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# From the Coordinator

This issue goes to press following the tumultuous events of the recent Israeli elections, the global debate over the Iranian nuclear negotiations, and the terrorist attacks in Paris in January and Copenhagen in February 2015. In the wake of these attacks, growing anti-Semitism in Europe has come into sharp focus. In the United States, this concern has manifested itself in a key article in a leading magazine titled, "Is It Time for the Jews to Leave Europe?" (The Atlantic, April 2015 issue) by Jeffrey Goldberg. Goldberg met personally with the prime ministers of France, Britain, and Moldova, as well as many other European officials and Jewish personages in a number of countries in order to write this story. One of those interviewed included Jewish novelist Howard Jacobson, who lives in London. From where he sits, Jacobson penned these chilling words: "It will never go away, this hatred of Jews... and the proof of this is that barely 50 years after the Holocaust, the desire for Jewish bloodletting isn't over... I know this is a dangerous thing to say... but the Holocaust did not satisfy." The fear and concern over growing anti-Semitism are clearly palpable.

Along these same lines, for our devotional this month we have an extended essay by our own LCJE European Coordinator, Jean-Paul Rempp, concerning this terrible rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and especially in France, and the current impact of these trends on Jewish evangelism. Jean-Paul shares urges us as the LCJE family to be in prayer.

This issue also includes the 2014 annual reports of our LCJE Area Coordinators from around the world, the LCJE International financial statement for 2014 (p. 25), and an announcement for the LCJE General Meeting to be held in Jerusalem in August 2015 during our upcoming 10th International Conference (p. 26). That announcement includes instructions concerning requests for agenda items for the conference.

LCJE members are encouraged to register for the conference as soon as possible if they have not already done so. Registration information was mailed to members. If you did not receive that information for some reason but would like to attend the conference, please contact the International Coordinator at: [lcje.int@gmail.com](mailto:lcje.int@gmail.com) or by mail.

In our continuing coverage of the Barry Barnett case (see LCJE Bulletin, "Update on the Barry Barnett Case: Appeal Scheduled Before the Israel Supreme Court," Issue #118, November 2014, pp. 4-5), Barnett won a legal victory in the Israel Supreme Court, which heard his case on February 9, 2015. The court directed the Ministry of Interior (MOI) to issue him a visa to allow him to return to Israel. It remains to be seen whether the visa shall indeed be issued without bureaucratic obstructionism by the MOI.

In our sure hope for the coming salvation of Israel. *Jim Melnick*  
*Isaiah 45:17: "Israel shall be saved by an everlasting salvation..."*

**Front cover photo:** This picture shows the Hyper Cacher kosher supermarket, site of the Jan. 9, 2015 terrorist attack by a supporter of the Islamic State who was targeting Jews in Paris. This attack followed the massacre carried out two days earlier against the staff of the Charlie Hebdo satirical weekly magazine. The four French Jewish victims killed in the supermarket attack were later buried in Israel. At the moment captured here, French police are storming the supermarket, killing the terrorist-gunman, who had also threatened to kill hostages. Source: screenshot of YouTube video news report.

# What time does the clock say for the Jewish people in France?

By Jean-Paul Rempp, LCJE Area Coordinator for Europe

## Speaking in Moldova

Last November, I had the privilege of speaking in Kishinev, Moldova at a conference commemorating the founding of the first Jewish Messianic congregation by Joseph Rabinowitz in 1884. The topic I proposed was: "Standing with the Jewish people at a time of increased Anti-Semitism in Europe." In light of the murders of four Jews following the attack on the offices of the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in January 2015 and the reported increase in French Jews making aliyah [alya] to Israel, it would be appropriate to publish part of this speech here in this LCJE Bulletin, following which I will bring further thoughts and information.

## Standing with the Jewish People

I would like to speak of the need to stand alongside the Jewish people as anti-Semitism is on the increase in Europe. My deep conviction is that, if we are true evangelical Christians, the only possible position we can take should be to stand firmly alongside the Jewish people.

In order to understand the present situation in France, it is essential to bear in mind the fact that France's Jewish population ranks third in the world, after Israel and the United States. There are between 600,000 and 700,000 Jewish people in France and we also have the largest Muslim population in Europe.

It is undeniable that anti-Semitic acts in France have increased over the last two years in the wake of the case of Mohammed Merah, the young jihadist who killed seven Jewish people at a Jewish school in Toulouse in March 2012. A video shows Merah dragging a little girl by the hair before shooting her in the head.



## Anti-Semitic acts and attitudes increase in France

Anti-Semitic acts and attitudes peaked during the recent short war between Israel and Hamas. In Paris, angry crowds chanted: "Jews, get the hell out of here! France is not yours!" "Gas chambers are a lie!" and "Death to the Jews!" A synagogue had to be protected from attacks by demonstrators, and a few days later Jewish stores were destroyed in Sarcelles, a suburb of Paris known as "Little Jerusalem."

Since then, things have calmed down and French authorities have been exemplary in the way they have protected Jewish communities, dealing sternly with anti-Semitic acts and attitudes, which are severely punished under French laws.

Sadly, however, over the last year anti-Semitic incidents have doubled, and the jihadist Mohammed Merah has become a hero to some people! One leader in the Jewish community says that, over the last two years, French attitudes to Jews have deteriorated. On both the left and right of the political spectrum and at all points between, anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic sentiment has increased, and the growth of fundamentalist Islam has been accompanied by aggression, insults and attacks on Jews. "The situation," he says,

"is indeed appalling... Today I consider that we are exiled from the inside, exiled in regard to these great French values that used to accompany us, and now are so hard to find."

## Not limited to France

The increase of anti-Semitism is not limited to France. We could give similar examples in Belgium, Hungary, Germany and many other countries, and for many years I have been making efforts to be more involved with associations such as the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA). This includes participating in various commemorations or cultural events, which gives me opportunities to extend my sympathy to the Jewish people and show solidarity with them and an expression of Christian love for my neighbour. And my presence at these events also opens opportunities for witness to Jewish friends.

At the LICRA conference last year my wife and I saw a relative of one of France's best known rabbis that we had met at a similar gathering two years previously. She was happy to see us again because she had been deeply touched by the "religious discussion" we had when we first met, and she thanked us warmly for the copy of Gert Koppel's book *The Hidden Child* and the DVD of Corrie Ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*. We pray that these various contacts will eventually allow us to present the truth that there is no forgiveness for sins apart from the atoning work of Jesus the Messiah.

Standing firmly alongside the Jewish people in a period of increasing anti-Semitism implies two requirements from

Evangelical Christians. First, we need to show practical solidarity with the Jewish people in every possible way. Second, more than ever, we need to preach the gospel of Jesus the Messiah to them. Indeed, as "The Willowbank Declaration" of 1989 clearly affirms: "failure to preach the gospel to the Jewish people would be a form of anti-Semitism, depriving this particular community of its right to hear the gospel." The relevance of this affirmation is even more urgent during the crisis we currently face.

Let us never forget that the gospel is "to the Jew first." The booklet *Jewish Evangelism: A Call to the Church*, which came out of the Lausanne Consultation on World Evangelism's "Forum 2004" in Pattaya, Thailand, states succinctly: "If Jesus is not the Messiah for the Jewish people, then neither is He the Christ for the nations. Either Jesus is the Messiah for all, or He is not the Messiah at all!"

### Stirred to pray

This being said, and following the recent attacks in Paris and in Copenhagen, I want to inform you on the state of mind pervading these days in the French Jewish community and also describe the specificity of the French *aliyah* [alya], so that every brother and sister in LCJE may be stirred to pray.

Since the attacks in Paris, and even more after those in Copenhagen and the profanation of tombs in Sarre-Union cemetery, European Jewish communities have acknowledged that worry and uncertainty as to the future are their main feelings. They are aware that there is a global purpose in this war that some have declared: first against freedom of speech, and then against the Jews. In France, Consistory Chairman Joël Mergui stressed the similarity of the attacks in Paris to those in Copenhagen: "The hatred which struck in Copenhagen and in Paris is the same ideology that kills the Eastern Christians, kid-



France

naps young women in Africa, hides stocks of weapons behind schools and hospitals, and now tries to dismantle our democracies after having destabilized Near- and Middle-East states."

### Linking the horrors of the past with the current situation

French Authorities did not fail to link up horrors of the past and today's terrors, while trying to reassure. Thus, on International Shoah Day at the Shoah Memorial, the Republic President François Hollande insisted that all four victims of the Hypercacher attack were killed "for the same reasons that families were rounded-up in the Vel-d'Hiv' in 1942 (...) just because they were Jewish." He recognized that "the Jews still live today in suffering", telling them that "Your place is here, in our country. France is your homeland. You gave it your talents, your work, your courage, and sometimes your blood. Our country would stop being France, were it to live without you (...)." Likewise, in a non-ambiguous speech as a guest of honour at

the 30th Conseil Représentatif des Juifs de France – the French Jews Representative Council- (CRIF), President Hollande confirmed the solid bond uniting France and its Jewish community: "Jewish people in France are at home. It is anti-Semites who are out of place in the Republic." He addressed a moving call to French Jews to remain in this country. "French citizens of Jewish faith, you are here at home, in your homeland. It owes you part of its identity. You have given so much to it, France knows this (...) and it stood up a month ago to say NO to fanaticism."

### A paradoxical phenomenon

The Paris attacks awakened consciences. Some Jewish people feel more Jewish after these tragedies and seek to materialize this rediscovered identity. Conversely, some faithful ones tend to leave, forsaking smaller communities to join larger ones in cities, or even contemplate alya, for

their anxiety is growing.

In Sarcelles, for instance, Chief Rabbi Laurent Berros warns that "if one day there is a decline in Sarcelles, there will be a decline in the whole of France, so representative this community is. "Now, in that suburb of Paris, men cover their kippa with a cap or a hat as soon as they come out of synagogue. Members of the Jewish community keep asking themselves: "What will happen afterwards, when the army has left?" Besides this, some parents have decided to remove their children from general schools and colleges in order to put them into private Jewish schools. This is the only way they can benefit from a close protection... Doctor Marc Djéballi, Sarcelles community Vice-Chairman, does not hide his concern: "There was the Ilan Halimi case in 2006, then the events in Toulouse in 2012, the July 2014 'pogrom' in Sarcelles, and, of course, the Hypercacher now, just quoting the most severe cases. The climate in France has kept deteriorating over the last 10 years (...). Charlie-Hebdo was a trigger factor (...). People begin being hesitant to go out, preferring to remain at home. Restaurants and shops are obviously less busy than before."

### **What has changed since the Hypercacher attack?**

When answering the question: "What do you think has changed since the Hypercacher attack?" Albert Elharrar, Chairman of the very dynamic Jewish community of Créteil, says: "The very fact that someone can come and kill Jews in a shop! After the anti-Semites' aggressions, taggings, the French Jewish society faces a new hazard: being prepared to lose one's life when going shopping (...). Then yes, the question of the place of Jews in France is on everyone's lips. Alya phenomenon is on the rise (...) Everybody must make choices and prepare accordingly." Before looking into the specificity of French alya,

here is some further challenging information: according to a survey by RTL (a French radio station), France has registered a strong rise of conversions to Islam after the Paris attacks! Moreover, the media stated that Koran sales have increased considerably within in just a few weeks, entering the top 100 best sales, according to the Amazon website classification. Besides this, experts draw attention to the fact that most jihadists from atheistic or Catholic backgrounds, for instance, don't pass via the "moderate Islam box", but immediately adopt the radical trends of Islamism. These are the people, therefore, that must first be watched, as they are moved by a deep-seated hatred of our Western system.

### **Touching on Jewish identity**

In an article in Hamodia magazine of January 21st 2015, under the title, "After the attacks, the option of Alya: flight, a need or an ideal?," Laly Derai quotes Nathalie Garson, who understands that the heart of the matter is touching identity, "a crack in people's identity as Jews in France": "Jewish people in France are confused, I observed this even before Dieudonné, a long time before the Hypercacher attack in Vincennes. They are in an identity anguish (...)." She also understood to what extent brandishing repeatedly the banner of alya was resented by some people: "These people are at one and the same time proud of their Jewish identity, bound with Israel, and many of them have already experienced an uprooting from the land of their birth in North Africa. They relied on France to welcome them, and today they feel betrayed. These people are entitled to ask: Is Israel the right solution? And even if personally feel it is, they must be

accompanied in this questioning, without anybody imposing upon them any answers."

### **Leaving France for Israel?**

There are, indeed, many questions. But facts are there as well: the Orient-in-Zion Exhibition, whose mission is giving information on various alya possibilities, was held in Paris last February. This year's edition gathered threefold last years' attendance. Its officials observed that for young people alya imposes itself as one form of response to terrorist attacks. Some others are told: "If you decide to leave France one day, do it for Israel's sake, because no other country in the world will ever be able to guarantee a Jewish future."

In fact, contrary to a recent past, a majority of people now want to "go up" to Israel in the near future, planning to purchase property where they will be able to dwell as soon as they settle.

For the first time, France is first as an emigration state towards Israel, with over 7,000 people having made their alya in 2014, double the number of 2013. Alya and Integration Minister Sofa Landver reckons that 10,000 new immigrants will go up from France to Israel in 2015. Some observers think that they may even be up to 15,000!

This historical phenomenon of which we are the privileged witnesses cannot be denied; it touches all circles of the French Jewish community (social and professional), even if a majority is made up of Jewish traditionalists and Orthodox adherents. Such an extensive mixture is truly a striking characteristic of this alya.

### **The 11th Alya**

Let it be said: the eleventh Alya will be French! But this one is different from earlier ones, notably from the 1930s immigration, in the fact that it is happening in spite of, and not because of, the government and elite of the country. President François Hollande ventures to say: "Our country would not be France any more, were it to live without you,

and if terrorism ever caused you to leave (...), then it would have reached its goal." Prime Minister Manuel Valls goes even further in his response to Benyamin Netanyahu's calling for a massive alya of the French Jewish community:

"My message to French Jews is this: France is wounded like you are, and France does not wish your departure. It tells you again its love, its support and its solidarity. This love is stronger than acts of hatred, in spite of the latter being repeated. The place for French Jews is in France."

However, just like many German immigrants, French Jews come with good capital. Among them, many professionals and contractors are prepared to join the middle or even upper classes. The uniqueness of this alya therefore will rest mainly on the contacts it will contribute to establishing between Israel and Europe. The proximity of France, its yearning for technical innovation and the fact that its immigrants are familiar with its culture, already puts the latter in a position of a new inter-phase. This 11th Alya could thus become a spearhead, making possible a new economic bridge between their land of origin and the Hebrew State.

Finally comes the interpretation of this French alya: Will it be an alya of distress or will there be involvement of some kind with the Messianic movement? The trauma caused by the recent murder of four Jewish people not only shook a Jewish community which had not yet completely recovered from the Toulouse terror of three years ago. It also spread like a shockwave in Israel, where for the first time the idea appeared of calling the French alya an alya of distress. During his visit to Paris last January 11-12, Prime Minister Nethayahu understood that France's Jewish community, which had hailed him in the Victory Great Synagogue, was in fact at a turning point in its history. He reckoned it was his duty, as the Prime Minister of the State

of Israel, to remind his audience that the Israel existed to offer to the Jews of the whole world a refuge when facing and being victims of persecutions.

### **A true Messianic perspective**

Israel Magazine raises a question in an article in its April 2015 issue. It is titled, "Alya without taboo," and asks: "Is the French Jewish community going to follow the movement thought by some as being messianic?" As Evangelical Christians, we know that words such as "messianic", or "messianism" can be very ambiguous, some putting into it "anything and everything," at any rate sometimes signifying something very far from what, in our view, the Holy Scripture, the Bible presents.

In fact, in the Tenach, the expectation of Messiah speaks of the expectation of the final comfort of Israel. Indeed, it is this mysterious one sent as the perfect Servant of the LORD, who will come and accomplish this task: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted..., to comfort all who mourn, to grant to those who mourn in Zion, to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit" (Isaiah 61: 1-3). This Jewish tradition, which calls the Messiah "Menahem" because it will consider him as "Israel's comforter," is attested by the Gospel itself. So Luke 2:25 tells us that "there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah."

As believers in the Holy Scripture, we believe that it is through Jesus that the comforting Lord comes to men and women. Jesus indeed brings to the afflicted and to the poor in spirit the message of true

consolation, the Gospel of true happiness. Matthew 5:4: "Blessed are those who mourn (here they are afflicted spiritually, by a theocentric, not by an anthropocentric affliction), for they shall be comforted." Jesus comes and gives courage to those who are laden by their sins or by life's trials. He offers rest to those who toil and bend under the burden (see Matthew 11:28-30).

### **Our prayer**

Our prayer is that, when facing these severe present events that many Jewish people who are ready to bend under various burdens (uncertainty, anxiety or identity problems) may discover that their real consolation can be only found in Jesus, this Jewish man, the Messiah of the LORD for the salvation of Jews as well as non-Jews.

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## Annual Report 2014 - LCJE Israel

By David Zadok, LCJE Israel Area Coordinator

As we are all looking forward to the upcoming 10th International conference in Jerusalem from August 16th to 21st of 2015, it is good to also look back to 2014. Much of our time over these past months has been focusing on the upcoming conference, its venue and program. However, we were able to conduct a very productive LCJE Israel one-day conference as well.

### LCJE Israel conference

On Thursday, June 5, 2014, we had our LCJE Israel conference. The theme of the conference was "Linking Young and Old to the Gospel". The goal of the conference was to provide a platform for the Gospel work in Israel for both the older and younger generations. We had a session dealing with Holocaust survivors and another on ministry to young Israeli backpackers. In between we had a session on the use of media in evangelism.

As you may know, today there are about 200,000 Holocaust sur-

vivors who live in Israel. There are many organizations and congregations that now work among the Holocaust survivors. The need to reach out to them is very urgent, as many of them are beyond the age of 70. But at the same time, we are seeing more and more of the younger generation in Israel who are not only interested in the gospel but are coming to faith as well. For these reasons, we thought that LCJE Israel should deal with these issues.

We conducted the conference in Tel-Aviv at the new facility of Jews for Jesus. It also worked out that our LCJE president, Tuvia Zaretsky, was in the land at the time and was able to greet the participants. We started the meeting at 9:00 with greetings and worship, and then dived into the sessions. The speakers this year were Victor Kalisher, who is the director of the Bible Society in the land and who spoke on the use of media for evangelism. Then, Eddie Golder from Grace and Truth congregation, spoke on the outreach to Ho-

locast survivors and the means of reaching out to them. Eddie works as a full-time evangelist and is very involved with the survivors. After a nice lunch we had the last session on outreach to Israeli backpackers. The speakers were Eli Birnbaum and Ephraim Goldstein. The conference was attended by about 50 people, most of whom registered in advance. We had a few walk-ins as well.

We received a lot of positive feedback about the conference, which shows that there is a need for such conferences and subjects in Israel. So, please pray for us as we continue to seek ways to help our LCJE network here in Israel to have a greater impact on the cause of evangelism. And see you in August in Jerusalem!

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# Annual Report 2014 - LCJE Japan

By Charles Klingensmith, Chapter President, LCJE Japan

## Praying for You

Shalom from Japan to the whole LCJE network worldwide! LCJE Japan has recently received much coverage in the LCJE Bulletin, and we can only thank you if such coverage has prompted your prayers for us, just as we have been praying for you and your work, in all your struggles. We celebrated our 20th anniversary last September 2014, with LCJE International Coordinator Jim Melnick as our guest of honor. This year, too, we continue our Tokyo and Osaka monthly prayer meetings, as well as monthly publication of the Japanese language LCJE News.

As I write this report in February 2015, the world at large reels daily from news of the latest cruelties of the ISIL (ISIS - Islamic State) group and its supporters. Japan, too, has felt the same extreme revulsion and grief at the loss of one of its nationals, Kenji Goto, who was a Christian, and a baptized member of Denenchofu Church in Tokyo, a congregation in the Japan Church of Christ.

## Muslims in Japan

Unexpectedly, news coverage in Japan has also revealed a larger than imagined Islamic presence in this country. Japan's population has already started its potentially catastrophic demographic decline, with unforeseeable consequences for the tax base, social services, and the country's labor supply. Japan has thus begun accepting larger numbers of workers from abroad to supplement the loss of Japanese of working age. Japan's Muslims are for the most part males who have come here from Muslim countries worldwide for work (or study); gradually, these men marry, and, in many cases, marry Japanese women who convert to Islam. Offspring from these marriages can be expected to grow up Japanese in Japan, and to grow up Muslim as well.

So the first decade and a half of this twenty-first century is slowly, but remarkably, producing, it would seem, a native Japanese Islamic population. The palatial mosque in the Tokyo neighborhood of Shibuya has reported double the number of Japanese visitors and inquirers, as it makes every public effort to show to the Japanese people the law-abiding and good citizen's face of Islam. The Japan Muslim Association claims that there are 100,000 Muslims now in Japan. In a country of 120 million people that is not a large number, but then again Christians in this country are not a large number, either. One number we often hear is that on any average Sunday morning (neither Easter

nor near Christmas), the average Protestant Sunday morning church attendance is 400,000 people. If that number is correct, the Japan Muslim Association number would be a fourth of that, and so disconcertingly, the perspective on our own Christian numbers is altered ever so slightly, but significantly. All the much more need in this utterly Gentile country for a clear voice on Israel, an advocacy for the Jewish people, for the State of Israel, and above all, for the gospel of the Messiah of Israel, testified to by the Law and the Prophets. That is what LCJE Japan is for. Brothers and sisters, pray for us!

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*Japan*



# Annual Report 2014 for AustralAsia

By Bob Mendelsohn, Area Coordinator, LCJE AustralAsia

## 1) From Deane Woods:

It's been a joy for us to continue serving Israelis, here and in Israel. In January, our WA representatives led a team of volunteers to work at Kaplan Medical Center, Rehovot (I had to pull the pin at the last minute, due to continuing family matters with Cameron). The team returned on Australia Day and reported significant instances of the Spirit of God working in the hearts and lives of those amongst whom they worked at the 626-bed hospital. Invitations were received for them to share with families in their homes for shabbat meals etc.

We have two other trips organized for Israel: one was from the 13th of February through the 5th of March. The other is for a large group of 38 leaving on April 1st and returning on the 20th. I am leading the first group, and Margaret will come with me for the second, since we have made provision for Cam's well being for that time.

Apart from the regular ministries we do in Israel, we will also meet up with many of those whom we've hosted in our home over the past ten years.

## 2) CMJ

### From Martin Weatherston:

The transition from 5774 to 5775 saw many prophetic words around the onset of the Shemittah year. Whilst some voices are declaring the Lord's judgement being extended from His people to His world, others are envisaging a year of divine reversals, breakthrough and new beginnings. Perhaps the key to comprehending these apparently contradictory understandings lies in the nature of shemittah itself. It is derived from the Hebrew word 'shamat' meaning 'throw down'. Paradoxically,



*Bob Mendelsohn*

cally, the shemittah is also associated with release – from debt, from slavery. The distinctive nature of God's judgement is a golden thread throughout His Word, a judgement unto life.

### 1. *CMJ international conference*

CMJ's second bi-ennial International Conference (IC) was held in Jerusalem in December 2014. It attracted delegates from twelve different countries. Australia–NZ was represented by the Reverend John Simons and Martin Weatherston. It was an inspiring time - hearing of the establishment of new branches in France, India and Singapore; also exploring ways in which we could connect with one another for the achievement of our common goal – to invest in the spiritual birth of the Jewish people. The IC also received a report on the Crossroads Conference held at Christ Church earlier in the year to promote reconciliation between Arab and Jewish people.

### 2. 2 *Conferences held in partnership with like-minded organizations.*

The main 'educational event' held this year was 'Unleashing the Elijah Legacy,' featuring Peter Tsukahira, Karen and David Davis as keynote worship leaders / speakers. As

stated, the primary hosts were Carmel Friends Inc. Our involvement in Perth was limited to promotion and a book table (shared with Kelvin Crombie), but in Brisbane, Fraser was the 'man of peace'. The conferences brought a strong sense of the 'one new man' anointing in both locations.

Other conferences / meetings at which we have had a presence this year include:

- An exhibition and other meetings in Napier New Zealand at which we were represented by Linda Cook;
- A deputation tour of CMJ UK for Martin hosted by Jane Moxon;
- The UK national conference at High Leigh (north of London) attended by Kim & Martin Weatherston;
- The Australasian Lausanne Consultation in Jewish Evangelism in Sydney at which Fraser Harding was able to fly the flag;
- The celebration of the three Feasts in Geraldton, the Pesach one leading to a positive article in the local newspaper.

Looking ahead, one of our Israeli Directors – David Zadok – is at the hub of organizing the international LCJE conference to be held in Jerusalem in August. Prior to that, Fraser Harding and I are partnering to host honorary Israeli Christine Sakakibara in June. John Simons and I are then taking a group up to Jerusalem for Tabernacles. Based in the Old City (Christ Church Guest House), the tour will be guided by the Rector of Christ Church, the Rev'd David Pileggi, who is widely regarded as an authority on Hebrew roots. One of the draw-cards is that we shall be in the right place and time to see the 'super blood moon' rising to usher in the Sukkot which follows the Shemittah year. This occurs when the moon is at perigee – closer to the earth than at

any other time of the year – giving the moon the appearance of being 14% larger than normal. Whether one believes that this has any prophetic significance or not, it certainly fuels the widespread sense that 5775 is going to be a watershed year for us all.

### **3) Yeshua Tsidkenu, the Russian-speaking Messianic congregation in Sydney. From Kon and Natasha Michailidis:**

We continue our weekly Sabbath meetings in Waterloo, Sydney. The numbers have been stable for years now, as new people come and the older folk pass on or go to nursing homes. In 2013, God led us to start a Jewish work in Bondi Junction, which is a very Jewish area. We started by giving out tracts and literature in the shopping mall. We were praying for contacts, as we didn't know anyone living in the area that we could invite to an outreach.

#### *How to find the people?*

Four months later, a woman to whom we gave a tract, suggested we visit a monthly meeting in the area where many Russian-speaking people meet. We were concerned that this group might have been organised by the rabbis, but when we visited, it turned out to be a secular meeting with different speakers each month. This was a tremendous breakthrough and an answer to prayer, – God opened the door!!!

But it did not turn out to be that easy! Having then attended this group on three occasions, we next approached the organizers, asking if we could leave some literature on the table, but we were not allowed. Most of the attendees were Russian Jews. One of the organizers was also Jewish and an observant one. We were viewed with some suspicion, as some people recognised us as those giving out "the Jesus material".

So, we gave out our tracts

and invitations outside the hall in the courtyard, which people gladly took, but once they read what it was about, and saw who we were, the smiles quickly turned into downward shapes!

#### *Need for a venue*

We wanted to use the same premises as the above mentioned meetings but to do so on a different Thursday of the month. However, because it was a government-run centre open to people living in the area and free for pensioners, it was a 'tricky' situation. Could we use it for a 'religious' meeting? Kostya wrote a letter outlining our activities, which would include "low-key religious talks." We did not hear from them for a month but then received even better than we hoped or asked-for reply! We were given the same hall that the people come to already, but on another day of the month. And it was free! Thank You, Abba - nother breakthrough! Our first outreach of the "Club of Eternal Years" was held in Bondi Junction in April 2014.

#### *One year to the month that we started the Book Table!*

We now have a small but faithful group of 8-10 people coming every month, very appreciative and wishing we would meet more often. One woman started attending our weekly Sabbath services. Three others have also come on couple of occasions but are not ready yet for a normal Sabbath service among believers.

### **4) Jews for Jesus Australia. From Bob Mendelsohn:**

Once again the regular work of evangelism filled our weeks during 2014. We hand out Gospel tracts on the street, meet one-to-one with Jewish enquirers, conduct weekly Bible classes and monthly fellowship gatherings, and run a successful operation in the bookstore in the middle of the Jewish community in Sydney. We ask people to pray for us in our prayer letters and newsletters, and the number one prayer for which we long is for faithfulness to the task of evangelism. So many options grab at us and being faithful to share Jesus-

-that's not easy.

We also were able to extend our influence with ministry trips for deputation and evangelism in Brisbane and Melbourne. Bob went to Moscow to serve along with our volunteers and staff in the 21st anniversary evangelistic campaign, and his participation gave him further insight into the global work of Jews for Jesus. He served as the chaplain, giving Bible lessons and praying with the team daily. Like he has done for the LCJE international gatherings, Bob was also the photographer for the campaign.

Our annual Passover Banquet again gathered hundreds to learn the messianic hope from a Jewish point of view, as did our Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah and Yom Kippur outreaches.

The most recognizable centre of our outreach, however, as it has for ten years, is the Jews for Jesus Books and Gifts Shop. Each weekday our staff carries on regular administrative work in the office area. When shop visitors enter, we welcome them directly. Every week Jewish people who don't believe drop in -- some to argue, some to enquire, some to buy products. And our staff sits with them to unpack the Gospel and answer their questions. Many return, and some buy books to continue to learn. The shop functions as a ministry centre as well, as believers, both Jewish and Gentile, come to buy their Judaica, and many come to meet us. In 2015 we initiated a coffee bar (Brews for Jesus) inside the shop, whose benefits we will monitor as the year progresses.

## 5) LCJE AustralAsia

The prayer network of LCJE AustralAsia continues to function as each month one of our members, Juanita Doody along with her husband Paul, gather the prayer requests and information from all the ministries in the network of LCJE. They then form the information into a Prayer Calendar, and we can pray along with each other for concerns, activities, ministry events, etc.

We had no conference in 2014, but will have our 5th biennial conference in June 2016 with Michael L Brown as the featured speaker. The conference will take place in Sydney.

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**The Fifth AustralAsia Conference  
is planned for June 2016**

# Annual Report 2014 for Latin America

By David Sedaca, LCJE Area Coordinator, Latin America

## Overview

The work of LCJE in Latin America is basically accomplished through personal contacts with people involved in Jewish evangelism and Jewish ministries. Recently we have expanded our work by reaching out to Spanish-speaking congregations and churches in the United States and Israel.

## Argentina

Argentina is still the country that hosts the largest Jewish community in Latin America. Jewish evangelism in Argentina goes back to the 1930s, when thousands of refugees from central Europe began to settle throughout the country. At its peak right after World War II, there were almost 700,000 Jews living in Argentina. It was then that formal missionary outreach to the Jewish people began when the Hebrew Christian alliance of America sent its first missionary, Arthur Glass, to Buenos Aires. Then, in 1932 the first Hebrew Christian Church was formally organized. Since then Jewish missions began to expand, and by the 1970s there were five missionary organizations working among Jewish people. Today the work continues through Jewish missionary organizations, messianic Jewish congregations and the evangelistic endeavors of evangelical churches. Although the number of Jewish people in Argentina has decreased, the importance and influence of the Jewish community in Argentina has not diminished. I have been in touch and visited most congregations in Buenos Aires, where the largest number of Jewish people live.

Argentina has been in the news recently due to the ongoing investigation of a terrorist attack that occurred in July 18, 1994, when a terrorist group linked with Hezbollah and Iran blew up the headquarters of the Association of Argentine Jewish Organizations



*David Sedaca*

(AMIA). This attack was the largest terrorist attack in Argentine history and the largest against any Jewish organization since World War II. With the death toll reaching almost 100 people and 350 injured, it left an open wound in the relationship between Argentina and the State of Israel. Although the attack was investigated, nobody was brought to trial. Recently the Argentine Congress appointed a special investigator, Alberto Nisman, a prominent judge, who, after conducting an exhaustive investigation, came to the conclusion that the attack was the work of Hezbollah with the support of Iran. Then the investigation took a tragic turn when Nisman, the special prosecutor, who was Jewish, was murdered the day before he was to present his report to Congress. Nevertheless, the Argentine press was informed beforehand of some of the findings, and what the special prosecutor was to inform Congress in a 680-page report was that, although the Argentine President, Mrs. Christina Fernandez de Kichner, and the Foreign Minister, Marcelo Timmerman, a Reform Jew, knew the names and affiliation of the terrorists, they decided to cover it up in order to obtain a lucrative economic agreement with Iran. Because such a cover-up is punishable by law, the special prosecutor had called for the indictment of both the President and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. With the murder of the

special prosecutor, the political and social situation in Argentina erupted into turmoil. Those who defended the populist president instigated anti-Semitic attacks, while Congress and the judicial branch decided to deal with the severity of the charges. Argentina is a major tourist attraction for Israelis, and last February a hotel in a skiing resort that had dozens of Israeli guests was torched and the guests physically attacked. Simultaneously there began to appear signs in many hotels stating, "NO ISRAELIS ARE WELCOME," although such a thing is illegal. Anti-Semitism is on the rise, and many Argentine Jews as seriously considering moving to Israel.

Evangelical churches are openly supporting the Jewish community, and the Argentine Pope, Francis I, received a delegation in the Vatican representing the Argentine Jewish community, and he expressed his heartfelt support towards the Argentine Jewish community.

Today there are about 26 messianic Jewish congregations throughout Argentina, the largest of them led by Pastor Jorge Goldstein. I meet with Jorge Goldstein regularly, and although he has taken a sabbatical for health reasons, the work of his congregation is being carried out by 12 associate pastors, six of them in Buenos Aires and six in other parts of the country. Jewish evangelism in Argentina received a boost several years ago with major campaigns carried out by Jonathan Bernis, director of Jewish Voice Ministries International. Today, Pastor Goldstein continues to work in cooperation with Jewish Voice Ministries. They had similar campaigns in Montevideo, Uruguay, and as a

result, three congregations were started.

Chosen People Ministries continues to reach out through its messianic centers in Buenos Aires. A few months ago one of the two messianic centers where Chosen People Ministries carries out its missionary work was taken over by squatters at a time when the property was about to undergo remodeling. Fortunately, the property was recently returned to Chosen People Ministries after the police evicted 12 families that had illegally taken over the property.

### **Israeli backpackers**

A novel way in which Chosen People Ministries is reaching out is by hosting Israeli backpackers. After major repairs to one of the centers are completed, most likely it will be used to host Israeli youth visiting Argentina. The work of Chosen People Ministries in Argentina is carried out in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States. Rick and Christine Kunz are in charge of leading the work of Chosen People Ministries in Argentina. Regrettably, because of serious health problems in their family, the other missionary couple, Randy and Sandy Whittall had to return to the United States. Chosen People Ministries is looking for a national director to continue and expand the work in Argentina.

### **Brazil**

I am in touch with several ministries working in Brazil in the Jewish community. Brazil is home to 250,000 Jews, most of whom live in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Nevertheless, there is apprehension from the evangelical community towards Jewish missions, due to the fact that many who claim to be Jewish have embarked in "Judaizing" the churches, thus creating misunderstanding and confusion. Brazil has over 30 million evangelicals, most of



*Site of 1994 Hezbollah bombing of the Association of Argentine Jewish Organizations*

whom have a positive attitude towards Israel. It is noteworthy that the Universal Church—which has over 20 million members worldwide and eight million in Brazil where it is based—, has recently inaugurated the new Temple of Solomon in São Paulo. This enormous edifice covers two city blocks and is a replica but twice the size of the biblical Temple of Solomon. At the opening ceremony they had as special guests the President of Brazil and the Ambassador of Israel. In spite of their expressed love for Israel, very few of these mega-churches seem to be interested in reaching out with the gospel to their own Jewish people. I've been in touch with several organizations that are involved in Jewish evangelism throughout Brazil, and, God willing, I will visit Brazil in the coming months where I have been invited to speak in several churches and messianic Jewish congregations.

### **United States and Israel**

Our Latin American ministry has expanded to reaching out to the Spanish-speaking messianic congregations and churches in the United States. In November 2014 we had the first conference in Miami, Florida, home to 75,000 Spanish-speaking Jews, to promote Jewish evangelism among the churches. The theme of this conference was, "Evangelizing the Jewish People in

the Last Days." A similar conference was held in New York City this March to promote Jewish evangelism among the churches.

Over the past ten years, thousands of Spanish-speaking Jews have immigrated to Israel, and today there are 16 Spanish-speaking messianic Jewish congregations in Israel. The largest number of Spanish-speaking Jews in Israel comes from Argentina; nevertheless, there are Spanish-speaking Jewish people in Israel from almost every Latin American country. I just finished the first Spanish outreach in the city of Beersheba, with meetings also in Ashdod and Ashkelon. I'm committed to assisting these recently established Spanish-speaking messianic Jewish congregations in Israel in their evangelistic efforts.

The work of the LCJE continues to be accomplished by maintaining contact with existing Jewish ministries, promoting Jewish evangelism, and encouraging Jewish believers in their effort to reach others with the Gospel.

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# Annual Report 2014 for Europe

## by Jean-Paul Rempp, Area Coordinator, Europe

### Belarus (Belorussia)

Before Christmas we conducted another "Open Your Hand" campaign in Belorussia. More than forty food packages for elderly Jews were distributed by our missionary Nikolay Haskin and volunteers from his congregation.

Nowadays, a new recession has begun in Belorussia, resulting in the devaluation of money by 30 percent. This has led to a hike in consumer prices and has affected the socially needy, especially the seniors. Therefore, our elderly Jews have gladly accepted the new parcels. This campaign was carried out thanks to our friends from Finland and Australia.

Recently we received requests regarding a new issue of the SHALOM messianic magazine. We will soon begin preparation of the new issue with a projected volume of 3,000 copies. In this issue we are planning to include materials and testimonies of Yeshua as well as articles concerning the Bible and Israel.

(News given by Alexey Shepelev, The Apple of His Eye - Russia)

### Denmark

In many ways 2014 has been a year of "business as usual" for us in the Danish Israel Mission. We have focused on our work and partnerships in Israel where we continue to meet many of our LCJE partners and even partner directly with them on certain projects, such as the work we are engaged in in the Tel Aviv area with the Immanuel Church and congregation as the many focus. 2014 saw the formation of a new partnership to replace the one that folded in early 2014 due to some theological disagreements with one of the organizations. We are looking forward to continuing with new partners in realizing the goal of the network: to establish, to enable and to enlarge fellowships of Jesus-believing Jews and non-Jews.



*Jean-Paul Rempp*

In January 2014 we had - as already mentioned - a "changing of the guard" in Jerusalem. Our pastor-family since 2009, Lise and Jacob Nielsen, were replaced by Elisabeth and David Serner. The job description is the same, but times change and people do their work in different ways, which we appreciate. The job for the pastor sent to Jerusalem by the Danish Israel Mission has two foci: 1) He is in charge of the Danish congregation, and, related to that, our volunteer program in Israel; 2) He works half-time at the Caspari Center with responsibility for the international study programs there. We use our volunteer program as a way of not just serving young people who want a year or just months abroad but as a way of introducing them to God's mission in general and Jewish mission in particular. Our volunteer program - Mission Pilotes - can only happen because of our partnership with other LCJE member organizations and other organizations working in Israel who are willing to work together with us for the benefit of these young people. It is our hope that these young people also provide a service and an encouragement when they come.

Eight people from the Danish Israel Mission participated in the LCJE Europe conference in Kiev in April 2014. The conference provided new information and new friendships and a platform to cultivate old ones. We are especially appreciative for the opportunity to culti-

vate our contacts with those of our LCJE friends working in Easter Europe. In November 2014 Kai Kjær-Hansen took part in the celebration of the 130th anniversary year of Joseph Rabinowitz and the Messianic Movement in Kishinev, Moldova (which you have already been able to read about in the LCJE Bulletin, November 2014).

We continue to speak and teach in churches and to other groups here in Denmark. This year we have also used the time of Passover - and Succot - to remind the churches in Denmark of the Jewish roots of our faith.

The recent terror attack in Copenhagen has caused much discussion on the situation of the Danish Jewish community. There has been - as expected in such a situation - a strong emphasis on the Jewish community here in Copenhagen being part of the Danish fabric of society. "We would not have been the same without our Jewish community" has been repeated over and over again. It remains to be seen what that means for the politicians when the discussion of circumcision comes up again. But the fact is that, over the past five years, more Israelis have immigrated to Denmark than Danish Jews immigrating to Israel. We are talking about small numbers, but still. In 2014, 71 Danish citizens left Denmark in order to move to Israel, while 157 people made the move the other way. This poses a challenge for us in the Danish Israel Mission, and we are looking for ways to meet it. It remains to be seen whether more Danish Jews will follow Netanyahu's call for Jews to

'come home' to Israel. It has not been the voice of the Danish Jewish community so far.

(News given by Bodil Skjott, Danish Israel Mission - DIM)

## England

We rejoice in our on-going outreach work. This has involved a number of staff sharing the Gospel with Jewish people at a range of New Age Festivals, through street witness and through personal contacts. The promotion of the CMJ evangelism course - Putting People on the Moon - has continued with a number of church groups using the course. In addition to our training course, a number of ministry resources have been produced, including a new book by Rev Alex Jacob called *Prepare the Way!* This book explores Advent themes from a Jewish-Christian perspective.

CMJ UK has also raised significant funds to support the work in Israel, and key staff have shared in projects in Israel, China and France during 2014.

As we look into 2015, CMJ UK has just appointed two new community-based evangelists. Both are Jewish believers in Jesus, and they will be pioneering ministry work primarily in our two largest Jewish communities, namely North London and Manchester.

(News given by Alex Jacob, The Church's Ministry among Jewish - CMJ in UK)

Chosen People Ministries hosted a conference in 2014 ([www.thykingdomcome.org.uk](http://www.thykingdomcome.org.uk)). It was well attended with about 200 delegates meeting in the centre of London. Otherwise our year was good but unremarkable. There were no LCJE activities in the UK that I am aware of. (News given by Daniel Nessim, Chosen People Ministries)

In July 2014, after thirteen years as General Secretary of CWI, Mike Moore stepped aside from that role to welcome Jewish believer Joseph Steinberg as the Society's

new CEO. Joseph previously worked as a missionary with CWI in London from 1988 to 1991.

Joseph came to CWI after more than 25 years of varied experience in Christian ministry and brought with him the extensive wisdom gained from that experience. In addition to being a wise leader, Joseph is a gifted and inspirational communicator who has preached extensively in the UK and around the world. He has been a featured speaker at a number of Christian conferences at the Oxford and Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Unions and at hundreds of churches.

Following several years as an Anglican minister in a parish with a large Jewish community, Joseph was appointed the UK director of Jews for Jesus, during which time he organised and conducted several large evangelistic campaigns in both London and Manchester and was part of JFJ's international leadership team. The nine years before returning to CWI were spent serving as Director of Mission Stewardship with the Church Mission Society.

Last year in the UK, the Society reached out to Jewish people through door-to-door and street evangelism and through outreaches in Leeds and Glasgow at the festivals of Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Hanukkah. Outreaches at New Age events drew Jews and Gentiles to the Jesus Experience stand, and a number of people, including Jewish people, made professions of faith.

CWI's Summer School, which coincided with the start of the hostilities in Gaza last year was the best attended Summer School in its 25-year history. Students from around the world came to London to learn about Jewish history, religion and culture and to learn how to reach Jewish people with the

message of Messiah. CWI's London team also established a series of monthly meetings during the winter months to help Christians who want to tell Jewish friends about Jesus. In January this year at a gathering of CWI staff in Oxford, the CEO set out the values to which the Society will aspire in 2015 and also the strategy the Society will seek to put in place over the next 6-12 months. CWI has always worked to equip individuals and place them in the midst of Jewish communities to share the gospel, something we will continue to do as we find gifted individuals whom God is calling to serve as missionaries.

Joseph outlined a desire for the ministry to also engage in mission via projects and partnerships. As for projects, he is exploring opportunities in Israel with CWI's Field Leader, David Zadok. One idea includes the development of a gospel ministry among Holocaust survivors. As for partnerships, some CWI missionaries minister in areas where other Jewish missions operate and we hope to establish good partner relationships where others are working among the Jewish people. CWI is now working on partnering in evangelistic work with Jews for Jesus in Budapest where our two missions will jointly participate in an evangelistic outreach in July and further work together in the future.

(News by Mike Moore, Christian Witness to Israel - CWI)

## Europe and former USSR

We Jews for Jesus are grateful to God for the larger family that we have through LCJE. The mutual encouragement through prayer and fellowship means so much to us. Here's a quick review of some recent highlights from our work in greater Europe, as well as a

few glimpses of upcoming events.

In London, we moved into a storefront location in the very heart of London, and we'll soon open up our Jews for Jesus shop. The location couldn't be better situated for visibility, and our presence immediately sparked a good amount of attention for the Gospel's sake. In Paris, we were able to bring God's message of hope just as the whole city took to the streets in response to the horrific attacks on the headquarters of the magazine Charlie Hebdo and on a nearby kosher supermarket. Seizing upon the popular slogan of support that sprang up from the crowds – 'Je suis Charlie' – the Paris team handed out tracts built upon Jesus' words about Himself: "Je suis le chemin, la vérité, et la vie". In Berlin and Budapest, we commemorated the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Budapest ghetto by holding a special program called "Two Sons of the Holocaust." At each event, two believers – one, the son of a Holocaust survivor, and the other, the son of a Nazi war criminal – shared their love for the Jewish people and their love for the Jewish Messiah, Jesus. Their side-by-side testimonies stood out as a powerful testimony to the reconciling power of Yeshua's cross. From Ukraine, we redeployed four of our most seasoned workers to Israel to come alongside our Tel Aviv team members in their efforts to reach out to the more than 1.2 million Russian-speaking immigrants now living in Israel. In the former USSR, all of us are grateful to God for the safety He provided to our colleagues as they continued to witness about the Lord in the midst of the undeclared war.

The summer promises to be very busy, with campaigns and minicampaigns in St. Petersburg, Zürich, Paris, London, Berlin, Budapest, Moscow, and Amsterdam. They're on the streets to let people know that that the real answers to all life's questions will not be found in a political change but in a relationship with a personal Redeemer.

(News given by Avi Snyder, Jews for Jesus at work in UK, France, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus)

### **Finland**

LCJE Finland activities in 2014 – in Finnish "Juutalaisevankelioimisen Suomen työryhmä (JUST)" – consisted of one gathering, which was held during 10-12 October in the Trans4mission gathering for young people. We arranged three workshops there, and JUST also had a table for brochures available for the full time of the workshops. Our challenge is a vision for Jewish evangelism among the younger generation. The JUST group had four meetings. We form a network of many Jewish and gentile mission organisations in Finland; some individual members also belong to the group.

In Finland many organisations do this kind of work both in Israel and also in Europe. The new open door is media, radio and Christian TV channels to get this message to public. During 2015 we plan to arrange a JUST breakfast meeting for networking and to get new ideas on how to reach the younger generation. We have to put the focus also on the Jesus for Israel seminary, which we have arranged yearly. The year 2015 is the 20th Anniversary of LCJE Finland.

Since November 2009, the LCJE Finland has also belonged to the Evangelical Alliance in Finland (Suomen Evankelinen Allianssi) and is part of its networks.

(News given by Juhani Koivisto, LCJE Finland - JUST)

### **France**

One highlight of our work of cooperation was Hatikvah 2014 in Levallois-Perret, a session about Jewish people and Israel, on the theme: "A future for the Jews: possible?"

Beyond well known people in show business, politics and the media, most French Jewish people are non-religious men and

women who are no different from other citizens.

Wherever he was going, the Apostle Paul always talked first to the members of his community. In his letter to the Romans, in particular, he shared with his non-Jewish brethren his burden that the message of salvation should be made known to his own people. Following the apostle, we have repeated this same invitation to consider the Jewish people as a priority in our witness, overcoming splits and preconceived ideas about Jews and Israel.

(News given by Guy Athia, Chosen People Ministries – CPM)

It seems that the European LCJE Conference in Kiev last April was a great encouragement for all those present and particularly for the French attendants.

It has been estimated that there are between 600.000 and 700.000 Jewish people living in France. It is the framework in which CWI perseveres in witnessing to the Jewish people in both the main cities of Paris and Lyon. A relationship is also developing between the French branch of CWI and Evangeliumsdiens für Israel – edi. Last June, I spoke at the annual meeting of Evangeliumsdiens für Israel. My topics were: "French Jews need Messiah" and "Winning Jews for Messiah in France : How does it work, opportunities and obstacles". I sensed a real interest for the spiritual need of French Jews, so Armin Bachor, the director of edi, and I are planning to bring some German Christians to visit Jewish sites in Paris and Lyon this year.

Concerning my ministry among churches, I am grateful to the Lord that my book, *Israel: A people, a Faith and a Land*, continues to be well received among several evangelical circles in France and abroad. I thank you for your prayers for



the preparation of two other books to follow this first one. In both of them, my purpose is to help Christians in their witness to their Jewish friends, as well as to challenge the latter from their own Jewish culture and heritage.

In light of the murder of four Jews following the attack on the offices of the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in January and the reported increasing number of French Jews making aliyah to Israel, I am getting involved more than ever in societies such as the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA) and in developing contacts with other societies mostly composed of Jewish people. This gives me opportunities to extend my sympathy to the Jewish people and show solidarity with them. It is a form of Christian love for one's neighbor. I pray that all these various contacts may eventually allow us to present to our friends the truth that there is no forgiveness for sins apart from the atoning work of Jesus the Messiah !

(News given by Jean-Paul Rempp, Christian Witness to Israel - CWI)

## **Germany**

In the last year we were able to not only maintain the areas of ministry that were established before but also start new ministries in two additional cities. We currently have 31 people ministering with us in 20 cities of Germany (Berlin, Duesseldorf, Osnabrueck, Bielefeld, Erfurt, Potsdam, Nuernberg, Herborn, Koblenz, Munich, Wuerzburg, Bayreuth, Bamberg, Essen, Moenchengladbach, Sollingen, Bonn, Duisburg, Detmold, Koeln) and some other countries (Israel and USA).

Some types of the ministry we have been doing:

- Congregational planting
- Bible studies
- Evangelism through visiting

people and public outreaches

- Hospitality to travellers, especially to the young Israelis
- Messianic Institute - educational seminars and distribution
- Conferences and seminars
- Training and mentoring of new leaders
- Promoting unity between Jews and Gentiles in the Body of the Messiah
- Humanitarian aid and helping the needy
- Ministry to Holocaust survivors

The gospel was preached among the Jewish people and the love of the Messiah was manifested to people in Germany. Dozens of Jews and Gentiles became believers, were baptized and discipled. Here are some particular examples:

Our congregation Beit Schomer Israel in Berlin have had the privilege of welcoming a steady stream of new visitors. We keep broadcasting our services live and recording them, being likely still the only Messianic Jewish services in German and Russian that can be viewed online. These online video broadcasts reach an increasing number of people around the world. This unique opportunity to experience messianic services in German and Russian attracts many curious Jews (even rabbis) and other seekers. Jewish online viewers visit not only from Europe but also from Israel, the Near East, North and South America, Australia and the Far East. We occasionally even have viewers from countries such as Pakistan. Yeshua is made known and works in the hearts of the viewers also in this way.

We are making efforts to assist in the new Jewish awakening in Russia and the FSU from Germany by providing literature and instructors. We have enjoyed close partnering in various projects with our partner organisations in Holland, Finland, Poland, Australia, USA,

and Israel.

We continue our ministry among Israelis. Up to 30,000 Israelis live in Berlin today, many of whom are apparently open to Yeshua. The scope of this ministry includes language training, assistance for those moving to Berlin and providing hospitality for Israeli travellers (such as accommodation in Christian households that can witness about Yeshua and his love).

In March we had an annual meeting of all the messianic leaders in Germany. Such meetings have taken place for a couple of years. The leaders, who come from almost 30 different cities, have become friends. This informal fellowship keeps the leaders in touch throughout the whole year, letting us encourage and strengthen each other. The messianic movement in Germany enjoys a unique unity, and I feel blessed to be among the initiators of this fellowship.

At the end of May there was a major messianic conference in Germany that we co-organised. It takes place once every two years and gathers messianic believers from all parts of Germany. It was a privilege to serve about 400 people who are involved in the Jewish outreach and the messianic movement. The worship teams of our Berliner and Dusseldorfer congregations led the conference in praise and worship. I would say it was a heavenly experience. The conference changed the lives of many people.

The last summer was a very exciting ministry season for us in Berlin and in some other cities. Besides equipping and training new ministers, God enabled us to strengthen our team in Germany and to adjust the Jewish outreach to the current circumstances. Many different outreaches were done in public places and through private conversations. Here is just one example: in July we had a very blessed and successful train-

ing and evangelistic program (a week) in Berlin with about 30 believers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland, who sense calling to share the gospel with the Jewish people. They came to learn more about Jewish people, their history, culture, the messianic prophecies and the ways of effective Jewish outreach. We had an excellent group this time! Everybody was a passionate student of the Bible, willing to preach the gospel. It was a delight to teach them. We had also a very good team of our committed staff members, teaching the classes. It is a blessing to minister with such people.

The participants were able to apply what they learned in the afternoons on the streets of Berlin. With our group we were able to fill the center of the city with evangelistic brochures and to share the gospel with many people, including many tourists from other countries. We were publicly preaching Yeshua (Jesus) as the King of the Jews, who can help everybody. And we were doing it in the heart of Germany!

During the outreach everybody could notice two things that I would consider rather unusual a few years ago. First, there is a huge number of Israelis dwelling in Berlin these days. And second, even more amazing, the Jewish people we met were even more open to hear the message than the Gentiles! It seems that the time of the mass salvation of the Jewish people is approaching, probably not just in Germany. I am not speculating with the Last Days expectation. But I know that it is our chance. We need to grasp the opportunity.

(News given by Vladimir Pikman, Beit Sar Shalom Ministry)

## Hungary

Here is a quick outline of what we did in 2014 and plan to do this year:

1. Contacting Jewish families through a mentoring program and help - helping Jewish children in their studies and counselling their parents in some cases gives us

credibility with these families so that we can also talk about spiritual issues and invite them for meetings. We have two families so far, but we see much more need on this field.

2. Pince A30 programs, Bible-studies and Café project on a more regular basis - We continued organizing our Jewish festival demonstrations and Bible-studies in central Budapest in 2014 and from 2015 we started to keep our „Pince“ (which means cellar) club more regularly. We invite people from the street for a cup of tea or coffee, and some talk, free literature. We can meet many Jewish people through this activity.

3. Through local churches in Budapest and Debrecen. We have monthly prayer meetings in a Baptist church in Debrecen, and recently we see that this local church's leaders have more and more interest and credibility in ministering to the Jewish people of their town. We are also involved in the ministry of two local churches in Budapest. We have the opportunity to do Jewish festival presentations in these churches, and encourage them to reach out to Jewish people. One of these churches made contact with a local synagogue, and has started to do programs together, without giving up or hiding their faith in Jesus. I'm convinced that it is God's will that Jewish ministry must be done by churches, helped by missionary organizations.

4. Preparation for Summer 2015 together with Jews for Jesus - We decided that we needed to coordinate our summer activity together with Jews for Jesus. Avi Snyder can help a great deal in training, while we can complete their campaign with some opportunities, such as Pince club, music, open-air meetings CWI plans to delegate more workers to Budapest at this time.

Concerning other ministries:

recently I have had less contact with other ministries, yet I know they are going on with their work. Avi and Kata with Jews for Jesus are really active, and have a great impact on churches and Jewish people.

Israel Forum has had less activity recently, but still we have contact with them. This group consists both of missionaries and non-missionary Christian Zionist groups and was formed to discuss and announce issues we agree about.

(News by Ferenc Kozma, CWI)

## The Netherlands

The year 2014 was very important for Yachad, marked by the General Synod of the Reformed Churches in Ede. At this Synod the proposal was made to consider evangelization among the Jewish people as a joint task of the churches.

Within the General Board, together with the consistory of the church of Ommen-West and the Supervisory and Advisory Board of Yachad, it became more clear in recent years that the evangelization of the Jewish people should be seen as a joint task of the churches and not only of just one local church. In the past, the church of Ommen-West was selected to maintain the relationship between, first, the Bat Tzion Congregation and, later on, the Kolba'Midbar Congregation, both in Jerusalem. Gradually, relations grew, and we were searching for an expansion of our work. Moreover, it became clearer that we had to work hard to raise more awareness in our churches concerning the special place of the Jewish people. That is why the consistory of the church of Ommen-West asked the General Synod 2014 to look into installing a general committee of deputies "Church and Israel". In June 2014 the Synod discussed this proposal for the first time. In January 2015 they made a decision that there will be no

committee of deputies "Church and Israel". They believed that the evangelization of the Jewish People is not any different from the evangelization among other nations. Of course, we are very disappointed by that decision.

#### *Visit by the Simons*

In January, Rev. and Mrs. Simon from the Kolba'Midbar Congregation in Jerusalem visited The Netherlands. Every two years they pay us a visit to maintain our relationship and to inform the members of our churches about their work in Israel. They met the General Board and the Supervisory and Advisory Board of Yachad, and the consistory of the church of Ommen-West. Rev. Simon shared about his ministry throughout many places in the Netherlands in various schools and churches.

The General Board met regularly and discussed the draft text for the General Synod. We bundled the speeches of the October 2013 seminar and sent them to the General Synod members. You can find them at: [www.Yachad.nl/downloads](http://www.Yachad.nl/downloads)

A newsletter was sent out twice last year to inform our contributors and others who are interested in the work of Yachad. We also informed many people about Yachad, the Jewish people and the Biblical feasts. Concerning the first discussions at the Synod, in the fall we sent an appeal to the churches not to forget the Jewish people but to specifically and structurally show them the love of Christ Messiah. Churches were called upon to pay attention to the Israel-Sunday (on 5 October 2014)

As a General Board, we are very thankful for the job we were able to do concerning the evangelization among the Jewish people during 2014. We hope and pray that this good and modest work will be blessed and that, in the future, this im-

portant work among Israel will be a joint task for our churches here in The Netherlands.

(News given by Rein Visscher, Yachad, support for evangelism to the Jewish people – Section Netherlands)

#### **Norway**

The Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel (NCMI) is a Lutheran-based mission organization with the purpose of awakening Christians to their responsibility for the Jewish people, proclaiming the Gospel among the Jews and serving them in Christian love. Due to a very small minority of Jewish citizens in Norway, our main focus is on Israel and East Europe.

#### *In Israel*

NCMI was founded in 1844 and has been operating in Eretz Israel since 1949. From the beginning, our ministry was based on Romanian immigrants who had made aliyah. The congregations at Immanuel Church in Tel Aviv and Beit Eliahu in Haifa are both such immigrant churches. Beit Eliahu is an independent and national congregation but is supported by NCMI and by The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (ELFCN), while Immanuel church is still a multi-ethnic and compound congregation. The church with its concerts and stained glass windows is attractive to many Israelis. During the annual "Houses from within" program organized by the municipality, we received about 1.500 visitors in two days, and presented the Gospel to them through short services and lectures.

Together with some partner organizations and five local ministries, NCMI decided to end our cooperation with a Finnish organization that had been serving the Messianic body in Israel for many decades. The reason was over differences in theology and practise regarding ethical issues related to marriage and cohabi-

tation. It was a painful time, but we are grateful that new partners came in and took responsibility. As a result, our ministry in Tel Aviv was reorganized by establishing "Immanuel Ministries" as a partnership with five other expatriate and local mission organizations.

During 2014 NCMI had a strong focus on developing our strategy and strengthening our ministry in the cities, especially in the metropolis of Tel Aviv. This development will continue over the coming years.

NCMI has a holistic view of mission, meaning that we are also involved in education, social care and in building society.

Caspari Centre in Jerusalem has a special focus on the "next generation" of Jewish believers, and how we can raise and keep our children and youngsters as believers. Ebenezer Senior Citizens' Home in Haifa is offering care for people on the other side of the scale of life. Due to new standards in the Ministry of Health, it was decided to enlarge the Home with a new nursing unit for frail and dependent residents. We also want to develop Ebenezer as a competence centre for congregational workers related to elderly care.

"BridgeBuilders" is our project for reconciliation among young Israeli and Palestinian believers. Norwegian youth are participating in the program, and it is amazing to see how prejudices and suspiciousness are turned to understanding and love. We believe that an expressed and visible unity among Jewish and Arab believers is a strong testimony in a region of conflict. As part of this, a camp for thirty youngsters was organized in Norway during summer. A follow-up camp will be arranged in Jordan during Passover 2015.

### *Eastern Europe*

NCMI is partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary and local mission organizations through Gisle Johnson Institute and with Apple of His Eye and Jews for Jesus in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus. In 2014 we also supported a conference of Russian and Ukrainian church leaders as an attempt of building understanding and unity.

Our ties with the Messianic congregation "Mesiah lui Israel" in Bucuresti have been strengthened, and a congregation in Norway has taken special responsibility for intercession and financial support. A delegation from the Norwegian congregation visited their partner church in the fall.

### *In Sweden*

Källan Swedish Israel Mission has been established by the initiative of NCMI and is now organizing their own ministry, meetings and conferences. They are supporting ministries in Israel through NCMI.

### *In Norway itself*

In Norway there has been a special focus on the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution throughout 2014. A paragraph in that document stated that Jews were not allowed to enter our kingdom - a paragraph that was cancelled in 1851. Anti-Judaism has been a part of our society, and NCMI therefore arranged an open seminar on the relationship between the Church and the Jewish people. The lectures were followed up with a theatre performance of "Fiddler on the Roof," a visit to the Holocaust memorial centre and a hike in the footsteps of Jewish refugees who fled to Sweden.

The 200th anniversary of our constitution coincided with the 200th anniversary of the birth of the famous Hebrew Christian

scholar, Carl Paul Caspari, who served as a professor at Christiania (Oslo) University. His anniversary has been marked on several occasions in Norway and Israel. NCMI has a close relationship with the small Jewish community in Norway. We take part in a dialogue program and express cooperation through financial assistance and immigrant projects in Israel through the umbrella organization "Help Jews Home".

(News given by Rolf G. Heitmann, Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel - NCMI)

### **Romania**

2014 was a great year in terms of ministry.

One of the goals was to bring to light the atrocities that took place during WW II in Romania. In January we commemorated the Victims of the Pogrom in Bucharest, and Christian leaders from Bucharest were part of the event for repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation. We held the same kind of events at the end of June when we commemorated the victims of the Pogrom that took place in Iasi, and then did so again at the beginning of October.

We realized that more than 90% of the Christians in Romania have no clue about the dirty past of our nation. In order to advance into a bright future we need to acknowledge the past and redeem it.

During the whole year the Biblical Feasts provided great opportunities to share the love of God and give practical help to some elderly Jewish people in their needs.

Being a bridge between the Jews and the Christians has also been part of our mission here in the last year.

(News given by Florin Suciu, Comunitatea Evreilor Mesianici Bucuresti)

### **Switzerland**

Amzi is a small ministry based both in Switzerland and Germany that supports both Jewish and Arab followers of the Jewish Messiah Yeshua. Therefore we don't have any full-time workers in the Middle East but rely on our partners who serve their communities by preaching the Gospel and facilitating help in many situations of distress. As an example, I mention two drug rehab ministries that not only help in getting rid of different kinds of addiction but also offer integration into a life-changing and life-stabilizing faith community. It is always a privilege to share joyful news from the Middle East on the occasion of church services, lectures and seminars held mainly in Switzerland and Germany, news that tell stories of reconciliation and cooperation among followers of the Messiah from both the Jewish and Arab sides. An example: an Arab church collected money in order to comfort and support needy families in an Israeli town that was frequently hit by rocket alarms during the Gaza conflict last summer. When it comes to theological issues, we in amzi try to do our best to find our way between two-covenant theology and replacement theology. What did the Apostle Paul mean with the cultivated olive tree (Romans 11:24) that gentile followers of Jesus are grafted into? Just recently a messianic congregational leader made a clarifying statement that we perceive as very helpful: "The cultivated olive tree is the messianic Israel with Yeshua as its root." »

(News given by Martin Rösch, Arbeitsgemeinschaft für das messianische Zeugnis an Israel - amzi)

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# Annual Report 2014 for South Africa

By Cecilia Burger, LCJE Area Coordinator, South Africa

## Overview

I'm pleased to report that the LCJE network in South Africa continues to present a wonderful platform encouraging co-operation between various organisations working together in the field of Jewish evangelism. As LCJE members, we attend one another's projects and work together in reaching out to Jewish friends.

One of the highlights of the year for me was our biennial conference towards the end of 2014. It was encouraging to work together with other LCJE members and to share in their excitement about this joint venture. In line with the theme, "Our Journey – Meeting the Jewish Messiah," we had six Jewish believers in Messiah Jesus sharing their testimonies. The idea was to engage in conversation with these believers and to learn from their experiences, so as to be more effective in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel. Many people who attended became aware, once again, of the importance of sharing the Gospel with Jewish people. Too often in the past Jewish people have been side-lined.

We also made a booklet available at the conference with the testimonies of 15 Jewish believers in Yeshua in South Africa. We hope to have a reprint of the booklet, *Our Journey – meeting the Jewish Messiah*, and we continue to use it as a ministry tool.

Some LCJE members gave a report on the work of their respective ministries:

## CMJ South Africa from Edith Sher.

This year has seen tremendous growth in our two Torah study groups. One is for young adults up to age 35, and is entering its fourth year. The other is for people over age 35. Both groups are comprised of Christians who come from many different church



*Cecilia Burger*

backgrounds, including those who teach replacement theology. At Torah study they are exposed to a different way of looking at the Scriptures. The over-35s number between 100-130 people.

We have also had Jewish people attend and encourage Christians to bring their Jewish friends as they will hear rabbinic sources quoted and treated with respect. They will also hear about the Jewish Messiah as we study the Gospels in their Jewish setting.

Our radio programme on CCFM 107.5 continues to reach both Christians and Jews. Many people in South Africa and around the world now listen to us via the internet.

The government has adopted a very hostile attitude towards Israel, and anti-Semitic remarks have been made publically by politicians. Our director, John Atkinson, has become known in the Jewish community for his strong stance against this scourge by writing to the newspapers, using the social media, and writing directly to government ministers. Even though the Jewish community is aware that John heads up an evangelical organisation, his commitment to the Jewish people has earned him their respect.

Edith has been leading a Bible study for about three years at a

residence for the aged in the southern suburbs. The group includes Jewish people, and at the last study a Jewish woman commented, "You've given me something to think about."

## David and Jonathan Foundation, from Jack Carstens

The David and Jonathan Foundation's main objective of assisting Messianic congregations to spread the Good News in Israel was taken a step further by the addition of another partner congregation. Trumpets of Salvation, led by Pastor Yacov Damkani, were incorporated as the 12th member to receive donations from the supporters of the Foundation. This link has been made possible by Baruch Maayan, who was previously resident in Cape Town and has now been appointed as an assistant Pastor at Trumpets of Salvation.

To engage the public in our efforts to support these congregations, we held nine Shabbat meetings during the year and spoke at several churches on invitation. We also held a Feast of Tabernacles celebration attended by over 1,000 people. During the year we also partnered with Pastor Manfred Nochomowitz, who taught at a Saturday seminar with the topic, "How to reach your Jewish neighbour".

We are glad for the cooperation between the Foundation and Simcha Ministry, the local Messianic congregations and prayer groups, as well as the larger Israel advocacy organizations. We thank them for the spirit of cooperation and assistance as we extend God's Kingdom locally and in Israel.

## Emet Ministries from Manfred Nochomovitz

2014 was a wonderful and amazing year for Emet Ministries.

We launched Jewish ministry in Durban in February 2014, thus establishing Emet Ministries and Jewish ministry in the four main cities

in South Africa. At the Durban launch week-end, two Jewish people prayed the salvation prayer.

In 2014, we held regular Messianic Shabbat services (with the aim of inviting unsaved Jewish people and reaching them with the gospel), prayer meetings (praying for the salvation of the Jewish people and Israel), teaching seminars and equipping weekends (equipping people to reach Jewish people with the gospel) in the four main cities in South Africa.

In 2014 we strengthened our connections with the Pretoria Jewish community as well as with the Jewish old Age Home in Johannesburg. A number of Jewish people have come to faith in Yeshua through these connections.

By the grace of God, much ground was taken for the Kingdom during 2014, and we have great anticipation for what God is going to do in 2015. We are trusting the Lord for a multitude of Jewish (and all) salvations through Emet Ministries.

For all that has happened, the biggest thank you must go to our incredible, awesome, faithful and wonderful God; without Him, there would be no Emet Ministries.

### **Jews for Jesus South Africa, from Michael Sischy**

2014 was a busy year for Jews for Jesus South Africa. We were heavily involved with our two "hats" of running the Messianic Congregation, Beit Y'shua in Johannesburg, and the Johannesburg work of Jews for Jesus: with weekly Bible studies, Shabbat services and festival celebrations as appropriate in the course of the year. We coined three key words to embody the vision and focus for Beit Y'shua: "Word-Worship-Witness" - creating and making available opportunities for the members to engage in all three. Weekly Bible study, fellowship and worship and then op-

portunities to be trained and go out to share the Gospel with the lost, were made available during the course of the year. An evangelism seminar "reaching your Jewish neighbour" was run in partnership with Manfred Nchomowitz of Emet ministries.

One of the highlights of the year was celebrating 25 years of Jews for Jesus in South Africa, and using the evening to honor the late Maisie Pillemer, a pioneer in South Africa in Jewish mission and ministry. Her autobiography was also launched - "Dared to believe" at the anniversary celebration. The year's activities ended on a very high note with an evangelistic outreach in the Cape Town area with volunteers and staff of Jews for Jesus from the USA and South Africa teaming up under the banner, "Arise, shine, for your light has come!" This is a fitting Scripture to spur us all on to continue seeing Gospel seed sown for 2015!

### **Messianic Testimony from Leigh Telli**

One of my main areas of ministry is at a retirement home, overlooking the promenade in Sea Point, which houses a large number of elderly, Jewish residents. I have been ministering there for approximately a decade, and this year, I really found that I was able to build strong friendships with some of the Jewish residents who attend the meetings I hold. Recently I was invited to speak at the home's Annual Christmas Carol service; my message was based on Yeshua fulfilling specific prophecies at his birth. A Jewish woman from the choir called "D", came to me afterwards and said, "I loved it all!"

I have also had the blessing of being able to speak on Radio Tygerberg a number of times this year and through this have met some wonderful people, who have become involved in the ministry in one way or an-

other. Every few weeks I go to Riebeeck Kasteel to do Bible Studies with a group of people about the End Times. What a great blessing it is to be able to teach in such a beautiful and serene environment.

Round about March I hold an annual conference - the topic is most often related to the subject of Israel. We have had the privilege of listening to Israeli believers for the last couple of years.

Looking back over 2014, I am able to say it was a fruitful year. I saw years of consistent labour blossom into meaningful friendships. May 2015 be a year of harvest!

### **Simcha Ministry to Jewish People from Cecilia**

In this ministry both Francois Wessels and I are members of the Beit Ariel Messianic Congregation where we participate in the life of the congregation. Francois often preaches during Shabbat services, and I'm involved in helping to organize the Jewish festivals particularly the Passover Seder. These celebrations provide us with the opportunity to invite Jewish and Christian friends who are not part of the congregation.

Francois is also a frequent speaker on the weekly Israel programme of a local Christian radio station. We were also invited to speak in churches and Christian groups on the Jewish festivals and outreach to Jewish people with the Gospel. Visits to Jewish friends and efforts to bring them the Good News as well as weekly Bible Studies also formed important parts of the ministry. This past year I also realized the blessing of inviting Jewish friends for a Shabbat meal at my home. I hope to pursue this with other co-workers. I thank the Lord for his amazing grace.

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# Annual Report for China/Hong Kong

By Mark Lam, LCJE Area Coordinator for Hong Kong/China

## January meeting

The first and second "Jewish Missions Conference in Hong Kong" were smoothly held in 2009 and 2012, thus the idea of LCJE in Hong Kong was shared among the several host partners.

In January 2015, a first ever formal LCJE Hong Kong/China was happily gathered at CWI Hongkong office venue with representatives from CPM Hongkong, CWI Hongkong, CMJ

Hongkong and Great Commission Center Hongkong. We fellow-shipped on the five core values of the global LCJE. We had a wonderful time together and agreed to gather again periodically.

In April 2015, LCJE Hong Kong/China will host a seminar on "The Successes and Worries of the Messianic Movement". Our target participants will be pastors and seminary students in Hong Kong. The

speaker will be Mitch Glaser.

While it is understandable that mainland China is still a sensitive religious region, LCJE Hong Kong/China will strive to bring its vision into China and will also pray for God's guidance and blessings. In fact, there are now more mainland believers traveling to Hong Kong. This enables us to share our vision with them.

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*Hong Kong*

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# Annual Report 2014 for North America

By Gary Hedrick, LCJE Area Coordinator, North America

## We Are Not Alone!

Greetings from North America! We trust that this issue of the LCJE Bulletin finds you enjoying the Lord's blessings, no matter where you are: Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! "Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!" (Psalm 144:15, ESV). For me, these an-

nual reports are an encouraging and welcome reminder that we're not alone in this important work. LCJE is a global network, and there are brothers and sisters all over the world who are engaged, like we are, in the work of Jewish evangelism. Our respective cultures may be different (and they most certainly are), but there are

still many points of commonality. No matter where we live, we all face similar obstacles and challenges, but the network makes us stronger than we would be if we were facing those challenges alone. One obvious advantage is that it makes other, like-minded believers available for us to lean on when we need to—and that's

a nice option to have available! Another point of commonality is that we share similar blessings when things go well and the Lord is working through us (Zech. 4:6). So it's nice to be networked together in LCJE!

### **2014 North American Conference**

Our 2014 North American conference at The Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College (Chicago area) was packed with useful sessions. Walt Kaiser introduced our conference theme on Monday morning with his presentation on "The OT in the NT: What Issues Come into Play?" Other sessions included "The Calling of Gentiles to Jewish Evangelism: A Study in Romans 11" by Jonathan Sacks; "Proclaiming the Prince of Peace: Missiological Implications of Biblical Reconciliation" by Galen Peterson; "Pauline Usage of Isaiah 45:17, 59:20, and Jeremiah 31:34 in Romans 11:25-27" by Amy Downey; "Physical Theology in the Context of Gentile-Jewish Relations" by John Monson; "A Definition and Defense of the Pattern-Fulfillment Approach to Messianic Prophecy and Its Importance for Jewish Evangelism" by Darrell Bock; and "A Definition and Defense of the Prediction-Fulfillment Approach to Messianic Prophecy and Its Importance for Jewish Evangelism" by Michael Rydelnik, among others.

Aaron Trank also did a presentation on the Israeli Traveler Ministry and followed up with a panel discussion featuring several of his colleagues who are involved in that exciting outreach in the Far East where so many Israeli young people gravitate when they complete their mandatory military service. Susan Perlman gave her annual Media Report, which is always informative and interesting. Tim Sigler moderated a panel discussion where the major views about the NT's use of the OT were debated in a good-natured and informative way. Special music was provided

throughout the conference by our friends Vince and Deborah Iantorno—and the worship times, though brief, were truly a blessing. Jim Melnick gave a report on the activities of the international LCJE. On Wednesday, Rob Styler wrapped up our conference with his own special brand of entertaining humor, providing just enough levity to remind us not to take ourselves too seriously. That evening, Erwin Lutzer (pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago) was our special speaker and everyone appreciated his words of encouragement very much. He was accompanied by his wife, Rebecca, with whom we enjoyed becoming acquainted.

### **2015 Conference**

Our 2015 annual conference is fast approaching (hard to believe, but true!). We're meeting this year in western Canada at the Sutton Place Hotel in beautiful downtown Vancouver. The entire LCJE family worldwide has an open invitation, as always, and in case you read this far enough ahead of time, you'll find registration details (along with archives of the presentations) on the North American webpage at [www.lcje-na.org](http://www.lcje-na.org). Our topic is "This Year in Jerusalem: Messiah at the Exclamation Point—Evangelism and Reconciliation in the Land." We've lined up a number of informative presentations, and Greg Silverman will be leading our worship times ([www.gregsilverman.com](http://www.gregsilverman.com)). Tuesday afternoon is reserved for sightseeing, socializing, and relaxation in one of the world's most beautiful cities. J.I. Packer of Regent College has tentatively agreed to make an appearance at our closing banquet on Wednesday evening (although he reminds us that at 89 years of age, one doesn't make too many definite commitments!).

### **The Academic Fellowship**

One more notable development in our annual meetings has been our new (and still developing) fellowship of Messianic academics. These men and women have advanced degrees and many of them are instructors and professors in colleges and seminaries here in North America. Their breakfast meeting in Vancouver will be the fourth time they've done this. One of their focuses is helping to establish and develop Jewish studies programs where people can receive training to become prepared for Jewish ministry. It's a long-term investment of time and work, to be sure, but one that could yield significant dividends in the future for Jewish ministries that struggle to find qualified staff. Among the academic institutions represented so far have been Biola University, Talbot School of Theology (the Charles L. Feinberg Messianic Jewish Studies Program), Denver Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Liberty University's Center for Judaic Studies, Criswell College's Pasche Institute of Jewish Studies, and several others.

And finally, a good number of us from North America are planning to attend this summer's LCJE 10th International Conference in Jerusalem (August 16-21). As you'll see elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin, the theme is "From Jerusalem and Back, An Unchanging Gospel." Hope to see you there!

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# Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism

## 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - LCJE International (see Explanatory Note below\*)

### LCJE INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS (BB&T, Falmouth, Virginia, USA)

Balance in accounts (as of 12.31.2014) \$27,194.44 USD

#### Income and Assets for 2014

Membership dues (Agency & Individual) 29,636.87  
Foreign cash reserves on hand  
(in USD equivalencies as of 12.31.14): 2,155.85

**TOTAL 2014 INCOME & ASSETS \$31,792.72 USD**

#### Expenses for 2014

Reimbursement for administration 18,000.00  
Accounting fees 100.00  
Operations  
Bank charges 788.05  
Printing (LCJE Bulletin) 7,131.84  
Finance charge (Int'l) 14.65  
Foreign transaction fee 34.29  
Office supplies 178.17  
Postage, mailing services 4,315.98  
Copying & printing 660.56  
Web hosting (LCJE.net) 234.86  
Other Expenses  
Miscellaneous 719.91  
Gifts/donations 500.00  
Travel insurance 223.53  
Other costs 357.65  
Reimbursement to LCJE-North America 1,432.62  
Travel, conferences and meetings 10,195.78

**TOTAL 2014 EXPENSES \$44,887.89 USD**

NET ORDINARY INCOME <-13,095.17 >

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#### \* EXPLANATORY NOTE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR:

We ended 2014 with an overall balance of \$27,194.44 USD. Expenses in 2014 were \$44,887.90. For comparison purposes, 2013 expenses were \$45,550.36. A final balance owed to LCJE-North America from LCJE International was paid in 2014 in the amount of \$1,432.62 and is noted above. The LCJE International profit and loss statement and balance sheet were finalized and reviewed by our accountant with data prepared by myself and our LCJE Secretary, Christine Fulcrod. Additional information is available upon request. Any questions or requests regarding our financial statement should be directed to me as your International Coordinator. Thank you for your support of LCJE!

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# Announcement of General Meeting LCJE Conference in Jerusalem - August 2015

The LCJE Rules and Procedures can be downloaded at: <http://www.lcje.net/rules&procedures.pdf> or requested by mail from the International Coordinator.

## ***TO ALL MEMBERS OF LCJE:***

Under "LCJE Rules and Procedures," Section 2, "Standing Orders for the General Meeting," the regular General Meeting shall be held during an international conference of LCJE (2.1). This year the General Meeting will be held in Jerusalem at the 10th International Conference during August 17-19, 2015 at the conference hotel. The actual room for the General Meeting will be made known to LCJE members during the conference.

**Official Notification.** This notice in the LCJE Bulletin constitutes official notification to LCJE members of the General Meeting, which must be made at least three months in advance of the meeting. (2.3)

**Election.** Officers and committees of the LCJE shall be elected at the General Meeting. Officers include the President of LCJE and the International Coordinator. Standing Committees of LCJE include the International Coordinating Committee (ICC) and the Procedures and Nominations (P&N) Committee. Only full members of LCJE are eligible to be elected as members of committees. The General Meeting shall appoint the chairperson of committees. Each committee is empowered to co-opt up to three non-voting members (2.5, 2.6)

**Agenda.** The International Coordinator shall receive items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda not less than two months before a General Meeting (thus, the deadline for agenda items for this General Meeting shall be June 17, 2015). After discussion with the President, the International Coordinator shall circulate the agenda, in writing, to all members not less than two weeks prior to the General Meeting. (2.7)

Items for the agenda received by the International Coordinator less than one month in advance of a General Meeting may, unless withdrawn, be considered as notices of motion for debate at the next but one General Meeting. Notices of motion will be indicated on the agenda of the next General Meeting. The International Coordinator may be asked to provide the Procedures and Nominations committee with proof of the late arrival of agenda items if so required. (2.7)

Items for the agenda requiring a decision (proposals) must be submitted with the name of both proposer and seconder. (2.7)

**Requesting a Decision or Proposal.** For members requesting an agenda item for the General Meeting under Section 2.7 of the LCJE Rules and Procedures, and having a proposer and seconder for an issue requiring a decision or proposal, please contact the International Coordinator at the LCJE International Address (P.O. Box 5501, Falmouth, VA 22403 USA) or via email at: [lcje.int@gmail.com](mailto:lcje.int@gmail.com) within the time limits specified above.

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# The LCJE 10th International Conference

**CONFERENCE THEME**

***"From Jerusalem and Back,  
An Unchanging Gospel"***



**JERUSALEM, ISRAEL**  
**16-21 AUGUST 2015**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION** was mailed to **LCJE MEMBERS** along with their 2015 membership dues packet.

**For non-LCJE members**, please contact:  
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