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

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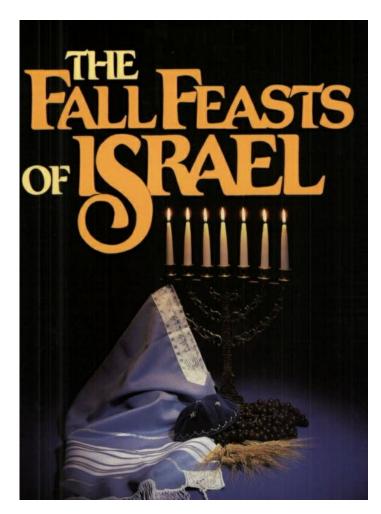
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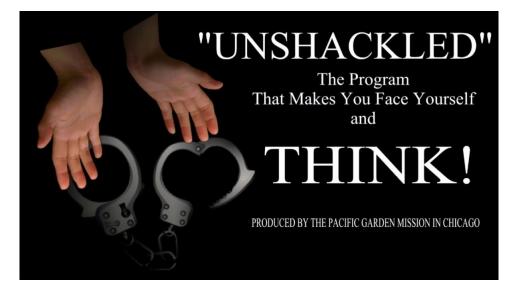


#### Israel's Three Fall Feasts Start Soon



Don't forget to read our article on the Fall Feasts of Israel at the end of this newsletter.

## Greg's testimony turned into an "Unshackled" radio drama.





This month, our own Greg Savitt had his true-life testimony put into an audio drama format on a radio program called "Unshackled". Unshackled is the longestrunning radio drama in history, and is aired on more than 3,000 radio stations globally in fourteen languages.

It is a 30-minute program in which actors narrate Greg's testimony as a youth who comes to faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Greg approved the script before it was recorded. You can listen to it here.

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Above: How they recorded previous "Unshackled" radio dramas.



The Montgomery County Fair outreach in Maryland

Above: Lynn arrives and helps set up the booth before the Fair opens

This month, we had another fair outreach at the Montgomery County Fair in Maryland (just outside of Washington, DC). Lynn and Tamar manned the booth for nine straight days, 11 hours a day. They had some wonderful conversations about the Lord. Our newsletter space is limited so here are just a few of their many highlights. Lynn writes:

"Greetings from the Montgomery County Fair, where Tamar and I have been manning (womaning) the Rock of Israel booth. It's been good to be sharing the Gospel in my own neighborhood.

Many Jewish people have passed by, and occasionally some will talk to us. Mostly the Orthodox Jewish people just pass by, but they know we're here. (We have a big banner which says "Jesus made me Kosher"). For the most part, the Jewish people here are polite and we've had very few nasty comments. One young man of 18 spent some time talking to me. Hopefully, the gospel literature I gave him will help in his spiritual journey."



Above: Our books for sale

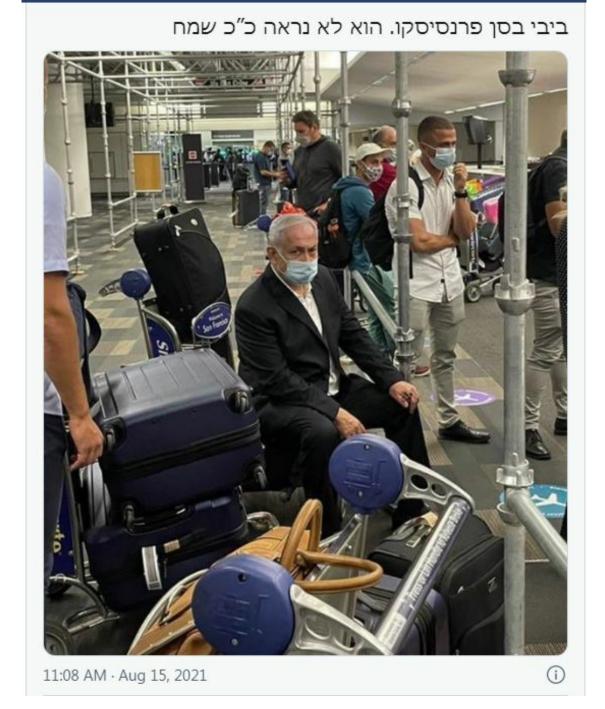
"One unsaved Jewish woman I met over the weekend returned yesterday with her brother. She is so looking forward to getting together with me and she plays Mahjong too!

I made good friends with a couple of the Jewish vendors. The gourmet fudge/chocolate man is a sweetheart and keeps giving me chocolate. I'm saving them all for the freezer, waiting for the day I can partake of it (due to my current diet)."

Tamar writes:

I was outside walking around and noticed a Psychic booth so I looked and the woman said, "Can I give you a reading?" I said, "No, thank you" and pointed to Jesus on my shirt. \*Sorry ma'am, but you can't tell me anything new about my past, present or future. God's already covered that.

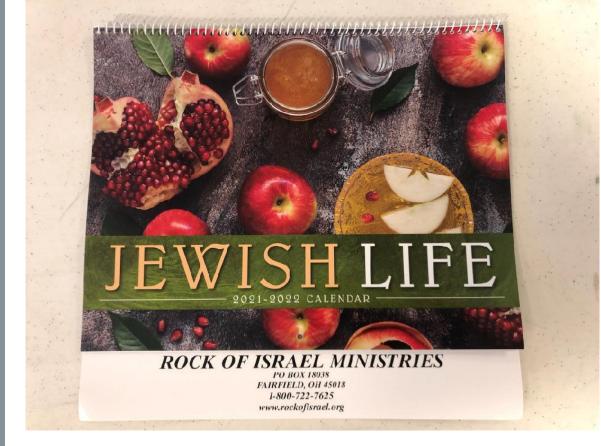
#### When you are no longer Prime Minister



Someone recently snapped this photo of Benjamin Netanyahu waiting in line with other passengers for a regular commercial flight at the San Francisco airport.

Since he is no longer Israel's Prime Minister, he is responsible for his own travel costs. Don't worry, he was not alone – the two men to the right of him are Israeli secret service protection.

#### This month's special 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.

Makes a beautiful addition to any home. Only \$6.49 (plus shipping). Such a deal!

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QUOTABLE Juotes

"Lived Jewish community is thick. We eat meals together, visit each other in sickness, sit together in sorrow, and laugh together in joy."

Rabbi Joshua Ladon



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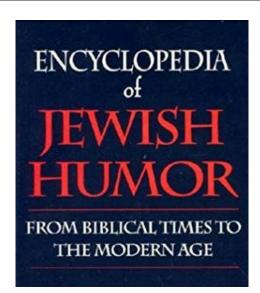
Municipal Law in Jerusalem requires what?

A. all Orthodox Jewish families be given free bus/transit rides B. all structures to be covered in Jerusalem stone, preserving the historical look of the city

C. all city workers must wear a yarmulkah / kippa

D. all tourists entering the old city must sign a guest book

#### Answer near bottom



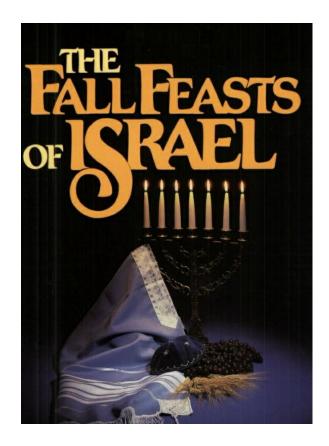
### This Month's Jewish Humor

You might be a Jewish redneck if:

- 1. You light your sabbath candles from your cigarette
- 2. Your belt buckle is bigger than a yarmulke
- 3. You have a gun rack in your Tabernacle
- 4. You think marrying your first cousin is required according to Jewish Law

5. You don't ride on the Sabbath because your car is up on blocks

#### The Fall Feasts of Israel - all are this September



This year, the seventh month on God's calendar (the Hebrew calendar) begins on September 6th at sundown. God certainly looks at the number "7" as something special in Scripture. The seventh month, called "Tishri" in Hebrew, contains the final three of the seven annual feasts that God ordained for Israel. While they are historical events that the Jewish people have celebrated for centuries, they also point to far greater future events for Israel and the world.

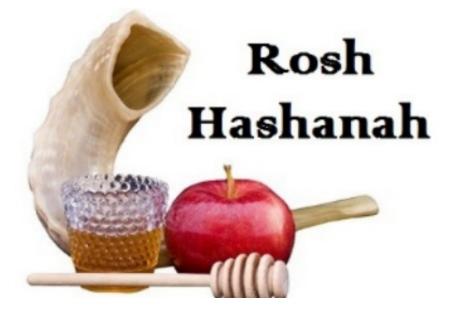
Here are some events to mark on your calendar:



\*\* Sept 6th (at sundown): The start of Rosh HaShana.

You may know that Rosh HaShana means "head of the year", but in Leviticus 23 this day is known as the "Feast of Trumpets".

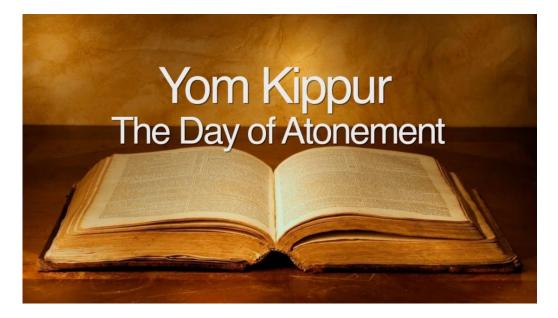
Religious Jewish people around the globe will treat this day as a Sabbath day and will not work. Part of the all-day services they attend will be the sounding of the Shofar. The sound of the shofar is meant to awaken the soul. It is symbolically saying: "Sleepers, wake up from your slumber! Examine your ways and repent and remember your Creator."



After services, people will return home to a wonderful meal which usually contains apples dipped in honey. This tradition helps materially signify the hope for a sweet and prosperous New Year. Rosh HaShana is also a time of great reflection, as this day starts "The 10 Days of Awe".

According to Jewish tradition, the 10 Days of Awe are when God decides the fate of each person for the upcoming year. Prayers during this time are focused upon repentance more than at any other time of the year.

This time of reflection leads us to the next important day....



\*\* Sept 15th (at sundown): The start of Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur literally means "Day of Covering/Atonement" and is treated as a Sabbath day when no work is done. Jewish people will attend services that evening and the following day. Traditionally, this "feast" day is honored with a complete fast – no food or water.

Yom Kippur is the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe, when the upcoming fate of each person is sealed. It is also traditionally the day all sins of the previous year are forgiven.

Biblically (in Leviticus 16), the High Priest went into the Temple in Jerusalem on this day, and sprinkled blood upon and in front of the Mercy Seat. This is obviously no longer done, as the Temple is no longer standing in Jerusalem.

Even though many Jewish people are not religious, they will probably still observe this day of rest because of the solemnity of the day. As the sun sets 24 hours later, the congregational services are completed and a large break-fast is joyfully eaten by all.





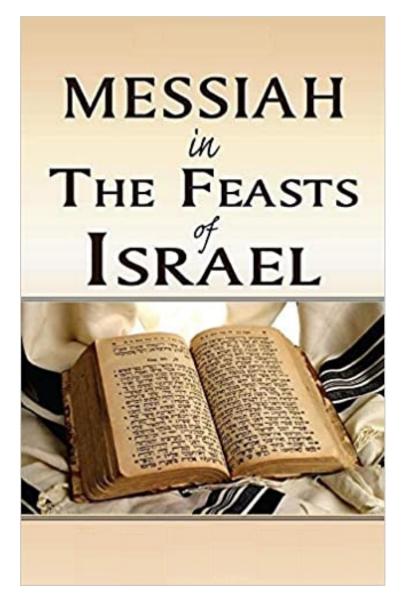
\*\* Sept 20th (at sundown): The start of Sukkot (Tabernacles)

Once the nation knows their sins are forgiven, what does God ask of them? Have a 7-day celebration! Sukkot, or The Feast of Tabernacles/Booths is where they celebrate inside a literal booth, that God gave them plenty of food (a good harvest) for the year. The harvest is complete and their sins are forgiven, so they put up a booth all decorated with fruit and vegetation in their backyard.

God took care of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt on Passover (the first feast). Just as they lived in booths then, we live in booths at the last feast to remember that God is still taking care of us. If you took a helicopter ride all over Israel (or any Jewish neighborhood) during Sukkot, you would see many, many of these booths set up all over the country.

God wished Israel to repeat this 7-Feast cycle year after year, culminating in the 7th month.

How does this affect us as believers in the Messiah Jesus?



In the Bible, we can see how the Messiah will fulfill each of these Fall Feasts.

\* <u>Rosh HaShana</u> – He will return with the sound of the Shofar (Trumpet) and take His bride to be with Him. (1 Corinthians 15:52).

\* <u>Yom Kippur</u> – Israel will see His return and repent of their unbelief. They will accept Yeshua / Jesus as their Messiah and at that time: "*....all Israel shall be saved.*" (Romans 11: 26) \* <u>Sukkot / Tabernacles</u> – This acceptance of the Messiah will trigger the greatest time of peace, and prosperity the world has ever known. Messiah Jesus/Yeshua shall reign from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:6). "*And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them.*" (Isaiah 11:6) There will ultimately be 1,000 years of world peace and prosperity (Revelation 20:4).

Sounds pretty awesome, doesn't it?

This September we have the "dress rehearsal," but as believers in the Messiah Jesus, we look forward to the fulfillment of it all - in the Kingdom of God.

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - B

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