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**Nov. 2025: Here's an update on the ministry
in the past month.**

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**They do everything BIG in Texas!
Our 'State Fair of Texas' booth.**

Last month we finished our final outreach of 2025, at the State Fair of Texas.



The State Fair - Dallas, Texas 2025

What a difference in attitude from the general public here versus our

reception in Toronto, Canada. We received so many encouraging words as people walked by: *"Just wanted to let you know that we stand with Israel"* and *"We support you guys"* over and over again. Texas is home to many fine people.

Here are just some of the interesting conversations that we had there:

- * Two Israelis came by and loved the booth! I explained that we are Messianic Jews and believe in Yeshua (Jesus). That Jesus is "ours" (in Hebrew I told them שְׁלָנוּ Shelanu'). Then I told them the city my father came from in Israel, and they were surprised, as they said, "That's where we are from!" They took a gospel book in Hebrew.
- * An Orthodox Jewish couple pushing a baby carriage stopped and had big smiles on their faces. He was wearing a Yarmulkah/Kippa (small round head covering), and she was wearing a female head covering. They said they had just arrived in America two weeks ago from Israel. As they looked around, they were confused by the Jesus items, and then he asked, "Are you Jewish?" I replied, "Yes, my parents are both Jewish, but I am now a follower of the Messiah." After a few minutes, he took the card I offered, and they walked away.
- * A young man about 15 and his mother stopped. He was not Jewish but loved Messianic Jewish items and had already learned so much. So when he saw our booth, it was like a trip to Disney World for him. He must have come back three times that night to talk and even buy a few items.



Our booth, in a hot tent for four weeks

* I had a great conversation with a Jewish man, Richard, (see photo below) who really wanted to talk politics. He said he used to attend Chabad (an Ultra-Orthodox Jewish organization). He got disgusted when Jewish people came into Shul (synagogue) with Trump "clothing." I asked him if he would read a testimony book, "They Thought for Themselves." He said he would! I think he felt obligated since I had listened to his politics. He mentioned how unusual it was to see Judaica at the fair. We both thanked each other for the conversation before he left.

* A Persian couple stopped, and they said, "We love Israel" as she took out her phone and showed me a photo of their garage, where they had a huge Israeli flag on the wall. (Note: We find this over and over again with Persians (Iranians) telling us how much they love Israel).

* An Israeli man came up and was fascinated by all the products about Israel. I explained who we were, but he didn't seem to care. He began looking at the mezuzah (small containers for a scripture scroll that goes on the doorpost of a home.) I explained about the choices we had and said, "But they are not kosher" (meaning the scrolls were not written by a Jewish scribe). (Note: We don't see anything in the Bible that says the scroll needs to be handwritten.) He replied, "I wish you had not told me that." (He was under rabbinical law and didn't want to break that.) "I'd better play it safe," so he didn't buy one.

* A Japanese family stopped and was in awe at everything. A mother, father, older daughter, and small children all were so happy to see us. He explained how they lived in Israel while they went to school there. That one of their sons was born there! Their older daughter even spoke some Hebrew with me. They were so blessed to see us there.

* A young man, not Jewish, about 19 or 20 years old, stopped and said, "I just converted to Catholicism and I've got some questions." I replied, "Shoot." He continued, "How can you be Jewish and a follower of Jesus?" So I had to explain how the early followers of Jesus were all Jewish and that Jesus himself was Jewish. He had several other good questions, and I was happy to answer them.

* So Nathan, an Israeli, stopped, and he asked, "Are you guys Messianic?" I said, "We are." After looking around, he bought a necklace, and then he said, "My friend came over from Israel, and he was talking to Christians a lot, and he's now a Messianic. So now he's been telling me about this." I replied, "Of course, it makes perfect sense." I began explaining everything to him, and I gave him a Gospel of Matthew in Hebrew and a book of Hebrew testimonies. He was so excited. He seemed really open, and I gave him our phone number. I hope he contacts us.

To read more of our Fair conversations this past year [click here](#)



Doug sharing the Messiah with two Israelis



Our volunteer from Mexico, a Jewish believer named Gerardo, shared with a group of young Israelis who stopped at our booth.



Robert talking with a Jewish man named Richard (from story above)

Why does this world famous sculpture of Moses have horns?



Why does this world famous sculpture of Moses by Michelangelo have horns on Moses's head? Was he trying to portray Moses in a negative light? After all, in modern times, horned figures are typically associated with devils and demons.

Well, it comes from a mistranslated word in Exodus 34. In that chapter, Moses asks to see God's glory. God says that no man can see His face and live, but He will allow Moses to see His back as He passes by. So Moses is put into a large cleft in the rock, and God somehow passes by in full glory. After this monumental event, "Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Exodus 34:29, ESV).

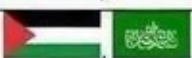
So here is the origin of the problem. In the late fourth century, a monk named Jerome translated the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) into Latin. This translation is still used by scholars and is known as the Vulgate. But the word for "shone" in Hebrew means something that is "shooting out from". Like rays of light shooting out from the sun or the horns of an animal shooting out from its head (see Psalm 69:31). Therefore, Jerome translates the phrase as 'cornuta esset facies', literally "(his) face was horned."

Jerome, unfortunately, might have seen Psalm 69:31 using the same Hebrew word and thought the meaning of the text was that Moses actually grew horns after his encounter with God, and so he incorporated them into his translation. Thus, centuries later, Michelangelo made his famous masterpiece with horns, which today sits in the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains in Rome.

Sadly, in the Middle Ages, this became the basis for the accusation that "the Jews have horns" and other anti-Semitic vitriol, which contributed to much Jewish suffering. So now you know why this masterpiece of Moses has horns.

November reminder:

HISTORY OF CONFLICT IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL SINCE 1948

Year	Conflict Name	Who Started it?	Who Was Attacked?
1948	Arab-Israel War		
1948-1967	Fedayeen		
1967	Six Day War		
1967-1970	War of Attrition		
1973	Yom Kippur War		
1971-1982	Palestinian Insurgency in South Lebanon		
1985-2000	South Lebanon Conflict		
1987-1993	First Intifada		
2000-2005	Second Intifada		
2006	Lebanon War		
2008	Gaza War		
2012	Israeli Gaza Operation		
2014	Gaza War		
2021	Israel Palestine Crisis		
2023	Israel Hamas War		

This month's offer:



Hanukkah Menorah Imported From Israel

Hanukkah is coming up soon. This would be a wonderful addition to your home decor.

A **menorah**, which has only seven candleholders, was the lamp used in the ancient holy temple in Jerusalem — now a symbol of Judaism **and** an emblem of Israel.

A **Hanukkiah**, however, has nine candlesticks — one for each night of **Hanukkah and** an extra one to light the others.

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"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy."
~~ Anne Frank (Eventually killed in the Holocaust)

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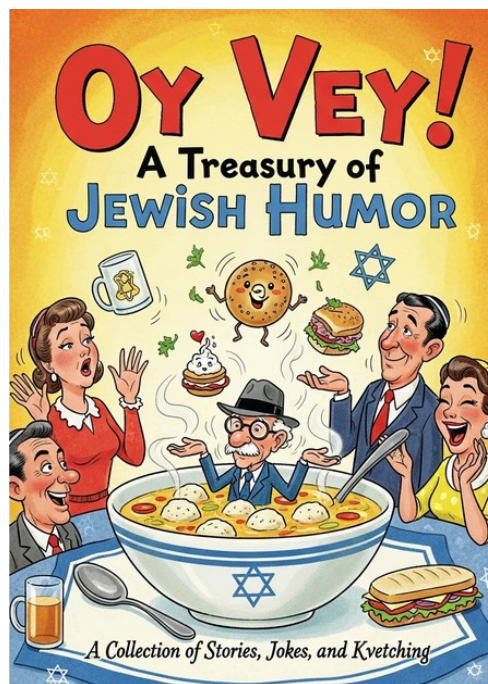
CHALLENGE

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

What year was the first Jewish congregation in the United States formed?

- A) 1654
- B) 1772
- C) 1802
- D) 1899

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

In Philadelphia, the following sign was in the window of a business:

"We would rather do business with 100 terrorists than with a single Jew."

Ordinarily this might be cause to get the Jewish community and anti-

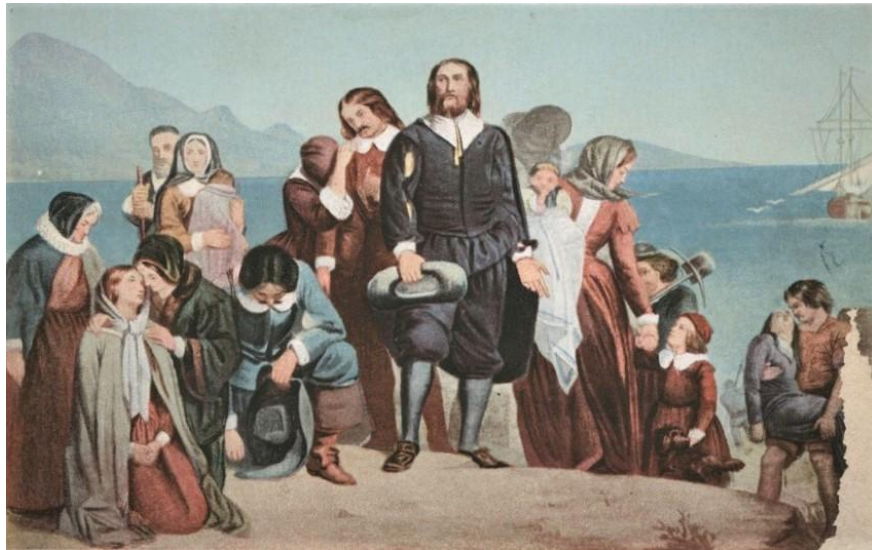
Hate groups to get involved, but perhaps in these stressful times one might be tempted to let the Jewish proprietors, Goldstein's Funeral Home, simply make their statement.

Thanksgiving Day and the Feast of Tabernacles

**WAS THE
FIRST THANKSGIVING
A FEAST OF
TABERNACLES
CELEBRATION?**

On the fourth Thursday of November, Americans commemorate Thanksgiving Day – a day of feasting upon the abundant harvest we have. The origins of this celebration are quite fascinating and are probably linked to the Biblical feast of Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles.

Prior to their arrival in America, Christian pilgrims escaped persecution in England due to their Puritan beliefs and temporarily settled in Holland in 1607. There, they coexisted with another persecuted community: Sephardic Jews who had been exiled from Spain.



In 1492, as many Americans are aware, Columbus set sail from the area today we call Spain and unintentionally stumbled upon the Americas. However, as many Jewish individuals know, 1492 also marked the year of the Jewish expulsion from Spain as well. While Jewish people faced severe persecution in all of Europe, God was opening a pathway in the New World of the Americas. Under the Spanish Inquisition, Jews were

compelled to choose between conversion, death, or exile.

Many sought refuge elsewhere, including a group that found sanctuary in the more tolerant Netherlands. This Sephardic Jewish community would later become neighbors to the British Pilgrims, who arrived at the start of the seventeenth century before journeying to the New World—a new land that would eventually serve as a refuge for persecuted Jewish individuals in the years to follow. These events led to the intersection of the lives of the British Pilgrims and Sephardic Jews.



"On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have harvested the produce of the land, you shall observe the Feast of the Lord for seven days." (Leviticus 23:39)

Is it possible that the inaugural Thanksgiving feast was inspired by the Jewish Sukkot celebration, known as the Feast of Ingathering, which the Pilgrims saw their Jewish neighbors celebrating before they departed for America? There is certainly some evidence to suggest that this may be the case.

Both are autumn-based events centered on an abundant harvest - giving thanks to God for it. Both are communal gatherings involving a lot of food and feasting. And in both, all of the participants should reflect a thankful heart at this event. As a matter of fact, the Law of Moses commanded us to "rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days." (Leviticus 23:40). In other words, God tells Israel to put a smile on your face and be happy with all that I have provided for you.

While Sukkot lasts for seven days in Israel, in America we picked one day in November to celebrate the abundant harvest all around us and express thanks. So this Thanksgiving, remember that rejoicing in all the Lord provides for us this year is completely Biblical.

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QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - A. The oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, Shearith Israel, was founded in New York in 1654.

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