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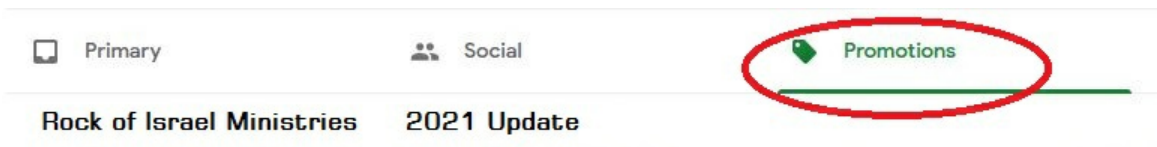
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Three Fairs Completed Last Month



Last month was a very busy month for us. We had a record THREE booths operating at Fairs in September.

There are too many stories to write about here in this short newsletter, so we will just give you some brief highlights. In September, we had booths at the Maryland State Fair, the Washington State Fair (Seattle area) and the Clay County Fair (Iowa). We spoke with dozens of Jewish people and hundreds of Gentiles as well. All those who stopped to read our signage and those who spoke with our staff and volunteers learned that we are Jewish believers in Jesus.

Here are some booth highlights:

* A pair of young Hasidic Jewish men stopped at our booth in Maryland and attempted to win Tamar (a Jewish believer who often helps us at fairs) back to Rabbinical Judaism. They looked at our material (see photo below) but were not really interested in Messiah Yeshua. At least the seeds were planted.



* A young Orthodox Jewish couple (in Maryland) stopped to talk with our staff member Lynn (see photo below). They spent a good 30 minutes in conversation about the translation of Isaiah 53 and Isaiah 9:6. While this was happening, a more hostile Jewish couple tried to disrupt them, saying that Lynn was not Jewish anymore. After they left, the original couple in the photo said to Lynn, "It hurt my heart to hear them say that to you."



* A Jewish woman wearing a necklace with a Jewish star and a cross stopped at our booth in Iowa. Staff member Doug began a conversation with her, assuming the necklace meant that she was a Messianic Jew. She said, "No, I am not, but my husband, who is Catholic, bought this for me to show how we – a Jew and a Catholic – are combined." However, she did say that she has a good friend who is a Messianic Jew. She was open to the gospel, and promised to read at least one of the Jewish believers' testimonies in the free book we offered her.

* A Catholic and Jewish couple stopped at our booth to shop. She said she was the Jewish one of the pair. She was also willing to read the testimony book about Jewish people who believe in Jesus, and excitedly took it.



Above: our booths in Washington and Iowa

* A young man named Antonio stopped at our booth and looked at the books for a long time (see photo below). After our staff began a conversation with him, we found out he had lost his mother to cancer earlier this year, and carries around a photo of her around his neck. We encouraged him to get involved at a church and keep seeking the Lord.



* A man saw our T-Shirt for sale which says, "Yeshua loves you" inside a star of David. He said, "That's confusing." Doug gave him a gospel bookmark in Hebrew. He read the top out loud (Jesus made

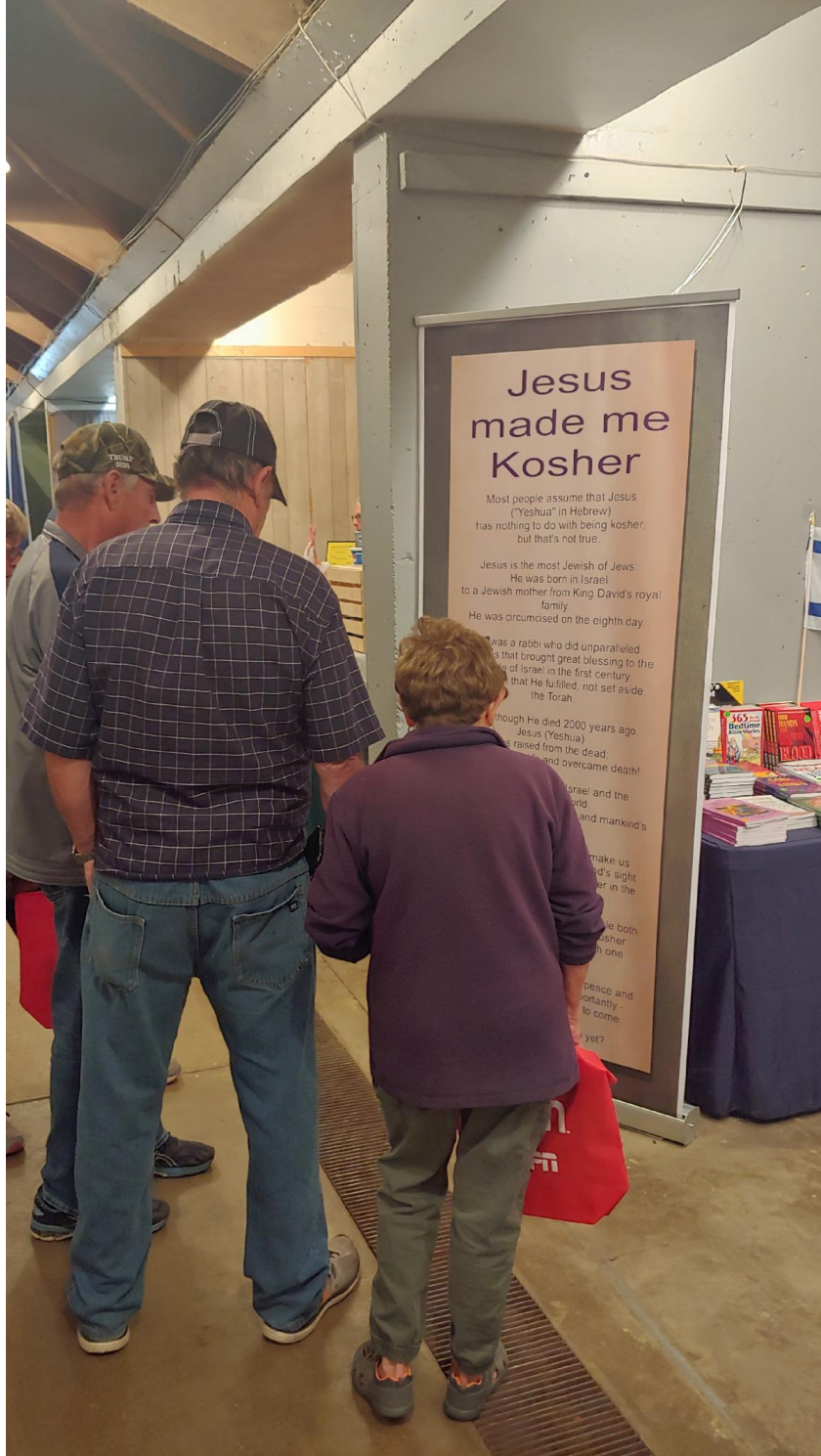
me Kosher), laughed and said “I’m Israeli!” He turned and handed the bookmark to his young son walking behind him. A short time later, the man’s wife came by, excited to see all the Israeli products at our booth. Doug offered her a Hebrew translation of the testimony book we hand out, which she was thrilled to take.

* A young Israeli vendor stopped by our booth to shop. Doug mentioned to her that his father was from Ramat Gan in Israel. She said, “I’m from Ramat Gan!” Doug gave her a Hebrew testimony book. She gladly took it, and even purchased a few items from the booth.

* A young Jewish man named Alex said he used to have a mezuzah from Israel. But it broke when he screwed it onto his doorpost, so he needed to buy another one. While he browsed through the items at our booth, we asked if he knew what a Messianic Jew was. He said he didn’t. We explained that we are Jews who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. He listened, then took the free book of testimonies we offered him.

These are just some of the many encounters we had at the three fair evangelism booths in September.

Thank you for making this all possible with your support!



Jesus made me Kosher

Most people assume that Jesus ("Yeshua" in Hebrew) has nothing to do with being kosher, but that's not true.

Jesus is the most Jewish of Jews. He was born in Israel to a Jewish mother from King David's royal family. He was circumcised on the eighth day.

Jesus was a rabbi who did unparalleled things that brought great blessing to the people of Israel in the first century. He fulfilled, not set aside, the Torah.

Although He died 2000 years ago, Jesus (Yeshua) was raised from the dead and overcame death!

Jesus brought peace to Israel and the world, and mankind's.

Jesus made us all God's children and brought us together in the world.

We both have a Jewish heritage. We both have a common ancestor.

Jesus brought peace and joy to the world. He is the answer to our prayers.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BROOKE in Washington State.

She (in photo: next to Robert and Carrie) loaned us her vehicle to use for the month long fair.

This saved the ministry a huge car rental bill.

A Real Blessing!

Also - a Special thank you to Nathan! (not pictured) who stored all of our booth materials for over a year!

We love our volunteers!





Robert was almost robbed!

While in the Seattle area for the WA State Fair, ministry President Robert Specter was almost robbed!

"I was coming out of a store when I saw a man taking my briefcase out of the pick-up truck a supporter had loaned to me. I yelled "Hey!" and ran over to him. The man immediately dropped my briefcase and ran to his own pick-up truck.

When I got there, I saw that my own suitcase was already in the bed of the guys' truck. I quickly grabbed it out as the guy started his truck and sped off. If I had been just one minute later, I would have lost my briefcase (including my laptop), all my clothes and a few other items as well."

We praise God that He alerted Robert to what was happening and prevented a loss not only to Robert, but the whole ministry.

On a different note, we were still robbed in an alternate way at the same Fair. Someone bought items from us and paid for them with three counterfeit \$20 bills. The bank discovered this with our deposit and there was no way to find this person anymore. Oh well, God knows this as it is His money anyway. We pray this person repents and comes to the Lord one day.

Jewish Ministry at Wendy's!



Staff member Doug also had an interesting encounter at a Wendy's. We thought you might like to read it and be encouraged.

"I made it to Maryland on Tuesday, checked into the hotel and picked up Greg at the airport about 11PM. The remnant of Hurricane Ida hit us on Wednesday, so the fair was closed. In pouring rain, I went to Wendy's to get lunch. This older lady came in the same time as me and ordered only a small frosty. As she ordered, she asked the Wendy's worker to turn on the TV for her in their dining room. That set off alarm bells for me. This indicated that she was probably a "lonely old lady." I ordered my lunch after she ordered, and felt the Lord impress me to sit near her (however, I just wanted to eat my lunch and be left alone). But I did what God was calling me to and sat near her.

Naturally we ended up talking. As I suspected, she was Jewish, and asked me why I was in town. One thing led to another and before I knew it, I was explaining what a relationship with the Lord is all about. You would have thought I was telling her about a cure for cancer, she was listening that intently. I spoke about how the Lord was always with me, that is what the Messiah came to do for us as Jews. It was an amazing conversation, and with us all alone in the dining room of Wendy's, it was like the Lord orchestrated it all. I gave her my card and told her how to pray to receive the Messiah when she was alone. She thanked me and said she learned a lot."

Please pray for Vivian, and keep in mind that there are no "accidental meetings", only divine appointments.

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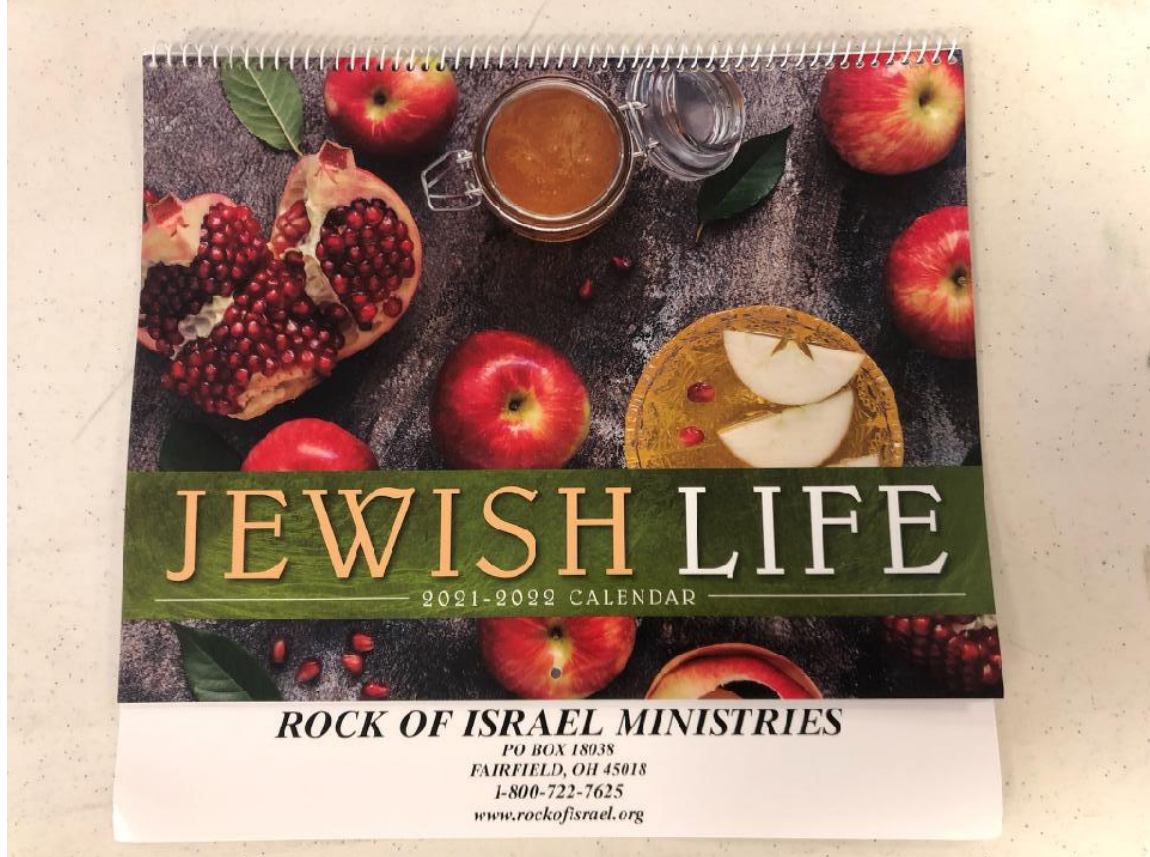
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Last month we celebrated three Jewish holidays: Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles). We purchased ads on Facebook that had links to articles on our webpage. Facebook analytics tell us that our ads appeared in over 37,000 people's news feeds (many of them Jewish). We had 959 likes, 119 comments and 357 shares, and over 1,500 people clicked through to read this article.

<https://www.rockofisrael.org/2020/09/04/rosh-hashana-yom-kippur-and-messiah/>

This month's offer:



JEWISH WALL CALENDAR
September 2021 - September 2022

Our new Jewish wall calendars are here.

The Jewish year runs from September to September, so that means we have the newest calendar available for you.

It has some beautiful photos of Israel and Jewish life. Of course, it has the Biblical Hebrew names of the month listed next to the English names. The annual feasts are all clearly labeled as well.

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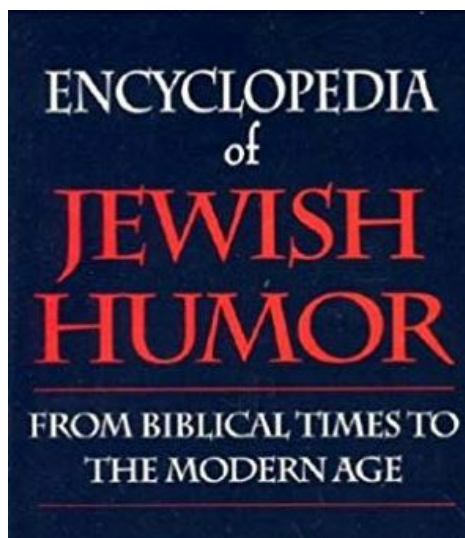
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THIS MONTHS TRIVIA:

The Dead Sea Scrolls are...

- A. important historical and biblical texts**
- B. ancient maps of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt**
- C. special reed beds for lying by the side of the Dead Sea for spa treatment**
- D. a form of ancient Jewish tattoo art**

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

A man walked to the top of a hill to talk to God.
The man asked, "God, what's a million years to you?"
And God said "A minute." Then the man asked:

"Well, what's a million dollars to you?" and God said:
"A penny."
Then the man asked:
"God.....can I have a penny?" And God said:
"Sure.....In a minute."

How do we know Jesus is the Messiah?



Question:

How do you know that Jesus is the Messiah?

Answer: Many people in church today might say, "Well, it feels right" or "I just believe it by faith", but in today's world of skeptics, that answer will simply not cut it. Many young people are leaving the faith today because they never got valid answers to their questions.

Here is how we know that Jesus is the Messiah: He fulfills all the prophecies of the Suffering Servant Messiah.

God told Israel what to expect in the Messiah centuries before our Messiah was born. For instance, Isaiah chapter 53 tells us the "Suffering Servant" would be rejected by His own people. That He

would be “despised and rejected of men.” That He would suffer for our sins and die. That He would rise from the dead. Yes, all that and more is packed into Isaiah 53.

Then, we have the prophecy from the book of Daniel, which tells us the Messiah would arrive before the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed (Daniel 9:24-26). A quick Google search shows us that this historical event happened in 70 CE. The Roman Empire destroyed Jerusalem. This means the Messiah had to have arrived before the year 70 CE.

Micah chapter 5 tells us that the coming ruler of Israel will originate in Bethlehem, just like King David did. We have many more prophecies throughout the Bible which point to Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messianic Suffering Servant.

Critics may reply, “So what? Maybe the prophecies were just written after Jesus came.” This is where the Dead Sea Scrolls come in. Archeologists have confirmed that the Dead Sea Scrolls were written before the birth of Jesus. While many biblical and apocryphal books were found in bits and pieces, the book of Isaiah was found almost in its entirety. This tells us that the biblical prophecies like the ones in Isaiah were written before Jesus’ birth, and not after His miracles or ascension.

But what about the New Testament writers? Maybe they lied! Maybe they just wanted to make it look like Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. For starters, we would then have all these authors writing about how God judges sin (including lying), and yet they were actively promoting a known lie? Why?

Then we have to take into account that most of the New Testament writers (with the exception of John) died for their faith. Usually, if a liar faces the choice between death or admitting the lie, most always crack and said “ok I lied, please let me live.” Yet history does not yield Jewish apostles who forsake the gospel to save their own lives. They knew they were standing for truth, and therefore chose death rather than denounce their faith. History itself confirms facts about Jesus’ life, in works of non-Christian historians such as Josephus (Jewish) and Tacitus (Roman).

Answers like these and many other answers are found in the field called “apologetics”. The answers are out there, but we must take time to study. Studying God’s Word and reading other believers’ discussions will give us tools to answer any question that tests our faith. As the Jewish apostle Peter once said:

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - A

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