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Middle Ages in Zeist

This issue of the Bulletin focuses on the Fourth International LCJE Conference in Zeist. On page 4 is the "Message" from the conference. A few days after the conclusion of the conference the "Message" appeared in German and Danish.

The "Message" has already attracted comments from leaders in the Jewish community. In an article in *The Jewish Advocate* (August 16-22, 1991) it says, among other things:

"The Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism meets every three years internationally, and regionally once a year, according to Perlman.

"The danger of the group is not in the conference, which is basically the same people getting together time after time, but in the globalization of these Hebrew Christian groups," explained Rabbi A. James Rudin, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee in New York.

Some of those who participated in the meeting here were from Eastern Europe, where they often operate anonymously. At least one organization, called Christian Care East West, offers to help Eastern European Jews who want to leave for the West.

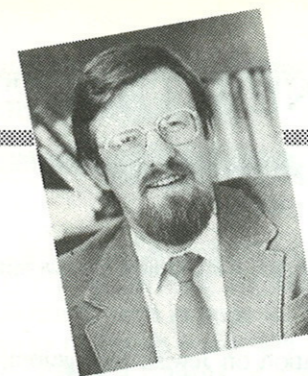
Signs of these groups' future progress missionizing Jews is 'somewhat ominous,' especially in Eastern Europe, with 'its long and bitter history of anti-Semitism,' Rudin said.

The Lausanne Consultation's opposition to anti-Semitism is nothing more than sophistry, said Rudin, because they view anti-Semitism as not sharing the Gospels with Jews. While their mouthings about anti-Semitism sound good, it is really a cover for their true intention, which is the spiritual extinction of Judaism,' Rudin said.

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of interfaith affairs for the Anti-Defamation League in New York, said that in light of recent progress in Jewish-Christian dialogue, the group's attitude towards Jews 'goes back to the Middle Ages.'

What a shame that Rudin and Klenicki were not at Zeist. I didn't hear such kind of anti-Semitism there. Nor did I see anybody from the Middle Ages.

Kai Kjaer-Hansen
International Coordinator.



Glimpses into the Future?

At the LCJE conference at Zeist we got fascinating glimpses from the past and the present of Jewish evangelism. Maybe the conference also gave us some glimpses into the future?

* Back from Zeist I more clearly see the open doors for the Gospel among Soviet Jews in Israel, in the diaspora and in the USSR itself. I see a vast field where we have just started, and where we need one another to develop outreach ministries, pastoral and counselling care, as well as education and training. Glasnost has opened the doors for the Gospel in Eastern Europe. Let us pray that the Gospel to Soviet Jews will be a turning point for the remnant of Jesus-believing Jews and herald the salvation of all Israel.

* Back from Zeist I more clearly see that it is possible to awaken churches to the Gospel ministry among Jewish people. The declarations of Willowbank (1989) and Baltimore (1991) demonstrate that the theological battle has not been lost. Jewish evangelism is on the move and the movement of Jewish believers in Jesus is growing on all continents. Many churches have declared the 90'ies as the decade of evangelism. Now we must stand together to challenge these churches to implement the New Testament missiological pattern of taking the Gospel "to the Jew first".

* Back from Zeist I am also studying the conference booklets with their valuable resource material from the workshops; here are helpful papers for future pastoral ministries: on "the next generation", on "faith in crisis", on "intermarriage" and on "discipleship". And with the several reports in front of me, I am praying for the new area coordinators and the networking that is now going to take place in the various areas - for the sake of the Gospel and the Jewish people.

* Back from Zeist I shall remember our discussions and the vivid arguments. But more than this, I shall treasure our prayers together and the joined hands as we sang our conference song: "Behold, the new has come. God's people sing as one. He's banded us together to glorify his Son." LCJE is only a tool, and indeed a very fragile tool. But today we need this network: as a pool for information and inspiration, as a stimulus for theological and missiological study, as a platform to coordinate our strategies and ministries.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing," God said to us at Zeist, and we perceive that he is now at work in history to open the doors for his Gospel among the nations and among his people Israel. These new beginnings give us glimpses of the future, and we continue therefore after Zeist to join hands in prayer and in ministry.

Yours in the Messiah Jesus,

Ole Chr. M. Kvarme,
LCJE President

"BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING"

Message from the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism
Zeist, The Netherlands, August 9, 1991

As God once spoke to Israel, we hear his voice again today: "Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isa. 43:19).

At the fourth international conference of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism, 150 people from five continents - including many Jewish believers in Jesus - gathered in Zeist, The Netherlands, August 5-9, 1991. In response to God's word to us, we offer the following message to the Jewish people, the churches and all those concerned with Jewish evangelism.

To the Jewish people:

We lament the resurgence of hatred against the Jewish people, against the state of Israel and we abhor every action or attitude which threatens Jewish survival.

We rejoice in God's continuing care of his covenant people. We rejoice that many have found freedom from oppression in Eastern Europe and Ethiopia, and that many have returned to the land of their fathers. We hope and pray for an end to oppression and for peace for all in the Middle East.

We implore you in this time of renewed Messianic fervour to recognise that the era of redemption has begun with Yeshua of Nazareth. He is indeed the promised divine Messiah of Israel, as well as the light to the nations, revealing God's presence and saving power to all who receive him.

"BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING," says the Lord.

To the Churches:

We lament the teaching that the church has replaced the Jewish people in the purposes of God and we lament the widespread reluctance to share the Gospel with Jewish people. Silence has often replaced shouts of joy that Jesus came as the Jewish Messiah, the Saviour of the world and the only way of salvation.

We rejoice that the response of Jewish people to the Gospel is nonetheless gaining momentum in our time and that Messianic Jews are making a creative contribution to the life, worship and witness of the worldwide Church. We also rejoice that significant numbers of Christians are again upholding "the New Testament pattern of taking the Gospel to the Jew first..." (Manila Manifesto, LCWE 1989).

We implore the churches to stand with us against powers that promote anti-Semitism and to affirm the urgency of Jewish evangelism. We Jewish and Gentile believers in Jesus need to strengthen our resolve to work together, and together we call upon the whole church to take the whole Gospel to Jewish people everywhere.

"BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING," says the Lord.

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF LAUSANNE CONSULTATION ON JEWISH EVANGELISM BRINGS KEY LEADERS TO ZEIST, THE NETHERLANDS

The International Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism completed its five-day conference in Zeist, The Netherlands, on Aug 9, with 150 members and guests reaffirming the urgent call to the Christian Church at large to "stand against the powers that promote anti-Semitism and affirm the urgency of Jewish evangelism and....take the whole Gospel to Jewish people everywhere."

The LCJE is a network of individuals, mission societies, messianic congregations and other church bodies who share a commitment to the evangelization of the Jewish people. It carries on consultations in six regions of the world as well as publishing a quarterly bulletin on trends in the field.

At the fourth international conference of the group, representatives from five continents, including many Jewish believers in Jesus as the Messiah, met, sang, prayed, debated and sought solidarity in their mutual burden to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to "Jew and Gentile alike."

The Rev. Ole Chr. M. Kvarme, newly elected President of the LCJE, said that "the events in Eastern Europe and the Middle East have radically changed the life situation for the Jewish people. During the conference we have seen that new beginnings are also taking place in regards to the Gospel and the Jewish people. There is a significant growth in the movement of Messianic Jews and we want to challenge the churches of the world to welcome this. Our relationship as Christians to the Jewish people at this very critical time in history calls us to stand together in our resolve. We must strive to attain practical solidarity in our proclamation of the Gospel testimony."

The Rev. Murdo A. MacLeod, who served the international body as its president for eleven years, said, "In many church circles, theological traditions and various cultural groups is becoming a necessary subject of discussion. LCJE in Zeist has contributed substantially to that debate. Hopefully, the ongoing reflections will contribute toward a return to the undoubted New Testament teaching of the perpetual relevance of the Christian Gospel to the Jewish people."

Dr. Kai Kjaer-Hansen, a Danish theologian and conference leader was elected as the group's International Coordinator for the next three years. He said, "Some are claiming that Jewish evangelism is a new phenomenon. It isn't. We gentiles who are engaged in witness to the Jewish people just bring the best we got from Israel back to Israel. We are echoing what was passed on to us from the first Jesus-believing Jews such as the Apostle Paul: That Jesus is Israel's Messiah. Further, if Israel doesn't need Jesus, I as a gentile do not either."

The closing statement issued by the LCJE focused on the conference theme from the Jewish prophet Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am doing a new thing." It issued a call both to the Jewish people and the Church. The call to the Jewish people lamented the resurgence of hatred against the Jewish people and the state of Israel, and rejoiced in the freedom from oppression found by Eastern European and Ethiopian Jews. There was the hope and prayer, as well, "for an end to oppression and for peace for all in the Middle East."

The call to the Jewish people ended with a plea for the first chosen people of God to "...recognize that the era of redemption has begun with Jesus of Nazareth." It went on to state that Jesus.. "is indeed the promised Messiah of Israel, as well as the light to the nations, revealing God's presence and saving power to all who receive him."

For more information on the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism, inquiries should be made to the international office in Denmark, Ellebaekvej 5, 8520 Lystrup.

The next international conference of the LCJE will be held in 1995, in another region of the world.

**MY FIRST
LCJE CONFERENCE**



John Chorlton, headmaster of the Anglican School in Jerusalem

I have attended many Christian and educational conferences but this was my first LCJE conference. It was a pleasure to attend a well organised and professionally run conference; the organisers insisted that the programme ran to time. Each evening a book of the day's papers and reports was presented to participants ensuring that we had a neat record of events, including those sessions not attended.

The conference had a serious intention to understand and discuss theological and missiological themes relevant to Jewish believers and Gentile Jewish missions. It was a great opportunity to learn and to share ideas about evangelistic methods, new projects and literature; a time to meet old friends and make new; a space to sort out differences between individuals and missions.

I will recommend LCJE to any Gentile group or individual interested in supporting or being involved with the blossoming Messianic movement, and to Jewish believers willing to develop national and international network and cooperation.

Zeist 1991 - Some Impressions

By Arthur F. Glasser, Dean Emeritus,
School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary

I have been asked to share impressions of Zeist 1991 in such a way that you will wish you had been here! Quite an assignment!

Zeist 1991 was the Fourth International Conference of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism. The last session ended only moments ago, and the more than 150 delegates are beginning to return to the five continents from which they came. I'm sure all carry with them rich memories of the warm sense of oneness experienced together during almost a week of stimulating interaction and hearty fellowship.

How can I convey to you the mood of our gatherings so that you will be able to appreciate the intellectual ferment and forthright spiritual challenge of this significant conference? Alas, I'm hardly qualified to do this. All I know is that God brought me here, and I know how I feel about Zeist 1991. So here goes ...

I The setting

Holland is just about the most densely populated part of Europe, but our conference center gave every appearance of being deep within a primeval forest! Apart from the occasional roar of passing aircraft, we found ourselves completely isolated from "civilization" in a silent world rich with historic association - an ideal location for devoting the heart of a week grappling with the most demanding task confronting the Church in our day. Napoleon's armies had passed through these parts on their way to one of his futile victories, for Austerlitz is only a few miles away. But Zeist can boast that Zinzendorf's Moravian missionaries were trained here. His spiritual soldiers achieved eternal results.

Our focus was on the spiritual need and claims of the Jewish people, and on the complexity of motivating churches and missions to reaffirm the divine priority: the Gospel is "to the Jew first". Needless to say our intense preoccupation with this multi-faceted task effectively banished all other thoughts from our minds!

II The structure

Under the direction of an amazingly efficient Dane - Kai Kjaer-Hansen - along with his dedicated lieutenants, we found ourselves caught up in a tightly organized and firmly controlled succession of Bible studies, theological presentations, field reports, workshops (26 of them!), regional meetings (5 continents) and last minute insertions into the crowded agenda. Fortunately, sufficient Dutch coffee was made frequently available to enable us to keep going!

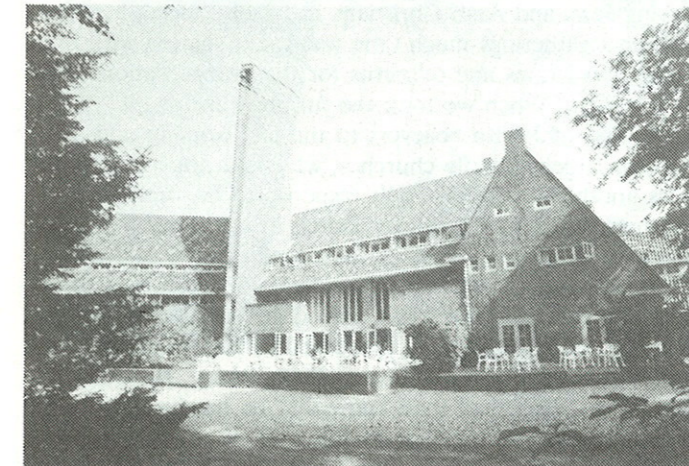
Times of worship transported us. Stuffy Gentiles like myself were amazed at the uplifting joy interjected into our midst by the musicians of the *Liberated Wailing Wall* and by Israel's David and Lisa Loden. The Lord was truly exalted. The glory of each and every session was His Presence in our midst. When the final benediction was pronounced and we were prone individually to say, "Take a rest!", we found lingering in our consciousness the refreshing impact of the musical interludes.

III The program

"See, I am doing a new thing!" This keynote was sounded by our International Coordinator, Ole Chr. M. Kvarme, in the opening session. In the days that followed we were repeatedly informed and challenged by a succession of studies on exalted themes drawn from Isaiah's "Book of Consolations" (ch 40-66). These studies generated a momentum of conviction and hope that could not be reversed. The purposes of God for the Jewish people today and tomorrow will be fulfilled. And ours is the task of keeping on tiptoe expectation of the "new things" that God will do through us on their behalf. But we must press forward in our evangelistic task.

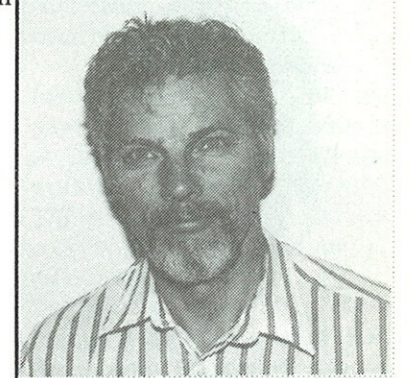
Kai Kjaer-Hansen pressed us to reflect on a series of insightful vignettes drawn from the life and labor of Joseph Rabinowitz (1882 f), the Herzl of Jewish Christianity. He faced the same problems before us in our day. As a result, several of these issues were explored in plenary sessions. They gave us a sense of continuity with those who have gone before us in the ongoing task of Jewish evangelism.

Imagine our delight when we found that Kai Kjaer-Hansen's team had prepared beforehand a series of four booklets (total pages 276!) containing the full text of all plenary addresses and an excellent selection of papers



Conference Centre Woudschoten, Zeist

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Dag Buhaug, editor and head of information, Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel.

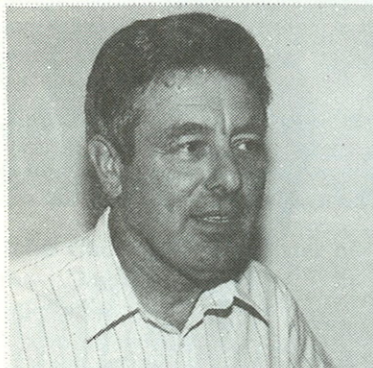
The LCJE forum is a unique one! It provides a great opportunity to meet and interact with people and organisations involved in sharing the Gospel with the Jewish people all over the world. I cannot imagine where else this kind of platform exists.

Personally, I got a lot of inspiration and information about what happens in Jewish mission in other places of the world. It is my first LCJE conference and this week has given me many contacts to pursue.

Brief reports from the work in the five continents were printed in the conference booklets. I would have liked an opportunity to hear more about this: what are their results and their hopes and plans for the future.

The people from the organisation "Jews for Jesus" made a great impression on me and I believe we have something to learn from them.

MY FIRST LCJE CONFERENCE

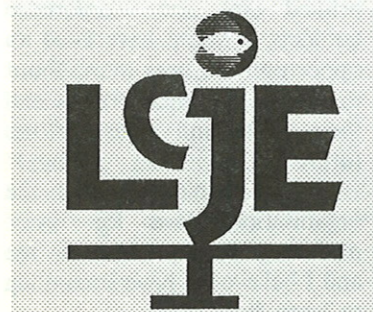


Tristan McDonald, Messianic Testimony, United Kingdom.

A conference like this has been a good opportunity to share fellowship with others from different parts of the world, who also are involved in the ministry of witness to the Jewish people. It has helped me by giving me fresh inputs and visions for Jewish evangelism in England.

Many of the workshops I found provided both information and useful ideas, which I am sure can be implemented into my own ministry.

From my first attendance of an LCJE conference I want to say "thank you very much". I look forward to hopefully attending again, perhaps in Israel.



presented in the workshops. These were distributed at the end of each day and made possible the review at leisure of what had earlier been heard, often in abbreviated form because of time constraints.

IV The substance

We live in a tough world that by all indications will grow tougher in the days ahead. The dramatic return of Jewish people from the Soviet Union, Albania and Ethiopia to the Land of their Fathers underscores God's grace to them, but the growing hostility to Jewish people worldwide gives one a sense of - pause. We dare not be neutral in the face of this renewed evidence of the demonic in human affairs, but must resolutely stand against the powers that promote all forms of anti-Semitism in our day.

Furthermore, when we were reminded of the tragic indifference of many churches to the spiritual need of the Jewish people this came as a fresh challenge to pray and work for church renewal in our day. We need to be more deliberate in our use of Scripture to expose this indifference as truly displeasing to God. Indeed, when this widespread resistance to the Christian witness to the Jewish people is coupled with the growing hostility of Jewish leaders to all evangelical efforts to witness to their people, we become acutely aware of the spiritual conflict provoked when the issue of Jewish evangelization is raised.

In our day the tempo of Jewish response to the gospel is increasing worldwide. Furthermore, the Jewish people along with the State of Israel are increasingly coming onto the central stage of world attention and concern, especially the unresolved tensions between Israel and her Arab neighbors. One evening, long after the final meeting had ended, about thirty of us devoted an hour discussing matters pertaining to believing Jews and Arab Christians in Israel. Indeed, between our formal gatherings much time was spent sharing with one another convictions and concerns for the evangelization of the Jewish people. When we took the full measure of the contribution of Jewish believers to the life, worship and service of largely Gentile churches, we could not but regard this as another aspect of God's response to his promise to "do a new thing" for his whole church in our day.

A sense of urgency pervaded our conference. Increasingly we found ourselves determined to identify more fully with God's purpose that Israel shall indeed be a praise in the earth. This people whom he has called to be a "light to the nations" shall yet realize in fulness their destiny. By God's grace we in LCJE shall then know that he has brought us to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

My, I wish you had been with us at Zeist 1991. You would have joined us in the conviction that God is working among and on behalf of the Jewish people today that he might finish

his work among the nations tomorrow. Nothing is more related to his triumph tomorrow than what concerned us at Zeist 1991.

Finally, The invitation

Perhaps this brief review has made you sigh: "If only I had been there at Zeist 1991!" Well, I have good news for you. Remember the four booklets I mentioned earlier? You can acquire a set for yourself. My copies have already begun to be filled with underlinings and notations. I've already found that there is nothing like reviewing the things I've already heard from the platform, and doing so in the quiet of my room, alone.

Hence, I close with this suggestion: Write Kai Kjaer-Hansen and order a set for yourself. A few moments ago I ducked into his conference office here at Zeist. And what did I see? Sizable boxes of these booklets just waiting to be sent on their way to you. When your set arrives you will be able to get on the wavelength of Zeist 1991. And between you and me, that's where all evangelicals ought to be: caught up in God's concern for the Jewish people. Join us in proclaiming to the people of Zion: "Your God reigns."

What better way is there for us to serve this generation in the will of God?

Booklets

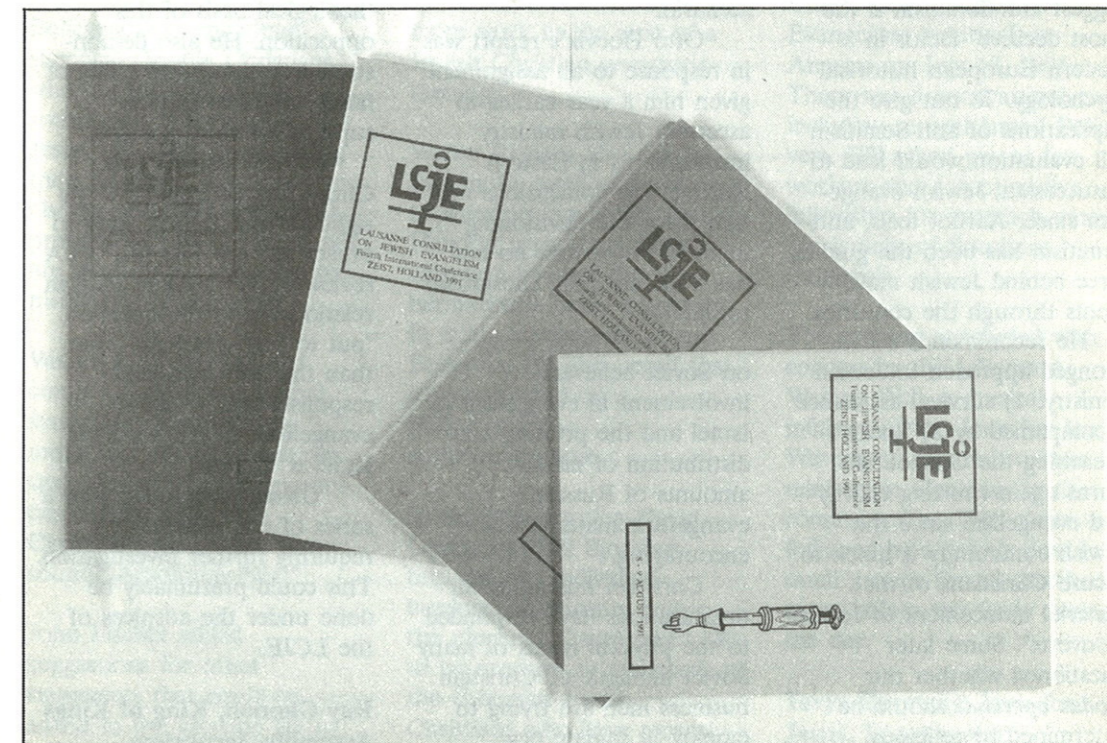
If you missed the Zeist 91 conference, don't miss the conference booklets!

With a few exceptions the four booklets contain all the papers from the plenary sessions at the conference and all the workshop papers, all together 276 pages. It is a remarkable collection of material for further reflection and research.

The price pr set is USD 15 (+ postage). With the order of 10+, the price is USD 10 pr set (+ postage).

The order must be sent to the LCJE office.

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Morning Plenary Session - August 6, 1991

The concentration for the early morning timeframe was upon Jewish ministry in Eastern Europe. Helge Aarflot's "The Challenge from Eastern Europe", Otto Hoevik's "Survey on Jewish Missions in Eastern Europe" and Wayne Hilsden's report on "The Work Among Jews from Eastern Europe and the USSR in Israel Today" together provided balance and informative insight.

The second session of the morning was graced by Arthur Glasser's informative address on "Evangelical Objections to Jewish Evangelism".

Helge Aarflot's eight supporting theses would suggest anti-Semitism is the "most decisive" factor in Eastern European historical psychology. To not give the implications of anti-Semitism full evaluation would lead to unsuccessful Jewish evangelism since, Aarflot feels, anti-Semitism has been the guiding force behind Jewish movements through the centuries.

He recommends a two-pronged approach to Jewish ministry: 1) survival assistance accompanied by 2) "locals" preaching the Gospel. He warns against mixing charity and evangelism since the Jewish community is quick to accuse Christians of the material inducement of Jewish "converts". Some later questioned whether our *modus operandi* should be determined by religious



establishment criticism.

Aarflot finally chides Diaspora Messianic Jews for not making *aliyah*. He feels Israel could be overwhelmed with Messianic influence if 100,000 Jewish believers made Israel their home. An interesting, if not realistic scenario.

Otto Hoevik's report was in response to an assignment given him a year earlier to ascertain Jewish ministry involvements in Eastern Europe. His conclusions are that many are envisioning ministry but almost no one has done anything substantial to date.

Wayne Hilsden's report on Soviet believers' involvement in evangelism in Israel and the printing and distribution of massive amounts of Russian evangelistic material was encouraging.

Christian humanitarian organizations have responded to the physical needs of many Soviet immigrants. Christian business men are trying to employ or initiate new

commercial enterprises to help the Soviet *Olim* become economically self-sufficient.

Russian-speaking fellowships will switch to Hebrew within a few years of arrival even as other Eastern European believers have done before them. The general evangelistic sense is that the Soviet *Olim* to Israel must be impacted within two years of their arrival or they may be lost forever.

Arthur Glasser academically challenged Christians opposed to Jewish evangelism. He demonstrated the root causes of such resistance before systematically dismantling the shaky theological basis of this opposition. He also demonstrated that they are guilty of falsely claiming Biblical support for their position.

Glasser argued that Christians not only have the right but the Biblical duty to preach "to the Jew first ..." A review of Yeshua and Paul in relationship to the question "put to bed" anything other than the full Christian responsibility for Jewish evangelism. God's hope for Israel is Yeshua.

Glasser concluded with a series of crucial issues requiring further investigation. This could presumably be done under the auspices of the LCJE.

Ray Gannon, King of Kings Assembly, Jerusalem

Morning Plenary Session - August 7, 1991

"Are Jewish Believers sound?" Walter Riggins, of All Nations Bible College, sought to answer those Christians who are uncertain about the doctrinal orthodoxy of Jews who love Jesus. His paper in the morning session first sketched a historical picture of the faith of Jewish Christians from the past. Dating back to the first fifteen Bishops of the Jerusalem Church, there has been a testimony of Jewish Christian belief which would be characterized as conservative evangelical.

Walter Riggins's paper will be most useful as a "letter of reference" for those Jewish Believers who encounter skeptical Gentile Christians who question the Biblical soundness of Jews who trust Jesus, yet insist on retaining their heritage. It is important also to note the theological presuppositions of those who are questioning the doctrinal purity of our movement.

Walter Riggins cited and compared several doctrinal statements composed by ministries and congregations that represent contemporary expressions of Jewish Christian belief. Were they sound? Absolutely "yes!"

John Fischer added suggestions for other statements that could be added to the growing list of



Jewish Christians doctrinal statements. He called for more work in the area of a Jewish Christian systematic theology.

Walter Riggins also agreed that more needs to be done to write an "apologia". Noam Hendrin urged that more attention be paid the the hermeneutic being employed in doing theology by Jewish Believers. He also urged that someone write on a philosophy of contextualization.

In the late morning David Loden and Bill Bjoraker brought two individual burdens for ministry before the plenary. David asked all to be sensitive to the needs of the Ethiopian Jewish Christians who have recently

been transplanted to Israel.

This group especially needs prayer for: 1) wisdom and support for their elders; 2) openness to the Gospel among their people; 3) patience on the part of the Israeli congregational leadership to keep reaching out to them; 4) training for their children in the way of the Lord; 5) spiritual warfare against fear and depression; 6) material helps for needy families; and 7) mission workers to sow Gospel seed among them.

Bill Bjoraker gave a good report about the LCJE Conference on Israeli Evangelism held in Los Angeles on July 18, 1991. There was a good attendance including several Israeli Believers. Bill asked prayer for workers and a cooperative fellowship for outreach among the Israelis of Southern California.

The evening concluded with a concert by the Liberated Wailing Wall, a musical ministry of the Jews for Jesus. We prayed for their unique ministry in Germany in the coming week. That timer was followed by a prayer time in small groups for all that had come before the Body during the day.

Tuvya Zaretsky, Jews for Jesus, Los Angeles

The Plenary Sessions - August 8, 1991

"I will be with you," was the starting word of the day with a Bible study led by Michael Schiffman in which he emphasized the compassion of God for his people. Compassion and comfort became the theme of the day.

Moishe Rosen addressed the plenary on the topic "My Challenge to the Churches" where he started up with a fictitious scenario in which Satan is looking for new ideas on how to discourage God's people. Moishe Rosen's message to the church at this time was more an affirmation than a challenge. "The church has been overburdened with too many challenges and not enough affirmation or acceptance."

In asking forgiveness for that, Moishe Rosen mentioned the Jewish believers as having their part in the harsh criticism of the church. He concluded by strongly emphasizing the importance of "ordinary godliness": "To a church concentrating on this, I have little to say."

In one of the responses, presented by Bruce Lieske, the affirmation was returned with a call to the churches to pray and support Jewish mission by also letting the agencies involved in Jewish mission know that their work is appreciated.

Jos Drummond in another response also affirmed the call to all God's people to fulfil



godliness and thanked Moishe Rosen for his clear call to the confused church. In many parts of the church obedience to Scripture is being replaced with our own imagination of what God says.

The next morning session was a presentation by Arnulf H. Baumann of statements on Jewish evangelism. He explained the growing tendency from reluctance to open denial of Jewish Evangelism. His paper will no doubt prove useful to help understand the development that has taken place and hopefully also help us be what we are: witnesses of God in Jesus Christ, which was Baumann's concluding remark.

They as part of we

The evening session provided the last chance to reflect on lessons to be learned from the life of Joseph Rabinowitz given by Kai Kjaer-Hansen. The lessons of this evening was about the we/they problem and that in mission work good ideas are not copyrighted.

Through Salim J. Munayer's contribution regarding Arab and Jewish believers the we/they distinction again proved itself relevant and another lesson was to be learned. He pointed out that as believers "we have a higher loyalty to be (together) outside the camp as a holy nation walking in mercy and justice." Speakers Corner, which concluded the program of the day provided an opportunity to deal more with the difficult and sensitive issue of the relationship between Jewish and Arab believers in Israel today. In that context it was very comforting to recall the promise from the morning devotion "I am with you" and see that in the light of the evening session which reflected on the words from Isaiah: "Comfort, O comfort my people", which was Baruch Maoz's text.

The difficulty and the sensitivity of a situation must never make us believe that we do not have message to bring.

**Bodil F. Skjoett, Danish
Israel Mission, Jerusalem**

Conference Song

The New Has Come (Theme song of LCJE 1991)

Chorus

Behold the new has come. God's people sing as one. He's banded us to gather to glorify His son me-ssiah we proclaim from age to age the same perfect man and Holy God salvation in His name [to chorus] We've gathered seed of Abram seed of flesh and faith. Un- nited in Y'shu-a. children of His grace [to chorus] No hin- drance can dis- suade us from the task we share to make the Sav- ior known to Jews and Gen- tiles e- very- where [to chorus] O Is- rael come and see the new things God has done and claim His an- cient pro- mi- ses in God's a- nointed one [to chorus]

Conference Song:

Written and composed by Mitch Glaser

with some help from Ruth Rosen and Ann Hilsden

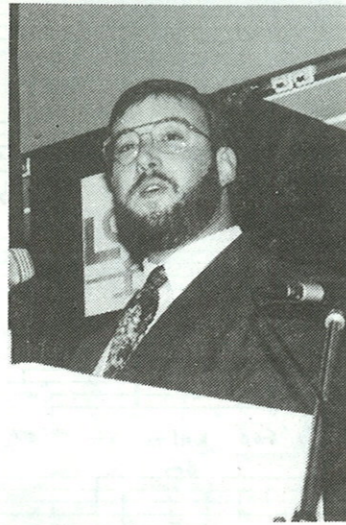
Thoughts on the Lausanne Conference from one Messianic Perspective

By Michael Schiffman, Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations

My overall impression of the conference is positive. First, there is an immense value in the meeting together of many people involved in Jewish evangelism from around the world, representing different approaches to Jewish evangelism, among them being Jews for Jesus style of evangelism, literature outreach, Bible book stores, friendship evangelism, Parish Approach, as well as the Messianic Congregational movement. I found great encouragement in meeting together with others involved in ministry and learned from the different ways people are reaching out to the Jewish people.

I was particularly encouraged by the progress that has been made by LCJE in moving the Church towards a more evangelistic stance in regards to the Jewish people.

Regarding the Messianic Congregational movement, the other approaches to Jewish people seemed to be curious about the Messianic congregations, but relatively uninformed about the nature, function, and purpose of the Messianic movement. The papers presented and the comments made about Messianic praxis reflected speculation and conjecture based upon a shallow understanding of the theology and practice in the



congregations. The traditional approaches to Jewish Evangelism for the most part have been observers of Messianic Judaism, but are not really participants in what the congregations are doing. Yet there is a strong interest in Messianic congregations that appears to be surfacing. A very positive paper was presented by Walter Riggins examining Messianic Jewish Christology. Unfortunately, other reports were not as positive. Their weaknesses appeared to center around a lack of actual contact with Messianic congregations and unfamiliarity with the reasons behind Messianic practice. On the other hand, a number of the participants freely used Messianic terminology such as *Yeshua* instead of Jesus, and the plenum of the assembly

fully accepted the replacement of Jesus with *Yeshua* in its conference statement to the Jewish people. In informal discussion with a number of attendees, there was much positive sentiment expressed about Messianic congregations, but information about Messianic congregations was limited. It would be good for the LCJE to have on its future conference agenda several teaching seminars or workshops dealing with issues in Messianic Judaism taught by credible sources from within the Messianic Jewish Congregational Movement, specifically by those who lead Messianic congregations and who are recognized as leaders within the movement. Direct input from Messianic congregational leaders would serve to inform the rest of our brethren and coworkers in Jewish Evangelism about what the Messianic movement really does believe from primary sources rather from secondary. This would help to promote better understanding, lessen skepticism and mistrust, and enable other outreaches to Jewish people to be exposed to the materials developed by the Messianic congregations which might be helpful in their efforts, as well as exposed to theirs. The best representatives of the Messianic Congregations will

be their leaders, because they can answer the questions of "why" as well "what" with the least amount of misunderstanding.

It might also be helpful for the LCJE to have a

Messianic advisor or liaison to their committees to give helpful insight and perspective to conference planning.

In addition, it would be helpful for more leaders from within the Messianic Jewish

movement to be in attendance at Messianic conferences to be interacting with those involved in other forms of Jewish evangelism that we might learn about and from one another.

Personal impressions from the Zeist conference

Our convocation at Zeist was God's way of blessing faithful servants. It was also another way to serve our Lord as the Body of Jesus. Marlene and I thank you, our fellow priests, for your love, sharing of wisdom, and just being you, you are special.

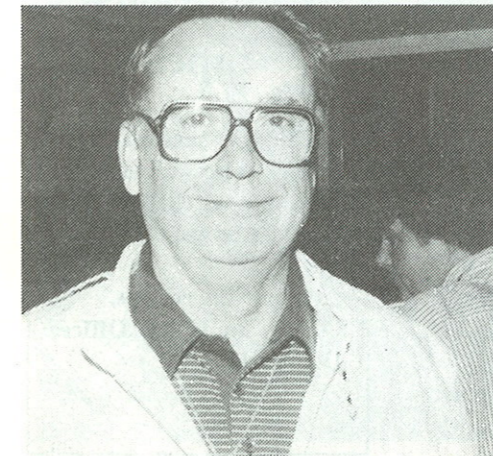
The worship and music stood out for me, singing praise to the Lord. I was eager for our meetings, which were well prepared and thoughtfully delivered.

The future might challenge us to move on, building on the excellent foundation that is laid. We are fortunate to have outstanding theologians who

excel in the work God gives them so they can communicate to other theologians.

We might consider one representation presenting style and purpose for aggressive evangelism and one person friendly evangelism. God needs both groups. We could examine the means liberals used to gain control of some congregations, denominations and seminaries. We would learn from the fox without planning to raid the henhouse. We could use lesson on how to regain influence amongst God's wonderful people.

James E. Hanson
Ministry of Hope, Pasadena



I want to express my thanks and appreciation for this LCJE convention at Zeist from which we shall definitely return to Israel with recharged batteries and much new inspiration.

I commend the excellent program and organization of this conference, as well as the idea of workshops for deeper involvement with the various topics, although I would like to see more time spent on free discussion during future workshops.

The daily times of praise and worship have been a special blessing and encouragement to me, for which I am grateful.

Shalom.

Andy Ball
The Bible Shop, Tel Aviv

My third LCJE conference

Those unable to attend the LCJE Conference missed a major opportunity to catch up on the latest developments in Jewish evangelism, the development of Messianic Jewish theology, and the formulation of evangelistic strategy and inter-mission cooperation for the 1990's, with new opportunities that have been presented in Eastern Europe, Israel and the Southern Hemisphere.

On the personal side, you missed an opportunity to meet the leaders in the field of Jewish mission from around the world, and enjoy excellent fellowship. The richness and variety of format and speakers led not just to something for everyone, but a healthy exchange of views where differences exist (as is inevitable amongst Jewish believers in Jesus and missionary societies), held together in the bond of love, and confident chairmanship.

The worship led by David and Lisa Loden, and the Liberated Wailing Wall, was uplifting, as were the Bible Expositions from Isaiah. The lectures and seminars were challenging and helpful. The humour (especially the doctrines and heresies of "mezzuzology") was infectious. The after-hours informal conversations were vital for the strengthening of the Body of Christ in the area of Jewish missions, a key area in the Church's witness to the



**Richard Harvey,
Jews for Jesus, USA**

World and its understanding of God's purposes in His word.

This was my third LCJE conference, and I was aware of a greater desire to understand differences of theology, method and culture, and to work together. The representation of a variety of Israeli participants, and the invitation to host the next conference there, is an answer to prayer. As the Messianic movement continues to grow, discussion of its ecclesiology was a vital part of the conference programme, as were glimpses from the past focusing on the Hebrew Christian movement in Kishinev, where Rabinowitz encountered similar doctrinal and methodological issues. Perhaps we would not react so quickly to new issues when we realise that in Jewish

evangelism, despite the phrase "Behold, I am doing a new thing", the words of Kohelet remind us "there is nothing new under the sun". But then we would not have had such an up-beat conference theme!

I look forward to the next LCJE conference, and to meetings of its regional groups, as this is one of the few places where I as a Messianic Jew called to be an evangelist to my people can meet with my fellow-workers in the field to listen, learn and love, with a sense of shared joys, shared sorrows, shared mission. Until Y'shua returns, may His Spirit continue to guide and unite the network that is LCJE, and may these conferences continue to be the visible display of His concern for Jewish people to know Him as Messiah and Lord.

Conference tapes

All Plenary sessions were taped. The tapes are available at US\$ 5 per tape (+ postage).

Payment on receipt.
Orders to LCJE Office,
Denmark.

My third LCJE conference

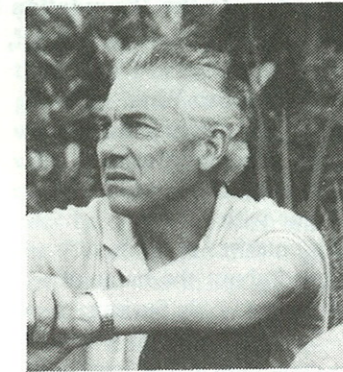
LCJE '91 finally happened after much anticipation and it more than fully lived up to my great expectations. What was I expecting?

The program

Stimulating topics were skilfully presented to bolster my personal commitment to the cause of Jewish evangelism and to clarify my understanding of numerous key issues. The General Meetings had good variety and spice (interviews and humor) and helped faithfully (and pleasantly) to the timelines of the schedule. With the addition of the numerous workshop electives, there was "something for everyone." Zestful, vibrant praise and worship times added a very welcome bonus, that was deeply appreciated.

Net-working

Zeist gave me the opportunity



**Kearney Frantsen, director
of Good News For Israel,
Minnesota, USA**

(as I knew it would) to make a number of contacts and arrangements that were necessary to our ministry. How greatly advantageous it is to get so many key resource people together at one time. Our own fledgling reach-out ministry to Kiev, USSR, was helped.

Also it was possible to make great strides in putting together our program for the

next meeting of the North American branch of LCJE coming up next March, 24-25th in Los Angeles.

I know many other participants who got a lot of needed things done as well. Many contacts were maintained and others established for cooperative projects in the future.

Fellowship

Seeing personal friends from Israel, Norway and other places, including many US friends that I don't have the chance to see often enough. - This was extremely important to me. Making new friends, and learning of and from their work, was equally important and enjoyable.

Added to all the positive impressions of benefits already mentioned, was the excellence of the retreat center we met at, with its delicious food and beautiful forest setting.



Fellowship at Zeist

Jewish evangelism in the Netherlands a difficult subject

By Ruud ter Beek, secretary to the "Foundation for Promoting the Preaching of the Gospel to the Jewish People", The Netherlands.

As Rev. Paul den Butter has told us Reformed Holland has a longstanding tradition in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to Jewish people. In the first decennia of this century many Jews fled from Germany to Holland. In the 1930s the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands has several missionaries working among the Jews living in Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam. Rev. Eliezer Kropfeld, a Reformed minister and Jewish believer, was a respected promotor of this work. Rev. Jac. van Nes was the pioneer, from 1916 on working in The Hague.

After World War II no start was made, although it has been tried. The Jewish population had diminished and so had the motivation for Jewish evangelism. Nowadays Jewish evangelism in the Netherlands is a difficult subject. Four factors contribute to that.

1) The opinion (also in conservative circles) that the Jewish people has had its opportunity. God closed the case with this people in the year 70 and definitely went on to the gentiles.

Ruud ter Beek (right) in conversation with the Rev. Paul den Butter who spoke on the subject of "Anne Franck and Jewish witness in Holland".

2) The Two-Way-Theology (predominantly among non-conservative Christians). They are in dialogue with Jewish representatives and are very reserved about the name of the one and only Saviour.

3) The Christians who do not downright reject Jewish evangelism but who are not committed to it either. They assure us that God has great plans with the Jewish people at the end of history, and they reduce their hope to patience, in the meantime "comforting" the Jews, especially the state of Israel, with financial and political support.

4) The impact of the Jewish opinion that bringing Jews to Christ is a continuation of Hitler's destructive work.

This might explain why



the Zeist conference was an encouraging experience to me. I am involved in promoting Jewish evangelism in the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated). This activity looks suspicious to Jews and Christians here. The churches I serve are true to the Scripture and the Reformed Creeds, and there are Jewish believers in our congregations. Reformed people still have a sound interest in the Jewish people. But also in our churches there is uncertainty about the question: Is it on our way to proclaim the gospel to the Jews?

The "Foundation for Promoting the Preaching of the Gospel to the Jewish People" (which I serve as secretary) meets support from congregations and believers.

But we aim to see the churches themselves take up the burden: not neglect the Jews, nor be indifferent, but purposefully seek them and confront them with Jesus as the only way to salvation.

Still at the stage of arguing it is encouraging to meet people who are beyond the question: why should we proclaim the gospel to the Jews? They do so and talk about it. It is encouraging to meet Jewish believers who appreciate that Christians have not hidden the glorious name of Jesus. It was encouraging to hear Moishe Rosen say that he has little to say about Jews, evangelism, or Jewish evangelism to a church

which is concentrating on godliness. I think I have good reasons to assume that this is a priority for the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands (Liberated). Thank God! I hope it ever will be. Entreat the Lord! I believe that real godliness includes the willingness to share the gospel with others. Even more: one of its fruits will sooner or later be a vivid concern with the Jewish people that even now bears the marks of God's work of salvation in history.

My main purpose for attending the conference was to receive information on Jewish evangelism. Who are involved? How do they work? What has to be done? Rest

assured that for the moment I am satisfied. I got information enough to pose even more questions than I had when I came. Information and questions that are helpful to reconsider the situation in Holland, and useful to make up our minds on the task of Dutch Reformed Churches in Israel and in the Netherlands. What can be done for the Christian witness to the Dutch-speaking Jews?

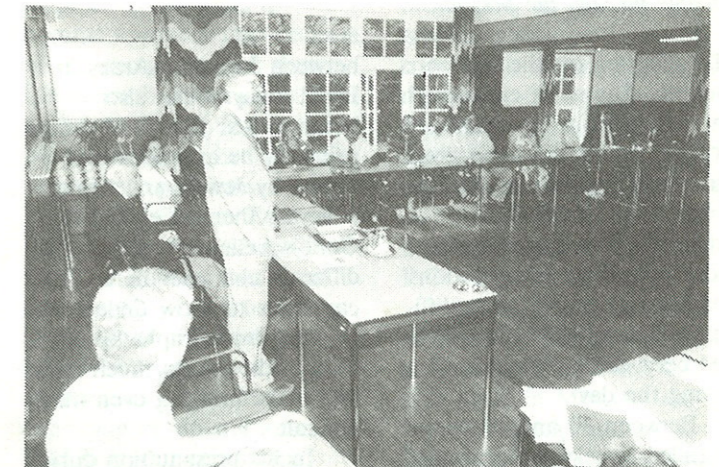
We had a good time at the Zeist international conference. It was well organized. The papers were instructive. The fellowship was heart-warming. Thanks for the encouragement, thanks for the challenges. Thanks, LCJE.

Meeting with Dutch church leaders

On August 5, before the start of the conference there was a meeting with Dutch church leaders to inform them about the purpose of LCJE. About 20 persons representing different churches and organisations in Holland showed up for the meeting that was led by Murdo A. MacLeod.

In the discussion that followed the presentation it became clear that serious initiatives have been taken in Holland by some people to get involved in Jewish evangelism and work for the establishment of Messianic congregations here.

Even though an initiative like this requires no practical involvement by the LCJE, the



Ole Chr.Kvarme informs Dutch church leaders about LCJE.

network of the LCJE can certainly provide help and contacts for work like this. An invitation to join the

LCJE was extended to those involved in the endeavour of establishing congregations for Jewish believers.

Arab and Jewish believers in Israel

By Bodil F. Skjoett



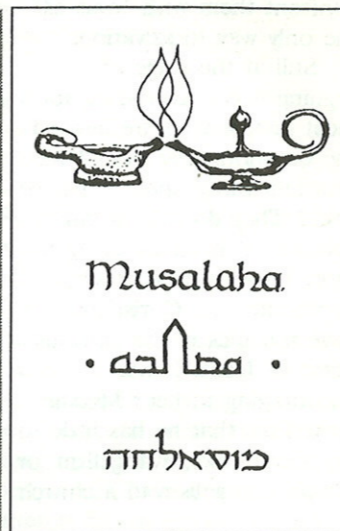
Salim Munayer and Bodil F. Skjoett at Speakers Corner. Salim Munayer is the founder and Chairman of "Musalaha", a non-profit organization in Israel which seeks to promote and teach that "Reconciliation" is possible through the Messiah.

The program on the last evening, August 8, ended with an extra option: Speakers' Corner, which had been given the subject "Arab and Jewish believers in Israel". This provided an opportunity for more people to ask questions and interact on this very difficult and sensitive issue which had been dealt with also during the day.

Between 30 and 40 people attended Speakers Corner and from the questions asked, mainly addressed to Salim Munayer, who had spoken earlier in the evening, it became clear that many do have an honest desire to see and work for reconciliation

between Jews and Arabs in Israel today. What also became clear is that this must primarily be an endeavour shown by Jewish and Arabs believers themselves and that Gentile believers' role is of a different character here. The eagerness to show understanding and sympathy on either side can do much harm and make bridging even more difficult.

In his presentation during the first session of the evening, Salim Munayer, who previously has been involved in Jewish evangelism and now is a teacher at Bethlehem Bible College, an Arab evangelical Bible college,

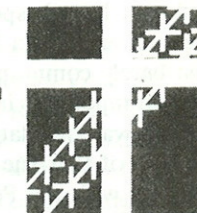


emphasized what Jewish believers and Arab Christians have in common. Because of their common commitment to Christ both have a loyalty higher than their loyalty to their people. Together they are called to "be outside the camp" and bear the shame that this involves.

Munayer further added, "Only by being outside the camp will we be blessed and true reconciliation can be made not only between humanity and God, but also between us and our people and between our enemies. It is a challenge but if we are true disciples of Jesus, let us then also walk outside the camp."

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CHRISTIAN CARE EAST/WEST



Christian Care East-West

By André J. Ceelen, Christian Care East-West, Holland

It is a great honour to have been invited to share with you about the work of Christian Care East/West .

First of all I would like to tell you a little about the organization of which CCEW is the Human rights arm; Eastern European Outreach is a mission to the Communist countries. Its main goal is spreading the gospel to every creature in these countries. It started way back in 1967 when a young Dutch evangelist was introduced to the great possibilities for evangelization in Czechoslovakia. Carrying Bibles, Kees van Olst went across the border and met many Christians who helped him to speak in churches and parks. These humble beginnings have developed over the last twenty years into an organization with offices in the United States, England, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Norway and the Netherlands. All offices are operational and not just for fund-raising. The work in Eastern Europe over the last

twenty years has consisted in transportation to these countries of Christian literature to be distributed by the local Christians.

Besides Bible distribution we have been able to sponsor about 600 children of big Christian families in Romania, East Germany and the Soviet Union, we have also helped with clothing and medical help. Over the years it became apparent that because of the many struggles that Christians had there was little help towards the Jewish people who also had to deal with severe problems.

As the thaw in Eastern Europe started to shape, EEO understood that there was a golden opportunity to move ahead and work on behalf of prisoners of conscience who at the beginning of '86 still were held in labour camps and prisons. It became CCEW's task within the framework of EEO, to campaign for those that need a voice in the western world. To be able to be a voice for someone else means that one has to build

up relations with the relatives and friends of those imprisoned for their belief. My mandate was to focus solely on Jews and Christians. The first year I made many visits to the Soviet Embassy at the Hague. These were pleasant meetings but they didn't bring any results. So I asked them for a name and telephone in Moscow that was more likely to give me answers about prisoners of conscience and long-term refuseniks. To my surprise I received what I wanted. In the summer of 1987 I went, accompanied by my daughter and a cameraman from the Dutch evangelical TV station E.O., to the USSR.

In my bags I had three addresses in Moscow and one in Leningrad. The first call I ever made in Moscow was to a Jewish family, and Misja Bialy came out to meet us. He promised to bring together the next day ten long-term refuseniks. That next day I had the privilege of meeting Ida Nudel, the mother of the prisoners of Zion. For me she was a

godsend. I don't speak Russian and Misja Bialy could just barely communicate. That day we taped ten interviews and all was translated by Ida. On top of that she arranged a meeting with the Pentecostal couple Galina and Vasili Barats and came along to translate there as well.

After that meeting she invited us to come and celebrate the birthday of Josif Begun. At that party I with

result of my intervention but know that I've played a part in many of them, by the grace of the Lord. Galina Baratsch now lives in Canada where she campaigns for the permission to exit for her husband Vasili. Through the contacts with the Soviet Foreign office department for International Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights I have been in touch with the Russian Red Cross

Sowing the seed

In May 1989 I was invited to the first allowed Seminar on Freedom of Travel. It was organised under the umbrella of the Sacharov Foundation for Human Survival and organised by the Legal Seminar on Emigration.

Of all the speakers present I was the only one who focused the problem of emigration on the spiritual dimension. Out of the Tenach

CHRISTIAN CARE EAST-WEST A BRIDGE OF LOVE BETWEEN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, LONG TERM REFUSENIKS AND YOU

many long-term refuseniks. Most of them now live in Israel. So Ida Nudel opened the door to the Jewish community.

Galina and Vasili Baratsch had been released from a labour camp in February and Marcín of 1987 but were not granted permission to live again in Moscow. So I made a return trip to Moscow to meet the man whose name I had been given by the Soviet Embassy in the Netherlands. At that time I didn't know that it would be the start of a chain of trips to meet Soviet officials. Now at the time of writing this article I have made 24 trips to the Soviet Union since July 1987 and seen many prisoners released and many long-term refuseniks received permission. I'm not claiming any release or permission as a direct

Society who helped me to visit a political prisoner in a labour camp. The prisoner, Jewish Forensic Psychiatric doctor Yuri Massover, is sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for alleged bribery. This was in 1986. Now his sentence has been reduced to six years. The reason for this reduction 'the court did not fully take into account those circumstances which extenuated his amenability and characterized him as a personality. Having quite correctly mentioned in the decision that Massover had no previous charges and only positive references both at his place of residence and work, the court failed to fully take these personal characteristics into account'. I believe firmly in his innocence and will continue to ask attention for his case.

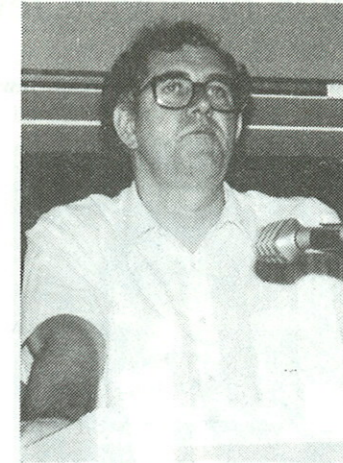
I quoted the many promises of God to His Chosen people but made it clear that there is a part to be played by them too.

After the lecture many Jews came to me and told me that it had spoken to their hearts. It had encouraged them and challenged them without confronting them. Many new friends were made and have been extremely useful in the work for prisoners of conscience of whom there are still a few. Some of them have committed crimes but are more harshly punished because of their Jewishness. The Jewish community in Moscow knows I am a Christian but they don't feel threatened by it.

I met with a Jewish writer, Valeri Abramkin, a former prisoner and now

directing a cooperative with the name of Jail and Freedom. He is able to speak with the administrative powers in the camps and prisons and to meet the prisoners. He asked me to bring in New Testaments for the prisoners. I said to him: "But you are a Jew, the New Testament is about Jesus!" "Yes", he said, "I know but that's what the prisoners ask me for." How many do you need", I asked. "We have 800.000 prisoners," he answered. (So there's a need for funding I would like to mention). I took some in on my next trip and left some with other Jewish friends as well as some leaflets about Jesus. Later I learned that my friends had distributed the leaflets in the letterboxes in their neighbourhood!

Then I was invited to speak at a meeting in the Shalom theatre in Moscow to a group of about 100 refuseniks and again I spoke about God's promises for His



André J. Ceelen

Chosen People. I had Bibles with me, about 30, and put them out on the table and said that those who were interested in reading these promises for themselves could pick up a Bible after the meeting. Before I could take a picture all Bibles were gone.

In July 90 I was in Moscow when at the house of Jewish friends I was introduced to an old Russian

man. His first question to me was: "Can you tell me how I can get closer to God?" I don't speak Russian. The only one available to translate for me is my Jewish friend and she translated faithfully everything I said about Jesus being the way to the father and Him being our redemption for God. At the end of that meeting I asked her if she still had one of the Bibles I left with them on a previous trip. She had and I could present this old man with his own Bible. Or was it my Jewish friend who gave him her Bible?

It is my conviction that my job is sowing the seed. Some of us reading this have the calling of watering the plants and some of us will have the calling to reap. If we can understand the different callings to the Jews and if we can come to a sharing of burdens as well as successes then there will be a celebration in the heavenlies.



Two members of the staff, Flemming Markussen (left) and Birger Petterson, photographed by a third member of the staff, Peder Koelle.

Friends of Soviet Jewry

By Jim Melnick, Friends of Soviet Jewry, USA

Friends of Soviet Jewry, Inc., is an evangelical outreach founded to bring the Gospel to Soviet Jewish people around the world. It assists numerous Jewish evangelical missions and provides consultation in evangelizing Soviet Jews. The ministry also develops literature and serves as a clearinghouse for resources and materials during this time of tremendous spiritual openness among Soviet Jewish people. Although its primary emphasis is evangelism, when resources allow there is a desire to assist Soviet Jewish families in various ways. Hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews are now in the process of leaving the Soviet Union and making aliyah to the Land of Israel. We see a new desire for spiritual things among many of these people. We believe God is preparing for a great spiritual harvest among them. Who knows what the impact on World Jewry may be as a result of potentially thousands of Soviet Jews coming to the Lord? That is the exciting challenge before us.

Friends of Soviet Jewry (FSJ) began as a mailing ministry to Soviet Jewish emigrés in America, primarily the Brighton Beach area of Brooklyn. It has continued to expand in scope and vision with the advent of the massive recent emigration of Soviet Jews to the West and Israel. Its founder and

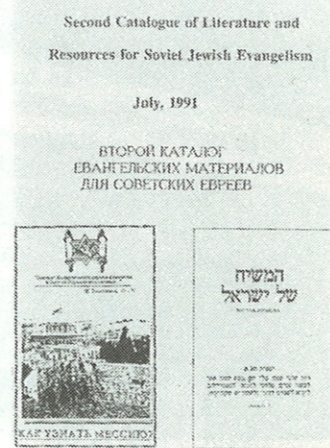


president, Jim Melnick, and his wife, Karen, served as missionaries to Soviet Jewish immigrants in the Chicago area with the Slavic Gospel Association in the early 1980s. The organization is incorporated in Springfield, Virginia, in the U.S., near Washington, DC. Two other FSJ Board members, both Jewish believers, live in areas of high Jewish concentration - Skokie, Illinois, and Brooklyn, New York, respectively. One of them is LCJE member Eliezer Maas. FSJ is also represented in ministry with the American Messianic Fellowship.

The annual board meeting is held each year in Brooklyn and includes a special time of outreach, ministry and visitation in Brighton Beach, the largest concentration of Soviet Jewish

people anywhere in the world outside of the USSR and Israel. It is also known as "Little Odessa". This year the meeting is being expanded somewhat to include a short outreach program called "Emigrate to Brooklyn", which will include both seminars on Soviet Jewish evangelism as well as strategy sessions with other missions.

FSJ has launched a series of special catalogues of resources and literature available for Soviet Jewish evangelism worldwide. We wish to provide everyone involved in Soviet Jewish ministry the widest possible range of information concerning what is now available or planned in this area, as well as information



on new organizations, programs and related matters. This will assist in better mission planning and coordination and avoid duplication of effort. The second catalogue was issued in July, 1991, in time for the Zeist LCJE conference. It contains 28 pages of important information on Soviet Jewish evangelical literature, apologetical materials in Russian, videos, tapes, songbooks, periodicals, outreach programs, and other helpful information for Soviet Jewish ministry. Those interested in obtaining a copy should write to: FSJ, P.O.

Box 2567, Springfield, VA 22152. A small donation of \$5 or more will make sure that you or your organization will be on the list to receive future updates, which will be issued on an "as needed" basis. Every week seems to bring in news on some new resource or piece of literature being published or in development.

This is a dynamic period in Jewish and world history, a spiritual "kairos" as far as this branch of God's Chosen People are concerned. We must act while the spiritual window of opportunity is open before us. This includes

communicating closely between ministries to maximize our efforts in different parts of God's Vineyard. FSJ also hopes to provide some leadership for follow-on consultations in Soviet Jewish evangelism under the LCJE umbrella. Friends of Soviet Jewry believes very strongly in the LCJE concept of "networking" between individuals and ministries and is committed to serving the Lord in that process, that we might do all we can to see these dear Soviet Jewish people brought to a saving knowledge of their Messiah.



Susan Perlman, the leader of all the evening meetings, caught during one of the humorous interviews with some real hotshots.

Report on "Consultation on the Evangelization of Israeli Emigrés of Greater Los Angeles"

By Bill Bjoraker, Rock of Israel, USA



In the LCJE Bulletin, issue no. 24/1991, Bill Bjoraker described *The Israeli Diaspora in North America*. In this article he reports on an LCJE sponsored consultation on this theme.

A special LCJE consultation was convened by Bill Bjoraker on the campus of Fuller Theological Seminary on July 18, 1991. Twenty-eight persons attended, among whom were representatives of the major Jewish missions in Greater Los Angeles. Fifteen of the participants were Jewish believers, among whom were five Israeli believers who reside in Southern California.

Participants spent a full day hearing presentations and discussing the challenge and opportunity to reach the 40,000 Israeli Jewish emigrés of Greater Los Angeles with the gospel. Bill Bjoraker presented the sociological and missiological research done at Fuller Seminary School of World Mission in a paper, "Israeli Migration to North America and Los Angeles:

New Challenge and Opportunity for Jewish Missions." Avner Boskey on "The Emerging Messianic Congregations in Israel on Yerida: Implications for the Future." Three Israeli believers, Amnon Shor, Bella Troman, and Roni Jordan spoke on "The Israeli Experience in Southern California." Barry Budoff of Ahavat Zion Messianic Synagogue, Stephen Katz of Jews for Jesus, and Sammy Atlantic of Chosen People Ministries shared on their encounters and ministry among Israelis in the area. Stuart Dauermann presented an analysis of issues regarding Israeli Jewish identity for diaspora Israelis in a paper "Resources From the Jewish Sources and Israelis in Los Angeles". Dr Fenton Ward

presented "Cross-cultural Principles in the Jewish-Gentile Context", and Dr Arthur Glasser "JOPPA in Greater Los Angeles: a model for association in Mission."

Achievements of the consultation were:

1. A raising of the awareness among participants of the challenge and opportunity of reaching Israeli emigrés through specifically focused strategies and evangelism. While the Russians and Ethiopians are coming to Israel, thousands of sabras have been leaving over the last 20 years for the cities of the West. There is a little Israel in Los Angeles, "Israel Shelanu" ("Our Israel")

as they call it. Many of these Israelis are more open to Yeshua than Israelis in Israel because they are going through change and are looking for new answers. Ezekiel 20:35 captured the opportunity of Israelis meeting God in Los Angeles, "I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall confront you" (Revised English Bible).

2. The Israeli believers expressed gratitude and appreciation that something was being done specifically for them. They affirmed that the majority of Israelis that would come to faith would

prefer to worship in Hebrew-speaking congregations in Los Angeles.

3. A network of people with common concern and involvement with Israeli evangelism was initiated. We will meet again for prayer and fellowship to strengthen the network in order to help each other contact and minister to Israelis in the area.
4. A recommendation was made to LCJE North America for the convening of another consultation on reaching Israelis throughout North America immediately following the annual North American Committee meeting in

March, 1992. Bill Bjoraker will assess the interest for such a consultation and work to convene, it should the interest among those in Jewish outreach in other North American cities warrant it.

If you live in New York, Toronto, Philadelphia, Chicago or Miami especially, you have several thousand Israelis living among you. You would benefit from the materials produced at that conference. The papers are available from the Catalog of reports of LCJE North America and can be obtained through writing to LCJE North American office.

From LCJE South America

Weekend conference in Buenos Aires

During the last weekend of April, the first residential conference for Jewish believers in Argentina took place.

It was organized jointly by the local LCJE committee and the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Argentina. The main speakers were Peter Clarke, Guillermo Katz and Guillermo Sedaca.



THANK YOU, MURDO!

At the Zeist conference Rev. Murdo MacLeod concluded his service as president of the LCJE, and the Rev. Ole Chr. M. Kvarme was elected new president. The new president writes:

Dear Murdo!

It is a privilege to express words of thanks to you for your many years of service to all of us in the LCJE. Our feelings are undoubtedly mixed, as we shall miss your presence in the International Coordinating Committee but also be honoured to continue in your footsteps.

As a senior mission leader you played a key role in the establishment of the LCJE network in Pattaya, Thailand, in 1980, and at the Newmarket conference in 1983. As director of Christian Witness to Israel (CWI) you had already established links of contact and cooperation on many continents and you were a trusted leader among the mission societies and among leaders of Messianic Jewish fellowships in Israel and in the diaspora. We are in your debt for bringing societies and individuals together in our common concern for the Gospel and the Jewish people.

As an outstanding theologian you contributed to the turn of the tide with regard to the theological acceptance of Jewish evangelism in the 1980's. Not only within the United Kingdom, but in wide circles on the global scene have you been a spokesman for the biblical commission to share the Gospel with Jewish people - a spokesman to whom many have listened with respect and a new commitment. Personally I witnessed and rejoiced in your significant contribution to the Willowbank Declaration in the spring of 1989.

You are a person of Christian grace and good Scottish humour, and it has always been a delight to be in your presence. Oh yes, we could disagree, but your grace and your humour always transcended our differences and established again our basic unity in Jesus Christ - a unity we still experience as a deep reality. For sharing this grace and this humour with us, for sharing yourself with us, we say: Thank you, Murdo!

And finally: You have been and you are a man of hope, of expectation and vision. You have always directed our lives and our ministries towards that day when "the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord" - as you also implored us at Zeist. As we follow in your footsteps and uplift the biblical calling to share the Gospel with Jewish people everywhere - for this hope and vision in our ministries we say to you from the bottom of our hearts: Thank you, Murdo!



Ole Chr. Kvarme (left) thanks Murdo A. MacLeod for his service as the first president of LCJE.

Regional meeting of the LCJE chapters Zeist, 8 August, 1991

Europe

John Ross was unanimously elected new coordinator of LCJE Europa. It was left to the coordinator's discretion to find two more persons and form a committee.

The audited account book was presented. The amount on the bank account is to be sent to John Ross.

Time was spent on discussing the profile of the chapter and warning was sounded against the danger of admiring ourselves and become merely a forum for talk. The difference between coordination and cooperation was emphasized.

Suggestions for the location of the next European LCJE conference were brought. Several participants opted for the Eastern part of Germany. The conference will take place in the autumn of 1992.

Murdo A. MacLeod thanked the outgoing coordinator, Otto Hoevik, for his work.

Israel

Joseph Shulam was elected new coordinator of LCJE Israel.

Time was spent discussing the possibility of hosting the next international LCJE conference in Israel, possibly in 1995. The majority voted for extending such an invitation to the International Coordinating Committee.

At the suggestion brought to the meeting from the ICC the need for a mini-consultation between locals and foreign mission bodies working in Israel was discussed. The body voted against the suggestion.

Next
international
LCJE
Conference
in Israel

North America

Kearney Frantsen was unanimously elected new coordinator of LCJE North America. Fred Klett was elected secretary and Roxanne Tretheway treasurer.

In the meeting it was decided that letters of invitations be sent to various individuals, ministries, seminaries etc. Members are encouraged to send names and addresses to Kearney Frantsen before Oct. 1, 1991.

Bill Bjoraker was authorized to set up a piggy-back conference to give help in outreach to Israelis.

The issue of a special consultation for ministry to Soviet Jews was referred to the International Coordinating Committee.

Topics for presentations to be given at the next LCJE North American meeting (March 24-25, 1992) in Los Angeles were suggested.

Australia/New Zealand, South Africa and South America

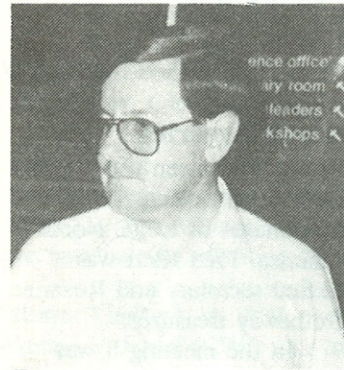
Because of the small number of participants from these areas no formal area meeting was held. Instead Ole Chr. Kvarme met with the three area coordinators and others

to discuss how to further develop the work of the LCJE in these areas.

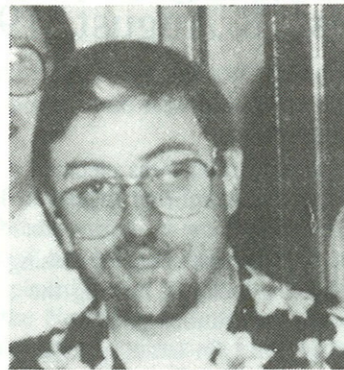
Until the next International LCJE Conference the three present

coordinators will serve in their positions. They are for Australia/New Zealand: Betty Baruch, for South Africa: Andrew Barron and for South America: Peter Clarke.

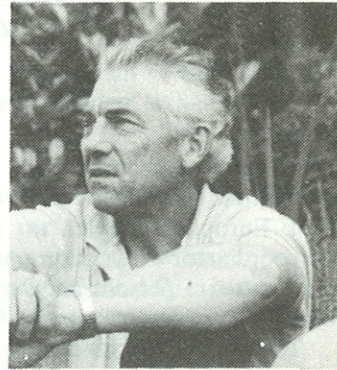
The new area coordinators



Europe
John Ross currently serves as the deputy director of Christian Witness to Israel, after being part of the staff since 1987. Previously missionary in Nigeria and pastor in Belfast. He has contributed to a number of Christian journals.



Israel
Joseph Shulam is the leader of Netivyah Congregation in Jerusalem and the editor of the Jerusalem Newsletter. He has served as a member of the Israel LCJE Secretariat and conducted several lecturing tours outside Israel.



North America
Pastor Kearney Frantsen has been director of Good News For Israel for over 10 years and a member of LCJE since 1983. Good News is an independent Lutheran ministry of Jewish evangelism based in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



From left: Otto Hoevik, Andrew Barron, Peter Clarke, Betty Baruch, Kearney Frantsen, John Ross, Joseph Shulam and Baruch Maoz

Thanks to outgoing area coordinators

The International Coordinating Committee expresses its gratitude and thanks to the outgoing area coordinators for their work for the LCJE over the past years. Even though it is a goodbye to the post as area coordinators, the ICC firmly believes it is not a good bye to LCJE.
Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, United States, Otto Hoevik, Norway, Baruch Maoz, Israel

From the International Coordinating Committee

Consultation on Soviet Jewish Evangelism

Jim Melnick is planning a consultation on Soviet Jewish Evangelism together with Ray Gannon and Avi Snyder. The aim of the consultation is to promote increase networking and discussion in the area of Soviet Jewish evangelism.

LCJE gives its credentials to the initiative.

Information about the consultation will be mentioned in the LCJE Bulletin.

For further information contact:

Jim Melnick, Friends of Soviet Jewry, P.O.Box 2567, Springfield, VA 22152, USA
Tel 703/866 - 4938

Theological Forum

The need for a theological forum was discussed in the ICC and the European chapter was encouraged to re-think the possibility for such an initiative. The issue is to be taken up by John Ross at the European conference in 1992.

Forum for mission CEO's

There is a need for an informal consultation between mission Chief Executive Officer's and the LCJE President, Ole Chr. Kvarme, is to contact leaders, who can carry the matter further.

LCWE and LCJE

Susan Perlman who is a member of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) will be present at the meeting of

LCWE in Budapest in September 1991. The LCJE President will write a letter to the conference in order to strengthen the ties between the two bodies.

In connection with the European LCWE conference in Stuttgart in March 1992 LCJE will try to make its contribution to the agenda.

Prayer Partners

Betty Baruch, the area coordinator from Australia/New Zealand, was asked to be in charge of circulating a letter to people in Asia asking them to be prayer partners in the work of LCJE.

This could be a very meaningful contribution from Christians living in an area with only few Jewish people.

New member of the International Coordinating Committee

Jim Sibley, recently elected to the ICC, is a representative of the International Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who has served in Israel for the past eight years. He is presently one of two pastors of a Messianic congregation in Tel Aviv, Promoting Director of MISHKAN and chairman of the board of the Baptist Village Camp and Conference Center in Petah Tikvah.



Kathy and Jim Sibley at Zeist

LAUSANNE CONSULTATION ON JEWISH EVANGELISM
Financial Statement (Danish Crowns)
Year ended 31 December 1990

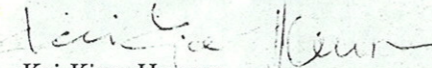
Statement of income and expenses
for the year 1990

Income	
Dues (paid in 1990)	106.513,51
Interest	956,50
TOTAL INCOME	<u>107.470,01</u>
Expenses	
Travel, accommodation and ICC meeting	25.720,08
Stationary and Equipment (computer, printer, telefax)	30.925,58
Postage	15.493,70
Bulletin, printing	18.678,20
LCJE Chapters	4.305,73
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>95.123,29</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR 1990	<u>12.346,72</u>

Balance sheet as at 31 December 1990

Assets	
Zeist 91 conference	
Deposit	34.177,00
Bank charge and postage	580,00
	<u>34.757,00</u>
Grants	2.597,20
Cash at bank	32.159,80
ASSETS IN TOTAL	<u>34.058,20</u>
Capital and liabilities	
Capital	
As at 1st January 1990	420,48
(USD 18,24 and GBP 29,29)	
Surplus for the year 1990	12.346,72
	<u>12.767,20</u>
Liabilities	
Loans	21.291,00
CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES IN TOTAL	<u>34.058,20</u>

Lystrup, Denmark, 22 June 1991


 Kai Kjaer-Hansen
 treasurer



No LCJE conference without worship and praise.

Guillermo Katz, Ellen Parker and Peter Clarke, all from Latin America.

Lindy Isaacson and Glen Harris from The Liberated Wailing Wall.

Lisa and David Loden.

Ann Hilsden, Jerusalem.

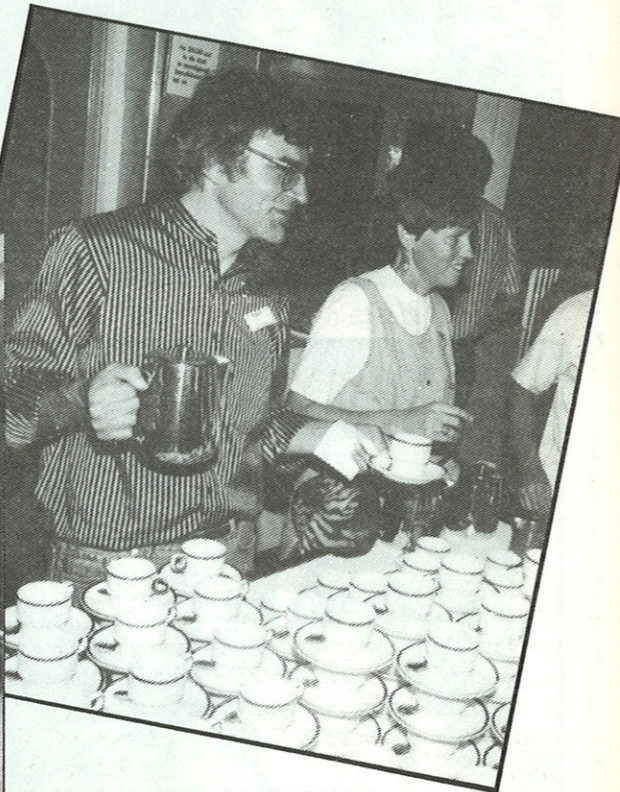
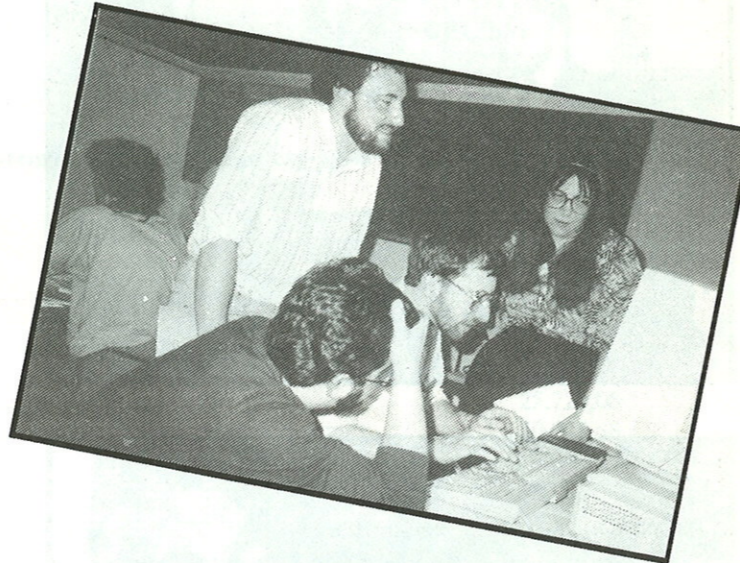


**No LCJE conference
without humour and
coffee.**

Andrew Barron, Richard Harvey, Rich Robinson and Susan Perlman busy working on the evening's humorous touch, see the next page!

Gerald H. Anderson, a member of the Conference Statement drafting group, is delivering "Behold, we are doing something occasionally".

Kai Kjaer-Hansen and Bodil F. Skjoett serving good Dutch coffee.



BEHOLD, WE ARE DOING SOMETHING OCCASIONALLY

The editorial group drafting the conference statement has already received suggestions from two hundred of the 156 people who have paid their membership dues to the LCJE. Although it is out of order, we have decided to present to you the final version of the conference statement this evening, which is a composite of all your suggestions. It may not sound familiar, but we have tried to keep some of the original wording. Also, we found it necessary to redirect our statements so that instead of being "To the Jewish people" and "To the churches" it is now addressed "To the participants of the conference."

The title of the document now reads, "Behold, we are doing something -- occasionally." It reads as follows:

At the fourth international conference of the Lausanne Consultation of Jewish Evangelism, 150 persons with 450 opinions from five continents skillfully weaved around the endless stream of pedestrians and cyclists to arrive in Zeist.

To the participants of the conference:

We lament that the elections cards are in a pale shade of brown which is a color offensive to many hidden people groups from around the world.

We rejoice in the sound of Walter Riggans' accent and hope that some of us can understand what he says. We also rejoice in Walter Riggans' profound Scottish piety whereby he is always prepared to cast his bread upon the waters as soon as he is assured that the tide is coming in.

We implore you to expand the scope of the conference to include specialized ministries to Jews who are leaving Chinese restaurants in great numbers because they have finished their meal.

BEHOLD, WE ARE DOING SOMETHING OCCASIONALLY

We lament that the conference material is best suited for North Americans and suggest that in the future, the material also be prepared from right to left for the benefit of the Israelis, and upside down for the benefit of those coming from the Southern Hemisphere.

"We rejoice in the different colors of the daily conference booklet and request that conference participants will dress in the matching color of the day." (This is a quotation from the 1989 Manila Envelope.)

We implore you to consider future topics for sessions and workshops such as "The Icebergs: Pioneer Missionaries to the Jews of Antarctica" or, "Glimpses from the Past in the Future from the Standpoint of the Present Glimpses of the Past, Present and Future," or "Successful Delaying Tactics for Conference Speakers Who Wish to Take More than Their Allotted Time," or "My Challenge to Susan Perlman." Or "Anointing in Messianic Congregations," To be given by Oily Kvarme as the speaker.

BEHOLD, WE ARE DOING SOMETHING OCCASIONALLY