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TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF JEWISH BELIEVERS IN JESUS

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Cross-cultural relations integrated into Leadership Training

"Besides enjoying being in fellowship with my Jewish and Arab brothers and sisters which is an end in itself" writes Anis Barhoum, founder of The House of Light, an Arab Christian charity for social aid, "I am learning about other ministries and becoming familiar with what's going on in the Body in the Land. I'm benefiting a lot from being in this course."

In the United States, pastors and leaders are able to attend any number of continuing education courses and seminars. These barely exist in Israel. Caspari Center's leadership training course is meeting this need in Israel. There is little or no practical training for church or organizational leadership once they complete work in the nation's only Bible school.

Students come from everywhere in Israel. They are Jewish, Arab, Ethiopian, Russian, male and female.

They meet monthly to listen to teachers knowledgeable in areas of communication, psychology, conflict resolution, working with others, mentoring/coaching or organization. Between the monthly sessions they meet with a mentor to learn to personally apply the teachings.

Anis Barhoum continues:

- *The seminar about 'Culture and Education' was of great benefit to me personally since we have many volunteers and work with people from different backgrounds. It helped me to better understand the personal differences, and to appreciate each one the way s/he is.*
- *Those of us taking the course are working on more open communication among the parts of the Body and I hope by the end of the course we will really be one in Christ 'who has given us new birth into a living hope'.*
- *Meeting in a small regional mentoring group, I am getting to know my Messianic Jewish neighbors who I never met before. This is building real relationships and we're planning to meet as families not only as individuals.*



Nawal and Anis

Your gift to Caspari enables us to train more leaders like Anis.

Meet Anna—a volunteer in Jerusalem

What a special place! In December I was a short term volunteer at the Caspari Center in Jerusalem. I had wanted to do volunteer work in Israel that supports the messianic community for a long time so it was a dream come true to spend three weeks at Caspari.

I found Caspari Center on the internet, followed up with phone calls and Arrangements were finalized.



I immediately felt like part of the Caspari family and was especially blessed by our daily devotion time together. I worked primarily in the library helping with their current re-cataloguing project. The thing that most touched me was the living faith of each of the staff members, and their love for the Lord and faithful witness for Him in the midst of Jerusalem. My faith was encouraged and strengthened through my time with them. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless the staff and work at the Caspari Center.



PASSOVER 2005

Remember God's faithfulness to his people by participating in an Orthodox Jewish Passover as Jesus might have experienced with his disciples just before the events that led to his crucifixion.

We as Christians see the ultimate purpose of the Passover meal as pointing to the Passover of Jesus, when he was and is our Passover lamb. All the different prophecies have a focal point in Jesus. The Hallel—Psalms 113-118—was a song sung by Jesus and his disciples that Passover evening long ago. This adds an important perspective to our reading of the Hallel songs in the Passover liturgy.

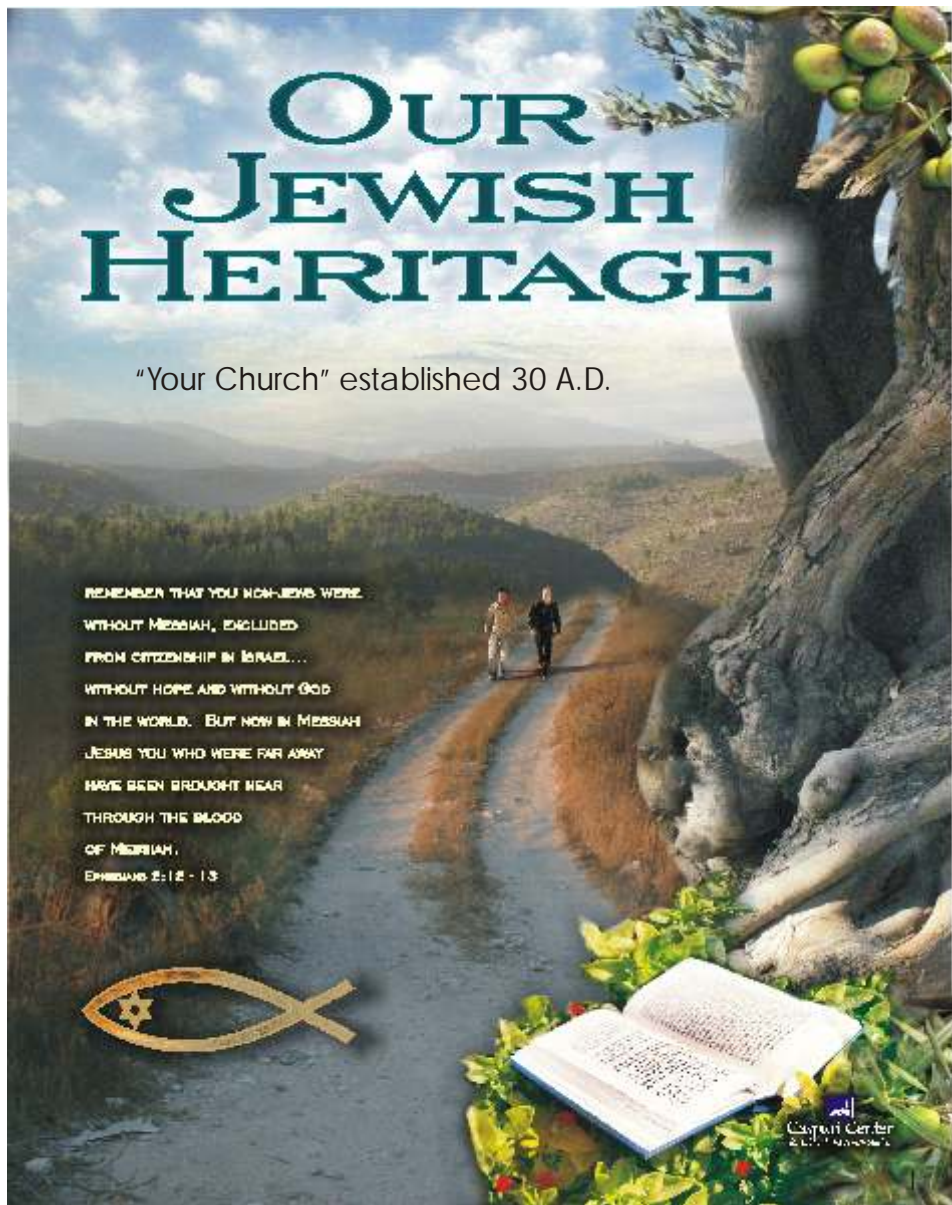
Last year, over 230 people participated in the Caspari Center's Haggadah—the Orthodox Passover liturgy and meal in Chicagoland. This year, Caspari will host the meal on April 23 at St. Michael's Church in Bloomington, MN, and on April 24 at Community Fellowship Church in West Chicago, IL.

Last year we had to turn a number of people away due to lack of space. So be sure to get your tickets early!!! It is an interesting and educational family-centered evening. Adult: \$15.00; Age 12-18: \$12.00; Age 6-11: \$5.00; Age 5 & under: Free. Call the Caspari office at 630-668-3328 or use the enclosed response card.

Upcoming Events

Trip to Israel: April 6-16, 2005 and November 2005

Passover Meal: (Jewish Passover Eve is celebrated April 23-24, 2005)
April 23, 2005 in Minneapolis area – April 24, 2005 in the Chicago area



Design Your Book Table

Banners (see design on left)
 Customized with "Your Church Name
 established 30 A.D."

30" x 48" vinyl 4-color: \$125.00
 30" x 48" vinyl 2-color: \$95.00
 30" x 48" Tyvek 4-color: \$95.00
 30" x 48" Tyvek 2-color: \$50.00
 (other sizes available upon request)

DVD with selected texts read in Hebrew
 with English sub-titles: \$5.00

Sermon outline based on selected texts

4-color laminated poster: \$5.00



Lapel Pins:

\$5.00 each
 100 for \$300 (\$3.00 each)
 500 for \$1,000 (\$2.00 each)

Books on Our Jewish Heritage
 (Profits on books sold can be donated
 to Caspari OR kept to assist your
 church's Jewish mission project)

Our Jewish Heritage Sunday

"Our Jewish Heritage Sunday" is something new being offered by Caspari Center. It is an event designed to help your church to truly become a home for Jewish believers in Jesus and reach out to Jewish people with the Gospel.

We have set the weekend of February 5-6, 2005, as the time of honoring our Jewish heritage, but your church can choose any time that fits your schedule. This would be the perfect time to invite a speaker from Caspari Center to preach or lead a Bible Class. If your church would like to participate, we can help you.

You may order materials which include helps for preaching and prayers. The display kit contains flyers, books, posters and lapel pins featuring the specially designed "Our Jewish Heritage Sunday" logo.

The event is a great opportunity to focus on a Jewish mission your church may already be supporting. The Caspari Center can also provide a project in Israel for you to support through this event.

Begin planning for your event now. It can be as simple as putting up a display and book table. Or you can ask your church leadership if they would devote the entire service toward the goal of making your church a home for Jewish believers in Jesus. Call the Caspari Center (630-668-3328) to order your kit. More details on www.caspari.com.

December in Israel....

I have just returned from nearly a month in Israel. From time to time I will share experiences from this exciting trip.

It is easy to fall into the rhythm of daily life. I greeted the morning to sounds of the call to prayer by the Imam in the local mosque. I stayed in the Caspari Center flat, an easy bus ride or a 40 minute walk from the Caspari office on Jaffa Street in Jerusalem.

Some days I would join the throng of sleepy morning commuters taking the bus to work. Other times I found my way to Jerusalem's Central Bus Station to take an express bus to cities and towns for ministry appointments throughout Israel. Getting around Israel is easy.

I watched large lighted Chanukia (candelabrum used to celebrate the eight days of Chanukah) being put up in town squares.



Walking along the streets of Jerusalem (which, by the way, are extremely tidy and safe) you hear a mixture of languages representing the diversity of culture and ethnicity – Hebrew, Russian, English, Amharic, Arabic, Asian tongues, Scandinavian languages, etc., etc. There is an acceptance and respect of each other, at least at a surface level.

These are the people who need to hear that Jesus has come and is their Messiah. Centuries of distortions and misunderstandings make it difficult for many to hear the good news. But there are signs that the number of Jewish believers in Jesus is growing. Caspari Center is planning to update their ground-breaking 1999 survey of congregations in Israel to better understand and serve this population. No one else is doing this type of research.

We have the needed personnel to do the research. But we need funding for travel, housing, and research assistants. It is important for the Messianic movement to have this information. Your gift to this significant and unique project will identify exactly how many Jesus-believers live in Israel today.

Kathi Graham
North American Director

Quiz

- 1) How many candles does the Menorah contain? 5, 7 or 9
- 2) How many candles does the Chanukia (candelabrum used during Chanukah) contain? 5, 7 or 9
- 3) One of the candles in the Chanukia is different and is often elevated. What is the purpose?
- 4) Why is the lighted Menorah used on the Caspari Center Christmas letterhead?

Answers

- 1) 7 -- The menorah is one of the oldest symbols of the Jewish faith. The menorah is a symbol of the nation of Israel and its mission to be "a light unto the nations." (Isaiah 42:6)
- 2) 9 -- For the eight days of Chanukah
- 3) It is called the Shamash—servant or helper—candle. It is lit first and then used to light the other candles.
- 4) The lighted candles signify that Yeshua, the light of the world, has come.



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