Hidden Sparks Beneath the Surface!***

The Book of David

**David Horowitz: Dean of United Nations Press Corps and
Founder: United Israel World Union**

by Ralph Buntyn





For 10 years, author Ralph Buntyn spent many hours with renowned United Nations correspondent and United Israel founder David Horowitz. They engaged in lengthy discussions about his foundational views drawn from his experience and unique vantage point in the two world bodies. ***The Book of David*** is based on his personal notes, extensive archival records and reflections from these conversations.

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