



Boxes of supplies were stacked to the ceiling in the Jerusalem Messianic Centre. A team of young people from Australia helped to deliver them to Sderot.

### 'It Has to Be God in Your Hearts!'

Our workers in Israel were active during the outbreak of hostilities earlier this year, visiting the town of Sderot several times and distributing more than 200 boxes of food as well as Gospel literature. They also brought more than a hundred children and their parents out of the cities of Ashdod, Sderot and Ashkelon to give them some respite from their stressful circumstances. In cooperation with another ministry, we were also able to help thirty Holocaust survivors by giving them a whole week of rest in a hotel in Tel Aviv. One Jewish woman declared, 'It has to be God in your hearts!' We were privileged to share our testimony in this way!

### Settling In, Moving Out

Yochanan and Anne-Marie B., our new staff workers in London, are beginning to settle in to their new home. They have already had a couple of opportunities to get to know Jewish people in the neighbourhood, and their son is glad that there is another Hebrew-speaking child at his school. Yochanan is getting involved in teaching, and in developing a programme of events and classes that will minister to Jewish believers and reach out to non-believers as well. Anne-Marie is a valued addition to our office staff.

While some are moving in, others are moving out. Mark and Marie S. are planning to leave London in July for a ministry post in New York. Health issues have already caused them a number of unexpected delays, so there is a need for prayer. While delayed, Mark reports that for a long time his prayers were still mainly for the burgeoning work in Italy which he has had a real part in nurturing. Increasingly now, Mark finds that he is praying for the ministry he will be doing in Brooklyn. So prayer is paving the way for what the Lord has for him and Marie to do.

### Funeral Service Offers Opportunity for Gospel Presentation

Staff member Kirill Swiderski has laboured faithfully in the Chicago area to build trust in the Jewish community. Recently, a Jewish neighbour died and her husband invited Kirill to lead the funeral service. Kirill writes, 'I had an opportunity to speak to two hundred Jewish people in a Jewish cemetery! As I preached, I read Isaiah 53. People began to whisper to each other, but I continued and called people to depend upon this Messiah that the chapter describes. The husband of the deceased woman was very thankful, as were some of the others, and asked about visiting our worship services. We are now ready to plant a new congregation in the area where most of the visitors at the funeral live!'

### To the Jew First Receives Award of Merit

*Christianity Today* magazine recently announced their 2009 Book Award winners, and among the Award of Merit recipients in the Apologetics/Evangelism category is *To the Jew First: The Case for Jewish Evangelism in Scripture and History*, edited by Darrell Bock and Mitch Glaser. *To the Jew First* is based upon the biblical mandate to take the Gospel 'to the Jew first' (Romans 1:16). The book is a comprehensive resource that looks at the historical, theological, and biblical context for Jewish evangelism. According to a *Christianity Today* press release, this year's judging process began with 436 titles from 67 publishers and was narrowed down to ten winners and eleven notable Award of Merit winners. This book is available at [www.chosenpeople.org.uk](http://www.chosenpeople.org.uk) or by calling and placing your order at 020 8455 7911.



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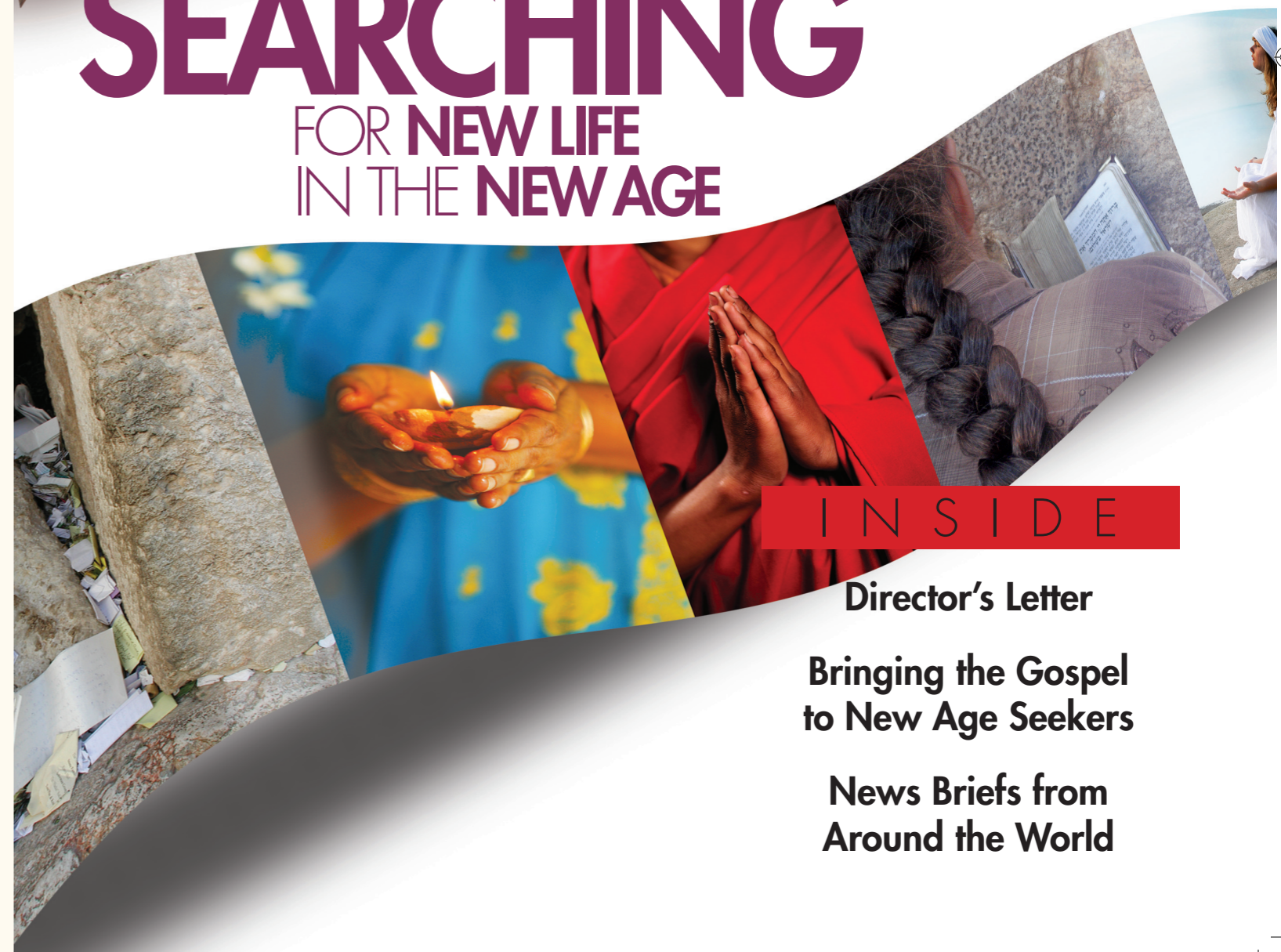


# The Chosen People

REACHING JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



## SEARCHING FOR NEW LIFE IN THE NEW AGE



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When I was seven years old, lying in my bed at night, I received Jesus (Yeshua) into my heart. I had just read a children's book that I think was called "Tell Me the Answer Why." At the end was an appeal to make Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour – and I did. I did so because I had many advantages that other Jewish people do not have. Both my parents are Jewish believers in Yeshua. We attended good churches with good teaching. My parents made sure I had the materials available that would help me learn and make an informed decision. I knew they would be pleased with my decision. It made sense to me.

All of these are things that the average Jewish person does not have. It is extremely rare for anyone Jewish to have a relative who believes



Daniel Nessim

Yeshua is the Messiah. Most Jewish people never go to church. Most Jewish people don't ever hear the Gospel explained in a way that makes sense to them in their way of thinking. Most Jewish people don't have materials that explain the Gospel to them. If they did, it would ordinarily get the same treatment that we would give to cult

literature pushed through our doors. They know that Jews 'just don't' believe in Jesus and that if they did, their friends and family wouldn't be at all pleased with them.

As you can see, there are a lot of reasons why Jewish people don't find it so easy to accept the Gospel. The good news is that Jewish people love to learn. Jewish people generally have accepted a rationalistic way of thinking, which means that facts are important to them. The good news is that the facts are on our side. Yeshua is the Messiah. He did rise from the dead. There is even an orthodox Jewish scholar who has acknowledged the fact.

This very month Christians around the UK will celebrate Yeshua's death – and His Resurrection. How many Jewish people will be aware that Christians are celebrating the Resurrection from the dead of a Jewish man we claim is far more than a man – the Son of God? Not too many, but some.

This month Jewish people are celebrating the greatest deliverance the Jewish people have ever experienced – their redemption from Egypt. Passover is one of those occasions when Jewish people, through the Passover traditions, tell one another to 'know the Lord'. What a blessing it is that the Scripture assures us that the day is coming when God will make a new covenant with Israel, and it will be so accepted by the Jewish people

that they will no longer have to tell each other to 'know the Lord' because they will all know the Lord (Jeremiah 31)! This is greatly encouraging to us as we share the Gospel with Jewish people, for this 'New Covenant' is none other than the New Covenant brought in through the sacrifice and resurrection of our Saviour and Lord, Yeshua.

We continue to present Yeshua in Golders Green. In a few days we are starting Hebrew classes. We already have ten students and our first class is full. As we get good at this we are hoping that in future classes Jewish people from the area will want to come and be involved. This is just one way for us to get involved in the community, be a blessing, be salt and be a light. We would like to encourage you to get involved as well. While you may not be able to personally witness to Jewish people, would you consider supporting our wonderful staff as they go into the community, coming alongside real people, making disciples for our Master?

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Our staff could not be reaching people in the UK and around the world if it were not for you.

Blessings,

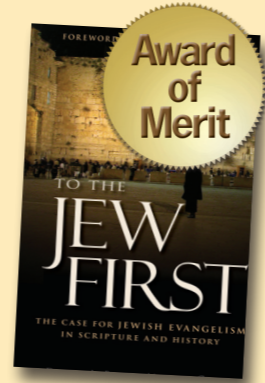
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MESSIANIC RESOURCES

*To the Jew First: The Case for Jewish Evangelism in Scripture and History* is a comprehensive resource that looks at the historical, theological and biblical context for Jewish evangelism and provides encouragement for Christians and Messianic Jews engaged in taking the Gospel 'to the Jew first.' Contributions by Richard Averbeck, Craig Blaising, Walter Kaiser, Richard Pratt, Jr. and ten other evangelical scholars.



To the Jew First £11 plus £2 p&p

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[www.chosenpeople.org.uk](http://www.chosenpeople.org.uk)

Bringing the Gospel to New Age Seekers



Our staff members go where seekers gather, whether at festivals like the one held in April in Israel (above) or in the Goa region of India (left).

Tranquillizers and pain suppressants work by numbing the senses and masking the pain long enough to give one a momentary sense of relief. The New Age movement and related philosophies work in much the same way. They mask the problem of sin long enough to give their followers a false sense of peace and serenity. While the New Age movement may promise enlightenment, in the end the pay-off is darkness.

Why are Jewish people so drawn to this movement? One New Age community reported that almost 40% of its membership is Jewish. Over 21% of the participants in a study of ex-members of cults are Jewish. God's unique relationship with the Jewish people seems to have planted in the Jewish soul a passion for things spiritual. But when this passion is misdirected, Jewish people become especially vulnerable to the old lies of the New Age movement. Here are some suggestions for reaching out to Jewish friends and relatives who are attracted to or involved in the New Age movement:

*Make room for mystery* (Deut. 29:29) – Jewish fascination with 'signs' (1 Cor. 1:22) contributes to the high percentage of Jewish involvement in the mystical disciplines. Add to this the mounting intolerance for religious dogma and the result is a general abhorrence for organized religion. As an ambassador for Messiah (2 Cor. 5:20), you can avoid being dogmatic without compromising your convictions. Break down walls by humbly admitting that you do not understand the secret things of God. Cultivate the gentle art of simple listening and gracious responding (Col. 4:6).

*Use evil for good* (Gen. 50:20) – New Age philosophies all contain counterfeit elements of the truth. For example, enlightenment, transformation, and contentment are common terms in the language of the New Age movement that have profound relevance to our Gospel message. You can communicate the message of your King using

words that are meaningful to your hearer. The Apostle Paul deliberately used elements of the pagan cultures he addressed as bridges to truth.

*Highlight your shared values* (Acts 22:3) – Chances are good that your Jewish friend is exploring this path because of an earnest hunger for spirituality. That is something you also desire, right? Do not be afraid to express your own passion for growth as a spiritual person. You can begin the conversation in general terms that will invite—not alienate—your friend.

*Suffer peacefully* (1 Peter 3:15) – The New Age and Eastern religions promise to deliver peace and contentment in turbulent times through 'being at one with a force within.' It is a compelling promise that delivers—but only momentarily and superficially. A person's deepest needs remain unfulfilled. So do not be surprised when God delivers an opportunity for you to demonstrate hope in a hopeless situation, and 'be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.' Your hope will quietly challenge your friend's confidence in crystals and mantras.

*Kindly ignore apparent confidence* (1 Cor. 1:20) – Despite your friend's glowing reports of spiritual transformation and inner peace, the truth remains that his or her spirit yearns for the life that only Yeshua (Jesus) can provide. Remember that the Holy Spirit is faithfully convincing your friend of his or her sin problem, of their desperate need for righteousness and of the coming judgement (John 16:8). Speak to the person behind the veil of self-confidence and remember: "God has chosen the weak things of the world [us!] to put to shame the things which are mighty" (1 Cor. 1:27).



Scott Brown and his wife Margie serve with Chosen People in New Zealand, where they operate a Gospel ministry of hospitality to young Israelis who often travel abroad in search of spiritual truth.