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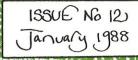
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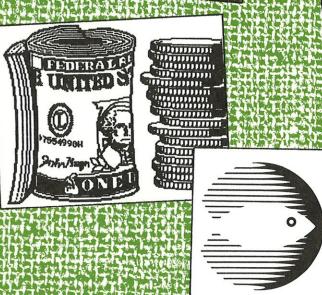
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The International Coordinating Committee of LCJE met at All Nations Christian College, England on December 15th and 16th 1987.

Present were Rev. Murdo MacLeod (President), Rev. David Harley (International Coordinator), Miss Susan Perlman and Rev. Ole Chr. M. Kvarme (Committee Members), Rev. Baruch Maoz (Israel Area Coordinator), and Rev. Elizabeth Myers (Assistant to International Coordinator).

Reports were given on the activities of area chapters by Susan Perlman (North America), Murdo MacLeod (Europe) and Baruch Maoz (Israel). In addition, David Harley reported on his recent visit to Brazil, where he met several representatives involved in Jewish evangelism locally (see page 3).

Other items on the agenda included preparations for 'Vision 89'; reviews of the aims and purposes of LCWE and LCJE; reviews of LCJE publications; a progress report on Project Nathanael; plans for a Fourth International Consultation of LCJE members; and a review of the LCJE accounts.

#### 'Vision 89'

With preparations for the 'Vision 89' Congress (the LCWE congress to be held in Singapore in July 1989, fifteen years after the historic Lausanne Congress of 1974) now under way, the International Coordinating Committee discussed the details of the representations that are being made to the Programme Committee of LCWE with regard to the active participation of LCJE members, and in particular of Jewish believers, at the Congress.

LCJE members present at 'Vision 89' will be invited to meet together for a day conference on the first full day after the end of the Congress.

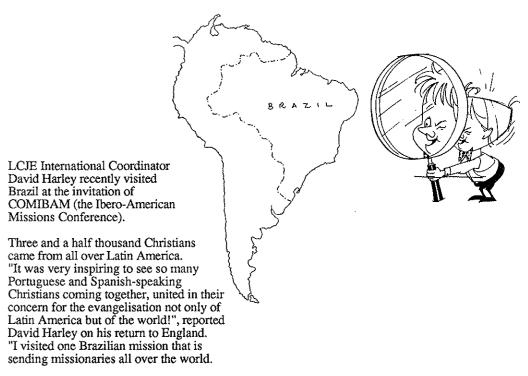
### LCJE Fourth International Consultation

It was agreed that the Fourth International Consultation would take place in August 1991 (exact dates to be confirmed) in Holland.

### Next ICC Meeting

The next meeting of the International Coordinating Committee will take place on the second full day after the 'Vision 89' Congress in Singapore.

FOCUS on BRAZIL



"I also visited the headquarters of the Antioch Mission [which supports Tony Cerqueira, an LCJE member, in his work as an evangelist among Jewish people, serving originally in Israel and at present in Portugal]. I was anxious to encourage concern for Jewish evangelism in Latin America. The Antioch Mission holds a popular annual conference on the theme of Israel, with particular reference to the place of Jewish evangelism.

"Another day, I was able to visit representatives of the Brazilian Messianic Mission.

"My only disappointment at the conference itself was that no group representing the cause of Jewish evangelism had taken the opportunity to display materials in the Missions Exhibition which was staged for the conference - there was one stand which carried literature on prophecy and the State of Israel, but none which made reference to Jewish evangelism.

"We need to take seriously the challenge of working in those cities in South America which have a significantly high Jewish population. There are 150,000 Jewish people in Brazil and 300,000 in Argentina. I was glad to have the opportunity, through attending this exciting missions conference, of reminding Latin American Christians of the priority of and the need for Jewish evangelism today."

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## חדשות מישראל

New Ruling from Education Ministry

The Director General of the Education Ministry has ordered all State schools, including those of the kibbutz movement, to discontinue the use of Bibles which contain both the Old and New Testaments, nor are they to teach parts of the New Testament together with the Old Testament during Bible classes. These Bibles have been widely used in kibbutz and other schools which receive them free of charge from missionaries and Christian organisations.

The deputy director of religious education justified the ruling on the grounds that the Old Testament came from God, the New Testament was written by men. A school principal remarked that "...Jews have been murdered and persecuted because of the New Testament. The Old Testament must remain sacred, even to those of us who are not observant [of orthodox Judaisml, because it represents what makes us Jews".

Negative responses to the ruling were voiced in several quarters. A Bible teacher in a state school regretted the rule because he believes that pitting the Old Testament against the New shows why Judaism represents a higher level. A high school principal commented that the problem of relating to the New Testament in Jewish education is an old one in Israel, and referred to several instances earlier in the century involving major Hebrew writers who were 'punished' for a liberal attitude towards the New Testament. The coordinator of education for the left wing Kibbutz Ha'artzi movement called the rule "fetishistic and idolatrous", even though he did not regard the two Testaments as "equivalent". He regards the Old Testament as "the source of our Jewish and human values".

Writing in the left wing daily Al Hamishmar (20 March 1987), Yehuda Lahav reacted angrily to the order, calling it a "boorish act... truly scandalous... and a grave attack on the most basic principles of enlightened education". It was not only undesirable to prevent Israeli school children from looking into the New Testament, but they should be taught it, alongside the Old Testament, Darwinism, Talmud, Buddhism and world history. Even in the Soviet Union with its officially atheistic worldview, voices are heard for renewing the teaching of the Bible in schools. Without knowledge of the Bible, it is impossible to grasp major portions of classical Russian literature as well as the general cultural heritage. "The New Testament, like the Old, has become an inseparable part of human culture, and acquaintance with it is a cultural asset of every intelligent person", Lahav wrote. He sees the ruling as another step in "the process of religious coercion and reactionary fanaticism and intolerance", undermining the foundations of modern culture and free objective scientific enquiry.

In response to a Parliamentary Query raised by M.K. Wirshuvsky, Education and Culture Minister Yitzhak Navon defended the ruling in the Knesset. "The ministry opposes missionary activity and will not permit the use of Bibles containing the Old and New Testaments bound together", Navon declared. "Whoever wishes to read the New Testament may do so separately", he added. In response to a second question raised by the M.K. concerning the matter of censorship, Navon replied that there was no censorship involved, and that it was his belief that students in the upper grades should learn about Islam, Christianity and Buddhism; but not in the context of Bible study, since this would inevitably create the impression that the religious books of Judaism and Christianity are equally valid for Jewish children. The anti-mission society Yad L'Ahim welcomed the new order and promised to check out its implementation in the field.

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Licence granted to Rehovot Congregation

After a seemingly endless legal process, the Grace and Truth Christian Assembly in Rehovot has finally been granted a licence to use its new building for worship meetings (see Issue No 6, September 1985!). In the final move of the long-running saga, the Regional Council appealed to the State Attorney General for legal advice. Since the State Attorney General had been the recipient of strong international lobbying on this issue from friends of the congregation in Europe and North America, he advised that the licence should be granted.

"This means that we are released from the need to meet in members' homes", said Baruch Maoz, Pastor of the congregation. "But there are wider implications also. This ruling indicates that the authorities in this country have recognised the right of minority religious groups to meet for worship according to their own conscience. They have also learned that international public opinion will not sit back and allow civil liberties to be eroded."

The congregation says THANK YOU to its friends among the membership of LCJE who lobbied

Evangelism ... in Bethlehem
Believers from different parts of Israel met in Bethlehem on Christmas night to distribute gospel literature among the crowds. However, the military authorities did not think this was 'good news' and they promptly arrested the participants! All were released back into Manger Square without delay - minus their tracts! It is to be hoped that the army enjoyed reading the thousands of confiscated tracts telling them about the Messiah who was born in Bethlehem... [P.S. Wonder what King Herod would have thought!]

### ... in Eilat

A recent outreach in Eilat attracted so many Israeli believers that a plea was put out for no more participants - there was no more room in the inn!

#### ... in Tel Aviv

The evangelistic team in Tel Aviv continues to go out on the streets two or three times a week, distributing literature on Dizengoff and other major thoroughfares. They meet with every imaginable reaction from passers-by, with the exception of apathy!

#### ... at Passover

Plans for the evangelistic outreach for Passover week are now well advanced. More than twenty Israeli believers will be taking part in activities designed to bring the message of THE Passover Lamb before the Israeli public.

**TELEM Programme expands** 

The Telem (Theological Education by Extension in Hebrew) programme, which functions through the Caspari Center in Jerusalem, is experiencing steady growth. Twenty-five students are now enrolled, studying in eight groups around the country. Caspari Centre Administrator Esko Siljanen says, "It is encouraging to see how the Word of God is acting in the lives of these students. Also it is encouraging to see more and more new people becoming interested in participating in the Telem programme." One of the students, Tali (a new believer who came to faith during a Messianic Youth Camp in the summer of 1986), has recently been appointed as secretary to the Caspari

The Telem group in Eilat has seven students, all in the age range 22-40, two of whom are sabras and the other five immigrants to Israel. Telem Administrator Jerry Lund travels to Eilat every second weekend to tutor the group.

The fifth Telem study book, on Romans, was published last month and some of the groups have already started working with it. Two further books are currently being edited for publication, Christian Origins and Jewish Roots by Oscar Skarsaune and The Book of Genesis by Jerry Lund.



#### MISHKAN has celebrated its third birthday!

Five issues are already off the press, and TWO DOUBLE ISSUES are due to be published in 1988!

In case any of our readers are not familiar with MISHKAN, it is a unique semi-annual journal dedicated to biblical and theological thinking on issues relating to Jewish evangelism, Christian Jewish/Messianic Jewish identity, and Jewish-Christian relations in general. The journal is a publication of the United Christian Council in Israel, and is published in Jerusalem. The General Editor is **Ole Chr. M. Kvarme** (General Secretary of the Norwegian Bible Society, and a member of the International Co-ordinating Committee of LCJE), and the Associate Editors are **Baruch Maoz** (Pastor of Grace and Truth Christian Assembly, Rehovot, Field Director of CWI in Israel and LCJE Israel Area Co-ordinator) and **Avner Boskey**.

MISHKAN is published with the assistance of LCJE, Evangeliumsdienst für Israel (Stuttgart), the Norwegian Israel Mission (Oslo), the Israel Trust of the Anglican Church (London and Jerusalem), and the Caspari Center for Biblical and Jewish Studies (Jerusalem).

If you're not yet a subscriber, you're missing something good!

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The most recent issue of MISHKAN includes nine solicited responses to the Norwegian Mission to Israel's Statement about Christian Ministry to the Jewish People ("To the Jew First"), the text of which had been published in the previous issue. The respondents' reactions were varied!

- "...The authors address biblical, theological and historical issues that are all too frequently misunderstood by Jews and non-Jews alike, thus causing mutual suspicion and disagreement..."
- "...inherent in the DNI document, quite explicitly, is a threat to the integrity, the autonomy and the security of the people of Israel... By trying to redefine Jewish spirituality according to Christian criteria, and then importing this pseudo-Jewishness into Israel, the Norwegian Mission has declared itself an enemy of the Jewish people..."
- "...the spirituality that has always gone together with this physical vessel you still reject, because we have rejected the Messiahship of Jesus. So you split our soul from our body, just as the PLO does and that is why you are not welcome here..."
- "...It is most probable that a Jewish 'people movement' will prove to be one of the factors leading up to a national turning of the people to Messiah..."
- "...far from being first, Jews should be the last people to whom Christians should direct their evangelistic mission..."
- "...It is my sincere hope and prayer that the commitments which this statement represents will encourage greater, more widespread and more effective missionary work among the Jewish people in the land of Israel, as well as in the Diaspora."
- "...I appreciate the forthright nature of the statement that salvation comes only through faith in Jesus the Messiah and that the Gospel must be preached to the Jews. The paper's focus on preaching 'to the Jews first' is both significant and admirable; this is not a popular view among evangelicals..."
- "...Only one generation after the Holocaust, you have the audacity to come here and shamelessly intrude into our internal wrestlings over the meaning of Jewish identity, continuity and destiny..."

Why not subscribe to MISHKAN and share in the whole debate?

Subscription rates are \$12 per year for North and South America, Asia and Africa, and £9 (or its equivalent) for Europe.

Subscriptions should be addressed as follows:

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For the United States and the Americas: Mishkan, LCJE, P.O.Box 11250, San Francisco, CA 94101, USA

For Israel and the rest of the world: Mishkan, UCCI, P.O.Box 116, Jerusalem 91000, Israel

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## Book Review Book Review Book Review

## "Jesus for Jews"

"I loved the position of cantor; I understood it, I was grateful to have a part in it, and it was the desire of my heart to be able to fulfil that position with as much fervour and religious dedication as I possibly could. I was no longer nervous as I stood before congregations. I was calm, capable and convincing in my role. There was only one problem. I didn't believe in God..."

Joe Price, formerly the chazan at Beth Am Israel in Philadelphia and at the Nanuet Hebrew Center, Rockland County, is one of fifteen Jewish believers in Jesus whose stories are related in a new book published by Jews for Jesus, Jesus for Jews.



Designed by Editor Ruth Rosen as an appetiser for unbelieving Jewish readers, Jesus for Jews is currently the subject of a special advertising campaign in newspapers and magazines around the world (see pages 10-11). Those whose stories are told in its 320 pages are not super heroes or Messianic giants. Rather, they are ordinary Jewish people of varying backgrounds from the whole spectrum of the Jewish community, people with whom the reader can readily identify. There is a grandmother who left Germany as a small child and came to the promised land of New York; a couple whose search for God led them deeply into Eastern mysticism and the 'New Age' movement; and of course a couple of businessmen and a lawyer! There are also those who might be assumed to have every reason for not believing in Jesus: a concentration camp survivor and a scientist, an engineer to whom Spinoza and Einstein made more sense than the Bible.

For the person who asks you, "What kind of a Jew would believe in Jesus?", this book has the answer! Every kind! The bright, confident high school student ("I had been presumptuous as only a 16-year-old can be, expecting that the rabbi would learn from me how to believe in Jesus. Instead, he had taken the time to tear apart every argument I had shown him. I was devastated..."); the social activist ("I survived the march on the Pentagon, but I was never the same. I rode back on the bus feeling helpless, unable to do anything that would really make a difference..."); the successful businessman ("I was very conceited, very headstrong, very sure of myself. My wife's social diary was booked up one year in advance, from December to December. I felt I was entirely responsible for my own success"); and the paediatrician who spent her own childhood under the darkening clouds of pre-war Berlin ("To give you an idea of how hungry we were - my father weighed in at 180 pounds when we came to Bergen-Belsen. When we left, in January 1945, he weighed 70 pounds").

But the real hero of the book is Jesus himself. In every story, the route which led the individual to faith in his or her Messiah is carefully and compellingly charted... as is the record of the difference Jesus has made since the moment of first belief. Some of those whose stories are told have now been believers for thirty years or more - and we are privileged to watch their families' reactions sometimes softening over the years, their children growing up to cherish their own heritage as Messianic Jews, or their own understanding of their Jewish identity becoming enriched in new ways as time goes by.

International readers might hope that, if a sequel is forthcoming at some point in the future, the stories of Jewish believers from other parts of the world might find their way into a collection such as this. Almost all of the stories related here fall totally within the confines of the American way of life. The girl who was born in Argentina moved to Los Angeles at the tender age of nine and became a candy striper (a what??) in high school. The two who tried to find their future in Israel ended up in California and Hawaii respectively! The only member of the British Jewish community to find his way into the book is one whose public disgrace lives on in the folklore of north London. Writing from his adopted home town of Beverly Hills, his memories of the machinations of British political life seem to have become somewhat faded with age! No-one represents the Soviet Union or France, respectively the third and fourth largest Jewish communities in the world.

But for the American reader, and the international reader acquainted with American ways, this book is impossible to put down. Turning from one story to another, the reader is laughing, crying, agonising, cheering, sympathising. It is not a book to read in bed if one wants the lights out before midnight! The endearingly honest, frank, sometimes frail Jewish believers who have permitted their lives to be laid open before our eyes in this way have done a service to all those of us who work and pray for the evangelisation of the Jewish people. Jesus for Jews fills a very real gap on the bookshelf. It will be an enormous encouragement to readers who are themselves Jewish believers, and it will provide more than enough food for thought for the open-minded enquirer who is not (yet) a believer.

[Jesus for Jews can be mail-ordered directly from Jews for Jesus for \$17.95 plus shipping (hardback) or \$6.95 (large format paperback).]

E.M.

## Book News Book News



The Fall Feasts of Israel (by Mitch and Zhava Glaser, Moody Press, large format paperback \$6.95) provides an in-depth look at three of the major holidays on the Jewish calendar: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succoth. Both scholarly and easy to read, this book examines the origins, traditional observances and the Christological significance of these special days, pointing to Jesus, the Lord of time and of the calendar.

The Israeli believers are rejoicing in the growing amount of good quality Messianic Jewish literature available to them in their own language. Gone are the days when an abridged version of Billy Graham's <u>Peace with God</u> was the only Christian book obtainable in Hebrew! The second edition in Hebrew of Stan Telchin's <u>Betraved</u> has sold out in record time, as has the first edition in Hebrew of Arnold Fruchtenbaum's <u>Jesus was a Jew</u>. New editions are currently going to press at Hagefen Publishing!

Questions and Answers, a 26-page booklet written by the staff of Jews for Jesus to tackle some of the most commonly asked questions about the Messiahship of Jesus and what it means to be a Jewish believer in Jesus, has also been published in a Hebrew-language edition. A young Israeli man, reading it for the first time in December 1987, found that he agreed with all the answers and has just become a believer as a result!

# Letter from America



Did you see ...?

For the fourth Christmas season in succession, Jews for Jesus has placed full-page advertisements in major newspapers and magazines all over the United States. The ad opposite, featuring Ellen Kamentsky's lovely smile, appeared in the Christmas week international edition of Time Magazine, reaching Israel among other places!

For the first time, the book on offer this year was the newly published Jesus for Jews, edited by Ruth Rosen (see pages 8-9). Responses have poured into the Jews for Jesus headquarters in San Francisco and already number tens of thousands. The peak response in one morning's mail was 4,500 coupons!

Despite an orchestrated letter-writing campaign by Jewish community organisations, very few newspapers and publications rejected this year's ads. Indeed, the National Jewish Post and Opinion and Bnai Brith Messenger took it upon themselves to reprint reduced versions of the adsto warn their readers of the danger!! Last time this happened, little tiny coupons started trickling into the Jews for Jesus office ....

Jews for Jesus is looking to produce another round of ads for Passover and Easter this year. A spokesperson for the organisation said at the beginning of January that Jews for Jesus is considering producing testimonies such as those in <u>Jesus for Jews</u> in other languages, if sufficient interest is shown.

Fifth Annual Consultation of North American Chapter

Members of the North American Chapter of LCJE are to hold their fifth annual two-day conference April 13th-14th 1988 near Baltimore, Maryland. Topics on the agenda this time include:

\* a review of Arnold Fruchtenbaum's doctoral thesis on Israelology;

\* a paper on Two Covenant theology;

\* an update of the activities of the anti-missionaries;

\* a progress report on Messianic lawsuits;

\* and a survey of Jewish missions in the United States.

'Conversion'

A Consultation on 'Conversion', sponsored jointly by the World Evangelical Fellowship and the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation, was held in Hong Kong from January 4th to 8th 1988. Among the papers brought was one on 'Conversion and Jewish Culture' by Moishe Rosen, Executive Director of Jews for Jesus.



Why can't Christmas be a Jewish **Holiday?** 

> Isn't Christmas the birthday of the greatest Jew who ever lived?

> > Of course.

Y'shua (that's the Jewish way to say Jesus) was born in a Jewish place - Bethlehem

to a Jewish mother

- Miriam

according to the Jewish prophets for a Jewish purpose

-the salvation of the world

Maybe some don't like Christmas because of mistletoe, merchandising and media hype. Maybe others suffer from "Santa Claustrophobia." Maybe they haven't discovered Yshua who is the reason for the season.

> But some Jewish people know him and they can tell you why Y'shua makes them celebrate.

Their stories are in the book, *Jesus far Jews.* You can buy the hardcover edition at your local religious bookstore for \$17.95. But if you fill out the coupon below, a special inquirer's edition can be yours for just \$1 postpaid.

Fill out this coupon and send \$1.00 to get your copy of Jesus for Jews postpaid.

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for period 1 July 1985 to 31 December 1986

	Note		Total		LCJE Co		onference	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	
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RECEIPTS: Subscriptions, donations and fees	1,4		39,949.31		9,088.91		30,860.40	
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Rev. C. David Harley Casava Harrey International Co-ordinator.....

NOTES FORMING PART OF ACCOUNT

1. No account has been taken in this statement of:

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2. Equipment purchased comprises:

Telephone and Answering Machine

Apple Macintosh computer and software (purchased by special donation from

Dr Charles Halff of The Christian Jew Foundation)

Apple Carrying Bag
3. Balances in hand:

£2000.00 on deposit with Christian Witness to Israel
£489.43 in Lloyds Bank current account

4. The Conference was held in Easneye, 19-27 August 1986. Fees are for attendance at the

AUDITOR'S REPORT: I have examined the books and vouchers of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism and received further explanations as necessary; I report that this account truly reflects the transactions for the 18 months to 31 December 1986.

S.C. PACHT, ACA Auditor

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