

## **A Small Hole in Israel.**

Benny Katzover, one of the leaders of the Jewish Settlement Movement in the Occupied Territories, observed that a small hole recently made in a water pipe was merely being used to provide water to an archaeological site, much visited by tourists.

Any statement made by a politician these days has to be looked at with a certain amount of scepticism, so this bears thinking about. Perhaps it is not an absolutely true statement of fact. If one has doubts one might still, nonetheless, be convinced by the simplicity of the statement. It is clear, and seemingly straightforward, although not every politician is concerned about archaeological sites. However, it is sometimes more pleasing to admire the beauty of a statement or argument than the, perhaps, ugliness of the truth. Even a philosopher can be convinced by a fine argument. So, why not the rest of us?

Well, Mr. Katzover has been mis-informed, it seems. The truth is as follows:

Residents of a Jewish settlement in the Occupied Territories have cut a pipe carrying drinking water to a nearby Palestinian village, so that they can fill a swimming pool located at a picnic site, which was itself built on land once owned by the village.

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