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May 2023: Here's an update of the ministry in the past month.

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The Land of Israel - From Death to Life







Last month contained two very special "remembrance" days in Israel.

On April 18th, Israel had Yom HaShoah: "Holocaust Remembrance Day".

The entire nation stopped all activities for two minutes while a siren blared. This was to honor the memory of the 6 million Jewish people killed during WWII.





Everyone stopped driving, walking or talking to listen to the nationwide siren and remember the 6 million victims of the Holocaust. It is quite a dramatic thing to see.

You can find the link to a video of this moment below, or just look up "Yom HaShoah, Israel" on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYeOEAsHS78



In contrast, about a week later, Israel celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day on April 26th. It was the 75th anniversary of the founding of Israel!

(Now we know that you are accustomed to hearing May 14th as the anniversary, but remember, Israel uses a different calendar, so the dates will vary each year in our calendar.)

This is their equivalent of "July 4th" if you are an American who understands that date. After the ashes of the Holocaust – the nation of Israel was born in 1948. Was this birth God's doing? YES!

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?shall a nation be born at once?" (Isaiah 66:8)

To see Israel's "Messianic" community of youth celebrating Israel's Independence Day last year with song and dance, watch here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qcx9R6CaX1U

Join us in prayer to God as we seek to bless Israel with the message of their Messiah this year and forever.

May reminder: He keeps Israel (and you)

"Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep" Psalm 121:4



Can you help support an Israeli student evangelist?



"Isaac" met with Doug in Israel last year. (Identity hidden for his protection)

Would anyone be interested in sponsoring the travel costs of bringing this young Israeli, a Bible College student, to our Toronto Booth outreach this summer?

"Isaac" (not his real name) lives in a very religious city in Israel and came to know Yeshua as his Messiah over four years ago. We have already given him a full scholarship so that he could take a one-year course of study at the only Hebrew-speaking Bible College in Israel. He loves the Messiah and is eager to share Jesus with his own Jewish people, but he needs training.

We are planning to fly him from Israel to North America to assist us for two weeks at the Canadian National Exposition in Toronto this August. This is one of our best outreaches for speaking with Jewish people (including the many Israelis who stop by our booth); however, we need to purchase his tickets soon.

The cost of his plane fare and other expenses is expected to be about \$1,485. If you would like to help cover the costs of training the next generation of Israeli / Jewish believers click the link below and scroll down to the Paypal logo on our website.

Click that and then choose the option "Use this donation for – Training Israeli Believers." We will know what it is for.

Please continue praying for "Isaac" to be bold for the Messiah this summer and always!



This month's offer:

Ancient Hebrew Aaronic Benediction Necklace



One of the most famous blessings in the Bible.
It is called the Aaronic Benediction
and it is found in Numbers chapter 6:24-26

"The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

The pendant is stainless steel and comes with an 18-inch chain.

Order yours now - \$10 (FREE shipping)

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"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving."

~~ Albert Einstein

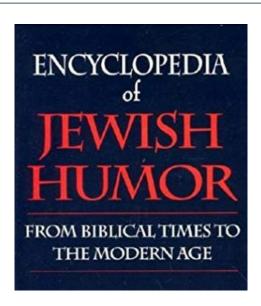


THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

Both John F. Kennedy and Albert Einstein are memorialized in the same manner in Israel? How?

- A) Forests were planted in Israel in their honor.
- B) Both their birthdays are national holidays in Israel.
- C) Statues of them were placed in front of the Israeli Knesset.
- D) Both have their images placed on Israeli currency.

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

Just after WW2, a large Jewish family, with seven children, moved to America from Europe. They were having a difficult time finding an apartment to live in. Many apartments were large enough, but the landlords objected to such a large family.

After several days of unsuccessful searching, the father asked the mother to take the four younger children to visit the cemetery while he took the older three to find an apartment. After they had looked most of the morning they found a place that was just right.

Then the landlord asked the usual question: "How many children do you have?" The father answered with a deep sigh, "Seven ... but, four are with their dear mother in the cemetery."

He got the apartment.

An Encouraging Encounter



From our staff members Greg & Susan Savitt:

After attending the funeral of Susan's relative in Chicago, Susan and I went on a reunion driving to Arlington Heights, where we grew up and met. A man sat beside us at the restaurant, celebrating his 86th birthday. Susan said, "How have you kept your age? You look great!" He said, "Good, clean living."

As we left, Susan asked, "Did the good, clean living mean he was following God?" (We both thought they looked like Lutherans or Presbyterians.) We were shocked when they said they were Jewish. We shared with both barrels on Jewish apologetics, messianic prophecy, etc. The woman twice asked what chapter in Isaiah Jewish people do not read. She took my card, and we prayed that she would call me. They would live only 45 minutes away from us if they ever wanted to meet. I would love it if they came to faith and I got to disciple them.

We recently got this email from Pakistan.



It was very encouraging to us:

"My name is Pastor XXXXX (named removed for safety reasons) from Pakistan. I have your book named "Jesus in the Seven Feasts of Israel" and I would like to translate this book into my native language URDU. I need your permission to do so....."

Of course we said yes! He sent us the first page translated already. We are very excited. When it is done, we hope to make an exclusive website for Pakistan with the pdf offered as a free download. We can advertise it on Google in Pakistan and hopefully many will download it onto their phones.

Pakistan is a majority Muslim nation; however, teaching Muslims about the Jewish Messiah in their own language, via a free download – what an awesome possibility!

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - A

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