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Matthew Kalman is a British freelance journalist reporting and broadcasting from Jerusalem for *Time*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, the *Boston Globe*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, BBC Radio, and the *Toronto Globe and Mail*. Kalman reports primarily on politics, but he also specializes on the politics of archaeology in Israel. He recently published books on the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and the political career of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In 2009, he authored an article on the BYU Jerusalem Center for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. He

is a critic of much of the work of western journalists in their coverage of the Israel-Palestine conflict. “Parachute journalism” refers to the common practice of television reporters jumping into areas in which they have no expertise, only to stay long enough to talk on camera before leaving again. Kalman graduated from Cambridge University and settled in Israel with his family in 1998. He and his wife Judy are the parents of four children.

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