

# Flirting with Armageddon: the Jerusalem Temple Foundation

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On March 31, 1983, a curious quarter-page advertisement appeared in the *Jerusalem Post*, attracting the attention of investigators and security officers in several countries. The advertisement, an "Open Letter to the Prime Minister and People of Israel," was placed by a group called the "Committee of Concerned Evangelicals for Freedom of Worship on the Temple Mount" to oppose "the imprisonment of religious Israelis."

The evangelicals began their letter by protesting the March 10 arrest of 45 armed Jewish extremists attempting to seize the Moslem Dome of the Rock site in Jerusalem as "a great setback to religious freedom in Israel—and throughout the world." Defending these fanatics as "earnest, faithful sons of Israel," the evangelicals called the arrests "biblically unconscionable," "an international shock to vast segments of the Evangelical world." They attacked "exclusive and erroneous Islamic claims to this most holy site," and, in bold-face type, exclaimed: "If the sons and daughters of Zion are restricted access to Zion's holy hill, then the return of His chosen people to their land of promise is in vain—for the heart of Jerusalem awaits the foot of the Jew, not the trodding down by the gentiles." The letter was interspersed with prayers from Isaiah, Haggai, and other prophets, to prove the evangelicals' case.

The letter was signed by Terry Risenhoover, Doug Krieger, and Dr. James DeLoach, described in the advertisement as co-chairmen of the Committee of Concerned Evangelicals. The letter's contents may be contrasted with a March 13 *Jerusalem Post* editorial response to the attempted takeover of the Temple Mount. The *Post* denounced the attempt as "an act of terror by religious nationalist fanatics which could have resulted in a political disaster of international magnitude. The very idea of trying to take over by force the Temple Mount in the heart of Jerusalem on the eve of Friday's Moslem prayers is so literally crazy and objectionable that it defies understanding."

## Goldfoot: 'dynamite the Dome of the Rock'

The Committee of Concerned Evangelicals is a front for the Jerusalem Temple Foundation, a terrorist-linked organization recently set up in the United States and Israel with the stated purpose of rebuilding the Temple of Solomon in Jeru-

salem. Risenhoover and Krieger head up the foundation in the United States; the head branch in Jerusalem is Stanley Goldfoot, a member of the Zionist Lehi, or Stern Gang, in the 1940s. In an interview late last year, Risenhoover described Goldfoot's credentials: "Goldfoot is a very solid, legitimate terrorist." Rev. Chuck Smith of the Calvary Baptist Church in California elaborated: "Do you want a real radical? Try Stanley Goldfoot. He's a wonder. His plan for the Temple Mount is to take sticks of dynamite and some M-16s, and blow up the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa mosque, and then just lay claim to the site."

A close collaborator of Risenhoover, Lambert Dolphin of the Stanford Research Institute [SRI] in California, recently speculated on whether Goldfoot was behind the attempted takeover of the Temple Mount on March 10 by the 45 zealots from the Jewish Defense League-run yeshiva in Kiryat Arba on the West Bank. "I don't know if Stanley was in on this one," said Dolphin, "but ordinarily I'd expect him to be right in the middle of something like this. I know his personal lawyer is defending those yeshiva students from Kiryat Arba."

Risenhoover and Krieger had indicated to investigators that the appearance of their open letter in the Israeli press would signal a heightened effort on their part to "legitimize" their work in Israel. Since early this year, Risenhoover and his Jerusalem Temple Foundation have been under close scrutiny by law enforcement officials following a Jan. 18 *EIR* exposé on their efforts to incite religious warfare in the Middle East, all in the name of fulfilling Biblical prophecy. As the investigation of Risenhoover et al. proceeded, results were published in *EIR*'s Feb. 22 and March 29 issues. The international press, particularly the Israeli media and several Arab newspapers, quickly picked up the story and conducted their own independent investigations, elaborating on *EIR*'s material.

Interest in the story was hardly surprising. Since the beginning of the year, Israel and the occupied West Bank have experienced an unprecedented number of incidents of terrorist violence, pitting not only Jew against Arab but Jew against Jew. "What we are expecting is quite plainly a wave of vigilantism that could end in anarchy," a senior Israeli defense official told the March 5 *London Times*. "We are at the start of a cycle of action and reaction that could be exploited

by fanatics. The danger is real.”

The danger is real indeed. Contrary to what the London *Times* would have its readers believe, however, the danger does not lie simply in the possibility that fanatics will exploit a difficult situation. As specified in the introduction to this Special Report, the danger lies in the larger strategic motives of the British monarchists and related Freemasonic networks, who are using the fanatics as cannon fodder to achieve a complete reorganization of power and policy throughout the world.

### Rebuilding Solomon's Temple

The following facts about the Jerusalem Temple Foundation are quickly established:

- The Jerusalem Temple Foundation is coordinating much of the violence that is presently occurring in Jerusalem and the West Bank. The foundation's office in Jerusalem, run by Stanley Goldfoot, is in day-to-day contact with the leadership of the Gush Emunim, the Jewish Defense League (called the Kach movement in Israel), and other violence-prone sects, to a degree that comprises funding, tactical direction, and legal defense.

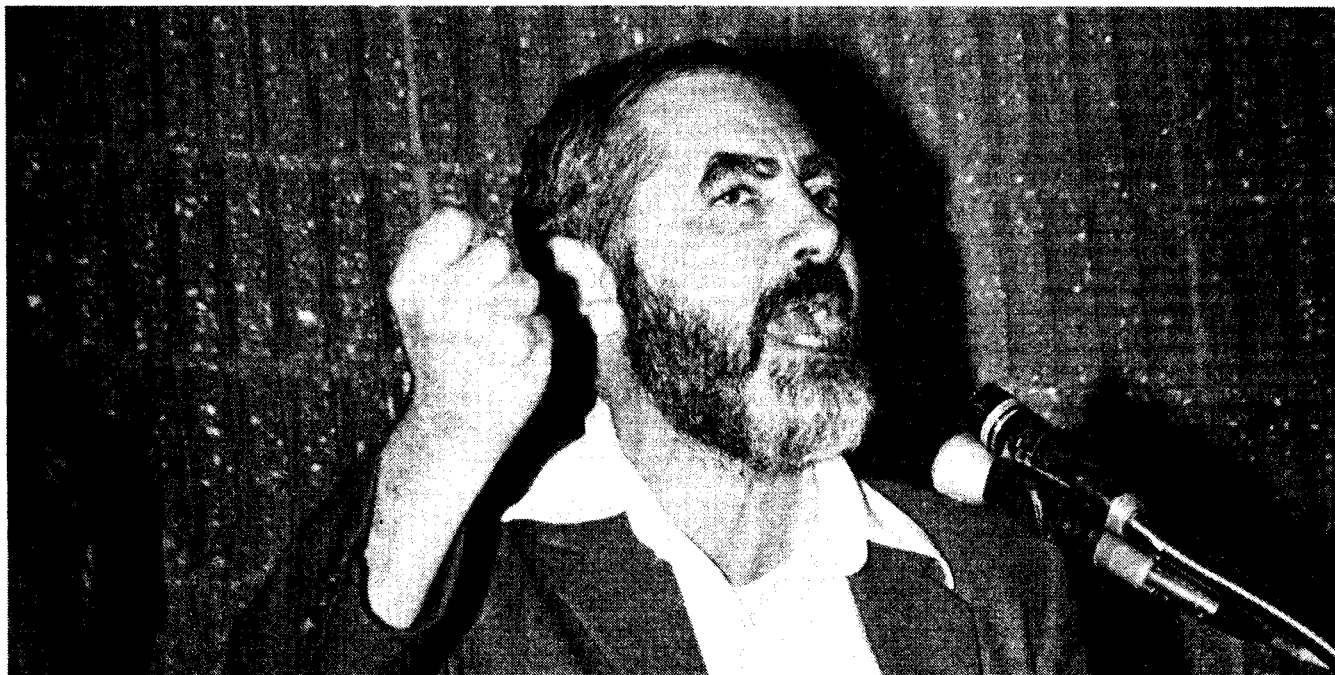
Some of the key players in Israel include Theo Seidenberg, a retired Belgian diamond merchant living in the old section of Jerusalem, who along with Eduardo Recanati has been an important financier; Zvi Slonem, founder of the Gush Emunim settlement Kadumin, which is now laundering money from U.S. Jews to buy land on the West Bank; and Knesset members Geula Cohen and Hanan Porat. From the academic side, there are Prof. Moshe Sharon, Prof. Harel Fish, Prof.

Asher Kaufman, and Gabriel Barkay. The figure in charge of the actual digging beneath the Temple Mount, which has been going on for about 15 years, is Rabbi Goetz, rabbi of the Old City. West Bank rabbis involved in the terrorist side of the Temple Mount affair include Rabbi Dov Lior and Rabbi Yigal Ariel of the Kach settlement of Kiryat Arba, Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz, and, of course, Meir Kahane.

Underneath the Temple Mount, the digging is very extensive, according to insiders. “Rabbi Goetz is working under cover of darkness, and no one knows about it,” commented Lambert Dolphin of SRI. The tunneling of the Western Wall is reportedly complete. Goetz and his group of fanatics, who are said to be holding ritual sacrifices in the tunnels and plan to do so on the Temple Mount itself, have reached the Antonia Fortress at the end of the Western Wall and are now starting under the Northern Wall, directly below the Arab quarter.

The goal, however, is not to dig around the walls, but as soon as possible to head straight for the area directly under the Dome of the Rock, where the Judaic Holy of Holies, the Ark of the Covenant, is said to be located. These cross-tunnels, now blocked off by cement by the Arabs from the inside, will soon be reopened, according to Goldfoot. “They’ve been closed up now for some months, but they’re only temporarily closed.” When asked how he knew they would be opened soon, Goldfoot answered guardedly, “We won’t discuss that right now.”

Another source familiar with Goetz’s excavations stated: “As they dig the North Wall, they will go in and do whatever they can until they are blocked again by the Arabs.” The source was referring to an incident over a year ago, when



*Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defense League, an organizer of the Temple Mount operation, at a Washington, D.C. meeting of Holocaust survivors on April 12.*

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## The instigators of 'holy war' in Jerusalem

### UNITED STATES

Stanford Research Institute  
Tav Ministries  
Jerusalem Temple Foundation  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
*Biblical Archaeology Review*  
Anti-Defamation League  
Forum for Jewish-Christian Understanding  
Heritage Foundation/Religious Round Table  
Inter-Religious Peace Colloquium  
Atlantic Richfield Corp./Aspen Institute  
Islamic Society of North America/MSA  
Jewish Defense League  
American Friends for a Safe Israel  
Henry Kissinger

### UNITED KINGDOM

British Royal Family  
Church of England  
Quatuor Coronati Freemasonic Lodge  
British Petroleum  
Secret Intelligence Service

### ISRAEL

Jewish Defense League (Kach)/Meir Kahane  
Gush Emunim  
International Christian Embassy  
Jerusalem Temple Foundation  
The Faithful of the Temple Mount  
To the Mountain of the Lord  
Israeli Mafia  
Former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon  
Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman  
Knesset Member Geula Cohen  
Knesset Member Hanan Porat  
Eduardo Recanati  
Stanley Goldfoot

### ISLAMIC WORLD

Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini  
Libya's Muammar Qaddafi  
Muslim Brotherhood  
Nuseibeh, Nashashibi, Masri, Kanon,  
and Jabari families on West Bank

### SWITZERLAND

François Genoud and networks  
Banco dello Stato, Lugano  
Jerusalem Foundation  
Islam and the West

### ITALY

Propaganda-2 Freemasonic Lodge  
Fonditalia  
Recanati Family

Arabs in the Dome of the Rock above some of these tunnels heard voices, lowered themselves down by ropes, and came face to face with Goetz's gang, tunneling away. Violence was averted when the local police moved in; since then, the tunnels have supposedly been sealed.

An indication of the speed at which the tunneling project is moving is the fact that Jerusalem Temple Foundation financier Eduardo Recanati has already begun to purchase the materials to rebuild the Temple: cedar from Lebanon, bronze and marble from Italy, "so that we could start to build tomorrow morning."

### The foundation

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● The Jerusalem Temple Foundation is not a Jewish institution. It was founded as a project of American Protestant fundamentalists. Its head is one such professed evangelical Christian, Terry Risenhoover, a millionaire based in Norman, Oklahoma with considerable international financial connections. Risenhoover's fortune was built in North America, South America, the Far East, and the Middle East, on the basis of largely British financial connections. His Alaska Land Leasing Corporation reportedly thrived on the basis of preferred concessions from British Petroleum and Atlantic Richfield's Alaskan operations. "It requires at least \$500

million to develop oil in Alaska, so this is where we rely on our international contacts," said Risenhoover. "Alaska is exclusively the domain of the majors." In 1982, a scandal erupted when Risenhoover hired Chuck Weller, a former top official in the Department of the Interior in charge of overseeing oil and gas land leasing for the federal government.

Risenhoover also deals in diamonds in Latin America, through offices in Brazil, and is involved in Indonesian oil. In addition, he has business dealings with France and China, and contacts with the Kuwaiti royal family.

"My business activities take a back seat to my Temple Mount Foundation," Risenhoover explained in an interview late last year. "The background for what I am doing is found in the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Nehemiah was an individual outside the Jewish circumstance who worked to get the Second Temple built.

"Twelve years ago, I consecrated myself to be the new Nehemiah, to build the Third Temple. I never quite knew how I would do it until a little more than a year ago, when I found myself in Israel working with several people committed to rebuilding the Temple and to restoring Jewish control over the Temple Mount, which is now run by the Muslims."

● The Jerusalem Temple Foundation was established for one objective: to rebuild the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. It was set up, and its objective defined, on the recommendation of Freemasonic circles in England, working through Risenhoover's circle of fundamentalist associates, the bulk of whom are products, either directly or indirectly,

of the Dallas Theological Seminary, set up in the last century as a cult outpost of the Church of England to undermine the Augustinian tradition then dominating American Christianity.

### **Arab straw men and West Bank land scam**

In addition to Stanley Goldfoot, the on-site terrorist controllers in Jerusalem for the Jerusalem Temple Foundation, Israeli Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman and long-time Ne'eman associate Eduardo Shmuel Recanati, are central figures in the Temple Mount affair.

On March 14, 1983, Ne'eman placed a resolution before the cabinet to allow Jews to pray on the Temple Mount. Though it was defeated, the resolution intensified the public debate on the issue and gave leverage to the Jewish extremists loyal to Kahane who are ready to use force to get their way. Commenting on Ne'eman's relations to the Jerusalem Temple Foundation, SRI's Lambert Dolphin stated: "Yuval Ne'eman is tied in close with Stanley. Quietly, not openly. I have known Ne'eman for a year or so. His resolution certainly has Stanley in on it. In fact, you could consider him [Ne'eman] one of the real insiders."

Eduardo Recanati's task is conduiting money—millions and millions of dollars. Reputed to be a member of the old Venetian Recanati clan, Eduardo Recanati is known in his native Italy for establishing the first mutual fund there, Fonditalia. He maintains ties to Switzerland, through the Banco dello Stato in Lugano, where he works through the general manager, Bernasconi.

Several years ago, Recanati "felt called upon," as he puts it, to move to Israel and link up with the Christian fundamentalists and Jewish extremists committed to seizing the Temple Mount. Recanati's role has been to handle the real estate speculation end of the operation, in Jerusalem and the West Bank. The purpose: to have the bulk of West Bank and East Jerusalem land in Jewish hands by 1985, so as to preclude any territorial withdrawal by Israel.

"This is a very delicate matter and we are working very discreetly on it," Risenhoover confided. "Several members of the foundation are involved in purchasing land. On the Arab side, we are working with some very friendly Palestinians who are greedy enough to cooperate with us and in some cases front for us."

"We use straw men," commented Recanati, "so the Arab will show he is selling to another Arab, while the second Arab is selling to us. Nothing that I do is done by me personally. Everything is done through the Institute of Research for the Temple of Jerusalem, which is registered with the Israeli government and has an IRS number (51-08-64-42-4) for tax exemption in the United States."

Jerusalem Temple Foundation spokesmen privately admit that the terror campaign being run by Goldfoot, Kahane et al. is the quickest way of convincing reluctant Arabs to sell and leave the territory. "We are very much in touch with the Gush Emunim," commented Risenhoover associate Doug Krieger, formerly of Tav Evangelical Ministries, an outfit

that helped sponsor the Ríos Montt takeover in Guatemala.

Last year, a scandal broke out in the Arab world when several Arab newspapers revealed that Henry Kissinger and Britain's Lord Harlech were deeply involved in forming combines to run land scams on the West Bank. Kissinger's involvement in the land grab coheres with his currently public efforts to wreck the Reagan Plan and the possibilities for a U.S.-sponsored peace settlement involving Israeli concessions on the West Bank.

### **Prospects for holy war**

The provocations around Jerusalem are being exploited by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and Libya's Colonel Qaddafi, who have reportedly created "Islamic suicide squads" to commit terrorist acts throughout the Middle East, according to a London source. The squads, the source reported, "will attempt to kill sheikhs in the Gulf and to plant bombs in Jerusalem and Israel, and to snatch the leadership of the Palestinian movement. They have training bases in Iran run out of the Iranian prime minister's office, through the Organization for Anti-Imperialist Movements, a kind of Revolutionary International. They will exploit the Jerusalem issue, and are building an infrastructure among Palestinian groups."

The source reported that Iran's capabilities are being reinforced by the re-export of American goods into Iran through Switzerland, Turkey, and Pakistan, and Britain's two outposts in the Gulf, Bahrain and Dubai. The latter route into Iran is reportedly being funded in large part by the financial empire of Muhammad al-Tajir, the ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Great Britain and a funder of the Nazi International-run Muslim Brotherhood organization.

In cities around the United States, the pro-Khomeini Muslim Students' Association of the Islamic Society of North America has begun to put up posters agitating for holy war over the Jerusalem issue.

The Islamic-reaction side of the Temple Mount scenario is being overseen from London and from Lausanne, Switzerland, where Nazi International banker François Genoud is based. Genoud is the principal sponsor of ousted Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, who is now attempting to stage a comeback and, in so doing, unleash the Muslim Brotherhood across Northern Africa (see *EIR*, April 19).

In tampering with the Temple Mount, the Christian and Jewish fanatics are deliberately inviting their Muslim counterparts to tear apart the Middle East—and each other. According to Christian fundamentalist belief structure, this may be the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. In reality, it is the culmination of a centuries-long project to return the peoples of the Middle East to the complete control of pseudo-religious cults, thereby eliminating the chances for human development in that tortured part of the world. At an earlier point in history, it was the Romans who carried out this task. Now, the British monarchy, operating through its Freemasonic networks, is attempting to emulate them, in an even more hideous way.