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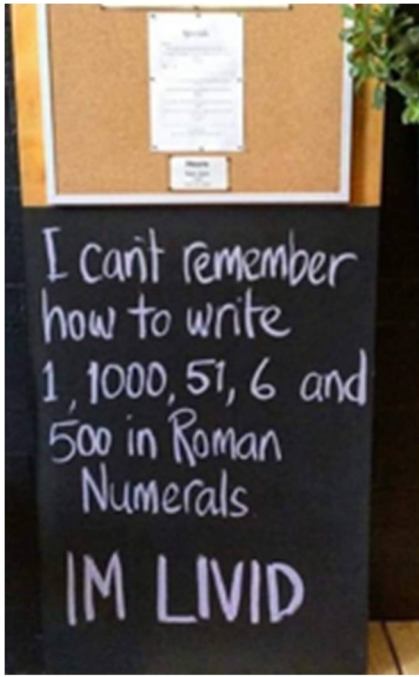


Kyle Stein, Peter van der Steur, Jarrod Kline



*[From Jeff Arnold: The same lighting conditions as that day of Beresheet landing, based on the angle at which the Sun would have illuminated the Moon at that particular time in its orbit, were the most similar to the April 22 image.]*

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2019/lro-beresheet-impact-site-spotted>  
[http://www.moondaily.com/reports/Beresheet\\_Impact\\_Site\\_Spotted\\_999.html](http://www.moondaily.com/reports/Beresheet_Impact_Site_Spotted_999.html)



*[From Ted and Suzanne Alongi]*

A young artist exhibits his work for the first time, and a well known art critic is in attendance.

The critic says to the young artist, "would you like to hear my opinion of your work?"

"Yes," the artist replies.

"It's worthless," the critic says.

"I know," the artist replies, "but let's hear it anyway."

**Sylvia Cohn Shekel Campaign**

At about 85, Sylvia Cohn gave us our uncollected FIRST dollar to buy a building!




- We purchased this building for \$650,000 on June 13, 2016.
- \$100,000 down
- mortgaged \$550,000
- Mar 31, 2019 owing \$431,271!

If we grow more, we have nowhere to accommodate new people, except to go to a second service... maybe!

Or HaCibitz will have its Silver Anniversary on Purim, 2020. The Rabbi and Elders / Z'vatim propose we RETIRE, pay off, the current mortgage of \$431,271 by Purim 2020!

We have \$9970 left in our building fund. We will apply that money.




We just finished the Dove Ramsey course, and learned that debt is a curse. "The rich rule over the poor; the borrower is a slave to the lender." Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

With G-d's help, I will pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid on or before Purim, 2020, which is Mar. 10, 2020.

I would like to buy a leaf with the dedicatory words \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze \$25 - 499    Silver \$50 - 999    Gold \$1000 +

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray about making a Mortgage retirement pledge commitment by Shavuot, June 8, to be paid Purim, 2020.**



[Last message in this series: Kiss of Yehuda. Hematadrosis in Garden stress, apparent collapse of the Kingdom by betrayal. Yeshua grabbed by authorities.]

**Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:51**

אֶחָד מִהָאֲנָשִׁים שֶׁהָיוּ עִם יֵשׁוּעַ שָׁלַח יָדוֹ וְשָׁלַף אֶת חֶרְבוֹ, וַיִּבְהַכּוּתוֹ אֶת עַבְדֵּי הַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל קִצֵּץ אֶת אָזְנוֹ.  
 At that, one of the men with Yeshua reached for his sword, drew it out and struck at the servant of the *cohen hagadol*, cutting off his ear.  
 [Was he aiming for the ear?]

*Slightly different description in other B'sorot/Gospel accounts.]*

Lk.22.49-51 When his followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we use our swords?" One of them struck at the slave of the *cohen hagadol* and cut off his right ear.  
 Yn 18.10-11 Then Shim'on Kefa, who had a sword, drew it and struck the slave of the *cohen hagadol*, cutting off his right ear; the slave's name was Melekh.

- Intention in off cutting ear?
- Likely going for the neck!
  - Stop the attack,
  - save the situation,

- preserve the Kingdom revolution
- Protect the King
- Is there a time to intervene in history? Make things right?
- Slavery and the trade in England and America.
- Apartheid in S. Africa,
- segregation in the U.S.
- Nazism in Germany

When do we speak, act?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:52

אָמַר אֵלָיו יֵשׁוּעַ: "הֲשֵׁב אֶת חֶרְבְּךָ אֶל מְקוֹמָהּ, כִּי כָל הַאֹחֲזִים בְּחֶרֶב, בְּחֶרֶב יָאָבְדוּ.

Yeshua said to him, "Put your sword back where it belongs, for everyone who uses the sword will die by the sword.

*[A slightly different take in the other B'sorot, gospels]*

Yn 18.10-11 Yeshua said to Kefa, "Put your sword back in its scabbard! This is the cup the Father has given me; am I not to drink it?"

Lk.22.51 But Yeshua answered, "Just let me do this," and, touching the man's ear, he healed him.

Mtt 5.39-42 I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

Mtt 5.39-42 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

- We pray and do NOT resist evil.
- How do we follow Messiah and rightly overcome evil?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:53

שָׁמָּא חוֹשֵׁב אַתָּה שְׂאִינְנִי יָכוֹל לְבַקֵּשׁ מֵאָבִי וּמִיָּד יִמְצֵא לִי יוֹתֵר מִשְׁנַיִם-עָשָׂר לְגִיוֹנוֹת מְלָאָכִים?

Don't you know that I can ask my Father, and he will instantly provide more than a dozen armies of angels to help me?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:54 But if I did that, how could the passages in the *Tanakh* be fulfilled that say it has to happen this way?"

What passages?

T'hillim/Ps 41.10 Even my close friend, on whom I relied, who shared my table, has turned against me.

T'hillim/Ps 55.13-15 For it was not an enemy who insulted me; if it had been, I could have borne it. It was not my adversary who treated me with scorn; if it had been, I could have hidden myself. But it was you, a man of my own kind, my friend, whom I knew well. We used to share our hearts with each other; in the house of God we walked with the crowd.

Yeshayahu/Is 53.5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

So we overcome evil by the power of the execution and resurrection of the Messiah Yeshua. Just 50 days later, from Pesakh to Shavuot, Kefa/Peter launched the message that would transform the world:

Acts 2.35-38 **Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them ... Let the whole house of Isra'el know beyond doubt that God has made him both Lord and Messiah — this Yeshua, whom you executed on a stake! Turn from sin, return to God, and each of you be immersed on the authority of Yeshua the Messiah into forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruakh HaKodesh!"**

*[Those of us who sing the Siddur, we chant about the resurrection of the dead. I grew up with this chant as a noble, poetic hope.]*

אתה גבור לעולם אדוני

מחיה מתים אתה רב להושיע

**A-tah gee-bor l'olam Adoni**

**M'khi-yay may-teem a-tah rav l'ho-shee-ah**

**You are the mighty One, forever, Adoni. You raise the dead. You are mighty to save.**

ונאמן אתה להחיות מתים

ברוך אתה יי מחיה המתים

**V'neh-eh-man a-tah l'ha-kha-yot may-teem**

**Ba-rookh a-tah Adoni m-khi-yay ha-may-teem**

**You are faithful**

**to restore life to the dead.**

**Blessed are You, Adoni our G-d,**

**Who gives life to the dead.**

He has saved us and called us with a holy calling...through the appearing of our Savior Messiah Yeshua. Indeed, He nullified the power of death and **brought life and immortality to light through the Good News.**

Matt 28.18-20 **Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make people from all nations into *talmidim*, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the *Ruakh HaKodesh*, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."**

**Overcome the evil in the world by making Talmidim/disciples [not merely believers.]**

**Transforming lives! Reproducing yourself spiritually!**

Imagine a congregation with 100 people just like YOU, in love, joy, peace, servant heart, character, integrity, generosity!

*[Wouldn't that be a great world!! Maybe our example a little stronger if to be reproduced?]*



Outreach training starting this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. by a Jewish woman from Skokie, IL who is gifted and anointed and effective at outreach.

JB highly recommended us, and got us a 50% discount!

Maybe some have the allergic reaction I do to being termed "Christian" or even the words "gospel" or "conversion" so tune out the connotations of those words for a bit, and hear.



<https://www.dropbox.com/s/drg5bhjye4fylmn/Edited%20mom%20witness.mp4?dl=0>

1:30 this afternoon in the sanctuary

**This July, are you called to participate? How?**

- Housing for JB for a month, with kitchen privileges or a kitchenette.
- Volunteers to go out with JB.
- Volunteers to make follow up phone calls.
- Scripts for phone calls.
- Volunteers to do follow up home visits.
- Prayer point person.
- Small group discipleship point person: guidelines as to reporting, leadership. 13 weeks, then transition into regular small groups.

3 scriptures/week

No one is a stranger, just friends we haven't met yet.

Summer launch, not summer campaign

From Peter van der Steur:

It was January, 2016, in Sarasota, Florida. There was a prayer campaign in a number of congregations.

During this campaign in January, 2016, JB preached at Beth Messiah, calling people to go out and do Jewish evangelism. The Lord poured out His Holy Spirit and fire and the people there wanted to go out every night to do evangelism and, scores of people responded to the Good News.

Sometimes people in malls would come up to them and say, "What must I do to be saved?". It was remarkable. It lasted about 3 months and the congregation found themselves unprepared to deal with such an outpouring and harvest. About 10 new people remained in the congregation from this outpouring after a year.

To be able to steward such an outpouring and such a harvest, certain key pillars need to be in place in a congregation:

1. It needs to be a praying and fasting congregation,
2. The congregation needs to have a discipleship culture (including mentoring and coaching).
3. The congregation needs to have a small group structure that can easily grow.
4. The congregation needs to have regular outreach and do follow-up.

Resist the evil in the world by making Talmidim/disciples [not merely believers.] Transforming lives!

But is there a time to resist evil by action? Politics?

Mishlei / Pr 24.10-12

If you falter in a day of adversity, your strength is small. **Rescue those being dragged off to death**, hold back those stumbling to slaughter. If you say, “Look, we didn’t know this.” Won’t He who weighs hearts perceive it? Won’t He who guards your soul know it?

Won’t He repay each one according to his deeds?

- Slavery and slave trade legislation in England and America.
- Apartheid in S. Africa, segregation in the U.S.
- Anti-Semitism, Nazism
- Abortion of babies in utero
- Men in women’s bathrooms.

When do we speak, act?



**William  
Wilberforce  
1759 –1833,  
leader of the  
movement to  
abolish the  
slave trade.**

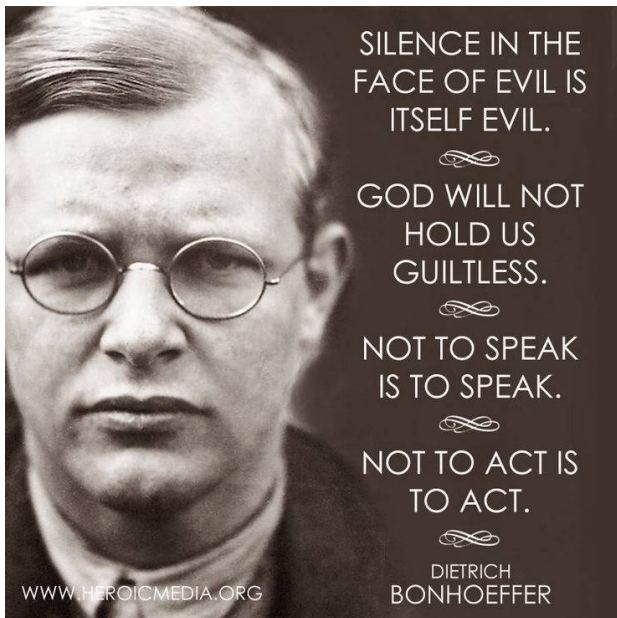
In 1785, he became an evangelical Christian, which resulted in major changes to his lifestyle and a lifelong concern for social reform and progress. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge.

*[Spiritual side of transformation, but that's not the end of the transformation story.]*

In 1787, he came into contact with a group of anti-slave-trade activists. They persuaded Wilberforce to take on the cause of abolition. He headed the parliamentary campaign against

the British slave trade for twenty years until the passage of the **Slave Trade Act of 1807**.

[\[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Wilberforce\]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Wilberforce)



SILENCE IN THE  
FACE OF EVIL IS  
ITSELF EVIL.

GOD WILL NOT  
HOLD US  
GUILTLess.

NOT TO SPEAK  
IS TO SPEAK.

NOT TO ACT IS  
TO ACT.

DIETRICH  
BONHOEFFER

WWW.HEROICMEDIA.ORG

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 –1945) was a German pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book *The Cost of Discipleship* has been described as a modern classic.

Bonhoeffer was known for his staunch resistance to Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo. After being accused of being associated with the July 20 plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, he was quickly tried, and then executed by hanging on 9 April 1945 as the Nazi regime was collapsing.

[\[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dietrich\\_Bonhoeffer\]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dietrich_Bonhoeffer)

Umar Mulinde: “faith plus action” ~faith without works is dead

- His congregation prays for Israel 2 hours on Tuesdays
- He organized and led Ugandan pastor’s tours to Israel.
- He petitioned to STOP the enforcement of Sharia in Uganda
- Umar took an on-line Israeli history class that initiated him to the true history, and made him some of the friends that arranged his free treatment at Sheba Medical Centre Tel HaShomer, Tel Aviv, Israel

What about today?

“There’s always kind of a calming feeling, I tell folks, when I think of the Holocaust, and the tragedy of the Holocaust, and the fact that it was my ancestors – Palestinians – who lost their land and some lost their lives, their livelihood, their human dignity, their existence in many ways, have been wiped out, and some people’s passports,” Tlaib said.



“And, just all of it was in the name of trying to create a safe haven for Jews, post-the Holocaust, post-the tragedy and the horrific persecution of Jews across the world at that time. And, I love the fact that it was my ancestors that provided that, right, in many ways, but they did it in a way that took their human dignity away and it was forced on them.”

Townhall’s Matt Vespa insisted. “It omits a key point here: the Palestinians sided with the Nazis.” In fact, no historical evidence- from the Christian, Jewish or Muslim world ... or anywhere else for that matter – corroborates her account.

[\[https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rashida-tlaib-holocaust-calming-feeling-house-gop\]](https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rashida-tlaib-holocaust-calming-feeling-house-gop)



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Van Leer Jerusalem Institute Senior Research Fellow Dr. Adel Mana, a Palestinian historian, was absolutely confounded by Tlaib's claim that the Palestinians tried to create a safe haven for Jews after World War II. [<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rashida-tlaib-holocaust-calming-feeling-house-gop>]

In late November 1941, as World War II continued, German troops had besieged Leningrad and had reached the outskirts of Moscow. A great many observers all over the world had expected the USSR to have collapsed under the weight of the attack ...

The United States was not yet in the war. When Hitler and al-Husseini met, both leaders clearly believed that Germany was going to win, and the bulk of their conversation dealt with what the Arabs should or should not do help bring that outcome about.

A great deal of evidence indicates that the decision to murder all the Jews of Europe had been taken [by the Germans] sometime during the prior six months.



Haj Amin al-Husseini with  
Adolf Hitler Nov., 1941

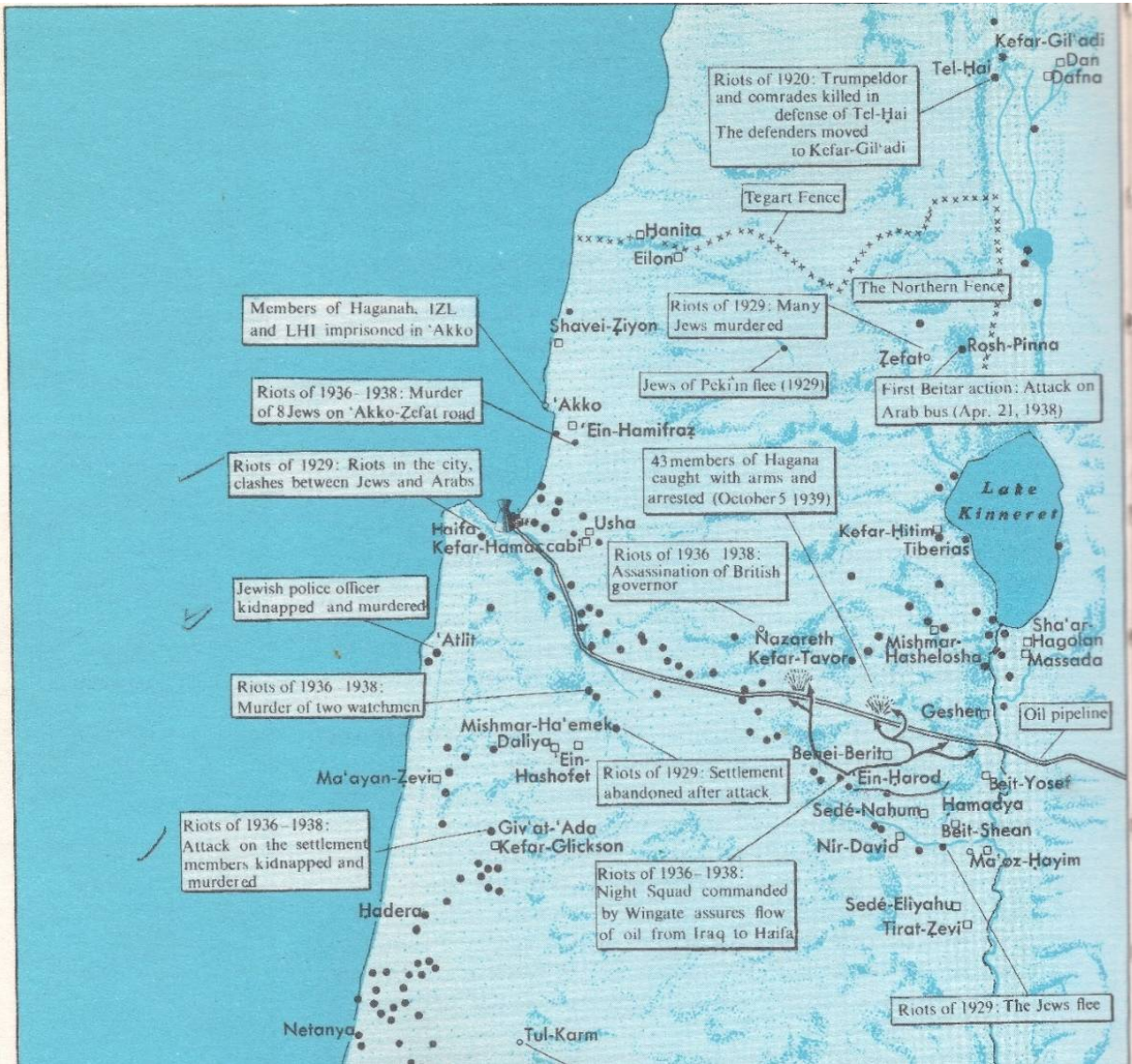
[<http://time.com/4084301/hitler-grand-mufti-1941/>]

Al-Husseini began the conversation by declaring that the Germans and the Arabs had the same enemies: “the English, the Jews, and the Communists.”

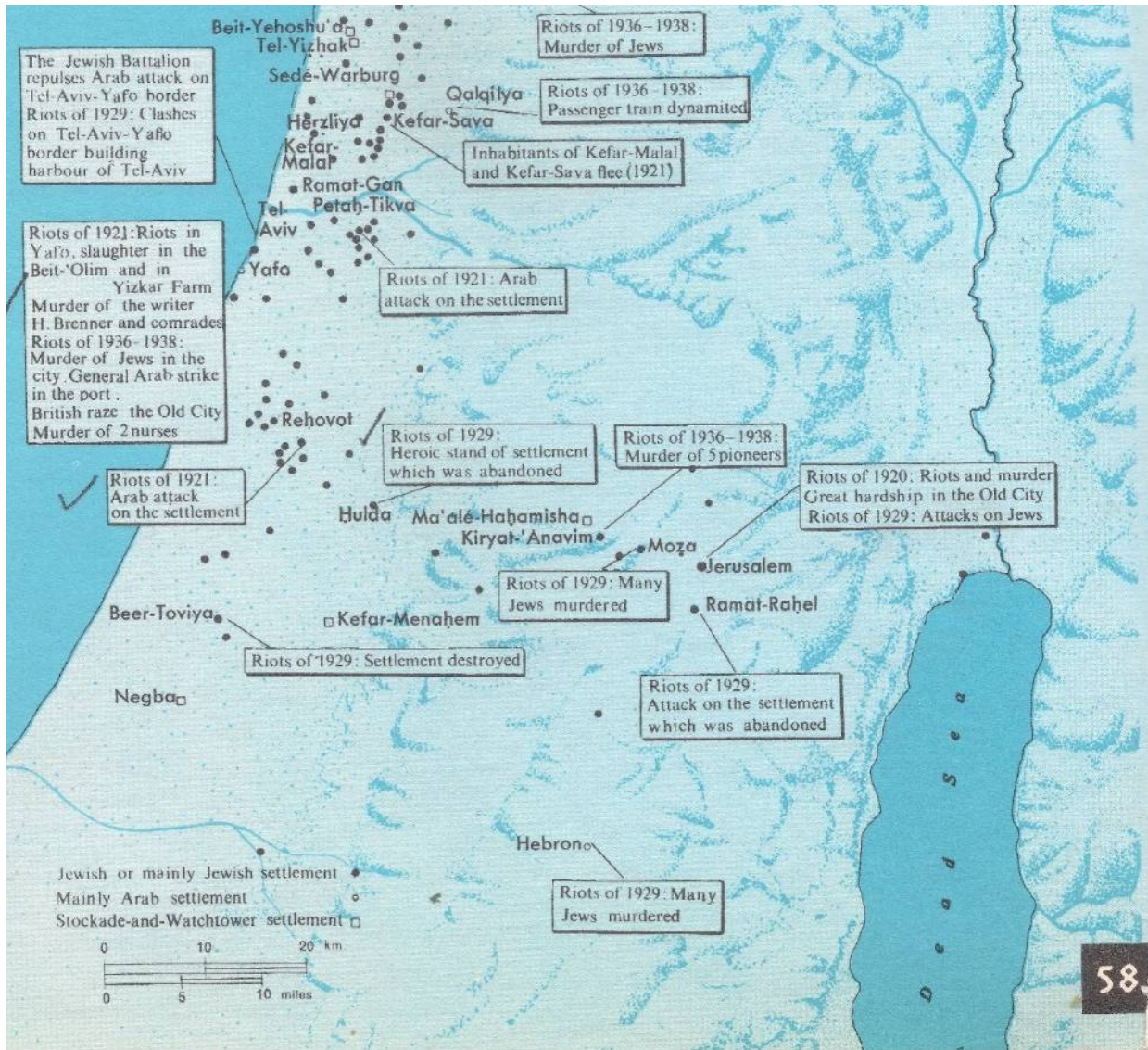
Germany, Hitler said [to al-Husseini], “was resolved, step by step, to ask one European nation after the other to solve its Jewish problem, and at the proper time to direct a similar appeal to non-European nations as well.” [<http://time.com/4084301/hitler-grand-mufti-1941/>]

The PLO and notably Arafat himself do not make a secret of their source of inspiration. The Grand Mufti el-Husseini is venerated as a hero by the PLO [<http://www.eretzyisroel.org/~jkatz/recruited.html>]

Attacks on Jewish settlements 1920-1938



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[Israel Atlas]

[Zev Vilnay New

In 1936–1939 [there was an] Arab revolt in Palestine. Directed by Palestinian Arab nationalists, the rebels opposed Zionism, [and] the British presence in Palestine ... the Palestinian Arab nationalists did obtain from the British a drastic reduction of Jewish immigration, legislated by the 1939 White Paper. [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1947%E2%80%931948\\_civil\\_war\\_in\\_Mandatory\\_Palestine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1947%E2%80%931948_civil_war_in_Mandatory_Palestine)]

**Conclusion:**

**Overcoming evil by transforming culture!**

1. **Reproducing yourself spiritually! Imagine a congregation with 100 people just like YOU, in love, joy, peace, servant heart, character, integrity, generosity!**
2. **Pray, reach out**
3. **Act: vote, petition, go!**