

PASSOVER IN PRISON

If you have heard of Johnny Cash, the 'Man in Black', you might have heard of his live album 'Folsom Prison Blues.' California staff member Olivier Melnick was invited to speak there to 300 inmates, half of them believers in Yeshua (Jesus). Speaking on bondage, redemption and God's grace while sharing about the Passover with the inmates, Olivier received a very positive response. At the end, Olivier led the men in the sinner's prayer and was blessed to witness twenty inmates make a decision for Yeshua.

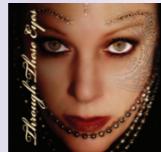
FAITH IN TORONTO

Anna Bortsova in Toronto had the opportunity to befriend and to pray for some neighbours — a young Russian family — as their daughter and then grandmother went through various hospitalisations. These acts of friendship led to an invitation from the couple to join in their celebration of five years of marriage. The Bortsovas were the only guests invited. In the course of the evening after the children went to bed the Bortsovas spoke with the wife, who asked about their faith. Later that night, after a deep conversation, the woman received the Lord.

CELEBRATE MESSIAH

A week of outreach in Golders Green resulted in many people not only hearing about the outreach events, about faith in Yeshua (Jesus), and about the local congregation of Jewish believers in Yeshua, but also thousands having a copy of Isaiah 53 in their hands. Isaiah 53 is the clearest and most definitive description of Yeshua in the entire Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). Since it is part of the Scriptures that Jewish people revere (but rarely read), it can scarcely fail to make its mark. After all, the Lord promises that His Word shall not return to Him void.

The week concluded with a concert by Messianic artist Laurie Roberts, who energetically spoke about her faith and prayed with people after the concert.



'NOW I KNOW WHY I AM HERE!'

Neriyah, one of our Tel Aviv evangelists, has just been to America. There he met with a Bible college friend who has established a thriving youth ministry centre in Pennsylvania. The two friends entered a restaurant, where they met one of the waiters, an Egyptian who had a Jewish mother but had hidden that part of his identity. Neriyah spent two hours witnessing to him. After they prayed together, the man exclaimed, 'Now I understand why I am here—to hear the word of God!' Please pray as Neriyah's friend follows up with this unexpected contact.

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Like the Apostle Paul, our 'heart's desire and prayer to God is that Israel might be saved' (Romans 10:1). With your generous support, you too are in effect a winner of souls and a maker of disciples for our Lord Yeshua, our Messiah.

May the Lord bless you this summer, as you bless His earthly people.

Daniel Nessim
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New York Times

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LAUREN WINNER

What religion do you become when you are the child of a Jewish father and a lapsed Christian mother? At the age of eighteen, Lauren Winner chose to become an Orthodox Jew.

But as she faithfully observes Jewish rituals, she finds herself drawn to Christianity. So, taking a courageous step, she leaves behind what she loves, and places her faith in Yeshua. Now the even harder part: how does one reinvent a religious self? How does someone embrace the new without abandoning the old?

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MAKING DISCIPLES

'Israel and the Church' October Conference • Important Prayer Alert

D friend in the Messiah,
One hundred and sixteen years ago, Rabbi Leopold Cohn caught a vision.

Rabbi Cohn was a Hungarian Orthodox (Hassidic) Rabbi who had found his Messiah. He wrote about the day when he realised who the Messiah is:

'I held in my hands the Hebrew Old Testament and as I cried to God my body shook and the book dropped to the floor and opened for itself. Opening my eyes, I looked down and to my great consternation, read from the open page in the Hebrew, Malachi 3:1, which says literally: "I am sending my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me and the Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple, even the angel of the covenant" (that word is identical with the word 'testament') "whom ye delight in: behold, He has already come, says the Lord of Hosts!"



DANIEL NESSIM

'I fairly began to shiver; like an electric shock the words went through my whole system, and I felt as if the Crucified One stood beside me, pointing to that verse and particularly to the expression, "Behold He has come already." I was awe-stricken and fell upon my face exclaiming with all my heart, "My Lord, my Messiah, Yeshua, Thou art the One in whom Israel is to be glorified. Thou art surely the One who has reconciled Thy people unto God. From this day, I will serve Thee." At that moment, a flood of light came into my mind and a stream of love to the Lord Jesus into my heart.'

After studying for a year with Christians in Edinburgh, he knew what he must do. Thus in 1894, Rabbi Cohn, his wife Rose and his children set sail for New York. Rabbi Cohn's vision was for Jewish people to recognise their Messiah just like he had.

Rabbi Cohn must have been a striking evangelist. In conservative clothes, speaking and preaching in the Jewish language (Yiddish), he made an impression on Jews and Christians alike. With the Lord's enabling, he began to succeed at bringing Jewish people to Yeshua while still maintaining their Jewishness. This approach was highly effective, as new believers in Yeshua became apt witnesses among their own people. By January of 1898 hundreds of Jewish people were attending his services.

Rabbi Cohn's vision for Jewish people to come to know their Messiah and continue to testify to Him within the Jewish community is still being fulfilled today. In more than twelve countries around the world, including the United Kingdom, Chosen People Ministries evangelists are seeking to make disciples for the Lord.

In order to make disciples, there is nothing more important than a called and caring evangelist. The prophet Isaiah wrote, *'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace; who brings good tidings, who proclaims salvation; who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"'* (Isaiah 52:7).



Chosen People Ministries is very pleased to introduce to you an evangelist just like this in the person of Fiona S. After many years of full time service in ministry to Jewish people elsewhere, the Lord began to make it clear to her that he had new directions in which He needed her to serve. Over a period of months of prayer and consultation with other believers and advisors, it became clear to Fiona that Chosen People Ministries was the ministry the Lord would have her serve with.

Fiona has been active in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel for a full seventeen years, and we are very pleased to have her joining our ministry team. Fiona has served in ministry to Jewish people in Glasgow, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova. With her fluency in Russian she enables us to reach the many Jewish people in London who come from the Former Soviet Union.

Both Fiona and her husband Marius are Jewish believers in Yeshua with a deep commitment to Him and to seeing other Jewish people coming to know their Messiah. Fiona is already active in our congregation, and is also leading a women's Bible Study each week. As do all of our evangelistic staff, Fiona will be trusting the Lord to supply her financial needs. It goes without saying that the worker is worthy of her hire. It also goes without saying that living in London is far from cheap, yet this is where most of England's Jewish people live and it is the best place to minister.

In order to minister to people, it is essential for us to have a base of operations. That is our *Mercaz*, our Messianic Centre in Golders Green. There is no doubt that we continue to need your ongoing support for this centre, which is so strategically placed and so well suited to our needs. Just this last month, in addition to all of our regular programmes, the centre hosted an art exhibition and outreach, both of which reached unsaved Jewish people.

I don't want to discourage you in any way from giving to our unrestricted, general fund that keeps our ministry in operation. On the other hand, I do want to make you aware of the financial needs of our new worker. I would like to encourage you to make a special donation for Fiona's financial support. Just be sure to mark it as such when you return the enclosed slip with your address on it. I know that Fiona will be greatly encouraged both as our centre is supported and as her personal support gets the initial help it needs.

Fiona has proven herself a winner of souls. Our Messianic Centre provides a place for that to happen.

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PRAYER ALERT

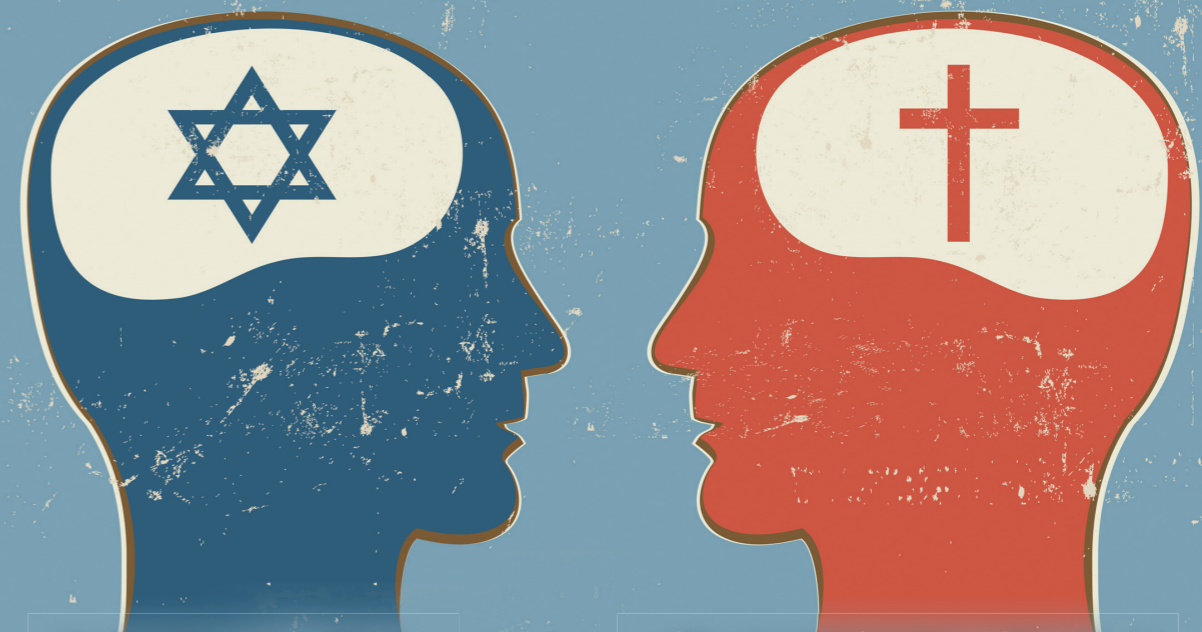
The Jewish Chronicle headline of 2 July screamed How Could Methodists act in such bad Faith? At issue was a report by the Methodist Conference called 'Justice for Palestine and Israel'. This report 'calls on the Methodist people to support and engage with this boycott of Israeli goods emanating from illegal settlements.'

Such calls cannot pass by without comment. We live in a post-Holocaust world. The Holocaust itself began with the marginalisation of Jewish people and selective boycotts. Indeed, the Holocaust represents only an especially grim episode within a period of 2000 years of injustice and persecution of Jews by so-called 'Christians'. There is no hint of repentance from the Church as a whole or the Methodist Church at this time. It is from this perspective most Jews will receive this report.

The world is full of injustice at this time. In many lands Christians are being persecuted for their faith. So why has the Methodist Church chosen to censure Israel? Israel has time and again pursued peace. One must come to one's own conclusions why Israel has been 'cherry picked' - but the most obvious leaves a nasty taste. That said, we are keenly aware that this was far from a consensus decision with many dissenters at the conference strongly voicing their opposition. We also commend the Methodist conference for unequivocally supporting the existence of the State of Israel.

Why pray? The Methodist people rightly have justice and peace issues high on their agenda. The Jewish people are no different. What the Methodist conference has done is to remind the Jewish world that the 'Christian' world still does not understand the Jewish people, their history, their faith and their nation. For this reason, rather than opening up the Jewish people for debate and reconciliation, it will make them close down - another apparent 'friend' who has deserted them.

Long ago God told Abraham that 'those who bless you I will bless'. **Will you pray?** Your prayers may just be such a blessing.



ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

A Common Heritage and an Uncertain Future

Friday and Saturday, 8-9 October, 2010, on the campus of London School of Theology, held in conjunction with King's Evangelical Divinity School.

Don't miss this important conference, which will address issues related to the Church and Israel! Speakers from the UK and abroad will be addressing these vital topics. The programme will include a special banquet and a final concert by renowned Messianic singer **Marty Goetz**.

