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August 2021: Here's an update of the ministry in the past month.

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At Moody Radio Studios in Chicago



This month our own Rock of Israel staff member Greg Savitt flew up to Chicago to be interviewed by Moody Bible Institute's radio network. They did a four-hour-long interview with him. This interview will be eventually edited into thirteen 90-second spots, which will air nationally and internationally on their own Moody Radio Network. Moody Radio will mention Rock of Israel during each

segment.

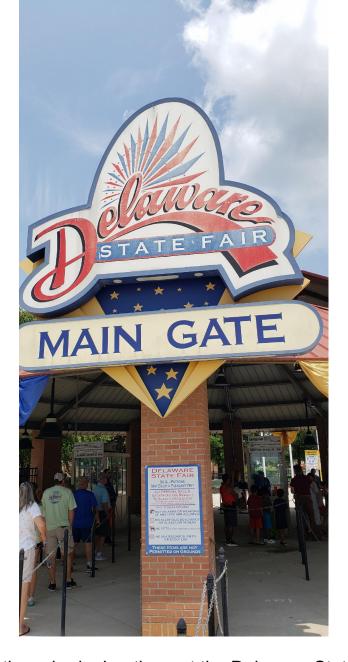


Above: Greg in the Moody Radio recording studio

Greg writes, "They covered segments for 'How to Witness to Jewish People', 'What are the Best Scriptures to Share with a Jewish Person', 'Is it OK to Invite Your Jewish Friend to Church', and more. They also did a whole show on 'Christ in the Passover' which will air next spring."

We thank God for this wonderful opportunity. Many believers are coming to understand the need for Jewish evangelism. We see this exciting movement as a (precursor to/herald of) the end times.

Our Delaware State Fair Outreach



This past month we had a booth up at the Delaware State Fair. The booth was open 12 hours a day for nine straight days. This is a new fair for us. Due to other fairs canceling, we had to apply to different fairs than normal. Hey, sometimes God moves us where He desires us to be rather than where we plan, right?



Well, it has been good to be at the Fair. We have had approximately 50 conversations with Jewish people (unbelievers), given out lots of literature/books, and planted many gospel seeds. Here are a few highlights from the staff who manned the booth - Robert, Greg, Lynn, and Tamar:

** Deborah, a young Jewish lady, came to our booth. She shared with me that while at college she visited a Reconstructionist (humanistic) synagogue and they tried to make Yom Kippur (the holiest day of fasting and repentance) a happy event! She knew that she didn't belong there. She said that she celebrates Shabbat with her parents by zoom and wants to celebrate it with her boyfriend. I shared about Yeshua (Jesus) and gave her the book of Jewish testimonies. I asked her to read it and send me an email about what she thought.



- ** Jeremy and his wife are a young Jewish couple from New York and were surprised to find Judaica at the Fair. They bought a couple of Mezuzot (Mezuzahs), a silver Star of David necklace, and a star of David cup. I asked if they had heard of Messianic Jews and they said no. Of course, I shared about Jesus/Yeshua the Messiah and gave them a Jewish testimony book.
- ** Several girls came to the booth to look at the rings. One was buying one and when asked if she believed in Jesus she said she didn't know! Her friends were a bit impatient, but when she bought the ring she accepted a New Testament and went off with her friends. Pray she is curious enough to read the New Testament.
- ** Sheldon is an elderly Jewish man who thought we were other Jewish missionaries he has met in the past. I told him this was our first time at this fair and that I have never been to Delaware before. I tried to give him a book or even a Gospel bookmark but he said he has seen it all. He asked me questions to try to 'trip me up' or see if I was really Jewish (What was the last Jewish holiday on the calendar, and how many commandments are in the Torah?) When I answered him he said, "I guess you got it right." I don't think he was very receptive to the Gospel message but seems lonely and just wanted to talk. Pray for him that he will have a supernatural revelation from God and that all the seeds that have been planted in him will spring to life.
- ** Jeff, an unsaved Jewish guy who was super friendly and polite. I tried to offer him a testimony book, but he declined. I asked God how I can get through to this guy. He answered my prayer when I

asked him, "Growing up reformed, it seemed that God was a zillion miles away. Did you feel that way?" He looked at me with an agreement, and he said, "Yes." I then asked him if his Hebrew education was like mine, where God was rarely talked about?" Jeff nodded his head in agreement and said, "I told the relationship with God thru Jesus as Messiah would have God in your heart, your sins will be forgiven, and He will be intimately involved in your life. I pray that he re-encounters the gospel.

- ** A Jewish woman came to our booth. She said that Messianic Jews are "not her flavor." I asked what is her flavor, and she said, ordinary Jews. I said, have you read Isaiah 53. She said no, but she promised to read it that night.
- **Yesterday a woman walked by crying a bit dramatically. I asked what was wrong. A vendor was upset with her for hitting an edge of her booth, and the vendor made her cry. Turned out she has a brain tumor. I took out a bottle of oil and prayed for her. Big hugs later, and tears were gone. The world hurts and I'm glad to be available to pray for people in need.

WHAT A BLESSING TO READ



We are currently running Google ads explaining that Isaiah chapter 53 is a prophecy of the Messiah Jesus. We often get emails from our website, and this one was a special blessing to read this past month. We wrote back thanking this grateful reader for the encouragement.

Website Message:

I would just like to thank you for this breakdown of the suffering servant passage. There are so many different arguments surrounding these verses; most of which attack the possibility of them referring to Messiah Jesus. Thank you very much for what you shared. It has encouraged me, and has cleared up a great deal of confusion. May God bless you.

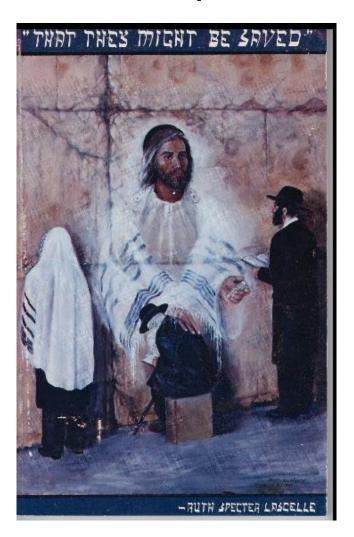
They're Baaack...



Do you remember when Jesus drove out the demons and sent them into a herd of swine? (Matthew 8:31)

Well, some of the pig's distant relatives are still in Israel. This actual photo was taken last month in Haifa of Wild Boars roaming the streets in northern Israel. Apparently, they are safe as no one will eat bacon there.

This month's special offer:



That They Might Be Saved book by Messianic Jewish Author Ruth Specter Lascelle

This is a CLOSE-OUT for us. Only \$1.99 (plus S&H)

This short book (67 pages) was written over 30 years ago but still holds pertinent information. It has eight short chapters about who the Jewish people are, what they believe, their traditions, their holidays, their calendar, etc.

Also included are some pointers on how to share the Messiah with a

Jewish person you might know. Each of the eight chapters has questions for you to discuss (like with a Sunday School).

Also - the cover artwork is very touching. The Messiah with a tear in His eye, holding the prayers of the Jewish people wanting their Messiah to come.

We have boxes in our warehouse. Our loss is your gain. \$1.99

https://www.rockofisraelstore.org/collections/frontpage/products/that-they-might-be-saved



"There are two things that are infinite, the universe and man's stupidity..... And I am not sure about the universe."

- Albert Einstein



THIS MONTHS TRIVIA:

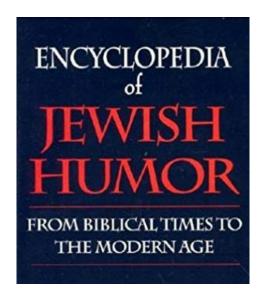
There have been over 900 Nobel Prize winners in history. What percentage have been Jewish?

A. 1%

B. 5%

C. 10%

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

Isaac, through hard work, became wealthy. As he lay dying, he talked to his wife, Sophie.

- "Sophie ... here are my last wishes."
- "Whatever you want, I'll do."
- "First, the business I leave to Morty, our eldest."
- "Morty!" Sophie protested. "Morty's always with the girls. Better to leave it to Jeffrey."
- "OK, Jeffrey," he sighed. "Now, the savings bonds I leave to Thelma." "Better me," argued Sophie. "In two days, she'll spend at Bloomingdale's."
- "Alright. The summer house I leave to our Sarah."
- "She's not spoiled enough? Leave it to Morty." Finally, summoning his last ounce of strength,

Isaac sighed, "Sophie ... who's dying here - me or you?"

Heartbreaking Email We Received



Last month we received this heartbreaking note from Israel about the evangelism ads we run there 24/7. We were distressed to read that this man actually believes evangelism does harm to the Jewish people. His note is reprinted here along with our reply (his name was left out of both for privacy). The items in parentheses are translations for you – the reader.

Website Message: Please, I'm asking from my heart.

I love my people, the Jewish people, and I don't want them to lose their religion and go to yours, please! It could have a significantly harmful impact on our continuation - I mean Hemshechiut (continuity/continuation). I don't mind you preaching to non-Jews, but please stay away from my people; I can't stand it; it makes me cry seeing Jewish people lose their way and go to yours.

Even if you want to "help us" and all of that, can't you go and preach to others and put us at the bottom of the list? At least make us your last target, please.

Thank you,

S---



Hello S---,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Your note sounded very real and that is why we are responding.

First of all, I wish you to understand that we are Jews also. So when you say "my people" we also say "my people". And I also care very deeply for "my people".

I am Jewish and grew up in New York City, but my father was in the Israeli army and came to Israel, many years ago (1950's). He eventually moved to NYC where I was born. I was raised in a Jewish family, was bar-Mitzvah, we kept separate sets of silverware, etc. So it is not like you are writing to the goyim (gentiles.) Messianic Jews are Jews.

We also believe - with all our heart - that Yeshua is the Messiah. I came to that belief over 35 years ago. There is not a single drop of doubt in my heart that Yeshua is the Messiah.

There are also growing numbers of Messianic Jews in Israel and around the world. Maybe you do not realize this?

There are many stories of Jewish people who believe in the Messiah. Here are a few.

https://www.oneforisrael.org/met-messiah-jewish-testimonies/

And when we accept the Messiah - we do not become less Jewish, but more Jewish.

I would love to discuss via email why I believe Yeshua is the Messiah.

Let me know if you are interested in that. Or else, perhaps watch a few of the videos in the link I sent.

Either way, I can assure you that we have no desire for the Jewish people to end. Am Yisrael Chai! (The Jewish People live!)

We want to see them stop rejecting Moshiach (Messiah) and live instead with HaShem's (God's) blessings of eternal life.

Shalom in Messiah, Doug Rock of Israel Ministries

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - D 20%

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