

Workshop on Jewish Evangelism

OVERVIEW

During a traditional Jewish Passover supper, the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) said to his disciples, all of whom were Jews, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me' (John 14:6). Therefore, Jewish people, just like every other ethnic community, need to know the saving grace of God in Jesus the Messiah. Our network brings together mission workers and agencies, academics, missiologists, theologians, and church outreach leaders to network around the cause of Jewish evangelism.

Join our workshop and hear about the extraordinary work the Lord is doing among Jewish people just over the last 40 years. Our network is called the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism. 'Networking Jewish Evangelism' is the stated reason on our webpage (www.lcje.net) for which we exist.

Our five simple stated purposes have enabled us to come together for collaboration, cooperation, and greater effective witness among modern Jewish people worldwide. Our five simple purposes are:

- Share information and resources
- Study and report on current trends
- Stimulate one another's thinking on theological and missiological issues
- Strategize on a global level so more Jewish people will hear and consider the good news of Jesus the Messiah
- Arrange consultations that will be useful to those engaged in Jewish evangelism

Come to our workshop to hear what God is doing among Jewish people for the sake of his gospel. If you are part of a prayer network, come learn what God is doing so you may participate in prayer for the incredible move of his Spirit today. Three times in the last 40 years, we have seen waves of Jewish people coming to believe in Jesus: in the United States (1970s), the Former Soviet Union (1990s), and today in Israel.

Join us to see what God has done to bring together a high functioning, mutually beneficial network for the cause of Jewish evangelism. We say, 'If Jesus is not the Messiah of all, then he is not Messiah at all.' If you are engaged in reaching Jewish people for the gospel, come and find out what Jews really think about Christians and the Christian message. Then gather up some resources that will help you answer objections and effectively reach them with the lifesaving news of Messiah Jesus.

You have heard about the BDS movement (boycott, divest, and sanction) against the State of Israel. Find out what every Christian leader should know about social justice, the gospel, and reconciliation between Arab, Palestinian, and Jewish people in the Land of Israel. Also learn about what God is doing today as a Messianic movement of Jewish believers is growing in the Diaspora and in the Land of Israel. Come and hear the implications for that movement with regard to concern and social justice for Arab Israelis and Palestinians. Lastly, hear what we have to say about the implications for Jewish evangelism from Christian Zionism and the 'Back to Jerusalem' movement.

RESOURCES

www.lcje.net—The Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism webpage.

LCJE BULLETIN—A network bulletin published three times a year. It contains the best papers presented at regional and international conferences and highlights new initiatives.

[‘Jewish Evangelism: A Call to the Church’, Lausanne Occasional Paper \(LOP\) 60](#)—Six important issues for Christians interested in Jewish evangelism.

Major statements on Jewish evangelism available at www.lcje.net/statements.html.

Most essential statements and documents about Jewish evangelism found at <http://lcje.net/StatementsandDocumentsaboutJewEvan.html>. See in particular:

- [LOP 7, the first Lausanne Occasional Paper on Jewish evangelism \(1980\)](#)
- [1989 Willowbank Declaration on the Christian Gospel and the Jewish People](#) (a watershed document on Jewish evangelism)

[The Manila Manifesto](#) (1989) highlighted the call to bring the gospel to Jewish people as essential for their salvation.

[The Cape Town Commitment II-B-1](#) addresses reconciliation within the call for the whole church to share the good news of Jesus as Messiah, Lord, and Savior with Jewish people.

Yaacov, Ariel. *Evangelizing the Chosen People: Missions to the Jews in America, 1880-2000*. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: University of North Carolina Press, 2000. An insightful look into modern Jewish evangelism within the United States written by a Jewish scholar who is not a Jesus believer.

Mishkan Journal. Caspari Center. caspari.com/new/en/mishkan. In particular *Mishkan* 30-31 (1999) for a comprehensive look at Messianic congregations in the State of Israel, researched by Kai Kjaer-Hansen and Bodil Skjott.

Brown, Michael. *Facts & Myths about the Messianic Congregations in Israel*. Also see <http://realmessiah.com/index.php/en/> for thoughtful apologetics in Jewish evangelism.

Israel Ministry Network (IMN), <http://imn.deltaministries.com/about/>

Israel College of the Bible, <http://www.israelcollege.com/>

Caspari Center, <http://caspari.com/new/>

Netiva youth ministry at the Baptist Village led by Yoel Goldberg

Lech lecha, another youth and soldiers ministry headed up by Yohanan Stanfield

Danish Israel Mission short-term mission opportunities in support of others

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Don't Jewish people have a covenant relationship with God already? So why do they need Jesus to be saved?
2. Can Gentiles actually have a ministry to Jewish people? Where can I find prayer lists so I can pray for Jews? Where can I find opportunities to get directly involved in telling Jewish people about Jesus?
3. Why is it so difficult for Jewish people to hear the gospel? What happened that has conditioned Jewish response against Jesus and against Christians with their message?
4. So do Jews think that Jesus is just a prophet? What do they think about him?
5. What is being done to help Jewish and Arab believers in Jesus find reconciliation and social justice in the power of the gospel?