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My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples



Ladies Visit Local Nursing Home

Thanks to some of our ladies, the first visit to a local Nursing Home was a success. Arrangements have been made with a local facility for members of United Israel World Union to visit with residents on a regular basis. Gerri Harris, Erin Sandefur, and Sherry Cole would love to expand this effort. Feel free to contact us via

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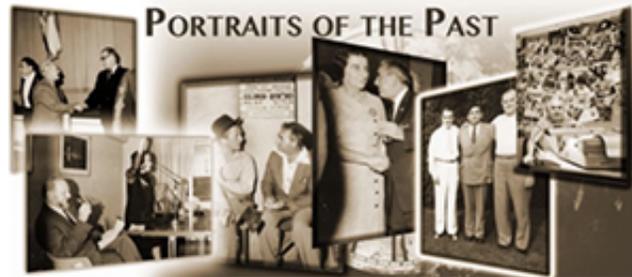
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to expand this effort. Feel free to contact us via a message on our [United Israel Facebook Page](#) for ways that you can help.



A Prime Minister's Recognition

Executive Vice President Ralph Buntyn just published the 12th in his Portraits of the Past series on the United Israel World Union website. The portrait and accompanying write up capture the presentation of the prestigious Jabotinsky Centennial Award Metal and Citation by former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Check out A Prime Minister's Recognition [here](#), and be sure to see all of the other photos in the series [here](#).



Ross & Jono

Israel On My Mind

We wanted to remind our readers that Ross Nichols has joined the staff of [Israel News Talk Radio](#), working as a co-host with Jono Vandor of [Truth2U](#) on [Israel On My Mind](#). The two just posted [their third show](#). So far the reviews are positive. Have you listened to the show yet?



In their latest show, our hosts discuss a Gay Pride Parade in Chicago in which it seems that the ONLY unacceptable “self Identification” was being Pro-Israel. And what about those popular Zumba classes? Are they leading people down a slippery sinful slope unknowingly? And finally, what about segregated prayer? Should we have walls of separation at THE wall? This and more in this episode of [Israel on my Mind](#) with Jono and Ross.

Israel On My Mind showcases the ‘good news’ stories from Israel, awesome Israeli technical inventions, and other stories of interest for the many people who support Israel. And if you are calling Israel (the people and the land) home, whether you are a Jew or a Gentile supporter of Israel, you will love this show!

How to Listen

New shows come out every Thursday at 7:00 PM Israel time (11:00 AM CST). You can listen to the show when it airs, by logging onto [Israel News Talk Radio](#) and clicking LISTEN NOW in the top right corner of the site, or listen to the archived shows, which will generally be posted before midnight Israel time on Thursdays (4:00 PM CST).

Like their [Israel On My Mind Facebook Page](#).

If you enjoy the show, please share it with your friends.



The Beginnings of Real Change

by David F. Tyler, Minister and Member of the Board of Directors for United Israel

Change in one's religious faith is a problematic concern. In our long spiritual journey, there appears to be some real turning points where clarity and vision into these types of concerns becomes apparent. Where the haze of man's intervention on our true faith – the "isms" and "anitys" - is temporarily removed and we glimpse at the naked truth. It seems as though from the time of Abraham our faith has evolved and passed through good and bad phases. I think we are entering a good phase.

A Rabbi friend of mine once said that the Christian Bible was like an Ark carrying the Torah to the world. When people realize what they have in their "Bibles," they would begin to return to God of Torah. He said that would take a long time and many paths. Those who have studied the history of the religions of the Peoples of the Book (those sprouting from the promises made to Abraham), viz; Judaism, Christianity and Islam, can see there are many paths. A movement began in the late 1920s and has continued through to today where people are leaving established religions and becoming Torah observant. You might see them wearing "tzitzit" or celebrating the Friday-to-Saturday-Night Sabbath, or possibly abstaining from Biblically unclean foods or even becoming vegetarian (an easier way to eat "Biblically Correct" like Adam and Eve did in the Garden).

"Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: They shall make for themselves fringes on the corners of their garments... And this shall be tzitzit for you, and when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of G-d, and perform them" (Numbers 15:38-39).

These people are drawn to the God of the Torah, whose name is Holy, and to His Ways, His Commands and His Statutes. It goes beyond religion to a true faith. Directions for how one leads one's life. A sense of purpose and understanding for considering the bigger question, Why?

I have felt like the plot in the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" by Steven Spielberg is a good metaphor that would help folks understand what it's like being on this journey. We are drawn to a God whom we did not know, to a land thousands of miles from our home -the land of Israel, forsaking our families, our churches, our ways of life, with a passion that seems to go beyond normal logic to find answers about this "Creator God", "The Most High", "The Eternal". A God we only can identify by a name. A Sacred Name. There are no images of this God, only instructions on how to live our lives. These instructions are summarized in the

...the Ten Commandments are written in the
"Ten Commandments." Written by the Hand of God.
See the Book of Exodus, Chapter 20.

While my path started when I was a small boy who was brought into a church where a man was depicted on a crucifix and told he was God, I simply asked, how do you know that? Thus, began a journey for my family where I was blessed enough to have parents that were not only understanding, but they went on the journey with me. Through the years, I found a woman to marry who also wanted in on this journey. Patty has been my wife for more than 36 years. We went to many, many religious groups, cults, societies, you name it. Then it began to feel like we were in Noah's family. Were we the only ones on this planet that felt like this? That believed like this?

Around 1992 we had the good fortune of meeting Dr. James Daniel Tabor. Patty contacted him for genealogical reasons, but we soon found out he was a Professor of Religious History and had views like us about the Bible and God. For the next few years we spoke by phone and met another big influence in our religious journey, Dennis Jones, who now is a Rabbi. He said come back to the Ancient Paths, to the Torah. It registered with Patty and me. James, Dennis and others had found a group started in 1944 in New York by a Jewish man named David Horowitz. He called it United Israel World Union. David said, "Without a United Israel, there can be no World Union." The story is well documented by books and articles, of interest are articles by Ralph Buntyn and they are available on the UIWU website.

At that time, we did not really join forces with UIWU, but always spoke with James about Biblical matters. We started taking Hebrew classes with a local group and were introduced to an Israeli business out of Tel Aviv by other professional members of our workforce. By 1995, more than 20 years after our journey started, we went to Israel to work with this company.

It was November of 1995. We were there for a week of training and business development meetings. As an honor to our visit they put us up at the Kfar Maccabiah hotel in Ramat Gan, Israel. After landing at the Ben-Gurion Airport, we had a quick dinner and went to bed. At 6:15 AM the next day we were awoken by an enormous earthquake. Our first night in the "Holy Land" and BAM! An earthquake? The folks that we worked with said we were a sign in the "Holy Land" trying to be humorous. We were several floors up and the hotel shook like crazy. We were nervous to say the least. The geology experts said it was a bad one. In fact, the geologists have said since then, "The 1995 November 22 Mw = 7.2 Nuweiba earthquake was the largest seismic event along the Dead Sea Transform (DST) in at least 160 years. The earthquake ruptured under the waters of the Gulf of Eilat (Aqaba) along the Aqaba

waters of the Gulf of Eilat (Aqaba) along the Aragonese segment of the left-stepping DST." There is even a [WIKI page for it](#).

An Awakening

We saw first-hand how the entire country started to shut down on Friday around noon. The Sabbath was approaching and everyone must get ready. We felt we were in the right place as we had started celebrating the Sabbath Religiously at that time. For the weekend, we were given a limousine and a driver who spoke – at least partially – seven languages. He asked what sites we wanted to see, like the Via Dolorosa, Bethlehem, Church of the Sepulcher, etc. We said no, we want to see the real Biblical Sites! He said you mean the Jewish Ones? We said yes. He took us on a two-day trek around the land, we saw so much, and we fell in love with the land and its people. We met all sects of Jews, Christians, Muslims and others and never had a bad word with anyone. It was love and respect, it was trading cultures, it was a beautiful, highly spiritual experience. Patty got a lip smacking from a Camel and we saw sights we never thought we would see.

A Revelation

I remember the first time we drove up to Jerusalem and stopped at an overlook. Our driver asked us to get out and look at Jerusalem from this beautiful overlook. I began to weep uncontrollably as I looked at the city for the first time. I Felt the Presence. We then went to the Western Wall and the long walk from the parking lot through the Old City to the Wall was unbelievable for us. As it was revealed to my eyes, I could hardly fathom what was going on in my soul. I was about to make contact in the sense of my "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" reference. Patty and I were separated and sent to different parts of the Wall. Men on the left facing the Wall and Women on the right. As I touched the Wall my future was manifested. I would serve this God for the balance of my life. My eyes were on fire and my soul lamented. I want to spend more time and live in Jerusalem and all of Israel.

When we returned home we began a renewed effort to align our lives with the Torah. Since then we have been to Israel seven more times. In the following years, we drew closer to the folks at UIWU and finally we went to our first annual meeting. UIWU headquarters had moved to its new home in Charlotte, NC after the death of David Horowitz and Dr. Tabor was now the President. Many of the others we had met were board members and came to the Annual Meetings regularly. They have become lifelong friends and eventually we were asked to become Board Members and then Ministers. Since then UIWU has grown, as has the 'Return to Torah' movement.

United Israel World Union is 501(c)3 educational research organization founded in 1944 by David

Horowitz (1903-2002), who devoted his life to its goals and purposes. Its primary focus is to function as an association for any and all who are drawn to the One God of Abraham and the revelation of the Holy Scriptures (the *Tanakh* or Hebrew Bible).

Restoring Abrahamic Faith by Dr. James Tabor is a great place to start to discover what this movement is all about. The regular Sabbath Classes held by Ross Nichols are a great place to see how we view the Torah and its instruction and meaning in our life. See the UIWU web site for more details. <http://unitedisrael.org/> I ask you to consider joining us coming on this journey: A search for the Ultimate Truth.



United Israel Hebrew Classes Online

Have you ever wanted to learn to read Biblical Hebrew? In this five-part course, Ross Nichols will be teaching the Basics of Biblical Hebrew on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM CST. Classes are 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 one hour. 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**.

We also just posted a **new page on our website** for the videos of the popular Introduction to Biblical Hebrew classes. There is no requirement to purchase any materials as all are provided. There is no charge for the classes. Free will contributions can be made on our **United Israel donate page**.

Truth2U Tanakh Tour of Israel 2017
with Jono Vandor, Tovia Singer and Ross Nichols



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!

Pricing – All Prices are in USD and are for LAND ONLY

\$2,095 for adult double occupancy / \$1,495 for child (12 years old and under, shared with parent / guardian)
*Single supplement is an additional \$699.

Includes: Sessions with Special guests, 9 days / 8 nights at quality hotels, entrance fees to all advertised parks / sites, quality transportation, dedicated guide to all tour sites, breakfast & dinner meals.

***Highlighted Events:** 100th anniversary of ANZAC Led liberation of Beersheva, including: parade, grand opening of ANZAC Museum, Re-enactment of the charge of the famed Light Horse Brigade, & the 100th anniversary of Balfour Declaration.

***Special Activities:** Optional swim / float in the Dead Sea, Optional hike up Masada, Temple Mount Dig Project, Kotel / Western Wall Tunnel Tour, Ferry cruise from Haifa to Akko.

Touring Sites of Interest in Israel – *From the Conquest of Canaan to the Modern Age*

***Tour Sites:** Akko/Acco/Acre, Ashkelon, Beersheva, Beth Shean, Dead Sea, En Gedi, Haifa, Jerusalem, Kotel/Western Wall, Lachish, Masada, Mount of Olives, Old City, Safed, Temple Mount, Tiberias, Tomb of the Matriarchs, Valley of Elah, with the possibility of more!

***Museums / Synagogues:** ANZAC Museum, Churva Synagogue, Karaite Synagogue, Tower of David Museum, Israel Museum

Tour Hosts: Rabbi Tovia Singer of Outreach Judaism, Jono Vandor of Truth2U, & Ross Nichols of United Israel World Union

For more information and to secure your place, visit <http://www.truth2u.org/tanakh-tour/>

<https://www.wisdom.org/grants/2017>

Highlighted Events, Special Activities, and Touring Sites are subject to change



United Israel Summer Youth Retreat

July 13-17 we will be hosting a Young Adult Retreat at the Onstott home. We will have young adults speaking about the Torah, a trip to a water park, and the WWII Museum. If you're interested or have questions regarding this event, please respond via the [event page](#) or contact [Jodell Onstott](#). So far, we have a number of young people (in addition to the Onstott brood) signed up. For more information call Jodell (601) 347-3248.



From the Torah

"Remember the Torah of Moses..." Malachi

The Torah reading this Sabbath for those following the Annual cycle of Torah readings is Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1). The associated prophet reading is Judges 11:1-33. The congregation at United Israel Center South is studying Genesis 29:31-30:21 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.

מה טוב ומה נעים שבת אחים גם יחד

Psalm 133:1



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