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## From the coordinator

### Networking and Conferences

It is a great pleasure that we can now announce that the dates for the Seventh International LCJE Conference have been fixed to 7-12 August 2003. The conference will take place in the vicinity of the Finnish capital, Helsinki. In the days after the conference it will be possible to participate in a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia.

But before that – in this very year 2001 – two conferences will be held, conferences which are the result of the networking that took place among participants in the Sixth International LCJE Conference in New York, 1999.

First, the CEO's felt a need to have a special conference, which the Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel (NCMI) offered to set up. This will be in a place close to Oslo, Norway, 9-13 August 2001 (see further, pp. 4-5).

Second, the Lutheran participants in the New York conference wanted to have a similar conference for them. That will be in Israel, 2-6 July 2001 (see further, p. 6).

Networking in Jewish evangelism is a major concern in LCJE. Therefore it is a pleasure that networking at one conference leads to more networking at other conferences – and hopefully to practical measures in the real life outside the conference world.

This issue of the Bulletin includes a couple of articles on – well, networking. If other LCJE members would like to make a contribution on this subject for later publication, they are very welcome to do so.

Mission is always a tough job. This is also true of Jewish evangelism. Some might say: not least Jewish evangelism. Therefore we need each other – for mutual inspiration and encouragement.

With the best wishes in Messiah!

*Kai Kjær-Hansen*

## PEACE?

By Arthur Goldberg, LCJE Coordinator for Israel

"I will also no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, in order to test Israel by them, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk in it as their fathers did, or not" Judges 2:21-22.

"Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to test Israel by them (that is, all who had not experienced any of the wars of Canaan; only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might be taught war, those who had not experienced it formerly). And they were for testing Israel, to find out if they would obey the commandments of the Lord, which He had commanded their fathers through Moses" Judges 3:1,2,4.

Israel had wandered for 40 years in the wilderness. The entire generation that came out of suffering and slavery in Egypt had died off, and the new generation entered into Canaan and into REST. Finally after all the years of wandering, and the insecurity and hardship of life in the wilderness, they had fought for their land and earned a well-deserved time of PEACE. Now they would build homes and raise their children and grandchildren and settle down to the good

life. But they quickly forgot that God had brought them out of Egypt, and they forgot His covenant and His commandments and they were too busy to hear His voice. So He tested Israel, and allowed some of those enemies to remain in the land, and to try to remind His people to trust in the Lord. They were becoming so spoiled and lazy and materialistic, that they were forgetting how to defend themselves and what the priorities of life were. They needed some challenges to teach them to remember and obey the Lord's commandments.

Sounds like modern Israeli history, like things have not changed much, and that maybe history repeats itself. Even the descendants of the same people are living here in the land of Israel. And God is still testing us and still trying to get our attention.

Our people Israel have been seeking and hoping for peace throughout all their generations. The Word of God promises peace in Ps. 29:11. "The Lord will bless His people with peace." The nations of the world, throughout history, and especially believers today, "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" Ps. 122:6.

The most powerful man in the world politically, former

U.S. President Bill Clinton, invested years and millions of dollars to help bring about a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians. At the moment of this writing, peace negotiations are going on in Taba, Egypt to try to arrive at a peace agreement. Jewish leaders have been at the forefront throughout history, negotiating peace agreements, fighting social injustices, and striving for equality and dignity for all men. But even if a peace treaty is signed between Israel and the Palestinians, will this bring a true peace?

It is God who makes and keeps peace. Isa. 26:3.

It is God who establishes peace. Isa. 26:12.

God is peace. Peace is from God. Men can make peace between themselves, but until the HEART of a man is at peace, all is vanity. YESHUA is our Peace. He preached Peace. Eph. 2:14,17. A Peace that passes all understanding. Phil 4:7. Until a man's heart is at peace, all the peace treaties ever made and signed will not sooth the enmities between peoples. We may have the most pure and best intentions to reach a true peace, but we are doomed to failure. The believers in Israel are the remnant and the "salt" of the earth. Our message is to

speak of Yeshua, that in Him our people may have Peace. Jn. 16:33. A Peace that He gives, not as the world gives. Jn.14:27.

So what does it really

mean to "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem?"

What will it profit a man if he gains Peace in Israel and in the whole world and loses his own soul? cf. Mk. 8:36

"They have misled my people by saying, 'Peace!' When there is no peace. Ezek. 13:10.

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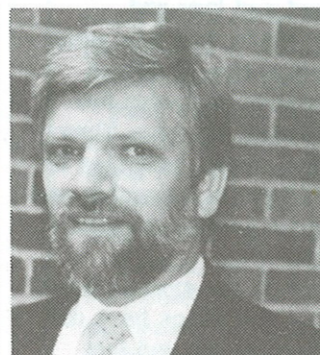
## CEO Conference 2001 Oslo, Norway – August 9–13, 2001

By Rolf G. Heitmann, NCMI – organiser of CEO 2001

### Dear Co-workers in Jewish evangelism and mission!

It is a great pleasure for me to remind you of the CEO Conference in Oslo/Hurdal, August 9–13, 2001. Many of you have already sent a preliminary registration form, and I am happy to inform you that almost 40 participants so far have signed up for the conference.

This conference was initiated at The Sixth International LCJE Conference in New York, 1999. The Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel (NCMI) was challenged to prepare a conference for CEO's in churches and organisations involved in Jewish evangelism and mission. The purpose of the conference is to discuss, consider, plan and eventually decide upon a common strategy for Jewish evangelism and mission in our time. In that respect we also have to be aware of the present situation and about



Rolf G. Heitmann

the ministries of the involved partners.

We invite you to Norway to take part in a programme where we can meet, share common visions and experiences, and proceed in our ministries with common resources and joined efforts in order to reach every Jewish community with the Gospel in our time.

On this background we have tried to prepare a programme for the conference. Participants will be asked to contribute to the different topics and present relevant material in Jewish

evangelism and training of missionaries.

In order to strengthen the fellowship and at the same time show you parts of Norway, we also invite you to attend a roundtrip, called "Norway in a nutshell".

For further information, registration, contact NCMI (see below).

Welcome to Norway and the CEO Conference!  
Tuvya Zaretsky (LCJE President)  
Kai Kjær-Hansen (International LCJE Coordinator)  
Rolf G. Heitmann (CEO 2001 organiser)

### Location

The conference will take place at Hurdal Centre, Oestsideveien, NO-2090 Hurdal.

Phone: +47 63 98 80 00  
Fax: +47 63 98 80 80.

The conference centre has a beautiful location in the Norwegian countryside, on the shore of lake of Hurdal, only 30 minutes from the

Oslo Airport Gardermoen.

### Transportation

Transportation will be arranged from/to Oslo Airport Gardermoen. Please indicate on your registration form time of arrival and departure. You will be met at the meeting point in the arrival hall.

### "Norway in a nutshell"

After the conference we offer you a sightseeing tour where you can have a get of Norway. You will see fjords, glaciers and historical sites, and also come close to Norwegian culture and traditions. Departure for the tour will be right after the conclusion of the conference on Monday morning, and we will end up in Oslo late in the evening of Wednesday the 15th. Hotel accommodation in Oslo from 15th till 16th is included in the price.

### Board and lodging

Both on the conference and the trip you will be accommodated in rooms of hotel standard with your own bathroom. If you have specific needs (food, allergy etc.), please indicate that on the registration form. The price includes full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

### Prices

Conference fee, including board and lodging, transportation to/from the airport and excursion programme on Saturday: Accommodation in double room: NOK 3.900,- pr. person (approx. USD 490,-)

Accommodation in single room: NOK 4.200,- pr. person (approx. USD 525,-)

"Norway in a nutshell" round trip, including board and lodging, transportation and entrance fees:

Accommodation in double room: NOK 3.600,- pr. person (approx. USD 450,-)  
Accommodation in single room: NOK 3.900,- pr. person (approx. USD 490,-)

### Registration and payment

All participants are asked to fill in the registration form, which can be ordered from NCMI. This also applies to those of you who have already sent the preliminary form. Please send it by mail, fax or e-mail by April 1, 2001 to: Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel  
Holbergs plass 4, NO-0166 Oslo  
Norway

Fax: + 47 22 11 42 01 E-mail: isrmisj@newmedia.no

If you don't know details about the time of arrival/departure, it could be filled in later.

We welcome your registration as soon as possible.

Payment for the conference and round trip should be sent no later than May 1, 2001 to: Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel  
Holbergs plass 4, NO-0166 Oslo  
Norway

Bank:

Union Bank of Norway  
P.O. Box 1172 Sentrum  
NO-0107 Oslo  
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Networking at the Sixth International LCJE Conference, New York 1999.

### International Lutheran Consultation on Jewish Evangelism

Plans are moving forward to host an International Lutheran Consultation on Jewish Evangelism at Yad Ha Shmonah on July 2-6, 2001. This meeting is the result of a gathering of Lutherans at the 1999 LCJE international meeting on Long Island. There were 18 Lutherans among the 130 in attendance. They appointed a steering committee to plan this event because as we met in a small group it became evident that there are issues of common concern that we could approach and address together including: the theological issue of the two covenant theory; developing Lutheran messianic congregations; developing international partnerships for mission efforts worldwide and in the land of Israel. If you know of Lutheran leaders or emerging leaders who should be invited please send an e-mail to: Steve Cohen at [scinfl@aol.com](mailto:scinfl@aol.com) or point them to our web site for a conference link: [www.appleofhiseye.org](http://www.appleofhiseye.org).

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### This is the way they do it in Finland

The Finnish LCJE is a part of LCJE Europe. Yet, they do not leave it at that. They have formed a national LCJE chapter, which every year holds national meetings with a considerable number of participants. In this way they set an example to other countries – or states in North America! In 2003 the Finnish LCJE will host the Seventh International LCJE conference. kk-h



The Jewish evangelist Nikolai Haskin from Minsk, Byelorussia, performed at the Finnish LCJE meeting 2000. The meeting gathered more than 300 people.

### I get by with a LOT of help from my friends...

By Steve Cohen, The Apple of His Eye Mission Society – St. Louis, Missouri

Networking: building up and/or maintaining informal relationships, especially with people whose friendship could bring mutual advantage to a given enterprise

I came to faith in Y'shua in 1973 through the prayerful witness of a gentile Lutheran. My wife, Jan, was organist at a Lutheran church and so I, not knowing about denominations, tagged along. I sensed warmth and love for liturgical worship in that worshipping community. When I attended an adult Bible class I asked, "If you have a friend who does not yet believe in Jesus, be they Jewish or gentile, how do you start the conversation? What would you say to get the ball rolling?" One of the members answered, "We are Lutheran, and we don't do that sort of thing!" I soon discovered that her response was indeed the overwhelming position of the majority of Lutherans. I wanted to see change.

Moishe Rosen had urged me to remain inside the Lutheran Church indicating that we had much to offer them and he urged me to cultivate relationships that could bring influence for the cause of Jewish evangelism and lead to change. I am thankful for his foresight and leeway in opening the doors.

While I was serving in



New York City in the 1970's, I was invited to speak on a Saturday afternoon at Christ memorial Lutheran Church in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Jan and I were being given 10 minutes to make our presentation, and I remember making the trip from Queens, mumbling and grumbling all the way... "Why are we schlepping this far on a Saturday for just a handful of people and just 10 minutes?" It was at that meeting that we were introduced to Rev. Robert Scudieri. Here was a pastor whose heart beat as mine did, with passion for reaching the lost. That began a long-term relationship, at times just from afar, but the LCMS is not so big and we would occasionally be at the same meetings together. I intentionally kept Rev. Scudieri informed with our ministry.

Before starting the Apple of His Eye Mission Society in 1996, I served on the staff of

Jews For Jesus for twenty years. In 1979, Dr. Erv Kolb, Secretary to the Board for Evangelism Services came to San Francisco to spend a week with the Jews For Jesus staff to orient them to the distinctives of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). It was during that week that I was introduced to Dr. Kolb, and through an agreement with Moishe Rosen, I was invited by Dr. Kolb to become an active member of the LCMS Task Force on Jewish Evangelism (TF).

I was given leave to attend meetings held three times a year, usually in St. Louis, Missouri the church's headquarters. Those two-day meetings focused on developing materials and awareness on the whys and hows of practical Jewish evangelism. It was an honor to serve in this capacity and also open up a sphere of influence for the cause of Jewish missions inside the structure of a denomination that has over 6,000 congregations, 2.6 million members and active missions efforts in 70 countries.

In the 1980's, the task force issued a synod-wide survey seeking to have an overview of congregations' involvement in reaching Jewish people. Fifty percent of the churches that responded had Jewish

people in their vicinity, but only two percent had Jewish people actively worshipping in their congregation. The role of the TF began gaining momentum as the Synod took steps to increase evangelism overall. The first was with the national Great Commission Convocations held every three years. During the first convocation, because of our involvement in the TF, we were able to secure three workshops.

It was here that I sought to hone what we now call the "Steve Cohen seven-minute rule". By that I mean that we would seek to be at any key church event to give a seven-minute poignant spiel, and then stand at the entryway the rest of the event schmoozing and making introductions with others. These brief presentations had to have impact. During that first Great Commission Convocation (a national gathering of church leaders that brought together over 15,000 focusing on evangelism), through Dr. Kolb, I was given those seven minutes and used them to great effect. From there we had opportunities at District Pastors conferences, circuit meetings and wherever leaders were gathering to make our plea for involvement in Jewish evangelism.

In 1981, I began Jews For Jesus Canada in Toronto. The Lutheran Church Canada was planning its national

convention in Winnipeg. The program chairman had befriended me and I asked him for 5 minutes on their program. He granted it and I flew to Winnipeg on the assigned day, distributed some material, gave the presentation, schmoozed at the doorway, then got on the plane and returned to Toronto that afternoon. We now had the ear of the leaders of the country's congregations and built on those relationships over the next six years.

In 1989, Dr. Kolb retired. I was named the chairman and we were moved to the Board for Missions Services. This meant a shift in strategy to opening new fields and new mission stations. In 1992, now Dr. Robert Scudieri came to St. Louis as the Secretary to North American Missions, including our TF. Because of a long-standing relationship, a history of doing what we said we would do, and a vision to try new projects Dr. Scudieri gave free rein to forge ahead while keeping him in the loop through regular reporting.

Because of his position, he was able to secure a session during the 1992 synodical convention in Pittsburgh. He asked if I would be willing to share for seven minutes during that convention. Of course I jumped at the opportunity, and to this day I still meet people who vividly recall that very presentation.

In 1996, Dr. Scudieri and Moishe Rosen were together

in Connecticut for a missions conference. They negotiated terms for my release to serve full-time inside the structure of the LCMS. When I moved to St. Louis, I knew that because of those like Dr. Erv Kolb, Dr. Robert Scudieri and countless others we have been able to make a good start. I was able to move here with an established network of relationships that opened up doors of opportunities that could have taken years. Because of those relationships, I am able to pass along opportunities to the new missionaries who come along and allow them to build their own sphere of influence.

Currently in our 5th year, we have been able to open mission stations in St. Louis, Houston, Los Angeles and New York City. We have planted a messianic congregation in St. Louis and forged a partnership with The Caspari Center in Jerusalem. In the summer of 2001, the Lord willing, we will be hosting the historic first International Lutheran Conference on Jewish Evangelism just outside of Jerusalem. We now want to take the LCMS to the next level: international Jewish missions. There is much work yet to be done. We will press on to the end that Christians will become effective witnesses and Jewish people will come to faith in Y'shua.

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## Cooperation and separation in Jewish evangelism

By Rev. Jouni Turtiainen, LCJE Finland

Since the first Apostolic council in Jerusalem (Acts 15) theological priority of Jewish evangelism was clearly abandoned. This decision opened a new perspective on prevailing theological separation between Jews and Gentiles in the Early Church. The book of Acts tells us how the Apostles themselves had to learn that Jewish evangelism had theologically belonged together with Gentile evangelism. As the Church was one in Christ, so was its Gospel and Mission one.

Priority of Jewish evangelism still prevailed, but not as a theological principle. The expression "to the Jews first" (Rom 1:16) has (salvation) historical and cultural emphasis in Paul's thinking. So, theologically we can speak about one Mission, namely about God's mission. God sent his Son Jesus as the Savior to all nations and in all cultures.

Jesus, however, sent his disciples first to their fellow Jews, and only later to all nations. Was, then, Jesus' ministry exclusive? By no means. Jesus himself always included Gentiles to his own mission (e.g. healing of a Canaanite woman's daughter in Matt 15:21-28 and healing of the Roman officer's servant in 8:5-13). This became obvious to the

disciples, but not until his resurrection and pouring out of the Spirit.

How should we then understand that separation between Jewish evangelism and Gentile mission has existed until our time, and there are still problems in cooperation among different Israel oriented organizations?

Firstly, we have to admit that the boundaries of suspicion and prejudices between Jews and Gentiles have existed since the times of the Lord's disciples. Not even the fact that God sent the Holy Spirit to his Church removed these attitudes at once. It needed time for growth towards mature adult Christian faith where the

Church was ready to confess the spiritual unity of the Body of Christ in its national and cultural diversity. No wonder we find ourselves in the midst of this process of spiritual growth.

Eventually Paul concluded that there was no difference between a Jew and a Gentile when it comes to believer's status before God (1 Cor 12:13). All believers have participation in the same Spirit and have equal access to God. Jesus did not give us two separate Great Commissions, one for the Jews and another for the Gentiles. The Savior gave his followers one Great Commission only. It includes both the Jews and the Gentiles.



*Jouni Turtiainen (left) interpreting Tony Sperandeo from Israel at the annual LCJE meeting in Finland.*

This is theological basis for cooperation in witnessing about our common Savior, too. There should be no room for spiritual separation nor theological discrimination in evangelism. Even if this principle is made clear theologically we still have many practical obstacles ahead of us.

Secondly, we must identify the theological errors and misinterpretations of the Scriptures in our own time. Sometimes, though, its argued that Jesus' Great Commission was not targeted towards Jews at all, but to the Gentiles only (especially in so-called "Theology after Auschwitz"). The Greek expression for "all the nations" (*panta ta ethne*, Matt 28:19) is thus interpreted exclusively – of course assuming that the Jews are already in the Kingdom of God.

This argument is, however, not plausible from the Biblical evidence. The correspondent Hebrew word for the Greek "ethnos" (nation) is thought to be "goy". In modern Hebrew it is exclusively, and sometimes discriminatorily, used about Gentiles, as the word "am" is used mainly about the Jewish people.

In Biblical Hebrew these words didn't actually have these exclusive dimensions. The word "goy" was used primarily with a territorial meaning; i.e. a people living in a certain area, and "am" described a people as an ethnic entity. Thus the

people of Israel can be called "goy" in the Hebrew Bible without any discriminatory connotation.

In the Book of Isaiah, Israel is expressively called both "goy" and "am" in the same context (Is 1:4). There is an attribute "sinful" added to the word "goy", but the purpose is not to suggest that the concept of "goy" itself would automatically mean something negative and worth discrimination. It simply testifies that Israel is just like any other people: it needs repentance and turning back to God.

So we can conclude that it is a theological misunderstanding to maintain separation between Jewish and Gentile mission / evangelism, and it is likewise a serious mistake to maintain the exclusion of Jews from the Great Commission. There is only one Mission, God's mission.

In this God's mission Israel used to have historical and cultural priority to hear the Gospel, but there was no theological reason for separation of the Jewish mission nor exclusion of the Jews from God's mission to all nations. The nature of Israel's priority to the Gospel is still today historical and practical. There are no plausible theological arguments for separation or exclusion. During history we have even lost the cultural priority to Jewish evangelism in Europe.

Generally this has been understood well in the West-

ern missionary activities. We have, however, to admit that sometimes separation, suspicion and exclusion has taken place in evangelism, at least in the Finnish context. For theological reasons cooperation between Israel-centered friendship (former missionary!) organizations and other missionary organizations has sometimes been very difficult if not impossible. Of course there are also other, less theological reasons – like financial ones – for lacking cooperation.

But still Jewish evangelism has either been misunderstood as something superior, an almost holier task than Gentile mission in the Church, or in some Israel friendship organizations Jewish evangelism has been understood as totally unnecessary for Israel's salvation, and therefore no link to (Gentile) mission has been tied. Theologically these extreme attitudes have risen from the post-holocaust guilt and have caused separation and have paralysed cooperation between missionary organizations.

It looks like we as Gentile Christians owe so much to the Jews. Either we owe them a special Jewish Gospel and Jewish missionary activities, or we owe them our silence about the Gospel as an apology and a remorse of our common share in the Holocaust. Eventually this leads to separation and

exclusion in the Church and we have to conclude that we are ashamed of the Gospel, contrary to Jesus and Paul.

What could be the solution? There are no new solutions, only the old one: back to the core power of the Gospel, proclaiming the

cross and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. This is the message that we owe to all nations, historically to the Jews first and then to the Gentiles alike. Our Gospel doesn't run from guilt. It runs from reconciliation, from the foot of the cross of Jesus.

Everything has been completed at the cross. Are we ready to carry the shame of the cross and do our best to seek cooperation instead of separation and exclusion?

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## The Blessings and Usefulness of Networking: A History of networking among Jewish Workers and Missions in Germany

By Henk Wolthaus, Operation Mobilisation, Mosbach, Germany

November 9th 1938 the Kristallnacht: Smoke from the synagogues on fire filled the air; smashed windows and glass of Jewish-owned stores were scattered all over the streets of German cities.

November 9th, 1989 the Fall of the Berlin Wall: The symbol of the division of Europe and the world of communist suppression came down! That very year, 1989, the first wave of Russian Jewish people began to flow into a nation where 50 years ago the horrific tragedy of the holocaust took place. "I firmly believe that God brought down the wall, at the very year that Germany signed the agreement with Russia allowing Jewish people to come to this nation. And on the very night that the Jewish community in this country remembered the Kristallnacht the Wall fell. This was an act of God! God

in control of history!" said Avi Snyder, Jews for Jesus.

My wife and I had been working among refugees from different countries during that time. Germany being in the center of Europe seemed to be like a magnet pulling thousands of refugees over its borders. They came in waves. As trouble would erupt in a country, we could expect the first wave within a week. Iranians, Tamils, Ethiopians filled the camps. The first waves of refugees were the most responsive to the Good News. They would read the literature, come to the meetings and we would see lasting fruit springing up. We knew too that like a surfer on the crest of the wave, aiming to get the full impact of the wave, we needed to be there at the right time. One year later may be too late as materialism begins to take over and the refugees close up to the Gospel.

With the arrival of the Jewish people from Russia we saw an openness and response to the truth that Yeshua is their Messiah. Already in those early days of their Soviet Exodus we could see that God had a divine plan and purpose in bringing them to this country of Germany. With the disappointment and disillusionment of communism and its atheistic lies the Good News was as refreshing as cold water to a thirsty soul. "God sent you to us!" we often hear. As the plan unfolded not only have these Jewish refugees come to Yeshua their Light and Salvation but they in turn are fulfilling their calling to be a light and blessing to this nation.

Early in the year of 1993, we invited a handful of workers and missions to talk about tackling the task of evangelism among the Russian Jewish refugees.

We called this our first "Strategy Weekend". Even then we could see that as this work would gather momentum, there would be a need for networking to accommodate the flow of workers and missions in Germany. The concept of a fishing net with all its interlacing cords is good to keep in mind when we think of networking. Maintaining the net including repairing the holes is a very vital part of the fishing process. With the privilege was also the potential for misunderstanding, miscommunication, friction, division and competition. Awareness of the spiritual battle involved was real.

We sought the Lord about His ways in how we could serve and facilitate Jewish missions, workers, as well as German believers to reach the Russian Jewish people God had brought to their doorstep. How could they be most effective in ministering to the Jewish people? How could missions cooperate with one another. How could we help them in reaching the goals God had given them?

The greatest Communicator, Architect and Master Builder, our Lord God, showed us that two main keys for effective evangelism and networking would simply be communication and cooperation. Over the centuries major battles were lost because the enemy was able to cut the

communication lines. So it is in the building of His Kingdom and Satan's opposition to it from the very beginning. We in the Lord's Army must maintain communication with our King Yeshua. Prayer must be top priority. Also the need to communicate together about strategies, resources, fields of work and cooperation among workers and missions should be maintained and ongoing.

In 1994 we had our first Shalom Weekend to which we invited motivated believers among the Jewish believers and Germans, who had a love and a burden to reach the Russian Jewish people. That first Shalom conference was encouraging as the few existing missions participated in sharing the responsibility in leadership as well as for the workshops. A surprising number of Jewish and Gentile participants who attended that weekend got involved in committing themselves to prayer for the work, evangelism and financial support. The map of Germany was hanging before us as a guide and reminder of the harvest fields, the many blank areas, without workers.

We are continuing with these conferences annually, reinforcing and expanding the network. With each year we have seen the Lord's Hand drawing in more and more keen Messianic believers who have either come to know the Lord in

Germany or in the Soviet Union. These gatherings have become a platform for missions to recruit workers as the work is growing and taking shape. This has resulted in more possibilities for training and evangelism in different regions in Germany. Exchanging of addresses and information become valuable as Jewish people followed up when they move from camps to cities to take up residence.

As the body of Messianic believers has grown in Germany, the networking has become a great blessing in that it provides an opportunity to gather as a family of believers. These Messianic weekends are an oasis for brothers and sisters to meet from all over Germany for fellowship, teaching, prayer for one another and to assure one another that they are not alone. Three have already taken place with approximately 100 attending. These special family reunions are during Passover.

Networking has been extremely useful in the vision for the Children and Teenager Camps, especially when we think back at the first year when no network was in existence yet. Eight years ago we simply began by offering the parents an opportunity to send their kids to a 10-day summer camp. Most of the parents hardly knew us but sensed they could trust us and were most happy to have some

breathing space in their little room at the camps, where often three generations were crammed together.

Over the past years an increasing number of missionaries from different missions have been on staff and have moved on to leading and starting camps in new areas in Germany. Even winter camps for teenies have taken off. The great goal of course is to see the kids and teenagers come into a living relationship with Yeshua. The Lord has much more in mind and we see a pooling of resources and gifts; good cooperation and staff from several missions involved in reaching the Jewish children, and thru them the parents.

We continue to have contact with some of those children from the first camps. An example of where two teenies now in their twenties are: Vera, who was fifteen and helped us in translating the Bible stories in Russian, is studying law in Regensburg. Vera is a committed witness in her university and is involved with a Christian Student Mission. Sasha is another young man at a university in the city of Karlsruhe. He has linked up with a Messianic Bible group and is active in the building up of this young fellowship.

We see an increasing amount of young people at the threshold of their careers who have decided to follow the Messiah. They are living in different parts of Germany

and they will play a major role in the future of the Messianic work in Germany. Anatoli and his wife Ira, from Evangeliumsdienst für Israel is carrying on the responsibility of seeing young people continuing in their walk with the LORD thru having winter and summer camps geared for the teens. We believe that GOD is raising up a generation among the Messianic young people who will be witnesses for the Lord in tomorrow's society.

The usefulness of networking has proved its blessings economically, time-wise and financially. Thru sharing vision in reaching the Jewish people with other missions and workers has contributed to a more effective work. The ordering of resources like Bibles in bulk, sharing material, providing new literature for evangelism, testimonies, tools for training and discipleship, Bible study books, has been a great advantage for all. Sharing our objectives, calling other missions and workers to stand by together in unity to bring in the harvest is honouring to our Lord and a powerful tool in spiritual warfare.

A network of prayer and fasting days have begun to grow in different areas of Germany. These times of Jews and Gentiles praying for the needs in the work and personal needs have proved to be a great strength and encouragement. We

have seen how much has been born, blessed and battled thru in these precious times together as different areas share their needs with one another.

As the foundation has been laid for networking in Germany we do sense that we are entering into a new chapter. The missions are more settled and established and clearer on how they should move ahead. This does not mean that networking is not needed anymore. Possibly the flow to Germany of Russian Jewish people will only last another 5-7 years. We have a limited time! Effective networking means that as Yeshua's Ambassadors we continue to be committed to seeking for more ways to communicate and cooperate with one another to the end that the great harvest still ahead may be brought in.

We can bring joy to the heart of God by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Doing nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than ourselves. Our attitude should be the same as that of our Servant King Jesus. Amen! May the ties that the Lord has brought together never be broken. If bound together in His love they will surely be useful and a blessing.

## Annual Reports from the Area Coordinators

### Report 2000 for LCJE Australia/New Zealand

By Larence Hirsch, LCJE Area Coordinator for Australia/New Zealand

The year 2000 may have been a disappointing year for all the doomsday prophets predicting worldwide catastrophes with the onslaught of the Y2K bug, but it has been an encouraging year for Jewish evangelism in Australia.

LCJE Australia and New Zealand manage to accomplish something that it has wanted to do for some time now – co-host a national conference on Jewish evangelism. LCJE, together with Chosen People Ministries and Celebrate Messiah Australia hosted a conference in Melbourne in October called "To the Jew First in the New Millennium."

The conference was a great success bringing people together from all over Australia and even including visitors from New Zealand and as far away as Finland. As far as we know, it was the first conference of its kind to be held in Australia. The delegates were stimulated and challenged by 7 different distinguished speakers (from both Australia and overseas) from various Churches and Bible Colleges including Baptist, Churches of Christ, Anglican and Assemblies of God. What was quite unique was



that 6 of the speakers are Jewish believers in Jesus and 4 of them are in full-time missionary service.

The papers that were presented reflected the speakers' various perspectives, however, the overall impact was a resounding and robust affirmation of the need and priority of sharing the Gospel with Jewish people in Australia and worldwide. I am sure that this conference will continue to have lasting positive effect on the church as it considers the need and priority of Jewish evangelism. The conference papers that were presented have been recorded and can be purchased in two sets of tapes. The first day was a reflection on the Biblical Mandate of Jewish evangelism (cost Aus \$35 plus Aus \$15 postage) and the second day was a

Jewish Evangelism Seminar (cost Aus \$30 plus Aus \$15 postage). Orders can be sent to LCJE Aus/NZ, c/o PO Box 5006, Glenferrie South, Victoria, Australia.

I have endeavoured to compile a number of reports from various ministries working amongst Jewish people in Australia. These reports are listed alphabetically.

#### Celebrate Messiah Australia

(by Lawrence Hirsch)  
Celebrate Messiah Australia has had a significant year in ministry. The year begun with a number of articles appearing in the Australian Jewish News opposing the work of Celebrate Messiah. The Jewish community seemed particularly "concerned" about the successful work among the Russian Jewish community of Melbourne (Celebrate Messiah Australia reports that in the last 3 years of ministry, over 140 Russian Jews became believers in Jesus). All this publicity created a greater interest and Celebrate Messiah's website has had an average of 7000 hits per month for last year.

Celebrate Messiah

continues to sponsor two congregations in Melbourne (one English speaking and one Russian speaking) that meet weekly on Shabbat. Celebrate Messiah also sponsored several English language classes that have been catering for the needs of the new Russian Jewish immigrants as well as creating a platform for further contact. Direct evangelism through street evangelism and personal visits have also been part of the work of Celebrate Messiah throughout the year and will continue to be so.

The big news for the year was that Celebrate Messiah is now part of the global network of Chosen People Ministries. This partnership grew out of several successful joint ventures and a deepening respect for each other's ministries together with a desire to work together for the greater good of the Gospel amongst Jewish people.

#### David House Fellowship

(by Mark Warren)  
David House Fellowship has worked through some changes and facelifts following the Lord's direction to reassess and re-evaluate methods and goals.

THE VINEYARD magazine continues to be a faithful witness among the Jewish community worldwide, each month, and now has a new wardrobe, thus being published in full colour in five languages. In view of

the new format, we fully anticipate that the Lord will begin to awaken new interest and increase the field of witness, as He searches out His sheep.

The distribution of THE VINEYARD magazine continues to grow, especially through our UK office and among our Russian Jewish contacts. Of the more than 30,000 copies currently being distributed each month, some 25,000 are in the Russian language.

A highlight of the year has been the seminar/conference on Jewish evangelism sponsored by Celebrate Messiah, the first of its kind in Australia. Hopefully, this will be just the beginning to a relevant and vibrant infrastructure of development and training that will equip and embellish the Church in Australia in its ministry toward the Jewish community.

#### Jewish Christian Bible Fellowship

(by Martin Pakula)  
JCBF has changed its directions this year. We feel that the congregational type ministry has unfortunately not been working as hoped, and have moved away from it. However we will continue to hold evangelistic public meetings, widely advertised, for Jewish people to come to. We produced a 'Jewish' 'Two Ways To Live' tract through Matthias Media Sydney. We are concentrating on 1-1 work, training Christians and churches in Jewish evangelism, and will

focus next year on University of New South Wales – the centre of AUJS here, and where there is a very strong Christian group. Our resources are being used more and more, and we are raising awareness in the churches more and more – mainly in Anglican churches, and particularly at the highest levels and downwards.

#### Jews for Jesus

Jews for Jesus hosted a successful evangelistic campaign to coincide with the Sydney Olympics. Several volunteers and Jews for Jesus staff missionaries handed out several thousand tracts and met a number of people, both Jews and Gentiles, who were eager for follow up.

Jews for Jesus Australia planted a messianic congregation called Beth Messiah that meets on Saturday mornings and provides ministry to Jewish and Gentile believers in the Sydney area. Bob Mendolsohn continues to be the leader of the work in Australia and he reports, "We rejoice in the success of the work in the Eastern suburbs and the notice the Jewish community continues to give us in their weekly journal in Sydney. Our Beth Messiah services in Chatswood are growing and the spirit of the place (should we say "the vibes") is terrific."

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## Annual Report 2000 for LCJE Europe

By Hartmut Renz, LCJE Area Coordinator for Europe

My main task as LCJE Area Coordinator in the year 2000 was to prepare the Seventh European Conference in France. Together with Jean-Paul Rempp and other friends in France we made an interesting and – as I hope – also stimulating program. So I invite you very warmly to take part at this conference. If you have not got the letter of invitation and the registration form, please contact me. Phone: +49 711 79 39 87; Fax: +49 711 797 78 33; e-mail: hrenz@evangeliumsdeinst.de.

Here is our program:

Jewish Evangelism in Europe in the Third Millennium  
Seventh European LCJE Conference  
15 – 18 March 2001

### Thursday 15 March

17:00 Registration  
18:30 Welcome to France: Jean-Paul Rempp  
Welcome to LCJE: Kai Kjær-Hansen  
19:30 Evening Meal  
20:30 Introduction of the participants  
Some flashlights from the international plane (Kai Kjær-Hansen)

### Friday 16 March

08:15 Breakfast  
09:00 Bible-Study (Sylvain Romerovski)  
10:00 Break  
10:15 French update led by Jean-Paul Rempp



11:15 German update led by Wladimir Pikman  
11:45 Break  
12:00 UK update led by Jonathan Bernd  
12:30 Eastern Europe update led by Paul Morris  
13:00 Lunch  
14:30 Special meeting for young leaders: The young people in the Danish Israel Mission and what we can learn from it – report and discussion (Henrik Nordborg)  
16:00 Joseph Rabinowitz – Lessons from a pioneer in Europe (Kai Kjær-Hansen)  
17:00 Break  
17:30 Working groups: What can/should we learn from Rabinowitz for today  
18:15 Reports from the working groups and discussion  
19:30 Evening Meal  
20:30 Messianic expectations in the second temple period (David Bond)

### Saturday 17 March

08:15 Breakfast  
09:00 Bible-Study (Sylvain Romerovski)  
10:00 Break

10:30 The Willowbank Statement on the Gospel and the Jews and its relevance today (Henri Blocher)  
11:30 Break  
12:00 checkbacks and discussion  
13:00 Lunch  
14:30 Special meeting for young leaders: The work among Jewish children and young people in Germany – report and discussion (Anatolii Ushomirskiy)  
16:00 Our right to share the Gospel with the Jewish people in spite of the recent historical context [shoa etc.] (Frederic Baudin)  
17:00 Break  
17:30 checkbacks and discussion  
18:30 Panel: The difficulties to witness in Sephardi/Askenazi mixed populations (Guy Athia, Jacques Gugenheim, Stephen Pacht, Francine Roulet)  
19:30 Evening Meal  
20:30 Biblical songs: Concert with Gil Bernard

### Sunday 18 March

08:15 Breakfast  
09:00 Bible-Study (Sylvain Romerovski)  
10:00 Break  
10:15 feedback / public statement  
11:30 Testimonies  
12:30 Lunch  
After lunch departure or sightseeing tour (optional)  
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## Annual Report 2000 for LCJE Finland

By Pirkko Sällä, Member of LCJE's International Coordinating Committee

"Intercession – that's our greatest need in Israel!"

Pastor Tony Sperandeo had reached the moment of truth in his speech to the *Jesus for Israel Seminar* in Helsinki in November, 2000.

Pastor Sperandeo challenged Finnish Christians to support Christian ministry in Israel with prayers and by actually standing with and assisting those who engage in gospel battle in Israel. He explained that spiritual warfare is an everyday occurrence in the Holy Land.

"Everyone can participate in what God does in Israel. Prayer is nuclear power in God's Kingdom. Hence – intercede for and with us!"

Pastor Sperandeo stressed that evangelism is not a forbidden art in Israel. But it is limited to what the democratic geometrics are at any time in the nation. In the Knesset is found a small but growing minority which time and again creates problems for those engaged in proclaiming the gospel. Most recently a try in the Knesset to establish bumpers against evangelism in Israel was avoided. But what will happen next time such an effort is pushed within the parliamentary ranks?

According to pastor Sperandeo "friendship evangelism" proves to be most effective in Israel with



individuals telling others the contents of the Christian good news.

The Seminar – which is an annual event – became the main public endeavour of the Finnish Committee in 2000. Sessions were located in a leading Pentecostal assembly while the open evening service was conducted in a Lutheran church. The daytime seminar drew about one hundred participants. The evening service tripled the number.

It was once again made clear to all that the subject of Jewish evangelism gathers together people across all denominational and confessional lines. "We are not ashamed of the gospel", was the general theme of the day. The reverend Juha-Pekka Rissanen, active in The Finnish Lutheran Evangelical Mission Center in Jerusalem, spoke on the position of the Christian Church in Israel. A

decisively colourful addition to the events of the day was Evangelist Nikolai Haskin from the Belo-Russian Republic. He pastors the Jerusalem Church in Minsk. Recently the authorities ordered this church to henceforth assemble for worship in the local cemetery. Nikolai Haskin was prompt with his answer: "The Jewish people have by now celebrated their Jewishness long and fully enough in gas chambers and in cemeteries! We do not obey this order!" He fights the authorities for the right to assemble with his Jewish Christian congregation in freedom.

Another important event in the year of the Committee was the *Jesus for Israel Day of Prayer*. This was a first, but is intended to be an annual event like the seminar. Day of prayer happened in May and had some 60 participants, many of these from churches and assemblies where weekly prayer meetings for Israel are arranged. Over the day intercessory work was performed in an orderly way; Jewish evangelism on one continent after the other was spotlighted before the Throne of Grace.

LCJE National Committee in Finland consists of Juhani Aitomaa (Christian Forum), Eero Junkkaala (The Finnish

Theological Institute – our chairman for 2001), Pekka Heiskanen (The Finnish Bible Institute Foundation), Jukka Koistinen (The Finnish Lutheran Evangelical Mission), Juhani Koivisto (Finnish Lutheran Mission), Jouni Turtiainen (Helsinki

Evangelical College) and Pirkko Säilä (Patmos Foundation for World Missions – chairperson to the end of 2000).

With great anticipation for what is coming do we gaze towards the future –

especially so as we are privileged to welcome the Seventh International LCJE Conference to Finland in 2003. We shall do our very best to make this occasion an unforgettable one!

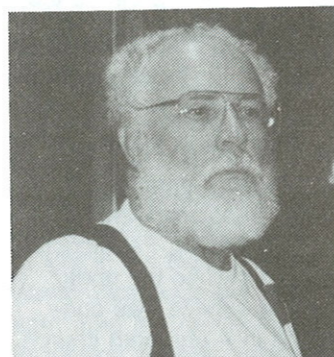
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## Annual Report 2000 for LCJE Israel

By Arthur David Goldberg, LCJE Area Coordinator for Israel

Avraham Shapiro, a member of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) was quoted in the Jerusalem Post of March 30, 1984, stating, "After all, I am a citizen of the State of Israel. And we do live in a country where the events of one week suffice for an entire year in other lands."

These last months in Israel have brought a lot of change in our day to day life. Many Israelis, Jewish and Arab, and including Messianic believers, find themselves preoccupied with the "El Aksa Intifada," and "zig-zag" politics and the upcoming elections for Prime Minister. Daily life goes on, and many things are "normal," but the Israel that we Israelis lived in three short months ago will never be restored as it was. There will be political changes, and possibly border and land changes, but the greatest upheaval is in our ways of thinking, our attitudes, our concepts, our sense of trust, and who we are as an Israeli people. These changes are



permeating the Messianic believing community in Israel as well as the Secular and Religious communities.

Many international conferences in Israel that had been years in the planning, and were to celebrate the new Millennium, were completely cancelled during these past months, or others were still held but at a greatly reduced size. Many Christians who had planned to visit Israel, or to come on tours, cancelled. Most hotels are empty and tourist agencies are without work. This situation affected local believers who had planned

to participate in these activities and who work in professions connected with the tourism industry. Local and international prayer meetings lifted this situation up before the Lord, and meetings are continuing to the present.

Needless to say, there has been a great deal of suffering on both the Israeli and the Arab sides, and the interaction and fellowship that Jewish and Arab believers have grown used to over many years has been reduced, mostly because of lack of access to one another.

Many Israelis feel insecure about the present situation, and that we are in the "calm before the storm." The main topic of conversation even among Messianic believers, is "what do you think is going to happen?" or "how do you think this will end up?" or "do you think there will be a war with the Arab countries?" Activities have been curtailed, people are apprehensive about

travelling on some of the roads where there have been random shootings, and quite anxious about many day-to-day routine activities such as travelling on a bus, going to the shopping malls or to restaurants, and in some cases, allowing children to participate in school outings. There is a certain prevailing sense of tension, and as a result, some things have simply been put on hold and we are at the point of "let's just wait and see what will happen." It should be clear here that all these attitudes are affecting the believers to some degree.

We attended the ICC meeting in Jerusalem on September 12th of last year and adopted some "New Year's Resolutions" for Israel that your coordinator has

begun to implement. These will include recruiting new members with an emphasis to reach out to the large community of Russian Messianic believers. Could you please pray with us that the Lord would open the door to this effort? We have the contacts, but many of our Russian brothers and sisters are not English speakers and this would require a key person to become involved with LCJE who is both English and Russian speaking. We seriously believe that LCJE could have a tremendous impact on the Russian believing community and could facilitate the networking that could help bring about a greater interaction between the Assemblies.

LCJE Israel would like to request specific prayer for the growth of Messianic Israeli participation. Would you please add LCJE Israel to your prayer list and uphold our unique needs before the Lord. We believe that Israel is an important catalyst to Messianic outreach in the world today. Please pray for the entire Messianic community here to have the strength to fulfill its place in the destiny of the nation, but especially in the plan and program of God. We are in a countdown and need your consecrated partnership in prayer to "lift up our weary hands." Please do not let a day go by without "prayer for the peace of Jerusalem."

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## Annual Report 2000 for LCJE Japan

By Teichiro Kuroda, LCJE Area Coordinator for Japan

It is a great joy for us to report our activities from the last year. First I have to let you know that the situation of LCJE Japan is a little different than other countries because we do not have a historical background as in Europe. Therefore we have our own ministries from Japan. There are not so many Jews living in Japan, and that is why most Japanese people do not have contact with Jews. We are working directly for the chosen people in Japan.



However, many of the Japanese Christian churches and church leaders are

influenced by western theology and they do not seem to have an understanding of Jewish Evangelism, but rather have distance from this ministry. So one of our ministries is that we let them know true light.

We also have a burden to pray and work for the Jews. In order to fulfill this desire we write our own Bulletin every three months. This is good for Japanese believers to know what God is doing in different parts of the world. We report about different

ministries and mission activities through the LCJE Bulletin. There is also a report from Japanese believers who have a burden to pray and work for the Jews and the nation of Israel. This is an eight-page magazine. We have produced 24 issues.

We also started our special prayer meetings both in Tokyo and Osaka. Once a month we gather to pray for the peace of Israel and the salvation of the Jewish people, usually our committee members give a short message before the prayer. There are not many believers who attend these meetings, but it is good for

us to start praying together for the Jews because we know that our prayer will reach many people and God will answer our prayer requests.

Through these prayer meetings I believe that more and more Japanese believers are opening their hearts and showing their interest in the Jewish Evangelism that is happening in the world and God's master plan through His nation and people. We want to pray with each other continually. I have to add one more thing, Christian books written on Jewish Evangelism, the messianic movement, and theology from the Hebrew

point of view all give us a new perspective. Also taped messages from messianic Jews, brothers or sisters, are also a big help for us to understand the secrets of God more deeply.

Although we did not have any special events in the year 2000, we are glad that we could issue our quarterly magazine and gave information to our Japanese churches and believers. We also started to have monthly prayer meetings in both Tokyo and Osaka, in which we prayed together for the development of Jewish Evangelism.

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ad which ran during one of her commercial breaks!

#### The Young Leaders

Over 50 people of all ages attended our first pre-conference session titled: "The Up-and-Coming NeXt Generation of Jewish Evangelists" (the capital "X" in NeXt was to mark the "Gen X" crowd for discussion). Facilitated by Dr. Kai Kjær-Hansen and Tuvya Zaretsky, our international president, the session was electric with ideas from the roomful of young leaders. Josh Sofaer arranged to bring his whole witnessing team on their way to Florida to do beach ministry to attend this session! We learned that we needed to take better notes to catch all the suggestions and experiences discussed in such a session, so we will expand our time in 2001. In fact, the self-named Young Leaders Group are doing much of the planning for 2001 in consultation with the Area Coordinator. Since the 2000 conference, Justin Kron (editor), Derek Leman (contributing editor) and Peter Kovacs (webmaster) have put together a great website (MJzine.com) to reach out to Jewish college-age and young adults. Check it out. The MJzine.com website has been looked at by over 10,000 people since it began in September 2000.

Facilitators for the March 11, 2001 pre-conference session will be Derek Leman

(Light of Messiah) Justin Kron (Chosen People Ministries), Josh Sofaer (Jews for Jesus), and Kirk Gliebe (Davar Emet Messianic Jewish Outreach).

New questions of how different groups can cooperate in bold ventures for the gospel are meeting with lots of discussion and planning. Pray for this next generation of full-time, committed evangelists to the Jews of America.

#### Messianic Congregations

Dr. Boaz Johnson, director of The Tsemach Institute near Chicago, Dr. John Fischer of Menorah Ministries, Florida, Russ Resnick, general secretary of UMJC, and Josef Koelner of Temple Aron Kodesh in Florida brought papers and reports on a variety of work being done through Messianic congregations.

Since the 2000 conference, Rabbi Koelner has accepted the position as South American Area Coordinator for LCJE. Josef's paper was titled: "Update on Some Messianic Congregations in Latin America: The Experiences of One Congregation." There has been a "great awakening" among the Jews of South American, many of them discovering their family's Jewish roots anew after many generations. This is an exciting event which will need our prayers as South American Jewish populations are being re-discovered for Yeshua. Our closing address

was given by Kevin Solomon, youth director of Beth Hallel Congregation, Atlanta.

#### Networking Opportunities

We are working to form stronger relationships with our parent organization, the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) in America. Jhan Moskowitz (Chicago, JFJ) and Steve Cohen (St. Louis, Apple of His Eye Ministries) have represented LCJE-NA at LCWE/Mission America consultations in the Spring and Fall this year.

I attended the LCJE International Council meeting in Jerusalem in September (see report in November 2000 Bulletin). While there I was able to meet with many of the Messianic congregations and leader, including interviews with Felasha believers in Amharic-speaking congregations.

#### The Future

Here's where I ask for more prayers once again! Our aim to set up a website for LCJE-NA has been done ([www.hometown.aol.com/lcjen/myhomepage/index.htm](http://www.hometown.aol.com/lcjen/myhomepage/index.htm)). It contains a catalogue of papers which have been given at earlier conferences, registration information for the up-coming March 2001 conference, and membership information. We ask prayers as we expand the website to include a link to LCJE worldwide as well as be a place for linking all Jewish ministry work throughout the USA.

## Annual Report 2000 for LCJE North America

By Theresa Newell, LCJE Area Coordinator for North America

### Introduction

Last year I asked your prayers for the LCJE work in North America, especially for our conference which was the first that I oversaw as area coordinator. The 2000 Conference in Atlanta turned out to be more adventurous than I could have anticipated when ABC's 20/20 television phoned just days before the conference to ask if they could film some of our meeting. Many of you will have read the account of that incident in The Bulletin ("20/20 and Jewish Evangelism," August 2000, Issue No. 61). I can hardly wait to see what 2001 brings



when we come together in Los Angeles!

### The Rest of the Atlanta Story

The Atlanta conference was well attended (80-plus) with

worship led by the Light of Messiah music team headed by Murray Tilles, former LCJE-NA secretary, and devotionals by the Rev. Tony Higton, Director of CMJ. Papers covering how to reach the Jewish Gen-Xers to reports on Messianic congregational life to addressing the issues of post-modernism and post-Holocaust Judaism made for a rich and stimulating conference. Susan Perlman brought her lively media report for the year, highlighting well-known comedienne and talk show hostess Joan Rivers and her reaction to a Jews for Jesus

Robert Specter (Cincinnati, Rock of Israel), LCJE-NA secretary, and I ask that you pray especially for a good attendance at our March 2001 conference, for

the spirit of even greater cooperation among the missions, our messianic congregations, and those in academic fields teaching and writing and shaping ideas for

all the workers (present and future) in Jewish evangelism here in America.

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## Annual Report 2000 for Latin America

By Dr. Yosef B. Koelner, LCJE Area Coordinator for Latin America

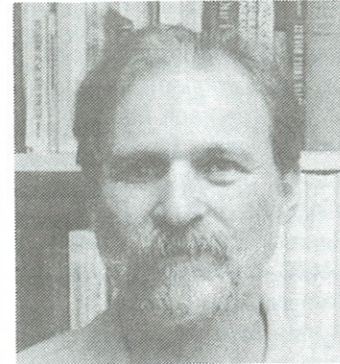
### SHALOM AMIGOS

God's work among our Jewish people in Latin America can be subdivided into four major areas:

- (1) congregational growth
- (2) Messianic music
- (3) rediscovery of Jewish identity
- (4) the reaction of the Jewish community to the Messianic Jewish movement.

Congregational growth can be best described as a Sovereign move of the Holy Spirit. Congregations seem to be springing up without any formal organized effort. I just met a Messianic Rabbi who recently began the first Messianic synagogue in Panama without any formal ties to a messianic group. To my knowledge, no major Messianic Jewish organization has yet implemented a specific synagogue planting program directed toward Latin America.

Messianic music continues to stir the Latin American soul. Radio Dinamica, Guayaquil, Ecuador, regularly plays Messianic music which is quite typical of Christian



radio stations in Ibero-america. Vida/Zondervan has produced three of Jonathan Settel's (www.settel.org) albums in Spanish, the latest being, "Danza y Paz". Combined sales are approaching over 50,000 units. Paul Wilbur (www.paulwilbur.org) recently announced the production of his "Shalom Jerusalem" album into Portuguese. Paul's albums are produced by Hosanna/Integrity Music.

The rediscovery of Jewish identity seems to be a phenomena which is occurring in the Traditional as well as Messianic Jewish communities. The following quotes come from an article,

"The New Jews of Mexico" which appeared in the Jerusalem Report, October 10, 2000.

Centuries after their ancestors fled to South America to escape the Spanish Inquisition, hundreds of Mexicans are making a dramatic return to their faith. And the established Jewish community is none too happy about it. - Yigal Schleifer, Puebla, Mexico.

Living in the small, isolated town of Zaragoza, in the rural state of Puebla, east of Mexico City, Castelan's family was different. Fair-skinned among their darker neighbors, the Castelans didn't go to church and never ate pork. Every year, in early fall a time he now understands to be the festival of Sukkot his grandparents built a hut in their backyard and the whole family would come over and eat fruit in it.

Some research and brief exposure to a Sabbath observing Christian sect persuaded Castelan that these family traditions were actually Jewish. His family,

he realized, was descended from the hundreds, perhaps thousands of Jews who came to Mexico beginning in the 16th century to escape the Spanish Inquisition, and had started to practice a form of crypto-Judaism when the Inquisition reached Central and South America in the 17th century. "I was filled with an overwhelming desire to learn more," says Castelan, now 57, a quality-control engineer at a Puebla metal plant.

Peter Citelli was raised Catholic, though he had Jewish cousins named Levy. He researched his mother's maiden name, Miranda-G(h)iron, and found out that her surname was Jewish.

Similarly, many Latin Americans are discovering their Jewish roots.

A good example of the traditional Jewish community's opposition to Messianic Judaism occurred last year in Argentina. The following report comes from Messianic Jewish Life, October-December 2000, Vol. LXXIII, No. 4.

Hundreds of Jews, including a survivor of the Holocaust, professed faith in the Messiah at an evangelistic service in Argentina last month. More than 22,000 Jews attended the festival in Buenos Aires, August 18-20, 2000, organized by Hear O Israel Ministries, an Arizona based group.

Local Jewish leaders tried to block the festival. A federal judge refused requests from Orthodox rabbis to shut it down, but ordered Jewish symbols, including menorahs and a Star of David, to be removed from the stage, the ministry said. Messianic Jews are not allowed to use the symbols, the judge ruled, because they no longer belong to the Jewish community. Hear O Israel Ministries is challenging the ruling in court.

The Spirit of God is speaking to our people in Latin America from Mexico to Argentina (Dan to Beersheva) about Messiah Yeshua. Truly we are living in prophetic times!!!

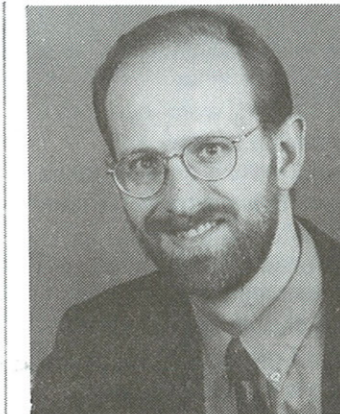
## Annual Report 2000 for LCJE South Africa

By Elyah Gould, LCJE Area Coordinator for South Africa

Mission among the Jewish people in South Africa is looking strong and there is a healthy diversity, as existing works have been rejuvenated and new works have been formed.

Southern Baptist missionaries from the USA have been slowly and sensitively getting to know the Messianic community and the local culture. They have already made an impact in terms of the support they have offered us and equipping the Church.

Messianic Good News, best known for literature distribution, hosted a number



of well attended outreaches last year. Dr Hilda Podlas spoke on the medical evidence for the Messiah's death and resurrection. Peter Cohen has a weekly

fellowship group called Beit Hesed and volunteers created quite a stir while handing out literature at a local Jews for Judaism meeting, as well as to people leaving the synagogue after a Yom Kippur service.

CMJ South Africa have an enthusiastic director in John Atkinson. Since his appointment the mission has a much higher profile in Cape Town and they are also endeavoring to work more closely with the leadership of the local Messianic congregations. CMJ are also recruiting new

missionaries in other parts of the country.

There are also a number of individuals who have formed fellowships as an outreach to the Jewish people. They tend to be independent works with a very strong emphasis on a particular area, such as the charismatic gifts, or Torah

observance.

The new year should be a fruitful one for Jewish evangelism as all these different works seek to bring the gospel to the Jewish people. CMJ is planning a special outreach in Cape Town this February and Jews for Jesus is planning its most audacious out

reaches yet for Johannesburg in October and Cape Town in December. At the moment I am busy negotiating a date with the various leaders to meet under the LCJE banner in Johannesburg this year.

Shalom in Him.

*Elijah Gould.*  
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## Children's Bible in Modern Hebrew

By Rivka Nessim, HaGefen Publishing, Israel

Imagine a young child reading Shakespeare and struggling with old English terms that may as well be Greek as his mother tongue....imagine this same young child trying to read a Bible written in such old English that almost every term had to be explained by an adult or a dictionary?

This is what Israeli children deal with. From the second grade, they begin to study the Bible (the Old Testament) in school, and continue through to the matriculation exams at the end of the twelfth grade. It is difficult – so much so, that those who are fortunate enough to be fluent in another language, often prepare their homework with the aid of a translated Bible! While less poetically rich it is easier to understand.

Our heart's desire is that our children should be able to read the Bible alone, and dig for themselves in the treasures of the Lord. For

this reason, HaGefen has in the last few years put the Children's Bible Project on highest priority. On November 29, 2000, the first volume, the Pentateuch, was released for publication. The Bible is translated into modern, limited vocabulary Hebrew, in a faithful rendition of the original text, and illustrated with original drawings that serve to illuminate the text.

After the initial painstaking, word-by-word translation, a slow and careful editing process takes place. Every editorial remark is then evaluated with reference to the best of scholarship's findings. The third draft is submitted to control groups of evangelical experts in the scriptures, teachers and parents, theologians and biblical scholars, and children. Comments received are evaluated and many are adopted.

The illustrations, drawn by

our house artist in sharp and emphatic gouache, illuminate the text with true to life renditions of the material and religious cultures of the land, her topography and ancient fauna and flora. They are the product of intensive research, careful editing and scrutiny by experts, and are as delightful as they are informative.

The entire Bible is being illustrated, including such books as are generally overlooked, such as Habakkuk, Job, Song of Songs or Daniel. Work on the text continues – the second volume is expected to be completed by 2003, and the remainder of the scriptures in forthcoming years in volumes three through five.

We recommend volume one of THE TESTIMONY to young Hebrew speakers and to students of the Hebrew language.

גם את הבקשה הזאת שלך אמלא, השיב ה'. "כפי שביקשת, לא אהרוס את העיר הזאת. <sup>22</sup>מהר לברוח אליה כי לא אוכל לעשות דבר עד שתגיע לשם". לכן נקראה העיר צוער [קטנה].



THE TESTIMONY is available at the price of \$49.95 inclusive of surface shipping and packaging. Quantity discounts are available – for orders of over 10 books, 15%; for orders of over 25 books, 25%. For airmail shipment, please add 15% to the total.

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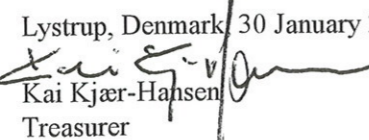
**THE LAUSANNE CONSULTATION ON JEWISH EVANGELISM**  
**Financial Statements (Danish Crowns)**  
**Year Ended 31 December 2000**

**Statements of income and expenses for 2000**

<b>Income</b>	
Dues (paid in 2000)	159,551.02
Interest	10,312.04
Subscription	1,174.98
Booklets, photocopies, Directory	751.50
Donations	375.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>172,164.54</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Reimbursement for administration	70,000.00
Travel, accommodation and ICC meeting	33,626.43
Postage	27,690.50
Bulletin, printing	17,587.50
Stationery and equipment	13,237.71
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>162,142.14</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR 2000</b>	<u>10,022.40</u>

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2000**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash at bank	253,198.99
<b>ASSETS IN TOTAL</b>	<u>253,198.99</u>
<b>Capital and Liabilities</b>	
<u>Capital</u>	
At 1 January 2000	165,518.29
Surplus for the year 2000	10,022.40
	<u>175,540.69</u>
<u>Special Fund</u>	
At 1 January 2000	53,946.30
	<u>229,486.99</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Scandinavian Theological Conference/Book project	23,712.00
<b>CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES IN TOTAL</b>	<u>253,198.99</u>

Lystrup, Denmark 30 January 2001  
  
 Kai Kjær-Hansen  
 Treasurer

## Auditor's Report

I have audited the financial statements of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism for 2000 presented by the treasurer.

### Basis of opinion

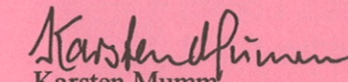
I have planned and conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted audit standards as applied in Denmark and included such auditing procedures as I considered necessary.

My audit has not given rise to qualifications.

### Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements have been presented in accordance with the accounting provisions of Danish legislation and give a true and fair view of the organization's assets and liabilities, financial position and result.

Aarhus, Denmark, 30 January 2001

  
 Karsten Mumm  
 State Authorized Public Accountant  
 (Denmark)

### Meetings in 2001

**North America:** 12-14 March.  
 Contact: Theresa Newell (see back cover)

**Europe:** 15-18 March. Contact:  
 Hartmut Renz (see p. 16)

**CEO:** 9-13 August. Contact NCM  
 (see pp. 4-5)

**Lutherans:** 2-6 July. Contact Steve  
 Cohen (see p. 6).

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