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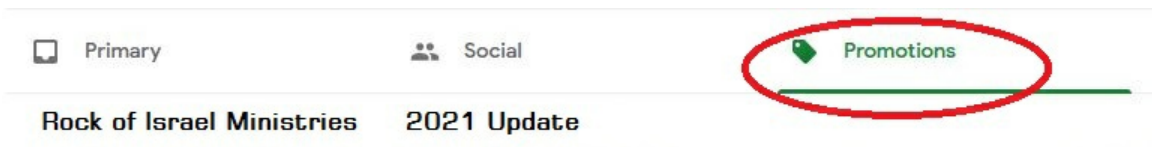
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Arizona State Fair Completed Last Month



This past month we completed our last fair outreach of 2021.

We had a booth set up for almost the entire month of October. This was at the Arizona State Fair in Phoenix.

This fair is one of the 5 largest state fairs in the USA - which (before Covid) easily attracted over 1 million visitors each year. (We don't have the final attendance totals for this year yet.)

At this booth, we shared with over 75 Jewish people that, we are Jewish and believe in Jesus!



Our booth in Arizona

Here are some noteworthy events that God blessed us with:

Lynn writes:

***Howard, a Jewish vendor, was so excited to find our booth. He is 80 years, but a new Jewish believer. Howard is so excited about his faith. He came to faith through other vendors who faithfully shared the gospel with him!



Above: Lynn with new Jewish believer Howard, who stopped by and gave Lynn his testimony

*****Lynn also writes:** We had a Black Hebrew try to challenge me. I told her that "I'm one hundred percent Jewish by DNA, and that my husband is black, and he always says the color of his skin is unimportant. What is important? His blood (Jesus) is red. If you're here to trap me, I'm not interested." She quickly was pulled away by

her daughter.

***The last day of fair I had a transsexual with very long pink nails, trying to pick out a ring. I felt so sad for him! We had another black Hebrew trying to convince me I'm a fake Jew, and someone who asked if our products came from Palestine. A no, they come from Israel!



*** **Greg writes:** The best conversation was with two Israelis who said Isaiah 53 was mistranslated. I asked him if he thought the Jewish Publication Society was a good version. He said yes. I challenged them to read that. They said they would. I gave them the Israeli booklet as well.

***This unsaved guy was looking at stuff while questioning me on all things Jewish. What is a minion, the Talmud, the Parsha, mitzvah etc... Even after answering his Jewish pop quiz, he still said I am not qualified. I got the impression even a Ph.D. would not be enough.

***One of the more humorous encounters was with three young Mormons. I took them to school on the baptism of the dead (which they believe in). They walked away.

***A Jewish woman came up to me and said, "Isaiah 53 is a mistranslation." I asked her, "What translation are you talking about?" She said, "I don't know." I said to her, "Why don't you read Isaiah 53 from the Jewish Publication society and decide for yourself." She said she would! I said, "You seem like a woman who would keep your word, so please read it."

*** **Robert writes:** At the fairs we usually meet Israeli vendors and in Arizona I met several. One was a lady across the aisle from our

booth.. She and others were manning a booth of cosmetics. She came over to look at the jewelry and purchased a couple pieces. I gave her a discount which I usually do for vendors and especially Israeli vendors. Anyway, she listened as I explained that though I am Jewish, I am Messianic (I believe that Yeshua is the Messiah). Though she didn't want the testimony book we have in Hebrew, she did take our bookmark (Jesus made me Kosher) in Hebrew. Every day she would wave from across the aisle and say a greeting in Hebrew.

***Another Israeli who works the fair, Yakov, said he was Israeli, Russian, Jewish, and a Cowboy! He shoes horses. He is getting married soon and I gave him a mezuzah as a gift. He appreciated it and asked if I wanted a horse shoe! I said yes if it was a new one (not used!) He accepted a testimony book in Hebrew (and let me get a photo of us together.) Interestingly he said in Russia he was labeled a "Jew", but in Israel, since his mother became a Christian, he is considered a Christian! (he said he is not a Christian)..



*** **Doug writes:** Several Israeli vendors came by the booth and were amazed to see all the products about their homeland. I shared with them about Messianic Jews and they said, "Yes, we know of them in Israel too." I tried to give one a Hebrew book of testimonies, but he graciously handed it back saying he respects all faiths and is not

interested in changing.

These are just **some** of the many encounters we had during the 22 days of this Fair. We trust that God used us as His mouthpiece to a lost and dying world.

Thank you for making this all possible with your support!

An "in-house" Jewish conflict you normally don't hear about.



We are going to let you in on a secret. There is not always peace and harmony among the Jewish people themselves in the land of Israel. There is a quiet, yet very real, tension in Israel between some sects of the ultra-Orthodox (very religious Jews) and the secular Jewish people.

The Jewish population in Israel is divided into two subcultures. The first is the Orthodox minority, known in colloquial Hebrew simply as “the religious”, which includes about 15 percent of the population. The second subculture is the secular majority — some 85 percent of all Jewish Israelis.

This may come as a shock to many of you, but Zionism was (and still is) perceived by certain sects of the ultra-Orthodox as a fundamental sin. In their eyes, the Jewish homeland should not exist until the Messiah they await arrives. Once the Messiah arrives, he will set up the Jewish nation with strict adherence to Jewish law. Until that time,

they refuse to accept the legitimacy of the State of Israel.



Much of the Orthodox Jews' resentment towards secular Jewish people stems from their belief that the Messiah will not come until the secular cease their transgressions. To them, Jews who inhabit the Holy Land but do not observe strict Jewish law are considered a blot on the land.



On the opposite side, the secular Jews in Israel are not upset about Orthodox theology, but rather about the special treatment the Orthodox communities receive from the government. Many ultra-Orthodox groups obtain special government funding for Yeshivas (Orthodox Jewish religious schools) and other Orthodox community

institutions.

Additionally, the ultra-Orthodox do not hold secular jobs which contribute to society, but mostly work in their own religious fields – teaching their students Torah, administrating in the Orthodox schools and maintaining the entire Orthodox system.

The siphoning off of secular funds to support the life of the Orthodox - who “just sit around and study all day,” has caused significant resentment from some secular Israelis.

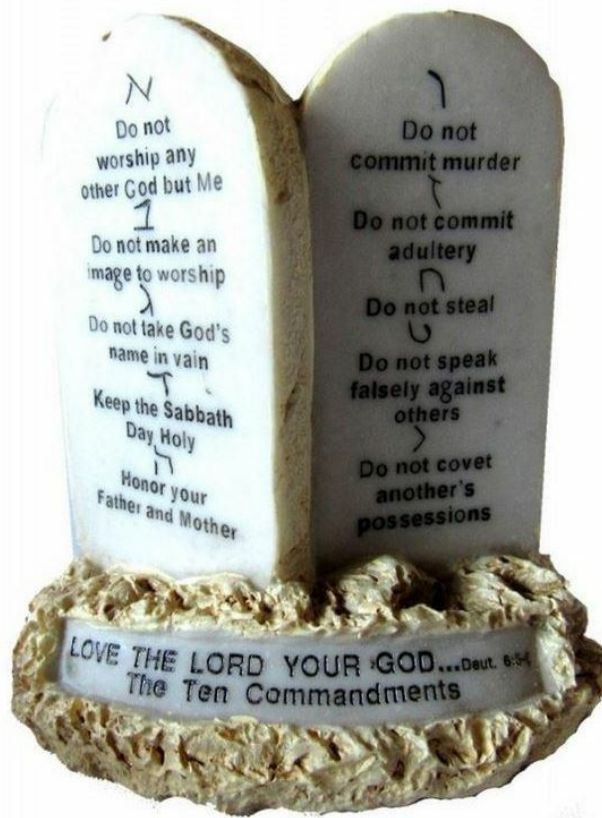


To further exacerbate the situation, the young men of the Orthodox community are all given a full exemption from military service. Every secular Israeli man and woman is required to serve a minimum of two to three years in the Israeli military after high school. While the secular Israeli parents send their children off to risk their lives defending their country, the young Orthodox men continue to attend their Yeshiva studies – and this is paid for with secular Israeli tax dollars.



I think you can begin to understand the reasons for the underlying tension in Israeli society. Traditionally, the secular Jewish person is easier to share Jesus/Yeshua with than the Orthodox, but God can reach anyone who has a heart open towards Him.

This month's offer:



10 Commandments Desktop Plaque

This is a great gift for anyone. It can be nicely displayed for everyone to see. The quality workmanship shows through in this expensive-looking display of the 10 Commandments. The Hebrew letters signify what the commandment number is.

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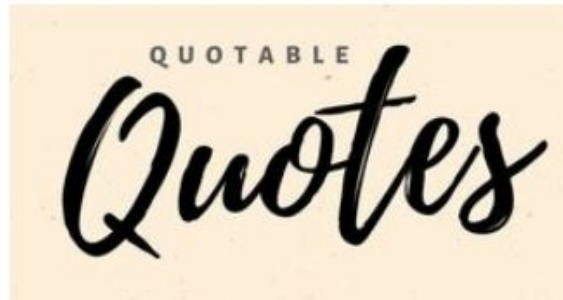
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"When partners multiply, so do arguments."

– Shalom Aleichem

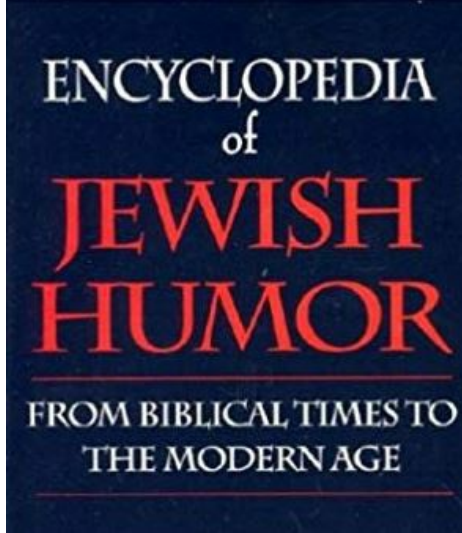


THIS MONTHS TRIVIA:

Israel has more _____ per capita than any other nation in the world.

- A. Televisions**
- B. Pets**
- C. Parades**
- D. Museums**

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

A Jewish couple in a tiny village up north was in fear of not having any latkes (potato pancakes) for Chanukah because they had run out of flour.

Rudy, the local Rabbi, was called upon to help solve the problem. He said, "Don't worry. You can substitute matzo meal for the flour and the latkes will be just as delicious!"

The wife looks to her husband and says, "Morty...you think it'll work?"

He replied - "Of course! Everybody knows ... Rudolph, the Rabbi, knows grain, dear!"

HANUKKAH BEGINS NOV. 28th



It is hard to believe, but Hanukkah is right around the corner! It comes very early this year: Sunday, November 28th is the first night of Hanukkah.

For those who do not know, 'Hanukkah' is simply the Hebrew word for 'Dedication.'

This festival celebrates when the Temple in Jerusalem was 'Re-dedicated' ('Hanukkah-ed') after the Syrian army had ransacked and defiled it around 165 BCE.

The Maccabee family and their followers fought off the Syrian army until they left. The Jewish people regained the Temple, but it was in shambles.



Tradition says that among the wreckage, they found only a small amount of oil (one day's worth) to relight the 'eternal light' in the Temple.

The eight lights on the Hanukkiah (the Hanukkah menorah) commemorate that the single day's worth of oil they found in the Temple burned bright for eight whole nights. Today, the Hanukkiah is lit in Jewish homes to celebrate this re-dedication event. One candle is lit for each night, counting up from the first night to the eighth night. The 9th candle (called the Shammash candle or helper/worker candle) is used to light the other ones each night.





Families lighting the Hanukkah menorah is very popular in Jewish homes.

Traditional Hanukkah food is usually fried in oil. One of the most popular dishes are potato latkes (fried potato pancakes) customarily served with various sauces (e.g. applesauce, sour cream, ketchup). Also popular in Israel is 'sufganiot,' or deep-fried doughnuts. I know – healthy, right?

Perhaps after dinner, a traditional game called 'Dreidel' will be played on Hanukkah, too.



Above: Sufganiot



Above: Latkes (Potato pancakes).



Above: Dreidel children's game.

Most do not realize this, but Jesus was in Jerusalem for this holiday!

'Then came the Feast of Dedication (***Hanukkah***) at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade.' (John 10:22-23) Jesus in Jerusalem for Hanukkah - and it was winter. How cool is that?



Hanukkah reminds us of the great miracles of our God, and of the importance of cleansing the Temple.

Remember that each of our bodies is the 'Temple' today. Rabbi Paul tells us, 'Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?' (1 Cor 6:19)

Also, let us remember that our Messiah said, 'I am the light of the world.' (John 8:12). He is our living Menorah!

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - D. 230 museums and counting

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