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JUDEA PEARL
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On assignment covering the war on terrorism, Danny was abducted in Pakistan in 2002. His death was confirmed several weeks later and in July, 2003, four of the kidnappers were convicted of his murder.

A native of Tel Aviv, Judea Pearl is a professor of computer science and statistics at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Sunday, November 6, 2005
4 Cheshvan 5766
7:30 P.M.
Temple Beth-El
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