

Eunice Ordman 5/04/2009

### Conflict Became Cooperation

The fight took place on May 15, 2008. Ben Goldstein shot pepper spray at 90 mi./hr. into the eyes of Omar Suboh, a peaceful, cooperative Palestinian student and on the face of another Muslim at the Palestinian demonstration on the street corners of Poplar and Highland in Memphis, TN.

Ben Goldstein later described the fight on his computer blog. "So, yesterday was protest day. I had my 2 signs ready. The first one said 'Palestinians cheered and celebrated on 9/11'. The other one said 'USA and Israel stand strong against terror'. The protest was at a major intersection in Memphis. I parked my truck, and my cousin (who is also an IDF combat vet) and I walked towards the intersection with our signs. . . . The first thing that happened, without a word spoken by us, was one of the Arabs ripped my sign in half. This totally pissed me off. I grabbed her cell phone from her (since it was all I could get) and told her 'You cannot fucking do that to me you bitch, this is AMERICA, I have the right to counter protest'. At that moment, I got punched from my blind side (right) in the jaw. I turned and lunged at the fuck that hit me. I knuckled him across the nose, and then all his friends surrounded me and the brawl was on. . . At one point, I went down to one knee after getting pushed down, and I came right up with a punch to the nuts of one of the guys. It was at that point, after I started to get kicked, that I decided to end it. I pulled my Kimber LifeAct spray (an awesome less lethal oleoresin capsicum gas spray that fires at over 90 miles per hour, it has 2 shots) took two steps back, and hit the first one that was attacking me in the face/eyes, and then the second one that was attacking me in the side of his face. I'll tell you, they looked as if they had paint thrown all over their faces. I actually got a little of the spray on my knuckle, and it burned all night so I can only imagine how painful it is in the eyes and on the face. One of the filthy Arabs that i sprayed was crying like a bitch for an hour after we got arrested/detained. GOOD!!!. . . But my cousin also managed to punch one in the balls (must run in the family) and got the guy in a good headlock. . . WE MUST STAND UP FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE OR THESE ANIMALS WILL OVERRUN THE COUNTRY."

This was followed by an animated graphic of two men shooting right and left and the words "Dirty Deeds Done Cheap."

My husband, Dr. Edward T. Ordman, informally known as Chip, is a Jew. I, Eunice Ordman, am a Christian. When we learned that many, perhaps most, Americans consider that all Muslims are potential terrorists, we reacted in shocked horror. Imagine if our children were thought of as potential terrorists. We must do something about that. Although churches and synagogues had invited Muslims to visit, they hadn't come. Would you go where you were thought of as a potential terrorist? Chip and I decided to visit the nearest of four local mosques and make friends with the people there. To help the Muslims integrate into American society we gave parties for Muslims, Christians, Jews, and academics so that people could tell each other their stories. Everybody liked them.

It was at the Masjid As Salam Mosque that we met Omar Suboh's parents. They came to one of our parties for Muslims, Christians, and Jews. I was fascinated that his father shared so many values and goals with me.

Omar is a student at the University of Memphis whom we know extremely well. We have been in two semester-long classes with him, one on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the other on Near East History. Omar identified himself as a Palestinian. Our professor, Dr. Kent Schull, encouraged students to ask questions and state their views. Omar's views were remarkably peaceful. Omar is short, slight, soft-spoken, and helpful.

May 15, 2008, was the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. The month was marked by a very large number of Jewish celebrations and parades all over the world, especially in the US and Israel. Memphis, too, had many events celebrating the creation of Israel. Even the "Christian Friends of Israel" had a dinner under Southern Baptist sponsorship to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Israel.

The founding of Israel was also the 60th anniversary of the Nakba, the Catastrophe, in which the potential Palestinian state was crushed between the Jewish and invading Arab armies. At the end of the 1948 war, the West Bank with many refugee camps was occupied by Jordan, and Gaza, crowded with refugee camps, was occupied by Egypt.

The Muslims of Memphis organized a pro-Palestinian demonstration with a parade permit in memory of the Nakba, on Thursday, May 15, 2008, the anniversary. They expected a peaceful demonstration, at the corner of Poplar and Highland. They stood on the street corners with signs in support of Palestinians. We were not present. There are various versions of what happened.

At the social hour at the mosque following the Friday sermon on May 16 we heard about the fight at Poplar and Highland. We heard that Omar Subah was hurt. We called Omar's house. Omar said that even though he was trying to stop the fight, Ben Goldstein had told the police that Omar started the fight.

We talked with Omar Suboh by phone several times about the fight. He told us about being cited by the police for disturbing the peace and assault with bodily harm. He said that he would have been unable to fight even had he wanted to. has rheumatoid arthritis. He had seen the doctor about the arthritis pain less than a week before the demonstration. He had not been eager to attend the demonstration, but his had mother urged him to go. He told us that he was trying to stop the fight rather than starting it as Ben Goldstein claimed. Even so, Omar was trying to make excuses for Ben Goldstein. He thought that Goldstein was trying to save his own skin by accusing Omar of starting the fight. Omar talked by phone with us three times. It is hard to string together a connected narrative from his various descriptions, upset as he was.

We don't know just how the fight started. Evidently Sami, a male Palestinian, was there as the protector of his teen age sister. Omar says that Ben Goldstein pushed Sami's teenage sister into Highland Street. Sami then punched Ben Goldstein. Having been in Israel and served in the Israeli Army, as Ben Goldstein says he and his cousin Yonasan did, he would surely have known that a Muslim woman on the street would have a male protector with her. This is especially true of a teenaged Muslim girl. Ben would have known that Muslims try to make sure that no man touches a Muslim woman of any age except her husband. So Ben Goldstein must have known that pushing a Muslim girl would start a fight, and that's just what he wanted.

Before the street fight took place, Ben Goldstein had a chance meeting with Nabil Bayakly, professor of biology at Le Moyne Owen College. Nabil works hard to display the

Muslim way of life to all in Memphis. He is active in interfaith activities. Ben Goldstein, at his meeting with Nabil, expressed admiration for Baruch Goldstein who opened fire on Muslims praying in the Mosque at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, Israel. Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Muslims and wounded about 150 others on February 25, 1994, the Jewish holiday of Purim, before being killed himself. Many Israelis in and near Hebron so admire Baruch Goldstein that they worship at his grave. It's hard to imagine a Jewish physician from Brooklyn, NY hating Muslims so much that he was willing to die in order to kill twenty nine of them.

In January 2007 we had a house guest who came to attend a Media Reform Conference in the Convention Center in Memphis. We, and three thousand other people, attended the conference. Bill Moyers spoke about the fact that advertisers will pay only for exciting news about tragedy and sex. Peaceful, happy or encouraging news is not published or broadcast. The news media said that Muslims cheered on 9/11 when rabid Muslims crashed an American passenger plane into the World Trade Center. In fact, many Muslims throughout the world took candles and flowers to U. S. Embassies to express their sympathy for the United States. The news media are supported by advertisers who will pay only for exciting news, usually epics of sex and violence. Bringing flowers in sympathy is not exciting news. It was not published.

We bought a copy of a film we saw at the Media Reform conference titled, "The Reel Bad Arabs". From the first, movies depicted the bad guys as Arabs. That may be why so many Americans speak of Muslims as Arabs. The large majority of Muslims are not Arabs.

As an eighty five year old, I continue to think, as I thought in 1948 when Israel was founded, that conflict in Israeli was the most likely spark to set off World War III. It has seemed more and more likely ever since. In February 2006 Chip and I wrote Condoleezza Rice, then Secretary of State, telling her that running for election was a peaceful step for Hamas. Fatah was corrupt and kept for themselves funds given them to help the Palestinians. Hamas did lots of good works like building schools and hospitals. Palestinians voted for Hamas because it helped them. All Fatah did was to agree that Israel had a right to exist. Words...Words. Did Israel agree that Palestinians had a right to a state? The Palestinians needed jobs. Refugees deserved homes and jobs too. The crowded refugee camps in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria were schools of hatred. Hatred makes peace less and less likely. Violence arises when people are desperate. An eye for an eye leaves everyone blind. Vision and compassion are what is needed.

As a Christian, I was not interested in going to Israel as a tourist, but if a trip there could teach us how to work for peace for my five children, thirteen grandchildren and various honorary and step children, then I wanted to go. I wanted to leave them a better world than we have now. Because I assumed the trip would have some dangers, I made sure my will was in order before we went.

Interfaith Peace Builders are sponsored by the Quakers and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. They plan trips to Israel and the Palestinian West Bank to talk with both Israelis and Palestinians working nonviolently for peace and see the situation for ourselves. In June of 2007 Chip and I went to Israel and the West Bank with Interfaith Peace Builders. In spite of all the efforts of peace activists, peace wasn't happening. It was getting much worse and has

continued getting worse ever since.

I was very discouraged until I remembered that after World War II we turned our enemies, Germany and Japan, into our staunchest allies. How did we do it? We found a win-win solution. How? We occupied Germany and Japan for five years. During that time we gave them credit in the US to “buy” machine tools and entire factories made in the United States. This helped them repair the war damage and build up their economies. A burgeoning economy is a persuasive reason for hope. People with hope do not fight wars. Germany and Japan became and have remained our staunchest allies for over fifty years. I’ve read lots of history of countries all over the world. So far as I know, that is the only time in history that the victor helped the vanquished. Rather like Jesus’s “Love your enemies.”

Since our return we have been giving talks with pictures we took in Israel/Palestine and a few other pictures such as a clip by National Geographic on Bethlehem. We have talked at Balmoral Presbyterian Church, a group at AAUW, Temple Israel, the Gandhi-King Conference on peace making, the Peter Cooper Unitarian Fellowship, and at a meeting of Mensa, one of whose officers strongly supported Israel and opposed the Palestinians. Because we had made friends with the Muslims, many of them went to the talks at Balmoral Presbyterian Church and at Temple Israel.

The difficulty is that most Americans going to Israel see only the Israeli side. Our diplomats and Congressmen see only the Israeli side. Even most Israelis are allowed to see only the Israeli side. Most Israelis don’t know about the demolition of so many Palestinian homes. The Israel Lobby in this country supports the Israeli government no matter what it does and make it clear that anyone running for election in the United States will be strongly opposed for election unless they give unqualified support to the Israeli government. Americans are free to criticize the US government. We should also be free to criticize the Israeli government without committing political suicide.

Omar Suboh’s parents were not the only one to come to our parties for Jews, Christians and Muslims. The Muslims really appreciated being treated as friends. On March 1, 2008 at the Germantown Performing Arts Center, the Muslims in Memphis presented us with an award which read, “For your extraordinary exemplification of interfaith, For your steadfast commitment to the cause of Peace and Reconciliation, For your Courage and Bravery in forging your good efforts against the grain, Traveling the world to see for yourselves, You set the example for others to stretch our hands. In peace may you always go.”

I wrote Hilary Rodham Clinton after her appointment as Secretary of State saying that Israel had a tradition of killing 100 Palestinians for every Israeli killed. In the Gaza war 13 Israeli soldiers were killed. Over 1,300 people who belonged to Hamas were killed, 5,320 were wounded, 1,200 buildings were destroyed, 10,000 people made homeless. Many of those killed or wounded were children or old people, civilians, not combatants.

I told Secretary of State Clinton that most Americans and Israelis do not see the Palestinian areas nor talk with the Palestinian people. I urged her to send diplomats or even Vice

President Biden to Israel with Interfaith Peace Builders so that they can see the Palestinian side too. I suggested that raising the economies of Germany and Japan converted out enemies into staunch allies which they have remained for over fifty years. I said I was sure she'd work hard to bring lasting peace to Israel as President Obama wants.

She and President Obama's envoy, George Mitchell, talked only to leaders of Fatah, not to leaders of Hamas. Fatah and puts members of Hamas into prison in the West Bank where Fatah is in control. Giving money to Fatah to help Gaza is totally unrealistic. Israel claims there is no one to talk to. That is flawed too. Talk to the leaders of both Hamas and Fatah. They both exist. They are both involved. To end a war it is necessary to talk to all your enemies.

In 2000 at Camp David President Bill Clinton met with Yasser Arafat and Ehud Barak. They did not succeed in finding a peace agreement. Omitting refugees from the discussion was an important factor which the Israelis ignored. There was no written offer by the Israelis. In the end, the Israeli government officials were more interested in the coming election than in the peace negotiations. True to form candidates in the recent election politicians outdid each other in bragging about how severe and destructive they would be toward Hamas in Gaza rather than working toward peace.

On May 15, 2008 when the hate filled Jewish Goldstein cousins decided to make trouble, Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Memphis cooperated to keep a street fight from resulting in an endless court battle between Muslims and Jews. This cooperation promoted further interfaith cooperation. Part of the task was learning about the Goldsteins. Ben, age about thirty two, is listed in the local phone book. We learned that Ben wrote on a computer web forum where numerous people owning guns compare notes and exchange advice on how to make them more automatic. On that web forum, he wrote that he divides his time between Israel and Memphis. A couple of years ago his marriage announcement was on the Jerusalem Post website which confirms that he has been in Israel and possibly is well known there. Ben wrote on the web forum that when in Israel he was a member of the Israeli Defense Force. He spoke of his plans to go to the Memphis demonstration, armed and ready to fight.

He wrote "After that happens, I am full court, hard charging it all the way to court and I will do whatever it takes to sue them for assault/battery and i will also try and get them on 'Hate Crime' as well. I will have an army of lawyers. I am also watching myself even more now everywhere I go. I don't go anywhere without my CZ P01 and extra mag and I just ordered a Taser and a new Kimber LifeAct to replace the one I used on their faces."

We did not want a prolonged court battle with Jews and Muslims lined up on opposing sides. We thought about what result would be most likely to improve Ben Goldstein's behavior. A large fine or time in jail would probably make Ben Goldstein and his cousin even more rabid in their hatred of Muslims and more violent in their actions.

Many Muslims in Memphis come from countries where the police are, quite simply, the enemy. We wanted the Muslims to see that American police are not like the police they were used to. We may not agree with everything our police do, but I normally assume that they are on the right side, usually have good judgment, and can be called on to help when needed. This

situation was a strong opportunity for many immigrants and children of immigrants to see the American system working right, far better than in their family's country of origin!

No doubt the Muslim permit alerted the police to potential trouble so that there was a plain-clothes policeman among the demonstrators. Other police arrived rapidly and stopped the fight. They issued citations for disorderly conduct and "assault with bodily harm" against the two Goldsteins, Omar, and Sami. Several names were badly misspelled in the brief account in the back pages of the Commercial Appeal.

Police found that Ben Goldstein was carrying a knife and a gun. He had a permit to carry the gun. Ben says in his computer web site that his cousin, Yonasan Goldstein, was treated for cuts.

Dick Vosburg, a friend from Balmoral Presbyterian Church, wrote a letter which the Session, the governing body of that Church, approved and sent to Nabil Bayakly and the Masjid As Salam, the Mosque on Stratford Rd. Essentially the letter said that "The Session of Balmoral Presbyterian Church want you to know of our support for the Islamic community in Memphis, and in particular the mosque so aptly named the 'house of peace'. We recognize our common brotherhood as children of Abraham. We support your right to peacefully demonstrate on behalf of peace between Israel and Palestine. We hope the dialogue seeking peace and justice will be continued between the Islamic, Jewish and Christian communities. We are brothers and sisters together worshipping one God. Our prayers are with you."

Rev. Carla Meisterman and Rev. Ivan Herman, pastors of Balmoral Presbyterian Church, were out of town. The "pastor on call" was Rev. Ann Apple, an assistant Pastor at Idlewild Presbyterian Church. We called her because we were upset and wanted someone to ventilate to. After a long talk with us, we told her of our feeling that a big fine or a stint in prison would only make the Goldstein cousins more rabid and violent.

The District Attorney Bill Givens was a member of her congregation. He attended her church after returning from his vacation and before he returned to his office. She pulled him aside and told him of the conflict and our concern. We never expected such help from her.

Our friend, Jocelyn Wurzburg, a Jewish mediator and former lawyer, had been helpful to Muslim women in the past. As a friend of the District Attorney Bill Givens, she also urged him to try to avoid a prolonged battle in the courts between the Muslims and the Jews.

We tried to contact a lawyer friend Maureen Holland who tries to get clients to settle out of court, to ask her advice about a lawyer. By the time she was able to answer, the Suboh family had chosen a lawyer, one of whose staff had been on the scene. Maureen's lawyer was able to give some good advice.

On Saturday, May 24, we saw Stanley Engelberg, a Jew, at Temple Israel who attends mosque even more often than we do. He said we'd been missed at Mosque Friday May 23rd. There was important news. We called Nabil Bayakly, who has been active in promoting better Muslim relations with the Memphis community for years. The Muslims had found that Ben Goldstein was writing, in a computer web forum at //uzitalk.net, messages filled with obscenities, threats to harm Muslims, talk of his gun collections and his plans to convert his guns from a single-shot to submachine guns.

On the computer web forum Ben Goldstein had written “I now have the entire Memphis Jewish Federation (and the lawyers that come with it) at my disposal. Very powerful group that stands behind me 10000%. This on top of my own lawyer and my cousin who is bad ass lawyer in Memphis. Fuck with the Jews, you get our Lawyers!!”

When we asked Rabbi Greenstein of Temple Israel for help, he called the Memphis Jewish Federation, told them we would call, and urged them to help. The Memphis Jewish Federation is the main fund raiser for Jewish causes. It is staunchly pro-Israel. On Tuesday May, 27 Chip had several phone conversations with the Memphis Jewish Federation. He talked with Jeffrey Feld, President of the Federation, and made several long phone calls to Mrs Gerri Paterson, education director. Mrs. Paterson’s husband holds the Chair of Excellence in the Bornblum Judaic Studies Department at the University of Memphis. It was he who brought a program from the Islamo-Fascist Awareness group, a very anti-Muslim group, to Memphis. While worried about her loyalty to her husband’s views, Chip helped Mrs. Paterson to find Ben Goldstein’s web forum and guided her to Ben Goldstein’s reference to the Memphis Jewish Federation’s supposed 10,000% support in prosecuting the Muslims. Chip showed her a copy of the Balmoral Presbyterian Church’s letter to the Muslims which gave her wording helpful in writing the Federation’s disclaimer, which they put on their web site right under their masthead that same afternoon.

Chip sent an e-mail to Badrul Hossain, President of the Muslim Society of Memphis, suggesting a Muslim letter of appreciation to the Jewish Federation. Chip explained the need to express gratitude for the Memphis Jewish Federation’s rejection of Ben Goldstein’s false claim about them and their support of the right of peaceful demonstration. A couple of days later the Muslim Society sent a nice e-mail of appreciation to the Mosque e-mail list, and Chip forwarded a copy of the Muslim group’s e-mail to the Jewish Federation.

We called the police and had an excellent talk with the very helpful patrolman who came to our home. He looked at the web postings in which Ben Goldstein talked of his ten weapons, his request for info on how to change an uzi from single-shot to submachine gun use, etc., and the Patrolman had several helpful suggestions. Information was passed on to appropriate offices in the Memphis Police and Homeland Security.

Nabil Bayakly talked with the local FBI office. In that Ben Goldstein said that he planned to go to Florida, the FBI seemed anxious to keep track of him.

We followed the court proceedings in available on-line court records. All four cases were heard simultaneously in separate court rooms. All charges were dropped against the two Jews and the two Muslims who had received citations. It seemed to us that the District Attorney’s solution avoided a great many potential disasters. The whole episode built good relations among the Muslims, Christians and Jews and promoted further cooperation among them. Instead of concentrating on crime and punishment, which often makes problems worse, the police and court stopped the fight, solved a difficult problem and brought about better community relations.

We were all very upset by Israel’s bombing and invasion of the Gaza Strip. I wrote a

letter to the Editor of the Commercial Appeal which was published hours before the invasion of Gaza Jan 3, 2008. The newspaper used the title “Enemies Can Become Allies.”

My letter was essentially as follows. “We went with Interfaith Peace Builders to Israel and the West Bank where we visited Israelis and Palestinians working nonviolently for peace. I was very discouraged that peace seemed more and more impossible until I remembered that after World War II, the US occupied Germany and Japan, our enemies, and converted them to our staunchest allies by raising their economies. I hope Israel makes it possible for the Palestinians to build a better economy.

People in Israel think in military terms because all Israelis serve in the army at a formative age. Military superiority was necessary when Israel was founded. Ever since the 1967 war when Israel annexed the West Bank from Jordan, no one has doubted that Israel could protect itself from all neighboring Muslim countries. Repeated polls show that the vast majority of Israelis and Palestinians want peace. Now it is time to build peace.

Israel wants Hamas to recognize Israel’s right to exist before the Israeli government will talk with the leaders of Hamas. If only Israel would recognize the Palestinians’ right to a state, things would be very different.

Once Hamas won the election, all funds collected for Hamas were cut off, turning them to Iran for funds. Then Israel blamed Hamas for getting funds from Iran.

For years Israel has prevented the people of Gaza from fishing in the waters off their own coast. They have prevented them from importing or exporting anything. Among the results of this policy is that people in Gaza had to feed their animals flowers which they had grown for export. Gaza has not received machine parts and electricity necessary for clean water or sewage disposal. People have died waiting to go to Israeli hospitals because their own hospitals have no drugs or even light for operations. Funds cut off from Gaza have meant that their teachers and police were not paid. Israel even refuses to let students leave Gaza to study even though they have full scholarships in Italy, England, and the United States.

Then Israel insisted that no rockets come from Gaza to Israel. Is there anywhere on Earth where police can prevent all crime? It is even harder if your police are bombed and killed, as they are now.

Jewish values include justice and good works. Everyone knows that Israel is a nation of Jews. Israel’s bombing of people confined in Gaza is treating the world to a very different view of Jews. As a consequence anti-Semitism is increasing rapidly all over the world.

After World War II, the United States occupied Germany and Japan, our enemies. Five years later they were our staunchest allies, and have remained so ever since. How did we do it? We found a win-win solution. We gave our former enemies credit in the United States to buy machine tools and factories. This provided Germany and Japan with improving economies and hope. It also provided our returning GIs with jobs and pulled us out of the end of the Great Depression.

We wish Israel would follow our example and convert its enemies into its allies. It can be done.”

For the Muslims of Memphis, who were concerned about the plight of the people in Gaza, we also wrote addresses of Congressmen and Senators and suggestions for writing in

support of help for Gaza. The Muslims were so impressed that they photocopied 100 copies and gave everyone at their meeting a copy, as well as distributing them at the mosque..

We received three notes from Memphians thanking us for our part in bringing peace and cooperation among religious groups as shown above. Rev. Ann Apple ended her note with “Thanks for making the world a better place.” Jocelyn Wurzburg wrote thanking us for our earlier account of the peaceful settlement of the fight. She wrote among other things “This sounds like an accurate accounting from all I have heard. I would like to forward this to Attorney General Bill Gibbons. His wife is a Federal judge here in Memphis.” The third letter was from Nabil Bayakly, who said that a potential disaster had actually been converted into a productive experience in interfaith relations.

I wrote a letter to former President Jimmy Carter to ask his advice about what we could to improve the situation and received an answer in his handwriting in an envelope with his name instead of a stamp. A copy is enclosed.

*To Eunice and Dr. Edward:  
Thank you, and best  
wishes in your good  
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Dear President Carter,

Israel needs peace. The world needs peace in the Middle East. The Jews need less, not more, anti-Semitism. You are working so very hard and ably for peace in Israel/Palestine, yet the Jews vilify you for your efforts.

I very highly honor you for your efforts. You have done more than anyone to bring peace to Israel!

Last June we were in Israel/Palestine with Interfaith Peace Builders visiting Israelis and Palestinians working non-violently and diligently for peace and the situation only became more and more warlike. You and I are the same age. We remember that after World War II, the US occupied Germany and Japan, our enemies. Five years later our enemies had become our most staunch allies. How did we do it? We built up their economy by letting buy modern factories which were made by returning GI's. At the same time we built our own economy, a win-win solution.

As a Citizen's Dispute Mediator I learned the importance of listening and trying to understand another's story. After each side to a fierce dispute was heard, they were all willing to agree to what the other side wanted. Eighty-five percent of the time that was the end of the dispute.

You are so good at listening to all sides of a dispute. You, better than anyone, can help end this senseless war in Israel/Palestine. Ending that war would make peace in the Middle East possible. Ending that war would greatly diminish a war between the West and Islam. Such wars are interminable!

My husband and I gave a talk with slides of Israel/Palestine at Temple Israel, the largest Reform synagogue in TN, to an audience about equally divided between Muslims, Christians, and Jews. Miraculously, they all liked it. They stayed on and on to discuss it further. This was one of four talks we have given, all of which were well received.

Here is a contribution to the Carter Center to help you in your IMPORTANT work!  
What more can we do to help you?

In peace,

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Eunice B. Ordman and Dr. Edward T. Ordman

PS I am enclosing an article about you from the local Jewish newspaper, the Hebrew Watchman. I'm also enclosing my summary of a long document, "Reading the Old Testament with Palestinian Eyes" by Frederic W. Bush, Fuller Theological Seminary.

