

**Sending our message of benevolence through music, art and commemoration.**



### **The Maimonides Project**

by Pave The Way Foundation | Jan 30, 2006

Maimonides was an enlightened Rabbi, philosopher and physician, whose writings are revered by the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions. He died 800 years ago, but his writings and message of reconciliation, born of understanding the similarities of the three faiths, is extremely relevant today. He wrote in both Hebrew and Arabic and his manuscripts highlight the convergence of these faiths. Some of these writings have been housed in the Vatican Library. Many of these important historical and theological works have never been available for public viewing before this project.

**Phase One**, September 2002. Pave the Way Foundation requested and was granted permission to bring Jewish scholars to view the original manuscripts of Maimonides to the Vatican Library. The library was specially opened for this occasion by Fr. Raffaele Farina SBD, Prefect of the Library and H.Em. Jorge Cardinal Mejia, Vatican Librarian and Archivist.



This was a great and historic event. Please watch the video below describing the unique and providential events that occurred that day.

**PhaseTwo** Pave the Way initiated the first loan in history of the Vatican library loan of Maimonides works, along with other rare Hebrew manuscripts, for exhibit in Jerusalem, at the Israel Museum's 40th anniversary on September 27, 2005. This historic commemoration was the first loan from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel.

**Opening of the Israel Museum Exhibit with the two Chief Rabbis of Israel, the Director and Curators of the Israel Museum, the Apostolic Nuncio to Israel, and the Prefect of the Vatican Library.**



Pave the Way Foundation initiated the first loan in history from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel. Opening the exhibit, from left to right: Sam Phillipe PTWF representative to Israel, Gary Krupp President of PTWF, Yonatan Peres, son of President of Israel Shimon Peres, Chief Ashkenazy Rabbi of Israel Yona Metzger, and Chief of Staff to Rabbi Metzger Oded Weiner.

<https://www.haaretz.com/2005-09-29/ty-article/rare-manuscripts-from-vatican-go-on-display-at-israel-museum/0000017f-f54e-d47e-a37f-fd7ea60a0000>

<https://www.imj.org.il/en/exhibitions/together-again>

<https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4664960,00.html>

<https://www.chron.com/life/houston-belief/article/Vatican-s-loan-to-Israel-seen-as-goodwill-gesture-1921711.php>

[https://www.ptwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/PTWF\\_Maimonides\\_Loan18JAN2005.pdf](https://www.ptwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/PTWF_Maimonides_Loan18JAN2005.pdf)

<http://www.comeandsee.com/view.php?sid=599>

**Phase Three** Pave the Way arranged for the digitization of the Vatican Library manuscript collection from a private donor. This was extremely significant in that it “paved the way” to the future opening of one of the worlds’ largest collections to international learning and scholarly study.

## **Medical Technology for the Italian Hospital of Saint Padre Pio Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo**

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Apr 5, 1986

Since 1988, we have worked tirelessly to advance the technological superiority of this special hospital for the care for the poor, the sick and suffering in Europe. Today, it one of the best equipped hospitals in all of Europe. Over the years we have helped with the acquisition of cancer treatment, diagnostic and rehabilitation modalities.

Recently, through the efforts of Pave the Way Foundation, the hospital, Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo Italy, has acquired a state-of-the-art General Electric PET-CT Elite scanner. This enormous technological gift further advances the medical care for the poor of Europe, through the benevolent works of the hospital of St. Padre Pio.

Delivery of the machine was March 29, 2007 and the dedication ceremony occurred May 5, 2007 with H.Em. Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State and H.E. Archbishop Domenico D’Ambrosio, President of the hospital. This technology will enable enormous advances in cancer detection, treatment and research in Neurology and cardiology for the poor in Europe. PTWF is proud of it’s contribution to this project, which will save many lives through early, accurate diagnosis.

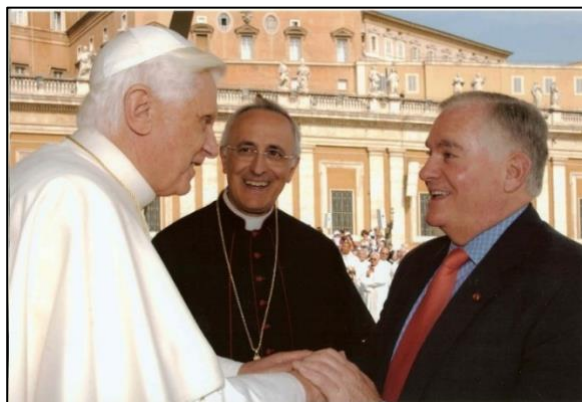
### **Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy**



[2002 Interview of Bishop Riccardo Ruotolo hospital President](#)







## **Letter of Thanks to PTWF from General Electric**



## **Pave the Way Foundation Honors and Recognizes the Great Efforts Towards Religious Reconciliation Made By Saint Pope John Paul II**

by [Pave the Way Foundation](#) | Jan 17, 2005

January 2005, PTWF organized the largest Jewish audience in history to meet privately with a sitting pope, John Paul II, to thank

him for his great strides and leadership regarding religious reconciliation.

**NEW YORK, January 5, 2005** – Pave the Way Foundation announced today that it has been granted a special private audience with His Holiness Pope John Paul II in Vatican City on Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

A group of some 160 Jewish leaders, rabbis and cantors from throughout the United States, Europe and Israel – which is the largest group gathering of Jewish leaders to ever meet with a sitting pope – will attend the audience and thank the Holy Father for all the work he has done to reconcile the two faiths.

They will recognize the Pope's efforts during his 26-year pontificate in bringing down the walls of hate, as well as his contribution towards religious reconciliation with the Jewish people and the State of Israel. The Rabbis intend to recite a special prayer in his honor at the ceremony.

Gary Krupp, President and founder of the Pave the Way Foundation, stated, "Our mission at Pave the Way is to bring together men of good will, no matter what their religious background and to ruthlessly tear down any wall that stops this from happening."

"Pope John Paul II has been doing just that for decades. It is only fitting that we humbly thank him for all he has done for the Jewish people of Earth and, in turn, making inroads toward true peace on Earth," added Mr. Krupp, who is the seventh Jewish man in history to be knighted by the pope to the order of St. Gregory the Great. The group attending

the audience will include Oded Ben-Hur, Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See; Amire Ofek, Israeli Consul for Media in New York; Rabbi Adam Mintz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis; Rabbi Shmuel Rene Sirat, Former Chief Rabbi of Europe and France; Rabbi David Lincoln, Chief Rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue, New York; Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel, Rabbi Joseph Arbib of the Great Synagogue in Rome and Gadi Golan, former Director of Religious Affairs for the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

The group also will include over 12 Cantors, who on Monday, January 17, at 8 p.m. will present a concert at the Great Synagogue in Rome for the delegation and representatives of the Vatican and the Roman Jewish Community. Mr.. Krupp pointed out that Pope John Paul II has a very long history of supporting the rights of the Jewish people and of speaking out against anti-Semitism and, factually, of discrimination of any group. In 1978 he characterized anti-Semitism as “opposed to the very spirit of Christianity.” In 1987, he called on all Christians to develop, together with the Jewish community, “common educational programs which...will teach future generations about the Holocaust so that never again will such a horror be possible. Never again!”

“Pave the Way Foundation has been instrumental in helping to close the gap between the Vatican and the State of Israel in their talks to finalize full diplomatic relations”, says Elliot Hershberg Chairman of Pave the Way.

As further evidence of the effectiveness of their efforts, Mr. Krupp announced that the Vatican has given permission for the loan of the Maimonides Manuscripts along great Jewish writings to the Israel Museum for its 40th anniversary exhibit in spring 2005.

Mr. Krupp, who initiated the loan request of the manuscripts from the Vatican Library, commented that. “This is the first time these historic manuscripts will be on Israeli soil.”

#### **Video: Pope John Paul II Welcomes Pave the Way Foundation**

- [Gary Krupp's Address to Pope John Paul II](#)
- [Pope John Paul II responds](#)
- [Rabbis bless the Pope](#)
- [The Delegation meets the Pope](#)



Pope greets Meredith Krupp, Elliot Hershberg, Chairman of Pave the Way and receives a gift from Pave the Way.



Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz, Rabbi Benjamin Blech and Rabbi Jack

Bemporad bestow the Priestly Blessing  
upon Pope John Paul II.



Pope John Paul II presents a gift to  
Commendatore Gary Krupp,  
President of Pave the Way



Bishop Brian Farrell and Fr. Norbert  
Hofmann finalize details of the meeting  
Gary Krupp.

### **Lifting the Ban of Excommunication by the Vatican**

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Sep 2, 2009

Recently, The Vatican lifted the ban of excommunication to the Society of Pius X, an ultra-right-wing group, and to its four illicitly ordained Bishops. The bishops were ordained by the breakaway Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. Archbishop Lefebvre split from the Vatican for several reasons, one of which was the action of the Second Vatican Council in adapting and passing *Nostra Aetate*.

This is a document of tolerance of other religious beliefs. On the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI used this occasion to lift the ban of excommunication, which was generated when Archbishop Lefebvre ordained four Bishops in direct violation of a papal order not to, issued by Pope John Paul II. It was this act of defiance against the Papal order that generated the excommunication. After the announcement of the lifting of the ban was made on January 21, 2009, a video interview with one of the Bishops, Richard Williamson, surfaced where he quite plainly denied the holocaust impact on the Jewish people and stated that not one Jew had perished in any gas chamber. This Holocaust denial set off a firestorm of protests and negative remarks, which created a temporary rift in Jewish Catholic relations.



Unlike many other inter-religious organizations, Pave the Way did not immediately release a statement condemning the Church for lifting the ban. Instead, we launched an investigation to discover the facts behind this alleged action.

**In Letter to Bishops, Pope Admits 'Mistakes'**

By RACHEL DONADIO

MADRID — Pope Benedict XVI has written an unusually personal letter to bishops worldwide explaining why he revoked the excommunication of a Holocaust-denying bishop and admitting mistakes in how the Vatican handled the case.

The letter, which the Vatican will release Thursday, is a further attempt to calm the waters after Benedict pardoned four schismatic bishops, including Richard Williamson, who in a television interview broadcast in January said that there had been no Nazi gas chambers.

The revocation provoked worldwide outrage and caused Catholics and Jews alike to question Benedict's commitment to ecumenism and the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

In passages of the letter that appeared on Wednesday in the Italian newspaper *Il Foglio*, the Vatican admitted "mistakes" in handling the case, and said that in the future it would pay more attention to how news spreads over the Internet.

A YouTube video of Bishop Williamson's television interview, in which he denies the Holocaust, was widely viewed online in the days before the pope lifted the excommunications in late January.

The four belong to the ultra-conservative Society of St. Pius X. They had been excommunicated by Pope John Paul II after being consecrated without a papal mandate, causing the only formal schism in the church.

In passages from the pope's letter posted Wednesday on the blog of a veteran Vatican reporter, Andrea Tornielli, Benedict said he considered revoking the excommunication "a modest act of mercy" toward the bishops,



SAUREG BAMBARTZ/EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

Pope Benedict XVI, waving to the faithful Wednesday, admits that the Vatican mishandled the lifting of an excommunication.

whose ordinations were "valid but illicit."

"Instead," Mr. Tornielli quotes the letter saying, "it suddenly appeared something completely different: as the denial of reconciliation between Christians and Jews."

The blog-posting said the pope wrote that he had been "saddened" that "even Catholics, who should have been better able to understand things," instead seemed poised with "a hostility ready for the attack." He added that he thanked "the Jewish friends who quickly helped remove the misunderstandings and to re-establish the atmosphere of friendship and trust."

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said he had no comment on the letter before its official publication.

In May, Benedict will make his first papal visit to the Holy Land, with stops expected in Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories.

In news accounts this week, Archbishop Antonio Franco, the apostolic nuncio to the Holy Land, said Benedict would not enter the Holocaust museum at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem because it had a contentious plaque criticizing Pope Pius XII for not doing enough to help save Jews during the Holocaust.

The legacy of Pius is a most sticking point in Vatican-Jewish relations. Benedict, like other popes, has said Pius worked "secretly and silently" to save Jews.

Father Lombardi said that the pope would visit the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem, as John Paul II did on his historic visit to Israel in 2000, but that a museum visit had never been considered.

The pope is also expected to visit Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, Father Lombardi said.

On Thursday, Benedict is expected to meet a delegation from the chief rabbinate of Israel at the Vatican.

NY Times 3/12/09

In furtherance of our mission to identify and eliminate obstacles between the faiths, we issued the following statement of our findings and the role the media played in exacerbating this highly explosive and sensitive issue.

[Pave the Way Foundation statement](#) (PDF)

[Vatican Statement of Facts Issued by the Secretary of State](#) (PDF)

[Article by Dr. Eugene Fisher explaining some of the required obligations for full communion](#) (PDF)

[News coverage of our remarks](#) (PDF)

NY Times article on our intervention to clarify the issue

## Digitization of Priceless Manuscripts

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jun 24, 2006

### ***Jewish gift to the Vatican Library and the Franciscan Custody in Israel***

PTWF was instrumental in "paving the way" for the digitization of priceless manuscripts from the Vatican Library and from the Franciscan Custody in Israel. This archiving, for the purposes of worldwide access and education, was made possible through the generosity of the George S. Blumenthal Foundation. Expertise and state of the art techniques in digital photography by famed Israeli photographer Ardon Bar-Hama were used and made available through this gift. PTWF arranged to teach Vatican Library personnel the techniques of digitization. Ardon Bar Hama was teaching the infra-red imaging to bring obliterated text forward



Ardon Bar-Hama (right with H. Em. Raffaele Cardinal Farina, Librarian and Archivist for the Holy Roman Church and Dr. Ambrogio Piazzoni, Vice Prefect



Ardon Bar-Hama and Gary Krupp of PTWF with the Franciscans in Israel.

### **Letter of Gratitude from the Custos of the Franciscan Custody**

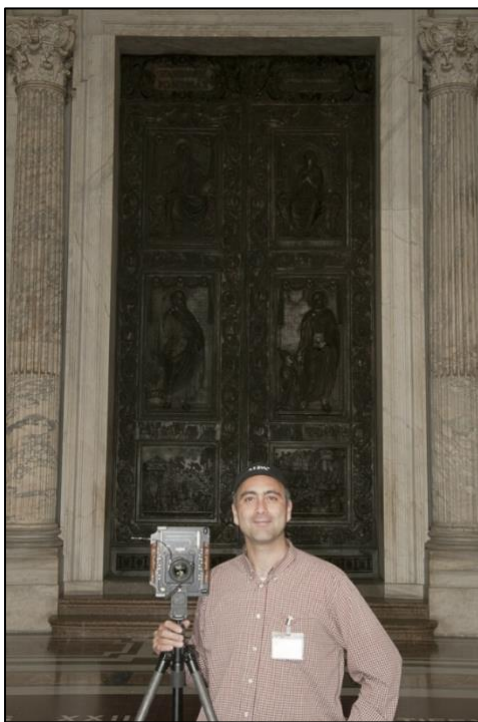
PTWF facilitated the digitized preservation of over 8,000 rare manuscripts in the archives of the Franciscan Custody in Jerusalem, as well as the digital study of the Vatican Library's most prized possession, *The Codex Vaticanus*.





The Jerusalem Medal and the mother of pearl Star of David was awarded to PTWF by the Custos of the Franciscan Custody in the Holy Land in recognition for of our work.

PTWF Facilitated the photographic study of the 14-meter bronze doors at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.



# Investigating the Papacy of Pope Pius XII

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jun 18, 2006

With the opening of the new Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem) exhibit in 2005, there was an historically incorrect placard placed above a photo of WWII Pope Pius XII in the “Hall of Shame.” There was international outcry to remove troubling remarks about the Church’s supposed inaction during the Holocaust. PTWF was asked to help resolve this issue, which has plagued Jewish Catholic relations for the past 47 years.



On July 1, 2012, after six years of work to identify and post online 76,000 pages of documents, news articles, official published works, and videotaped, eye witness testimonials from survivors, Yad Vashem

revised their controversial placard to reflect a more accurate and balanced view. **PTWF applauds this move** towards historical accuracy, which Yad Vashem has clearly taken.

In furtherance of the mission of PTWF, we are attempting to remove obstacles between the religions. Mindful of this, we have initiated an independent investigation of the Papacy of Pope Pius XII. This time in history has been a source of friction between the Jews and Catholics for over 70 years.

PTWF has privately undertaken an extensive investigation of this important and controversial historical period. We believe that our work will eventually result in eliminating one of the greatest obstacles to religious unity between these two groups.

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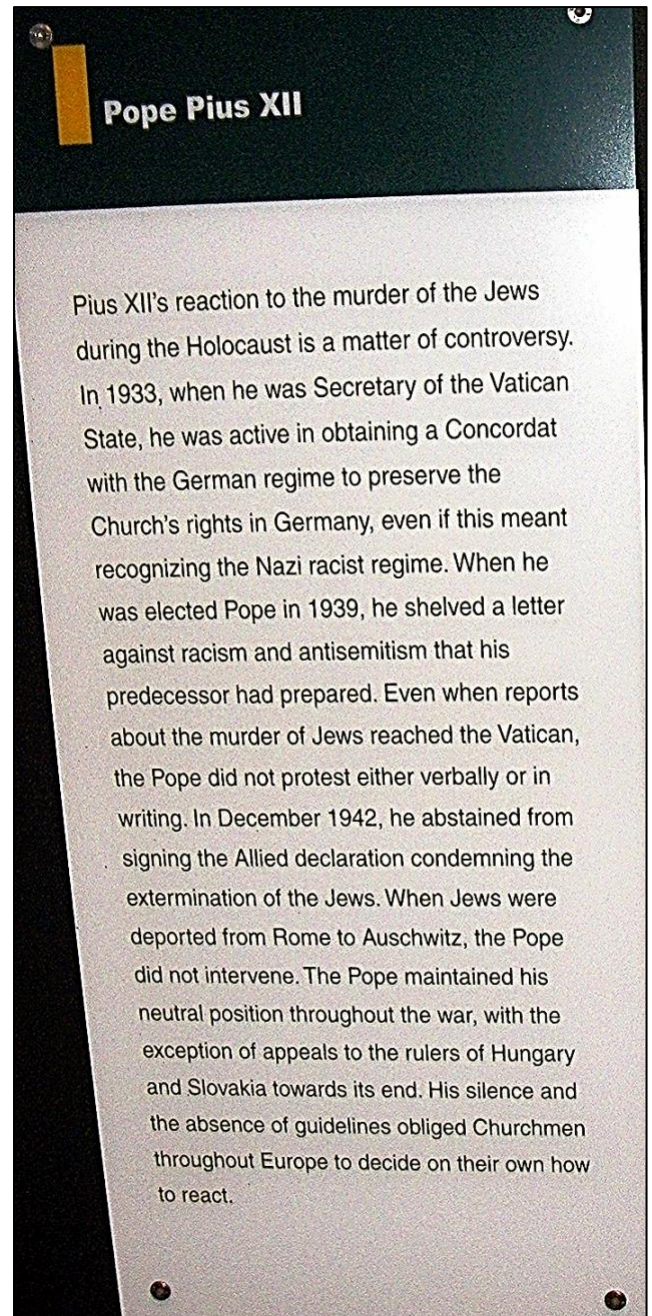
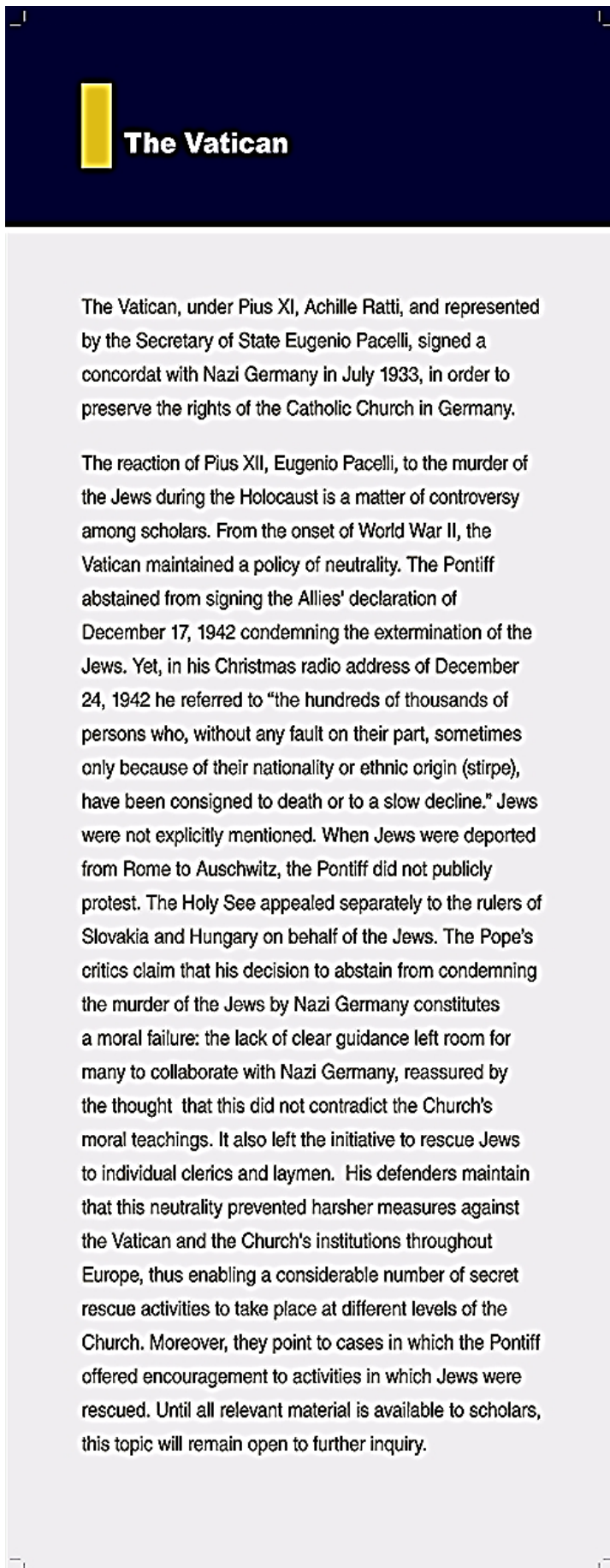
The complete collection of over 76,000 pages of documents, newspaper articles, live video testimonies, and other important information relative to the papacy of Pope Pius XII, is on our [Vatican Papers Page](#)

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New placard, placed July 1, 2012,

Original placard at Yad Vashem



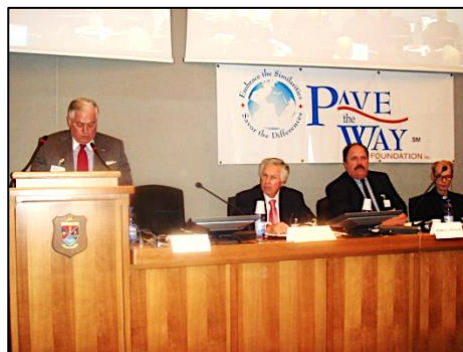
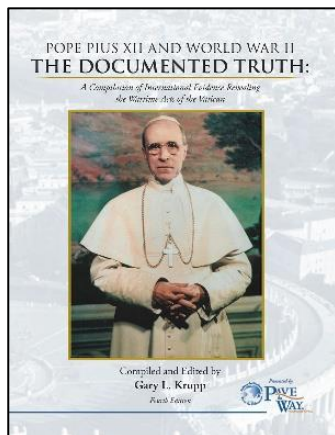
[Letter of acknowledgment and gratitude \(PDF\) from Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State,](#)

For a PTWF initiative to digitize the Acts and Documents of the Holy See during the Second World War and the Acts of the Holy See 1909-1961.



## To bring clarity to the Pius XII controversy.

PTWF sponsored conference at La Sorbonne in Paris. This event was hugely successful since the defenders of this papacy were able to confront the critics in a scholarly, educational environment. The chair of this historic study was Professor Eduard Husson, former Vice Chancellor of La Sorbonne and current Dean of ESCP Europe. The workshop concluded with a 2-day symposium in November 2012. PTWF participated in conferences in Dublin and sponsored a 3-day symposium and at the Military College in Rome



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## **The Bodmer Papyrus**

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jan 7, 2007

Pave the way Foundation worked with Reverend Richard Donahoe, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, Alabama on this project. Father Donahoe was able to identify the availability of the Bodmer Papyrus, which is the oldest written version of the Gospels of St. John and St. Luke and contains the oldest written version of the Lord's Prayer which was written sometime between 175 and 225 AD.

Pave the Way initiated contact between Fr. Donahoe with the Vatican Library. It was also through the efforts of Pave the Way that a donor was identified, Mr. Frank Hanna III of

Atlanta, Georgia, who helped make available this historic acquisition for worldwide study. It remains in the care of the Vatican Library. Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, was instrumental in helping to realize this historical event.

Pave the Way Foundation is extremely pleased to have played a key role in The Bodmer Papyrus Project.



[Left] Pave the Way Foundation board members greet Bishop Raffaele Farina SBD just prior to the presentation of the Bodmer. From left to right: Dr. Rolando Clementoni KCSG, Gary and Meredith Krupp, Bishop Farina, Richard Kandel and Harry Epstein.

[Right] Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State receive Gary Krupp of PTWF at the presentation ceremony on January 22, 2007.

Bodmer presentation ceremony. This gesture is so important H.Em. Rafaele Cardinal Farina is holding the papyrus in his right hand of his official portrait







Nella Biblioteca Privata del Palazzo Apostolico

## Benedetto XVI riceve in dono un antichissimo manoscritto con il testo dei Vangeli di Luca e di Giovanni

Benedetto XVI ha ricevuto in udienza il Cardinale Jean-Louis Tauran, Archivista e Bibliotecario di Santa Romana Chiesa, insieme con il Vescovo Raffaele Farina, Prefetto della Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, e seguito, che gli hanno presentato il Papiro Bodmer 14-15, offerto alla Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana il 22 novembre 2006. Si tratta di un antichissimo manoscritto, copiato agli inizi del III secolo, che contiene il testo dei Vangeli di Luca e di Giovanni. Il manoscritto, precedentemente appartenuto alla Fondazione Bodmer di Ginevra, è uno dei più importanti testimoni del testo del Nuovo Testamento, di immenso valore critico e storico. All'udienza erano presenti il Cardinale Tarcisio Bertone, Segretario di Stato, il dott. Carlo Ambrogio Maria Piazzi, Vice Prefetto della Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, il donatore Frank Hanna ed altre persone che hanno consentito l'arrivo del Papiro alla Biblioteca Vaticana. In apertura di udienza il Cardinale Tauran ha rivolto al Santo Padre queste parole di saluto e di presentazione del manoscritto: *Most Holy Father, this past November 22, your Library was enriched by a most precious papyrus, the Bodmer Papyrus XIV-XV, which can be dated to the beginning of the third century. Your Holiness will be able to appreciate the two leaves that we brought with us this morning for this purpose. The Papyrus contains about half of each of the Gospels of Luke and John. It was written in Egypt and perhaps used as a liturgical book. Thus, besides the two letters of Saint Peter from the same Bodmer Collection, with this new precious papyrus, the Library of the Pope possesses the most ancient witness of the Gospel of Luke and among the*



most ancient of the Gospel of John. This exceptional acquisition is due to all the friends who are in front of Your Holiness this morning, in particular a well-deserving American Catholic family, whose generosity was decisive in the success of the undertaking. The Prefect of the Vatican Library, Bishop Raffaele Farina, and I wish also to express publicly our profound recognition to Cardinal Secretary of State, Tarcisio Bertone, whose availability and understanding have helped to smooth out many difficulties. Finally, a word of commendation goes also to the personnel of the Vatican Library, who spared neither time nor effort. But in order for our joy to be complete, there is only one thing lacking: that Your Holiness come in person to the Library, to meditate, if I may say so, in front of that which can be considered

a true relic, given that «the Church has always venerated the Divine Scriptures just as she venerates the Body of the Lord», as we read in the Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum of the Second Vatican Council (no. 21). In joyful expectation of your visit, we dare to ask Your Holiness for the Apostolic Blessing on all of us.

Benedetto XVI, in lingua inglese, ha risposto alle parole del Cardinale ringraziando lui e il donatore per il significativo dono. Un esperto ha spiegato al Santo Padre il contenuto di alcuni fogli. A Benedetto XVI è stata consegnata, a ricordo della visita, anche una statuetta in argento che ricorda la sosta di Gregorio di Giovanni Paolo II davanti al Muro Occidentale di Gerusalemme durante il pellegrinaggio giubilare in Terra Santa. A tutti i partecipanti il Papa ha donato medaglie del Pontificato.

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**Una storia lunga diciotto secoli: il Papiro Bodmer 14-15 (P<sup>75</sup>) arriva alla Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana**



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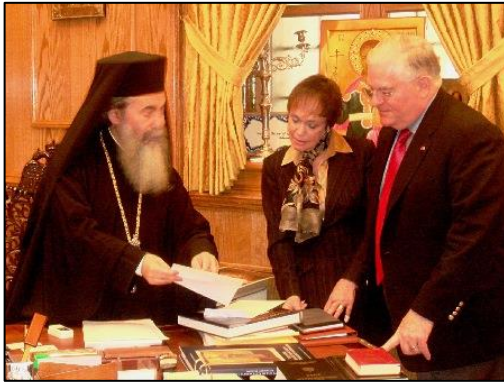
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## **Finalize the Affirmation of His Beatitude Theophilos III Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem**

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Mar 1, 2007

The Greek Orthodox Church has duly elected a new Patriarch of Jerusalem. This process was legally conducted and the newly elected Patriarch, His Beatitude Theophilos III, immediately enjoyed full endorsements by all other Christian Churches, by the Jordanian Government and by the Palestinian Authority. These are the required approvals. The Israeli government must also affirm the legal status of the Patriarch. The Israeli's process is taking additional time and consequently the new Patriarch cannot discharge his duties or take possession of the residence or business affairs of his Church.

In the interest of inter-religious harmony and positive, improved relations, Pave the Way Foundation has requested that the Prime Minister of Israel and the King of Jordan give this problem their attention. We have requested that the required affirmation be granted as soon as possible, in the interest of religious freedom, harmonious relations, and the separation of politics from religious practice.

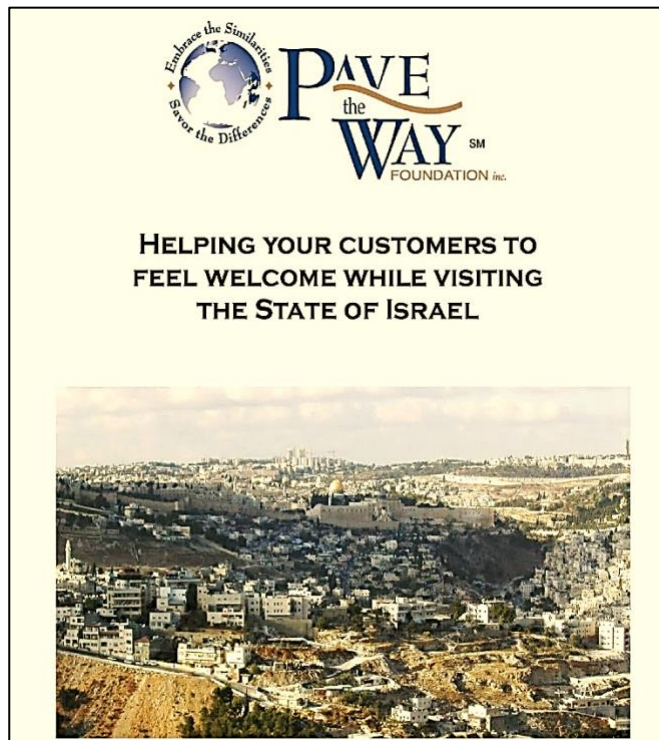
October 2006, the Israeli Inter-ministerial Director advised the government of Israeli that he recommended Theophilos III be affirmed. We are now waiting for the conclusion of this process. PTWF urges the government of Israel to complete this process quickly, in the interest of positive interreligious relations.

PTWF intervenes by Fedexing a letter to the high Court of Israel. After receipt of our **letter**, this endless 6 month trial postponements ended, and Theophilos III was named Patriarch

**WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2007, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THEOPHILOS III AS GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM.**

- [Letter to the High Court of Israel \(PDF\)](#)
- [Letter of Gratitude from THEOPHILOS III TO PTWF\(PDF\)](#)
- [Press release of PTWF \(PDF\)](#)





## Israeli Airport Security Education

by Pave The Way Foundation | Jun 7, 2007

In our quest to increase tourism in the Holy Land and to Israel, we discovered that many Christian clergy were complaining about “abrupt” security measures taken at Ben Gurion Airport. Many expressed a negative sense when they underwent questioning at the airport and felt somewhat violated when searched or questioned about their religious vestments. Certainly no one denies the necessity of strict security

measures at Ben Gurion Airport, but the way security personnel were treating Christian clergy needed to be addressed.

The Airport Authority, working in tandem with the Ministry of Tourism, understood this problem existed and was very happy to accept our offer to help. PTWF developed a “Manual of Etiquette” specifically designed to help educate airport personnel in these delicate matters. This informative book is now required reading, and it has been reported to PTWF that there is now a marked *decrease* in complaints.

PTWF wishes to compliment the Israeli Airport Authority for recognizing this problem and so quickly acting to eliminate it. Responding to such concerns is a very important factor in increasing tourism to the region. Tourism helps everyone in the Holy Land.

- [PTWF MANUAL OF ETIQUETTE \(PDF\)](#)





## Improving Relations Within the Orthodox Church

by Pave The Way Foundation | Oct 30, 2012

PTWF is exploring the notion of removing historic obstacles between those within the same faith. We are exploring historic projects that will “pave the way” to improve relations between good people of all religions.

PTWF with the Syrian and Russian Orthodox Church leaders.



Gary Krupp and Bennett Solberg of PTWF meet with the Ukrainian Archbishop of the United States H.Em. Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos.



Gary and Meredith Krupp meeting in Macedonia with Stefan Archbishop of Ohrid and Macedonia and

with H.E. Agatangel, Metropolitan of Povardarie and H.E. Pimen, Metropolitan of Europe. Negotiations to solve the problems over dinner with PTWF Director for the Balkans

Aleksandar Simic

**SUCCESS:**

**Constantinople Ends Schism with North Macedonia Church** Acknowledgment of our efforts by Gjoko Gjorgjevski, Assistant to Archbishop Stefan of North Macedonia and former Macedonian Ambassador to the Holy See (PDF)



Meeting with the representatives of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece in Athens, Greece. Fr. Stephen Arrnides Archimandrite Fr. Gabriel Papanikolaou.



PTWF meeting with Bishop Christomos and Nebojsa Topolic of the Serbian Orthodox Church.



Meeting with Theophilos III Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem



# Palestinian – Israeli Peace

by Pave The Way Foundation | Nov 5, 2012

Throughout the history of the modern State of Israel, peace has eluded all of the people of the region. PTWF is working with prominent Palestinians who wish to give the Palestinian people another choice. Contrary to media coverage of this region, both the Palestinians and the Israelis desperately want peace. The media seems to only report on the exceptional few extremists. The truth is, people from both sides have the same message. For three generations we have been at war and we don't want our children to have to continue this. It is the special interest of an elite few, which has driven this region to constant conflict.



Left – Gary Krupp brings the Manual of Wasatia to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Center – Gary Krupp delivers the book of the Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad by Dr. John Andrew Morrow (Right). Here, the Prophet ordered his followers to protect the people of the book, Jews, and Christians, until the end of days. Very Muslims know these fifty sustained covenants even exist. They carry the legal authority of the Holy Q'uran.

The Dajani family is beginning a movement towards starting a third electoral party in Palestine, called Wasatia. PTWF is committed to help make this a reality.

In Dr. Dajani's own words, the essence of the Wasatia Party:

*wasatia is a concept extracted from the Arabic word "wasat" which means "middle of the road," and "center of the circle." It is used in Arabic to mean also "balance," "moderation." In the Holy Quran, it is used to mean "goodness," "righteousness," "justice," and "straightforwardness." Wasat is said to be that which is in the midst of extremes such as hot and cold, rich and poor, empty and full, generosity and stinginess, courage and cowardice.*

It is time for wasatia creed to emerge and rise in the Moslem world that it may draw the best and the brightest from among the Moslem community. The new initiative adopts the wasatiah Islamic tradition and the shura Islamic concept as its' main pillars. Al-Wasatiah calls for Muslims to take mid-ground that stands between those who sanctify strict tradition and those who opt for rational thinking

in reading and explaining the Holy Quran in compliance with the Surah in the Holy Quran: {And so we have created you a midway nation.}

*The wasatia concept is reflected also in many other verses in the Quran such as: {Be neither miserly nor prodigal, for then you should either earn reproach or be reduced to penury.} Al-shurah Islamic tradition advocates collective and consultative decision-making.*

*The goal will remain to seek peace and move to the center away from radicalism. The Wasatia road taken in conflict resolution is negotiation, not confrontation. It is not win-lose situation but the win-win situation*

– Dr Munther S. Dajani, Professor, Dean, Faculty of Arts Al Quds University, Jerusalem



Wasatia Office. Holy books of all religions are displayed at the Wasatia office with the teachings of tolerance and understanding of other faiths:



Professors Munther and Mohammad Dajani meeting in Jerusalem with Aleksandar Simic, Gary Krupp, and Meredith Krupp of PTWF.

[PTWF Hebrew Translation of WASATIA Book \(PDF\)](#)

[English translation of the WASATIA book \(PDF\)](#)

[New Islamic party seeks the center \(url\)](#)

[Article in Arabic on the Wasatia Party \(PDF\)](#)

[Explanatory article on true Islam and Wasatia by Prof. Mohammad Dajani \(PDF\)](#)



## Our Gestures payoff



### **PTWF Intercedes to Allow Philippine Christian Pilgrims to Worship Without Fear of deportation**

In December 2012, Sam Philipe, PTWF Director for Israel, made a plea on behalf of Pave the Way Foundation to the government of Israel to suspend any planned deportation of Philippine pilgrims who had overstayed their visas during the Christmas season. Sam is thanked by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte for our intersession

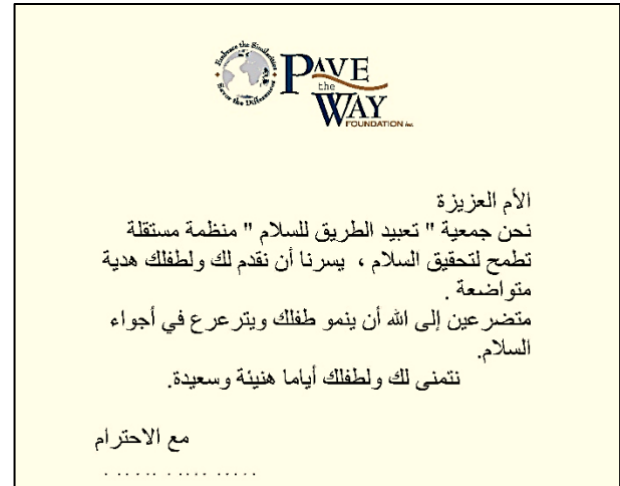


We successfully intervened to end illegal Catholic bank account seizures by 2 Israeli mayors through Druze Knesset Member Ayoob Kara. The mayors claimed unpaid taxes which is not settled because of the unfinished fundamental agreements fiscal schedules.

Cross Gesture gifts to Jewish, Christian and Muslim Moms. Islamic Center of NY, donated the funds for the Jewish mother, Synagogues and churches donated the money for the Muslim moms and the Christian moms

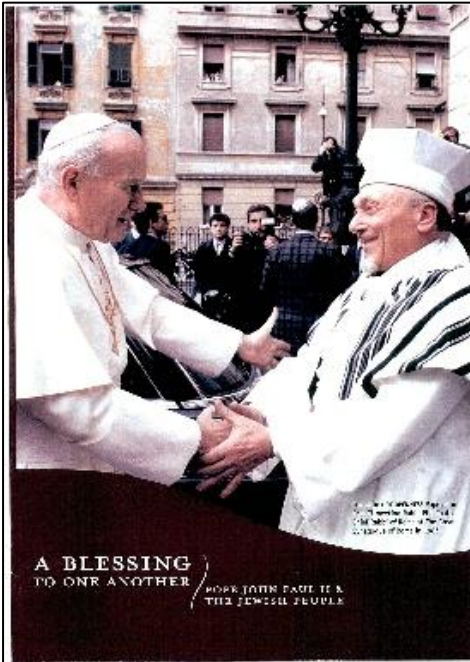


## Hebrew and Arabic gift cards for baby gifts



PTWF Directors Gary and Meredith Krupp, Sam Phillipe, John Drexel IV, and Harry Epstein distribute down comforters, Electric tea kettles to needy Holocaust survivors and baby gifts to Muslim, Christian, and Jewish moms.





## Exhibit of “A Blessing to One Another” Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People

by Pave The Way Foundation | Feb 2, 2007

Pave the Way Foundation co-sponsored this exhibit, with the Center for Interreligious Understanding and the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

September 6, 2006, through February 23, 2007, the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City hosted an historic exhibition: “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” Celebrating Pope John Paul II’s contribution to repairing and strengthening relationships between members of the Catholic and Jewish faiths, this informative and inspiring exhibit includes photos, video footage, documents, and priceless

artifacts. The exhibit opened to rave reviews in Cincinnati and Washington DC, serving as an opportunity for people of different faiths to come together and understand what Pope John Paul II did to improve Catholic/Jewish relations and to recognize all that can be done to carry forward his great mission – to increase understanding and tolerance between all religious groups.

***“Baruch ha ba be Adoshem Adonai.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”***

The words of Rabbi Elio Toaf, Chief Rabbi of Rome, upon the occasion of welcoming Pope John Paul II to the Great Synagogue of Rome March 1986.



Opening speakers left to right: Gary Krupp, President of PTWF; Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Vatican Ambassador to the UN; Dr. Jerzy Kluger board member of PTWF and childhood friend of Pope John Paul II; Governor of the State of New York, George E. Pataki.



PTWF Board members Richard Kandel, Director; Elliot Hershberg, Chairman of the Board; Gary Krupp, President of Pave the Way Foundation (sponsor of the exhibit.)



**“A Blessing to One Another, Pope John Paul and the Jewish People” was created and produced by Xavier University (Cincinnati), Hillel Jewish Student Center (Cincinnati), and the Shtetl Foundation in New York.**

[http://www.mjhny.org/exhibitions\\_special.htm#pope](http://www.mjhny.org/exhibitions_special.htm#pope)

<http://www.blessingexhibit.org>

# Assisi Museum of Memory

by Pave The Way Foundation | Feb 27, 2022

## PRESS RELEASE

Pave the Way Foundation Recognizes the Historic Significance of Assisi in Protecting Jewish Refugees with Upcoming Exhibition

Wantagh, NY, January 27, 2022—Pave the Way Foundation (PTWF), whose mission is to initiate historical projects and remove obstacles between religions, is sponsoring an historic presentation in New York with the Diocese of Assisi, Italy, recognizing the lifesaving actions taken by clergy and citizens of Assisi in protecting Jewish refugees during the Holocaust.

With Northern Italy occupied by German troops in 1943, the historic town of Assisi, home of Saint Francis of Assisi, found itself thrown into the atrocities of war. Archbishop Nicolini, acting on requests from Rome, rallied Assisi's citizens and clergy to come together and save the lives of their Jewish brethren, being hunted down by the Nazis.

Elliot Hershberg, Pave the Way Foundation Chairman, remarked "at a time in history when forces around the world would strive to divide rather than unite, we are reminded by this exhibit of the historic, lifesaving acts of conscience Roman Catholics performed, at their own peril, to help and save so many Jewish victims of Nazi barbarism."

The exhibit features panels from the "Museo della Memoria Assisi" (The Museum of Memory) and includes a roundtable discussion led by Professor Johan Ickx, Archivist for the Historical Archives of the Vatican Secretary of State, and Elizabeth Bettina, author of "It Happened in Italy." Also attending: Archbishop of Assisi, Domenico Sorrentino; Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo; and the Mayor of Assisi, Stefania Proietti.

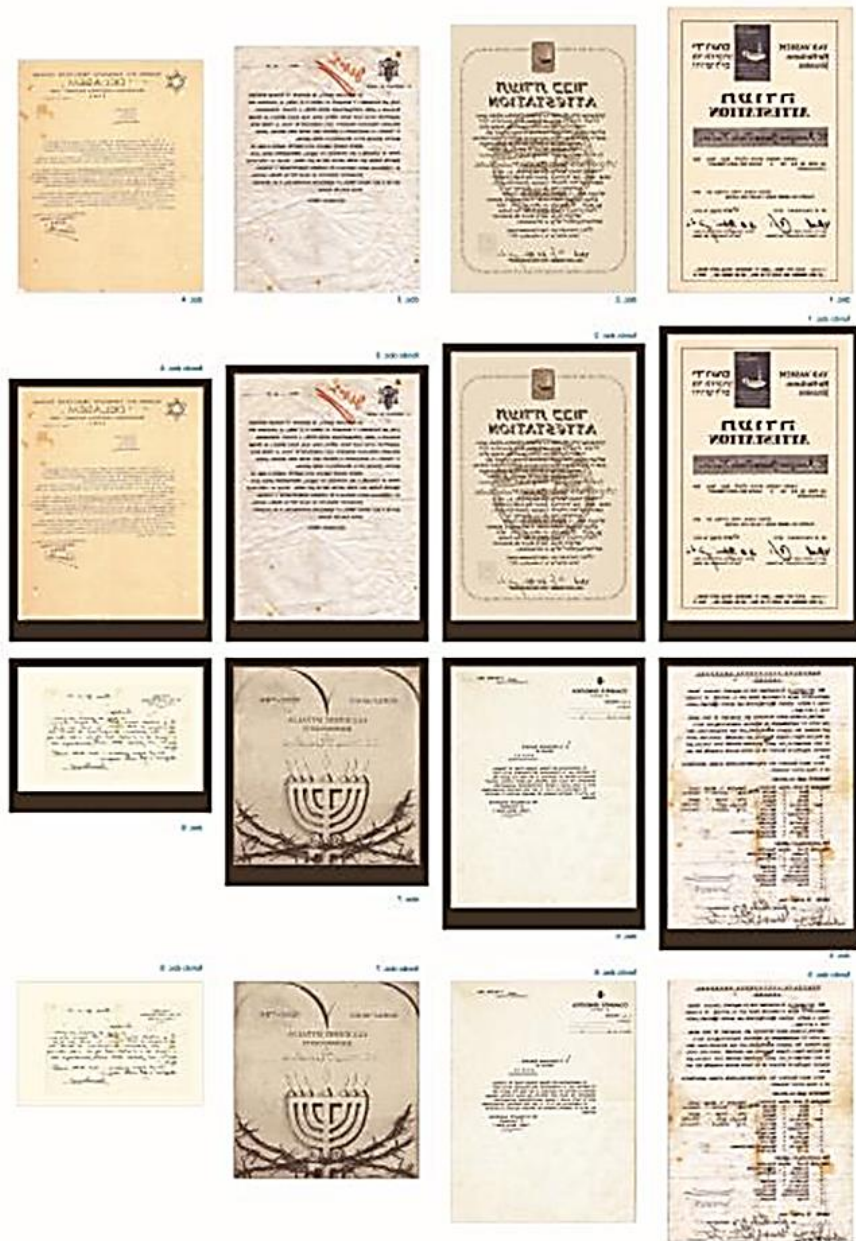
"How happy we are to bring our museum to America," Archbishop Sorrentino notes. "Not only to remember a light that shone through a dark time in history, but also to tell the world that good can and must win over evil. Like the Jews, too many people are stripped of their dignity as human beings. St. Francis stripped himself to be a universal brother. In his footsteps, we welcome the initiative of Gary Krupp, his Chairman and Board and thank all of our gracious hosts who help us 'pave the way' together to witness fraternity and peace."

The museum's founder and curator, Marina Rosati, also attending, looks forward to, "this important opportunity to make known the extraordinary history of Assisi in the dark period of the Holocaust. Some 300 Jews were welcomed and saved, not one was deported or killed. Yad Vashem has recognized seven of the heroes of Assisi as Righteous Among Nations."

Two events are planned: April 5, 2022, at Temple Israel in New Rochelle, and April 6 at St. John's University in Queens. Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum and Temple Israel stated "We are honored to host The Assisi Museum Exhibit, and excited to lead the roundtable

discussion. The congregation of Temple Israel and I welcome this unique opportunity to fulfill the Mitzvah of Zachor, remembrance of the Shoah in a world seemingly filled with moral amnesia. With this exhibit, we not only memorialize the 6,000,000 Jews who were murdered by the Nazis, but the righteous of Assisi who risked everything to save innocent Jewish lives. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life, as we honor them through this project of reconciliation and hope with the light of love.”

“It is a privilege and honor to welcome the Assisi Museum of Memory Exhibit to St. John’s,” commented Joseph Sciame, Vice-President for Community Relations at St. John’s University. “By doing so, we honor the memory of so many who afforded our Jewish sisters and brothers in those dark days in Italy, what one might call ‘the gift of life’ from the citizenry in that area, as well as so many other communities in Italy at that time.”



Certificates of gratitude from Jews saved by the clergy and citizens of Assisi





## Muslims are Commanded by Muhammad to Protect Christians and Jews Until the End of Days

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | May 3, 2013

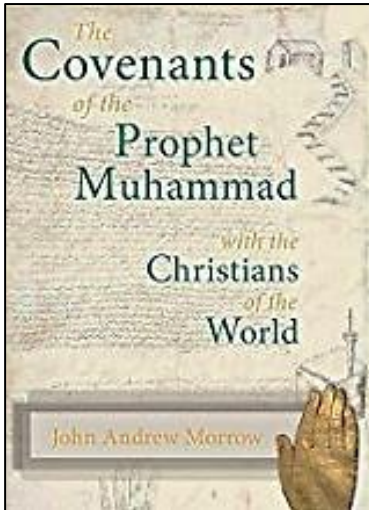
During our research with the Greek Orthodox Church, we located numerous documents hand signed by the Prophet Muhammad, (BPBUH), granting permanent protection to Christians and to their churches. These documents have been in existence since the original order given by Muhammad in 628 ACE. We have located several recent documents which confirm the original charter of rights.

These mandates are not widely known to the Muslim world.

Any Muslim who violates these mandates is insulting Islam and insulting the Prophet Muhammad, Blessings and Peace be upon him.

- Recently, a Pakistani court acquitted Asia Bibi, a Christian mother who was sentenced to death for blasphemy. The Court cited Dr. John Andrew Morrow's research of the Prophet Muhammad's Covenants of Protection, Blessings and Peace be upon him, in her defense. **(More...)**
- Hear Dr. Morrow's interview on the **NYC radio show "Cats Roundtable"** (run to timeline 33.)
- [Endorsements and reviews are available in multiple languages.](#) (PDF)
- [Signatories to the Covenants Initiative](#) (PDF)

Important book by Dr. John Andrew Morrow (Imam Ilyas Islam) – The Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad with the Christians of the World



Pave The Way sponsored a running feature of the Covenants of Protection in **the International New York Times**. (PDF)

“The images of these manuscripts are copies of covenants, which contain a picture of a hand. This image, plus original wax seals, shows that the originals were touched and approved by the Prophet Muhammad, Blessings and Peace be upon him. As authenticated primary documents, which predate the compilation of the Sunnah, these covenants carry the same legal authority as the Holy Qur’an.

These covenants order the followers of the Prophet, Blessings and Peace be upon him, to protect peaceful Christians, Jews, and other allied communities until the end of days. They order that the churches and synagogues and Holy Shrines equally must be protected. They declare that Christians and Jews are believers in one God who form an integral part of the Muslim Ummah or Community. They are not infidels or non-believers.

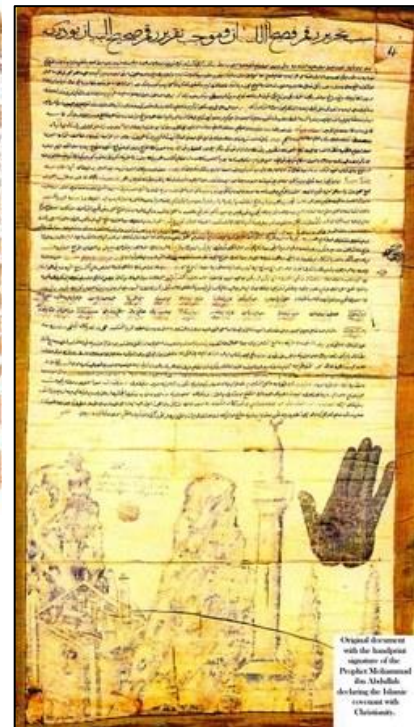
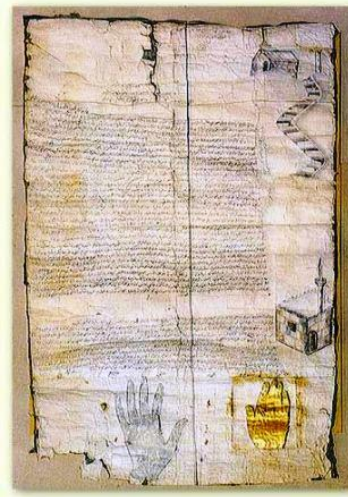
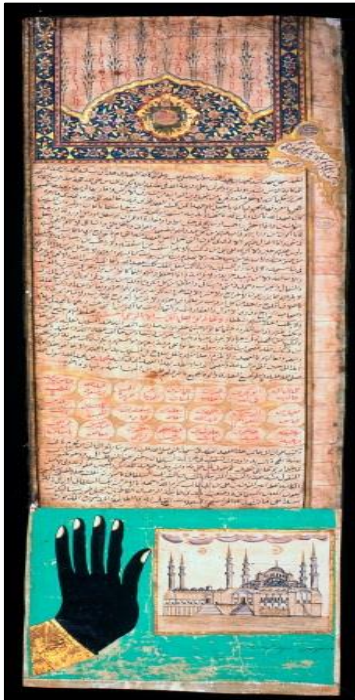
What has happened? The existence of these covenants has been hidden from the believers, by agents of Satan who lie and pervert the goodness of Islam for their evil purposes. These agents of Satan are disguised as religious leaders to trick the good people into performing evil acts, which are not in service of Allah but only serve Satan. How many of these false leaders, who preached violence and hatred, have sent their own children out to die?

We want to warn all true Muslims who listen to the lies of these agents of Satan to repent if they wish to save their souls. Do not act on their evil demands, do not give them money or any support, shun them and denounce them if you truly wish to enter paradise.

We urge to true believers to join us and sign the Covenant Initiative, to expose the evil doers who only bring international hatred and fear of Islam.” – Dr. John Andrew Morrow (Imam Ilyas Abd al-Alim Islam) above in Arabic, Spanish, French, and Italian. (PDF)

- [Prophet Muhammad’s Promise to Christians.pdf \(PDF\)](#)
- [PTWF Press release on the Covenants of Protection](#). (PDF)

- Historical commentary of examples of mandatory Islamic tolerance. (PDF) With Gratitude to Prof. Faroque Ahmad Khan, MB, Our interview in Rome on the Charter of Privileges MACP, Director IMANA International Collaboration.



Pave the Way Foundation gratefully acknowledges Dr. John Andrew Morrow for his images of the Covenants

### ***Muhammad's Promise to the Monks of St. Catherine's Monastery Until the End of Days:***

*"This is a message from Muhammad ibn Abdullah, as a covenant to those who adopt Christianity, near and far, we are with them.*

*Verily I, the servants, the helpers, and my followers defend them, because Christians are my citizens; and by Allah! I hold out against anything that displeases them.*

*No compulsion is to be on them. Neither are their judges to be removed from their jobs nor their monks from their monasteries. No one is to destroy a house of their religion, to damage it, or to carry anything from it to the Muslims' houses.*

*Should anyone take any of these, he would spoil God's covenant and disobey His Prophet. Verily, they are my allies and have my secure charter against all that they hate.*

*No one is to force them to travel or to oblige them to fight. The Muslims are to fight for them. If a female Christian is married to a Muslim, it is not to take place without her approval. She is not to be prevented from visiting her church to pray. Their churches are to be respected. They are neither to be prevented from repairing them nor the sacredness of their covenants.*

*No one of the nation (Muslims) is to disobey the covenant till the Last Day (end of the world)."*





بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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*In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful*

*This is a book written by Mohammed bin Abdullah to all people together; A bearer of glad tidings and a warner, and entrusted with a deposit of God in his creation, so that mankind will have no argument against God after the messengers, and God is Mighty and Wise. He wrote it to the people of his religion and all who follow the Christian religion, from the East to the Western of the earth, near or far, natives or foreigners, known or unknown. A book made covenant with them, he who violates the covenant that is in it, disobeyed it for something else, and trespassed: his affair is nothing but a violation of God's covenant; he voids his pact, and mocks his religion, and deserves a curse, whether he was a sultan (authority) or someone else from the Muslims believers:*

- *Do not foreseeably change a bishop of his bishopric, nor a monk of is monkhood, an anchorite from his cell (cave), or a hermit of his hermitic; and do not destroy nor sell any patrimony of their churches. Do not utilize anything (capital or materials) from church construction into the construction of a mosque or that of the homes of Muslims. He who does something like that, has broken the covenant of God and has violated his Messenger. Jizya (a fine tribute) or penalty is not to be taken from monks, bishops or worshipers, and I preserve their pact wherever they*

*are on land or sea, East or West, North or South. They are in my conscience and charter, and protection from all evil.*

- *Do not argue with them except in a way that is best, have mercy on them, and protect them from hated harm wherever they are and wherever they go.*
- *Assist in reconstruct (patch, remodel) their churches and monasteries, and this would be as aid to them in their religion and for their commitment to the covenant.*

*Ali bin Abi Taleb wrote this covenant with his handwriting in the Prophet's Mosque, and witnessed this covenant the Companions of the Messenger of God, peace be upon him.*

Meaning: bring the good news to the believers a warner to the disbelievers.

Meaning: covenant.

Capital letters used in Mighty and Wise because these are some of the many synonyms for the word God in Islam.

“hermit of his hermitic” is the closest translation to سياحه من سياحته. The verbatim translation for سياح is tourist. However, the author was not referring to our current day tourist and tourism; he refers to a spiritual ranking in the Coptic Orthodox church that can only be achieved through prayer, fasting, and being in hermit. When one reaches the level “tourist” in the Coptic Orthodox church, it means that he can travel from point A to point B without using transportation and he can enter a building without having to go through the doors or window.

Jezya: a fee that was paid by non-Muslim men to Muslims for protection. Women, children, and elders were exempt from paying it.



## **Translation of the supporting documents**

*God is great and governeth, from whom all the prophets are come, for there remaineth no record of injustice against God; through the gifts that are given unto men, Mohammed, the son of Abdallah, the Apostle of God, and careful guardian of the whole world, has written the present instrument, to all those that are his national people, and of his religion, as a secure and positive promise to be accomplished to the Christian nation and relations of the Nazareen, whosoever they may be, whether they be the noble or the vulgar, the honourable or otherwise, saying thus:*

*I. Whosoever of my nation shall presume to break my promise and oath which is contained in this present agreement, destroys the promise of God, acts contrary to the oath and will be a resister of the faith (which God forbid!) for he becometh worthy of the*

*curse, whether he be the king himself or a poor man, or what person soever he may be.*

*II. That whenever any of the monks in his travels shall happen to settle on any mountain, hill, village, or in any other habitable place, on the sea or in deserts, or in any convent, church, or house of prayer, I shall be in the midst of them, as the preserver and protector of them, their goods and effects, with my soul, aid and protection, jointly with all my national people, because they are a part of my own people, and an honour to me.*

*III. Moreover, I command all officers not to require any poll tax of them or any other tribute, because they shall not be forced or compelled to anything of this kind.*

*IV. None shall presume to change their judges or governors, but they shall remain in their office without being deposed.*

*V. No one shall molest them when they are travelling on the road.*

*VI. Whatever churches they are possessed of, no one is to deprive them of them.*

*VII. Whosoever shall annul any of these my decrees, let him know positively that he annuls the ordinance of God.*

*VIII. Moreover, neither their judges, governors, monks, servants, disciples, or any others depending on them, shall pay any poll tax or be molested on that account, because I am their protector, wheresoever they shall be, either by land or sea, east or west, north or south; because both they and all that belong to them are included in this my promissory oath and patent.*



*IX. And of those that live quietly and solitary upon the mountains, they shall exact neither poll tax nor tithes from their incomes, neither shall any Mussulman partake of what they have, for they labor only to maintain themselves.*

*X. Whenever the crop of the earth shall be plentiful in its due time, the inhabitants shall be obliged, out of every bushel, to give them a certain measure.*

*XI. Neither in time of war shall they take them out of their habitation, nor compel them to go to the wars, nor even then shall they require of them any poll-tax.*

*In these eleven chapters is to be found whatever relates to the monks; as to the remaining seven chapters they direct what relates to every Christian.*

*XII. Those Christians who are inhabitants, and with their riches and traffic are able to pay the poll-tax, shall pay no more than 12 drachmas.*

*XIII. Excepting this, nothing more shall be required of them, according to the express word of God, that says: 'Do not molest those that have a veneration for the Books that are sent from God, but rather, in a kind manner, give of your good things to them, and converse with them, and hinder every one from molesting them.'*

*XIV. If a Christian woman shall happen to marry a Mussulman, the Mussulman shall not cross the inclination of his wife to keep her from her chapel and prayers and the practice of her religion.\**

*XV. That no person hinders them from repairing their churches.*

*XVI. Whosoever acts contrary to this my grant, or gives credit to anything contrary to it, becomes truly an apostate from God and his divine Apostle, because this protection I have granted to them according to this promise.*

*XVII. No one shall bear arms against them, but, on the contrary, the Mussulmans shall wage war for them.*

*XVIII. And by this I ordain that none of my nation shall presume to do or act contrary to this promise until the end of the world.*

*Witnesses:*

*Ali the son of Abu Thaleb. Homar, the son of Hattavi. Ziphir, the son of Abuan.*

*Saith, the son of Maat. Thavitt, the son of Nesis. Amphachin, the son of Hassan.*

*Muathem, the son of Kasvi Azur, the son of Jassin. Abombaker, the son of Ambi Kaphe.*

*Ottoman, the son of Gafas. Ambtelack, the son of Messutt. Phazer, the son of Abbas.*

*Talat, the son of Amptolack. Saat the son of Abbatt. Kasmer the son of Abid. Ambtullack the son of Omar.*

*This present was written by the leader, the successor of Ali, the son of Abu Thaleb; the prophet marking it with his own hand at the mosque of the Prophet (on whom be peace!) in the second year of Hegira, the third day of the month of Machorem.*

*\* Turkish lawyers give as an example of this point, that the Mussulman son of a Christian mother is bound to convey her, when old or infirm, to the church door, upon a beast*

*(horse or a mule etc.); and should he be poor and possess no beast, he is bound to carry her on his shoulders.”[1]*

*(John Davenport. An apology for Mohammed and the Koran. 1869. Pages 147-151. The book is available on [Archive.org](http://Archive.org))*

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# Improving Israeli Christian Relations

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PTWF is Responding to Disproportionate Educational Funding in Israel

Pave the Way Foundation has partnered with the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding & Cooperation in order to respond to the recent disproportionate funding of Christian schools, declared by the Israel ministry of Education. Bear in mind, that only in Israel are Christians fully protected and free to practice their faith in the Middle East. The problem of disproportionate educational funding will only become more acute.

- Since the beginning of September 2015, Christian schools have been on strike, protesting the severe budget cuts by Ministry of Education. Prior to 2008, Christian schools received 75% of state funding, but now, they receive just 29%. The Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation (CJCUC) and the Galilee Center for Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations (CSJCR) at Yezreel Valley College, in cooperation with Pave the Way Foundation believe it is time for both Jews and Christian around the world to join forces and advocate for 100% funding for Christian schools in Israel.
- We have created a campaign letter ([efcs.cjcuc.com](http://efcs.cjcuc.com)) asking both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Minister of Education Naftali Bennett to find a quick and just solution to the budget crisis of Christian school education. Please review the letter, fill in the details and hit "submit." It will be emailed to both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education. I kindly ask you to promote this email to your networks of influence.
- Next month, the official celebrations for the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate will be occurring around the world. Part of the festivities will be honoring the unprecedented dialogue between Jews and Christians in the last half century, which has created long lasting friendships and brought millions of Christian visitors to Israel. Particularly at this time, it is important that both Jews and Christians around the world make this issue of funding Christian education in Israel a number one priority.

## Improving Tourism in Israel and the Holy Land.

Continuous violence and conflict has had an enormous adverse financial impact on the regional tourism industry. Both sides of the conflict suffer profound loss, not just in terms of life and human dignity, but in terms of economic and financial losses as well. During the Intifada, Israeli unemployment hit 11%. The rate in the territories has been as high as 30-60%. Everyone is suffering. Pave the Way is trying to change the course of this harsh reality, by encouraging special visits to the Holy Land, by Christian leaders. Some of these prelates have been charged with the pastoral care and diocesan responsibility of millions of faithful Christians.



It is our belief that, as economies improve, the seeds of violence and radicalism will fail to take root. Pave the Way is working with the Israeli Ministry of Tourism to encourage these most important pilgrimages.

Partnering with Israeli government officials, Pave the Way has been successful in facilitating the removal of several protocol and procedural barriers that have long been problematic to an already decimated tourism industry.

May 2007, PTWF was asked to help the security personnel at Ben Gurion airport and prepared a manual of information on addressing and dealing with religious leaders of every faith. The manual was prepared and the airport personnel were very grateful for this information.

- [What We Have Been Doing \(PDF\)](#)
- [Airport Etiquette Manual \(PDF\)](#)
- [Letter of Thanks from the Ministry of tourism \(PDF\)](#)
- [We Helped to Eliminate Non-security Travel Restrictions \(PDF\)](#)

# Pave the Way Foundations Aids Syrian Refugees

by Pave The Way Foundation | Mar 16, 2017



In cooperation with the Israeli government, Pave the Way Foundation supplies much needed baby formula and diabetes medication to Syrian refugees.

In cooperation with the IDF, PTWF supplied needed baby formula, and special medications for Syrian refugees in partnership with Israeli operation "Good Neighbor."

Below is a photo of the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) picking up cartons of baby formula and the instruction card for use in Arabic.



- 1\_ يجب غسل زجاجة الحليب والغطاء قبل كل استعمال.
  - 2\_ من أجل تعقيم الزجاجة يجب غليها مع جميع قطعها لمدة 5 دقائق على الأقل ثم تجفف جميعها قبل تحضير الوجبة.
  - 3\_ لتحضير الوجبة يجب غلي الماء بوعاء منفرد لمدة 5 دقائق ثم يترك ليبرد حسب درجة حرارة الغرفة.
  - 4\_ يجب إضافة كمية من هذا الماء المغلي داخل الزجاجة المعقمة ( حسب الكمية المطلوبة ) .
  - 5\_ لقياس كمية الحليب المطلوبة يجب استعمال المعلقة المرفقة في العبوة فقط . ( قياس الكمية هو 60 سم<sup>3</sup> لكل ملعقة مسوحة ) غير مضغوطة ) مع مراعاة إضافة الحليب إلى الماء وليس العكس.
  - 6\_ يجب خضّ الحليب والماء جيدا حتى الذوبان. بعد ذلك يتم تناوله فورا.
- تنبيه: ممنوع تحضير أو تسخين الوجبة بواسطة المايكرويف .

Special thanks to Mr. Hilary Ryan, PTWF Director William Cox, and the Boards of Directors and Advisors of PTWF who supported this project.

# Pave the Way Initiates Gift of the Tikkunei Zohar to The Vatican Library

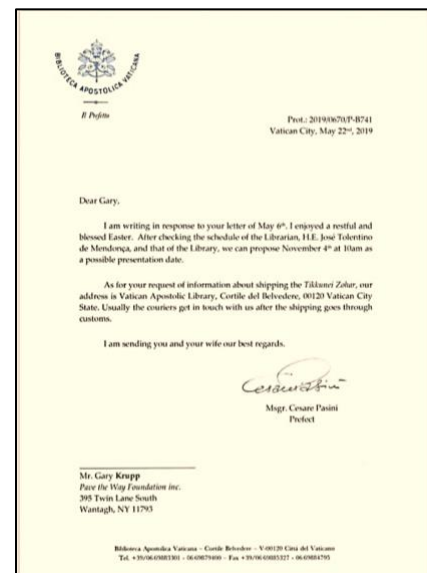
by Pave The Way Foundation | Dec 18, 2019

Late last month, Pope Francis received a local gift from New York that served as a goodwill gesture to promote greater understanding among people of different faiths.

Pave the Way Foundation — a Wantagh, L.I.-based organization whose mission is to “end the malevolent use of religion” — organized a trip to Rome to present the pope with a copy of a Jewish sacred text for use in the Vatican Library.

The document was a replica of the English translation of the “Tikkunei Zohar,” an ancient sacred text of the Jewish Kabbalah, a mystical movement that interprets the Bible. The Tikkunei Zohar is a collection of 70 commentaries written in Aramaic on the opening of the Torah, the Hebrew Bible.

“It was a special opportunity to be able to present the texts in the presence of the Holy See, and it opens the doors of religious and cultural exchange,” said Gary L. Krupp, co-founder of Pave the Way.





# The Armenian Genocide

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jul 31, 2018

PTWF Director for Germany, Dr. Michael Hesemann, has for years researched the Vatican Apostolic Archives (formerly known as the Secret Archives) for Pave the Way in an attempt to uncover evidence of the Vatican's life-saving actions undertaken to protect and save Jewish lives during WWII. In conducting this research, he discovered over 2,000 pages of primary source documents, evidencing the Ottoman Turkish Empire's systematic murder of over 1.5 million Armenians from Constantinople. He was also able to find documentation proving that the Holy See had intervened to stop this tragedy from occurring.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia Armenian Genocide ([Armenian](#): Հայոց ցեղասպանություն, [\[note 3\]](#) *Hayots tseghaspanutyun*), also known as the Armenian Holocaust, [\[9\]](#) was the [Ottoman government's](#) systematic extermination of 1.5 million [rmenians](#), [\[note 2\]](#) mostly citizens within the [Ottoman Empire](#). [\[10\]\[11\]](#)

The starting date is conventionally held to be 24 April 1915, the day that Ottoman authorities rounded up, arrested, and deported from [Constantinople](#) (now Istanbul) to the region of [Ankara](#) [235 to 270 Armenian intellectuals and community leaders](#), the majority of whom were eventually murdered. The genocide was carried out during and after [World War I](#) and implemented in two phases—the wholesale killing of the able-bodied male population through massacre and subjection of army conscripts to [forced labour](#), followed by the deportation of women, children, the elderly, and the infirm on [death marches](#) leading to the [Syrian Desert](#). Driven forward by military escorts, the deportees were deprived of food and water and subjected to periodic robbery, rape, and massacre. [\[12\]](#) Other ethnic groups were similarly targeted for extermination in the [Assyrian genocide](#) and the [Greek genocide](#), and their treatment is considered by some historians to be part of the [same genocidal policy](#). [\[1\]\[2\]](#) Most [Armenian diaspora](#) communities around the world came into being as a direct result of the genocide. [\[13\]](#)

[Raphael Lemkin](#) was moved specifically by the annihilation of the Armenians to define systematic and premeditated exterminations within legal parameters and coin the word [genocide](#) in 1943. [\[14\]](#) The Armenian Genocide is acknowledged to have been one of the first modern genocides, [\[15\]\[16\]\[17\]](#) because scholars point to the organized manner in which the killings were carried out. It is the second most-studied case of genocide after the [Holocaust](#). [\[18\]](#)

Turkey [denies the word genocide](#) is an accurate term for these crimes. In recent years, Turkey has been faced with repeated calls to recognize them as genocide. [\[19\]](#) As of 2018 [\[update\]](#), 29 countries have [officially recognized the mass killings as genocide](#), as

have most genocide scholars and historians.[\[20\]](#)[\[21\]](#)[Original Documents of the Vatican attempts to end the Armenian Genocide \(PDF\)](#)

- [Secret Archives show the Vatican tried to stop the Armenian Genocide](#)
- [Watch this exhibit of the Vatican and the Armenian Genocide](#)
- [Pope Francis recognizes the Armenian Genocide](#)



## Improving Vatican Israeli Relations

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Nov 1, 2012

When diplomatic relations began with Israel on Dec 30, 1993, a few important issues were never settled and remain outstanding today. Improved relations with the Holy See, will have enormous

benefits to Israel, both economically and politically. Better communication will also ensure that this relationship will continue into the next Papacy. Through recurrent, ongoing meetings with Father David Jaeger, spokesperson for the Franciscan Custody and legal representative of the Holy See in Israel, and [Archbishop Antonio Franco](#), Apostolic Nuncio and Papal Delegate for the Holy See in Israel and the Holy Land, we have been able to focus on specific, problematic issues between Israel and the Vatican.

Several problems have been identified, which the Vatican would like to resolve in order to further this cordial relationship. Similarly, Pave the Way has raised a number of issues to the Israeli government's attention, which were easily rectified. For example, the issuance of Christian visas and other low-level restrictions on travel in Israel and the territories, which hampered the resurgence of Christian pilgrimages, have been successfully addressed.

PTWF also acted immediately when behind the scenes obstacles were hampering advancement of the bilateral negotiations. We are proud to have been acknowledged as the one organization which acted decisively in order to keep these negotiations on track. We continue to monitor [progress](#) as an outside interested party, in order to see these problems resolved.

We have pledged the support and action of Pave the Way to further normalize this relationship. In encouraging and supporting productive relations between Israel and the Vatican we hope to establish a major cooperative liaison, resulting in broad cultural exchanges of artifacts between both Israel and the Vatican. Pave the Way continues to address unresolved issues, which remain open from the original negotiations and [agreement from the 1993 accords](#).

### Further reference material:

- [CIU Interview with Gary Krupp \(PDF\)](#)
- [Vatican Condemns Anti-Semitism \(PDF\)](#)
- [Endorsements \(PDF\)](#)
- [Vatican Israeli Relations \(PDF\)](#)





## PTWF Generations Projects – Memorials in Jerusalem, Israel

by [Pave The Way Foundation](http://PaveTheWayFoundation.org) | Nov 12, 2012

In the spirit of the mission of PTWF, we are proud to sponsor this project in Israel.

Made possible by the generosity of Florence and Michael Edelstein, Mr. Richard Kandel and Mr. Jonathan Kandel, Pave the Way Foundation salutes the artistic effort of famed Israeli Sculptor Mr. Sam Philipe in creating this moving tribute to those who protect the Jewish homeland and to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

[Letter of gratitude from](#)

[the mayor of Jerusalem](#)

- [The Story of Ammunition Hill and our monument](#)



Director of Pave the Way Foundation and project sponsor, Mr. Richard Kandel, delivers his opening remarks.



Monument sponsors left to right: Richard and Jonathan Kandel; Rabbi J. Marcus of the Western Wall Archeological Project; Eli Alony of the City of David Archeological Project.



## Pave the Way Foundation Erects Monuments of Importance in Jerusalem to Teach the Next Generation



PTWF monument at the Children's Holocaust Memorial on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem



Pictured above is the bronze monument placed at the entrance of the Children's Holocaust Memorial.

PTWF Director in Israel and sculptor, Sam Philipe creates a moving bronze depiction of the famous photograph of little Stella Knobel holding her teddy bear and suitcase just before boarding the train to the Nazi camps.



To his right is Mr. Peter Geleris representing the Geleris family, whose donations made this monument possible. Next to Peter is Sculptor Sam Philipe and Stella Knobel who survived the Shoah and lives in Tel-Aviv.

Below are photos of the packed crowd attending the dedication ceremony on April 19, 2012 Day of Remembrance of Yom Hashoah.



**Yom Hashoah Commemoration on Mt. Zion April 19, 2013**



PTWF continues to sponsor Holocaust Remembrance memorial ceremonies. PTWF gratefully acknowledges the continuous help of Benny Katz representative the Municipality of Jerusalem.



PTWF President and Foundation Gary Krupp addresses the Holocaust remembrance

PTWF Director Howard Appel dedicates the Magav Menorah Model in Jerusalem. Finished product on the right.





## PTWF Paratrooper Menorah Jerusalem

PTWF Board member Richard Kandel, chief sponsor of the Generations projects, (center) dedicates the Paratrooper menorah.

