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the Messiah, viewing our videotaped testimonies and reading our articles. I encourage you also to visit [www.chosenpeople.org.uk](http://www.chosenpeople.org.uk)!

In addition, we stock a wide selection of books, music, and DVDs in our online "store." These, like the site itself, are designed for believers and unbelievers alike. Among them are books on how to share one's faith with unbelievers, and a film portraying a Messianic rabbi trying to lead his family to faith in the Messiah about one year after the crucifixion and resurrection of Yeshua. These and about 50 other selections are available on our website. Much of it is hard to find here in the UK, so if you have friends who are looking for Messianic materials, let them know where to find it!

As I write, I am very aware of breaking developments in the Middle East. I believe that we are in times prophesied in the Scriptures; the hallmark of these is the return of the Jewish people to their own Land. This is, of course, accompanied by troubles. In this troubled time, our desire is to faithfully proclaim the message of the Prince of Peace—the only One who can truly bring peace. And He is bringing peace now, one life at a time. We greatly value your prayerful support of our ministry. May you receive the blessing God promised to Abraham and his descendants, the Jewish people, "I will bless those who bless you" (Genesis 12:3).

In the Name of the Prince of Peace,

*Daniel*  
Daniel



**UK Director, Daniel Nessim**

Dear friend,

Greetings from Golders Green.

Our calling is to reach the Jewish people with the Good News about Yeshua (Jesus), the Messiah of Israel and Saviour of the world. In this we are an extension of your desire to reach out to the world and the Jewish people. In a sense, we are your arms and hands—or maybe your voice. As we work—supported in prayer and finances by our brothers and sisters in the Lord—you are working too. Communicating with you is an important part of our work, as it enables your continued involvement in our work among those who do not know Yeshua as their Messiah.

Living and ministering among the Jewish community of London is a wonderful challenge. Whether picking up a loaf of bread at the local kosher bakery, or taking a family walk on a Saturday morning, I am constantly reminded of the work that needs to be done here. Though we have lived in Golders Green for a full year, I am continually learning more about the unique makeup of the Jewish community of London. Our main article this month aims to provide you with a snapshot look at the people we are trying to reach with the Gospel. I hope that it informs your prayers for our work.

I believe that our website provides an important tool to reach those in our community and believers as well. By tracking the number of "hits" our website receives, it is clear that many people are exploring Jewish faith in Yeshua and the work that we do. We especially pray for those people who are unbelievers, using the Internet from the safety and privacy of their own homes to learn why we believe that Yeshua is

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# The Chosen People

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## Prayer & Praise from Around the World

### ☆ "Captive Audience" Hears Gospel in Ukraine

Alexander Dukhno, stationed in Ukraine, is always looking for new ways to preach the Good News. In answer to his prayers, the Lord gave Alex an opportunity to visit a prison in a Kiev suburb. There he found Jewish people among the prisoners and he was able to leave books and brochures for them to read. Alex would like to visit on a regular basis, but for this, he needs a special permit. Pray that God would "open prison doors" for him.

### ☆ Decision for Messiah Accompanies Wedding Vows

Dr. Ben Alpert, stationed in the United States, had the great joy of bringing a young Jewish man to Messiah through a counseling session with him and his bride-to-be. The parents of the bride, Russian immigrants who had moved to America from Brazil in the 1980s, began attending the Messianic congregation to learn how to better witness to their daughter's suitor. They invited the young man to attend with them, which he did. Ben began counseling them about spiritual unity, and during one of their sessions together, Ben led the young man to faith. By the way, Dr. Alpert performed the wedding ceremony amid great rejoicing.



## The Chosen People Newsletter

Chosen People Ministries has been taking the love of the Messiah to Jewish people worldwide since 1894.

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# The Jews of Britain

Jewish people have lived in Britain since the eleventh century, but did not begin to move here in large numbers until the 1800s, when Russian Jews began to flee pogroms and an oppressive government. Currently the Jewish population of the UK numbers about 300,000 people. Over two-thirds of this population lives in the London area. Other major Jewish population centres

include Manchester (30,000), Leeds (10,000) and even Glasgow (6,000). By comparison, Jews are vastly outnumbered by other minorities, such as Muslims, who number some 1.6 million.

The makeup of London's Jewish community sets it apart from other Jewish communities in the world. An estimated 47% of the Jewish households that attend synagogue are Orthodox. In broad terms, this means that almost half of the Jewish families in the UK identify strongly as Jewish, keep the holidays, observe Kosher laws, and send their children to Jewish schools. Conversely, only 12% of Jewish families are Reform, meaning that they are more liberal in their Jewish observance. Typically, a city with a large Jewish population will have fewer people practicing

Orthodox Judaism, making London a unique and challenging place for ministry.

Most of the Jewish population of London continues to live in its northern neighbourhoods, as they have since the mid-twentieth century. Foremost among these areas is Golders Green, generally considered to be the heart of the Jewish community of London. Golders Green is home to dozens of synagogues, Jewish bookstores, kosher bakeries, butchers, restaurants, and supermarkets. It's no wonder why, when the trustees of Chosen People Ministries (UK) began to rebuild the work in Britain, they agreed to begin in Golders Green.

The concentrated Jewish population of Golders Green and the surrounding areas, including Hampstead, Hendon, and Finchley, provides ample reason to commit to an ongoing evangelistic outreach. While there are believers who have a real heart and history of effectively reaching the Jewish people here, there is currently no Messianic congregation (a community of believers in Jesus who worship in a

traditionally Jewish style) in this part of the city. We believe that such a community would be a powerful witness by



its very existence. In addition, this part of the city is easily accessible from other Jewish neighbourhoods.

The Apostle Paul had a great desire to go to Rome. It seems that he recognised its central importance in the world of its day, and the importance of having a vibrant witness to Jesus in that city. Today London occupies a similar role in the United

Kingdom and, to some degree, the European arena. This is not only true in the financial and political worlds, but also in the Jewish world. It is strategic to reach this community with the Gospel.

The Jewish community often feels it is fighting a losing battle on the fronts of intermarriage and assimilation. Except in Israel and Canada, Jewish populations around the world are barely holding their own, or are in decline. This is a very real concern to the Jewish people of the UK. It is also a major factor in Jewish resistance to the Gospel. Every Jew who believes in Jesus is seen as a loss to the community.

This is a misperception. We know that every Jew who believes in Jesus is a precious soul saved by faith in his or her Messiah, the One promised by God in the

*"... In the East End before the war, there lived more than one hundred thousand Jews. Today there are only twenty-five thousand. The Jewish Mission buildings were all bombed with the exception of two; ... Many Jews moved from the East End to the north of London ... [and are being reached with the Gospel] in a section which has not before been touched by any Jewish Mission or Missionary."*

— The Chosen People magazine, 1950.



Jewish Bible, the "Old Testament." Believing in Him can hardly remove one's Jewishness. Still, the practical issue of assimilation remains. After 200 years of witness to the Jewish people of London, once the worldwide hub of Jewish missions, there are still precious few enduring witnesses to the Messiah within the Jewish community.

It is our desire to help change this. Paul and the other apostles all laboured to establish bodies of believers in Jesus around the world, starting with Jewish communities. These communities became the Church that endures to this day. Within that Church, and within the Jewish community, there are Jewish believers who have a foot in both worlds. Communities that serve as both church and synagogue have a unique ability to be a channel of blessing to both worlds. In them, Jewish believers have a way of fulfilling Israel's calling to be a light to the world, while also being a light to the Jewish people of our generation.✡

The Nessims in front of a TARDIS in Glasgow. If you don't know what this is, you'll have to watch



"Doctor Who" on TV.

## TIMELINE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN

