GEORGE GRUEN: A FATHER OF THE MODERN MESSIANIC JEWISH MOVEMENT

There are many who were used of God to spawn the modern Messianic Jewish Movement, which began to develop somewhere around the late 1960's and early 1970's. However the seeds were sown before then, and often those who sowed those seeds were not aware of what was to come.

Let me begin by defining what I mean by the modern messianic Jewish movement and when it began. Jesus prophesied in Luke 21:24 that the city of Jerusalem would be under the control of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 11:25, 26 that when the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled the veil would come off of the eyes of the Jewish people. In June of 1967 Yeshua's prophecy and Paul's declaration began to be fulfilled. Since Jerusalem passed back under the control of the Jewish people we have seen a greater number of Jewish people coming to faith in our Messiah Jesus. Messianic Jewish congregations are forming, and the movement continues to grow.

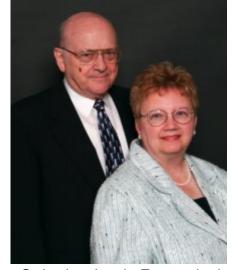
We must never discount the sovereignty of God in this movement, but God uses people to accomplish His purposes. George Gruen is one of those people.

George Gruen is a little known father of the modern Messianic Jewish Movement. He

was one who sowed some of the seeds that led to the Modern Messianic Jewish Movement.

George was born in North Jersey on February 5, 1928.

As a young boy, George did not believe in God. One night God moved upon his heart to consider what would happen to him when he died. This brought fear to this young Jewish boy and caused him to seek God. As a result, George put his trust in Messiah Jesus in a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in North Caldwell, N.J. However his story does not begin there.



George's paternal grandfather, Paul Gruen, was a very Orthodox Jew in Europe in the early 1900s. He studied under the leading Rabbi of Poland. One day a young Jewish believer in Messiah Jesus approached Paul and desired to tell him about Yeshua. Paul knew Hebrew well and was certain that he could convince this younger man not to believe in Jesus and to return to Judaism. However, when he and his wife saw the Messianic prophecies in the Jewish Bible that they had never seen before, such as, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 53, and others, they put their trust in Jesus as their Messiah and Redeemer. His wife Emily was first to become a believer and then Paul followed.

When Paul Gruen came to faith in the Lord he became an immediate ardent witness for Messiah and won many Jewish people to the Lord. God eventually led the family to the U.S. where Paul Gruen became a witness to the Jews in Brooklyn, NY. George's father, Samuel, was also brought to the states at that time. His mother, Mary, emigrated from Germany some time later. George's Uncle Herman stayed in Germany and was murdered in the Holocaust at the Buchenwald Camp in WWII. Herman was a Jewish Bible believer and trusted in Jesus, so George knows he will see him again in Heaven.

At age 18 on August 8, 1946 at about 9 p.m., George dedicated his life to God's will and service at a youth conference of The Christian and Missionary Alliance at Nyack, NY. This decision changed his life forever and began his walk in the center of the perfect will of God.

George graduated from the C&MA Bible College in Nyack, NY in 1950. He responded to God's call to reach his Jewish people with the Gospel and was appointed as a missionary to them serving under the C&MA. He his wife Doris began their full time service for Messiah Jesus in the Bronx, in New York City at The Bronx Messianic Center on February 2, 1950. The Center was located on Walton Ave. near 170th St. and the Grand Concourse. He reached out to the Jewish community through making personal contacts, weekly services on Friday nights, bible studies, tract distribution, visiting homes in the area, outreaches in parks, and street preaching.

George's uncle, Emil Gruen, was also in Jewish ministries as a missionary with the American Board of Missions to the Jews, which is now Chosen People Ministries,

In the fall of 1953 George received a phone call from two ladies who shared the need and their burden to reach the Jewish people in the city of Philadelphia. George and Doris visited the city and toured several areas in the North West that were largely populated by Jewish people. Two of those areas known as Wynnefield and Overbrook Park had well over 100,000 unreached, unsaved Jewish people living in those communities.

George and Doris returned to the Bronx and wondered what God was saying to them regarding Philadelphia. As their habit was they read scripture together every day. They were reading through the book of Revelation at this time. The next day after they returned from their visit to Philadelphia they read the Bible together. Here is what they read.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved

you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 3:7-13.

In tears they realized that God was calling them to Philadelphia.

In October of 1953 George and Doris moved to Philadelphia and rented a small apartment in West Philadelphia at 52nd and Parkside Ave. across from Fairmount Park and on the edge of a large Jewish community.

The Lord led George to begin using sports such as, basketball, baseball, bowling, water skiing, ping pong, and other activities to get to know Jewish young people and had a Bible discussion with every sports event.

He gathered a group of Jewish teenage boys to play basketball and baseball in the park leagues. The only stipulation was that they come to a discussion about the Bible after each game. George had studied to be a commercial artist and using chalk drawings, black lighting and diagrams he presented the Messianic prophecies from the Tanakh each week after the games.

The Lord blessed this outreach, and as a result over 50 Jewish young people put their faith in Messiah Jesus. One of the first was **Manny Brotman** in July, 1954.

Manny was a gifted athlete and a born leader and organizer. As he grew in the Lord he began to share Yeshua with his Jewish family and friends. First his sister and then his mother received Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. One of his uncles became so enraged at Manny over his belief in Jesus that he said, "If I see you telling people about Jesus I'll run you down with my car." Undeterred Manny continued to declare Jesus the Jewish Messiah.

Manny felt God leading him to prepare to reach his people with the Gospel and went to Nyack Bible College in Rockland County, New York to train. He also attended Canadian Bible College and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. By this time Manny began developing tools to effectively share the Good News of Messiah Jesus with Jewish people. He developed a correspondence course called "A Trumpet in Zion," and a "Gift" card inviting people to enroll for free. The course is a series of five booklets; "The Shadow of the Almighty," showing the existence of God; "The Voice of God," shows that the Bible is the Word of God; "Mt. Sinai" shows that we are sinners and need forgiveness; "The Prince of Peace," Gives a picture of the Messiah; "The King and I," Presents the true Messiah of Israel and how to Receive His salvation.

He also developed a booklet called "Have you Ever Heard of The Five Jewish Laws?" He did all of this under the umbrella of an organization he founded called the Messianic Jewish Movement International. He always said that all he did was an outgrowth of what he learned from George Gruen.

A young Jewish couple that came to faith through the Gruen's ministry was **Joe and Debbie Finkelstein.** Joe and Debbie opened their home for a regular bible study that George led. The meeting place was known as "the Fink zoo." This took place from the years of 1965 through the mid-seventies. It was during the time of the hippie and Jesus movement when many Jewish young people were looking for answers in life. Dozens of them who were searching for answers were showing up at the Fink Zoo and Jewish people were getting saved. **Michael Wolf** a current leader in the Messianic Jewish movement was one of those saved at the Fink zoo under George's ministry. **Larry Feldman** came to the meetings but did not come to the Lord at that time; however, years later he became a believer and today is a Messianic Jewish rabbi who has planted six messianic Jewish congregations. Currently he leads one in Irvine, CA. Larry met George last year at the MJAA conference and told him that he planted the seed that eventually brought him to faith.

George took about 40 of these young Jewish believers to a local church where he fellowshipped. They attended for about a year and loved the pastor, the teaching and the people, but they felt they could not express their Jewishness there and did not feel they could not bring their unsaved Jewish family and friends there. As a result they left that church and became part of a Presbyterian Jewish mission in downtown Philadelphia. They spent a few years there worshipping as a Messianic Jewish congregation; however, again they felt the need to be separate from any organized Gentile Christian organization. By this time their numbers had grown and many of them left and formed what is now known as **Beth Yeshua Messianic Jewish congregation** located in the Overbrook Park section of Philadelphia. Marty Chernoff became their first leader and today it is led by Marty's son David. **The nucleolus and early leadership of this congregation were led to the Lord by George Gruen.**

Another Jewish teenager who began coming to George's meetings and played on his basketball and baseball teams was very talkative and disinterested in the Bible studies. He put up with the Bible so he could play on the ball team. This guy would make fun of George and tell jokes and cut up during the Bible discussions. George told him that he would have to leave if he didn't stop disrupting the meetings. Instead of respecting George's wishes he continued to fool around. Finally George told him to leave, but he wouldn't go so George literally had to bodily throw him out of the meeting. That 15 year old was so angry and had been embarrassed in front of his friends that he said "I'm never coming back here again!" However, he was back the next week. He began to listen to what George was saying, and as he heard the prophecies on how to recognize the Jewish Messiah from the Tanakh he saw that Jesus really was the Jewish Messiah and he came to faith in Yeshua.

George discipled that young Jewish teenager for nine months. Then he took him to a church for the first time in his life. George trained him and involved him in his ministry. After high school he attended Bible College and today that young man has been in Jewish ministries since 1964. His name is Abe Sandler. Yes, I was that boy and I am so glad that I met George Gruen and that he threw me out of that meeting so that when I came back I had to listen to the message that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah and I believed.

RADIO MINISTRY

In 1962, George began a radio outreach called Truth for Israel. This ministry was incorporated in January, 1966 and has broadcasts in many of the large Jewish communities in the U.S. God has blessed and Jewish souls have been saved, and believers have been helped in witnessing to Jewish people. This radio ministry continues today and reaches into nine states.

The potential unsaved Jewish listening audience is well over 1,000,000. Responses are from both unsaved Jewish people and believers in Jesus. Requests for literature for witnessing to Jews are received as well as requests to know more about Jesus being the Jewish Messiah and some respond to say they are Jewish and have come to believe in Jesus because of the radio program.

George has his own small recording studio and he sends prerecorded messages to his radio stations.

RADIO BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Delaware (Northern) WVCH 740 AM 10:00-10:15 a.m. Saturday
Reaching greater Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area; southern New Jersey, and
northern Delaware

Florida (southwestern) WLVJ 1040 AM 7:30-7:45 a.m. Saturday 6:30-6:45 a.m. Sunday Eastern/southeastern Florida including Miami

Illinois (western) KSIV 1320 AM 9:00-9:15 a.m. Saturday 4:15-4:30 a.m. Sunday 1:45-2:00 p.m. Sunday Greater St Louis, Missouri area into western Illinois

Kentucky (Somerset) WTHL 90.5 FM 12:00-12:15 a.m. Saturday WWOG 90.9 FM 6:00-6:15 a.m. Saturday 3:00-3:15 a.m. Sunday

The greater Somerset, KY community and into TN

New Jersey (Southern) WVCH 740 AM 10:00-10:15 a.m. Saturday Greater Philadelphia, PA, southern New Jersey, northern Delaware

Ohio (eastern) WPIT 730 AM 7:45-8:00 a.m. Saturday Greater Pittsburgh, PA, southwestern PA area, eastern Ohio, northern West VA

NEWSPAPER OUTREACH

In the 1960s George Gruen began a newspaper outreach with the article "What Is A Jew?" placed in The New York Times on a Thursday and Sunday. Over 625 responses were received. This outreach was used for many years. On January 10, 2010, a new short article was in "The New York Times" in which his website and P.O. address were given. Over 500 people went to the website in which they could read or listen to the Gospel. Responses were received from Jews and Gentiles both saved and unsaved. Appropriate literature and follow up was done with each contact.

In October, 2001 George's wife Doris, of 50 years, went to be with the Lord. In 2002, at the age of 74, George met and married Jean, and together they are reaching a more Jewish people and equipping more believers than before.

WEBSITE MINISTRY

A new ministry on the web was established a few years ago at www.GodandJews.org. Hundreds of people are responding every month from about 25 countries including Israel. Unsaved Jews are asking for literature and CD's and believers are asking for help in witnessing to Jewish contacts. The Gruens say "it is thrilling to see this response."

ARTICLES AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE

To view the articles, you must have <u>Adobe Reader</u> installed. Please note: you do not need the media player.

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LISTEN NOW What is Faith?

LISTEN NOW Peace in These Times

Through their past 8 years of marriage George and Jean have presented PowerPoint illustrated seminars on how Christians can effectively share the Gospel with their Jewish contacts. These seminars have been given in many churches, Sunday school classes, small groups and to college students in Western Carolina University and Campus Crusade for Christ in New Hampshire.

Christians have been equipped by the training they received which has enabled them to witness more effectively to their Jewish friends.

TRACTS AND CD'S

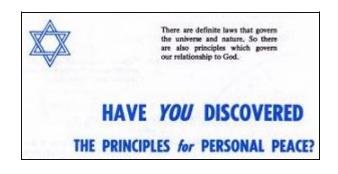
Tracts AND CD's have been produced by George over the years. Some material he sends free and others may be purchased.

Free Literature Request

On his website - Please select the literature you would like to receive. These will be sent without charge or obligation to anyone in the United States.

The Principles for Personal Peace

How to find true peace in this life and for eternity in Heaven.



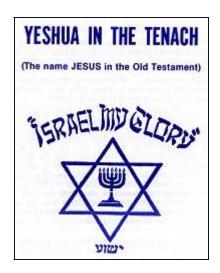


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Jewish Holy Scriptures and the New
Covenant on possessing peace in the
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Who Is A Jew?

God's answer to the question of Jewish identity.





Yeshua In The Tenach

A Jewish man shares the truth that Yeshua (Jesus) Name is in the Jewish Holy Scriptures.

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Audio Compact Disks

The following CDs can be purchased from this website. We have recorded these Gospel messengers. From our experience, we know these Bible CDs can lead you to a fruitful witness for the Lord. Look over the descriptions and order a supply for you to share the Gospel with your Jewish and Gentile friends, relatives and contacts. God's way of salvation is given so you can lead a lost soul to faith in Messiah Jesus. As with the tracts, listen to these CDs before you give them to your Jewish contact so that you will personally know what is being spoken. Look for our additional CDs that will be available on this website soon.

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Volume One "The Life of the Messiah Foretold"

This is a detailed verse-by-verse study of Isaiah 53. It is the major prophecy in the Old Testament that gives the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Messiah Jesus. It clearly foretells the coming of Jesus to provide the blood of atonement for Jews and Gentiles. This prophecy was written about 700 years before Jesus was here on earth. When many Jewish people have listened to this prophecy and they were asked, "Of whom does this speak?", they said "Jesus, but I don't believe in Him." When they were told that this was written by the Jewish prophet Isaiah in BC 700, they were astonished! Judaism's interpretation of Isaiah 53 is given to this CD to gain a full knowledge of this

great prophecy. Since this CD was recorded for unsaved Jewish people, you can pass it on to a seeking heart.

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1. The Atonement Today

The atonement is the way the God of Israel commanded people to be forgiven of their sins. In the Old Testament it is given in Leviticus chapter 16; 17:11; 5:5-10. The blood of atonement was required by God. In 70 AD the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed. Since that time there has been no temple blood of atonement in Israel. God foretold that He would send Messiah before the Temple was destroyed to provide the blood of atonement for us in Jesus. Good deeds and good works are not accepted by God as a substitute for the blood of atonement. This CD can be shared with a Jewish person before or after the time of today's Jewish Day of Atonement that comes

in late September or October. Do not give it during the ten days before the Day of Atonement. Ask the Jewish person to listen to the CD, for you would like his or her opinion of it.

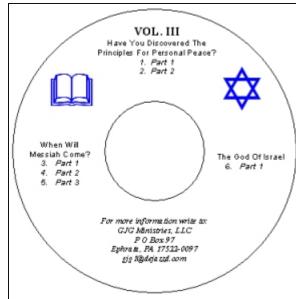
2. Two Comings of the Messiah

Orthodox Jewish people expect the Messiah will come to earth. They believe Messiah will be like another Moses and will deliver Israel from her enemies and give peace to the Jewish people. Since there has not been peace for Israel and the world since Jesus was here, Jews do not believe He is the Messiah. True Bible-believers also expect Messiah to come to bring peace to Israel and the world (Zechariah 14 and other Scriptures). This is a future event when Messiah Jesus will bring world peace. However, the Jewish Bible also foretells of the Messiah coming to earth to bring personal peace to individuals who accept Him as their Savior from sin. There are two comings of the Messiah to earth! Jews have no knowledge of Messiah's first coming in Jesus; we must share this with them. This CD gives all the necessary Bible verses in the Jewish Bible (our Old Testament) to clearly show that Messiah comes two times to earth. This teaching is essential for Jews to accept Jesus as their Savior. This CD can also be given to a Jewish person.

3. How King David of Found Peace with God

Jewish people do not want to "convert" and become Christians or Gentiles (Many Jews believe all Gentiles are Christians). They feel if they converted they would no longer be Jews and would become one with the people who have persecuted Jews and foster anti-Semitism. King David of Israel is a great example of what it means to believe in God and to be forgiven of sin. This CD gives details of King David's relationship to God and how he felt about converting. "If it was good enough for King David, it is good enough for me!"

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Volume Three There are three separate messages on this CD.

1. Have You Discovered the Principles for Personal Peace?

This is the audio of our tract with the same title. A Jewish person who listens to this presentation of the Gospel will be able to feel the sincerity of our relationship to God through the atonement in Messiah Jesus. Faith in Jesus is God's will for Jews and Gentiles on the basis of fulfilled prophecies in the Jewish Bible [our Old Testament] about Messiah providing the blood of atonement for us to be forgiven of our sins. Any seeking heart will see that Jesus did fulfill the prophecies about the coming of Messiah the first time to provide the way of salvation for

us. Share this CD with unsaved Jews so that they can go over it until faith in Messiah Jesus becomes real in their hearts.

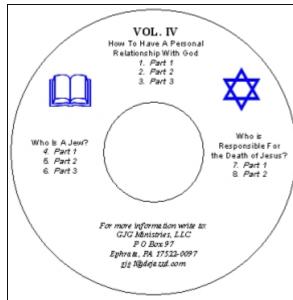
2. When Will Messiah Come?

This is a study in the Jewish book of Daniel, chapter 9, verses 24-27, that gives the year in which Messiah would die for our sins to be forgiven. You will see how this prophecy unfolds to give many truths regarding the first and second coming of Messiah to earth. It pinpoints the time when Jesus would die on the cross. It also deals with the Great Tribulation period and the coming future time when Messiah will rule the world in peace. This is a key prophetic Scripture that has been fulfilled in Jesus to accomplish our salvation and is yet to be fulfilled in the Tribulation and the Millennium. This study has been used to lead Jews to faith in Jesus. You will find that you will share this CD with needy hearts because you know it will meet their spiritual need to know the Lord.

3. The God of Israel

Jewish people will tell you that they believe in one God and so cannot believe in Jesus. We believe in One God, too, but we know from the Bible that God has revealed Himself to us in three persons. For the most part, Jews know very little of what their own Jewish Bible teaches. They will be astonished when they listen to this CD that makes it very clear that their Bible speaks of the Godhead with three persons. As you study this CD you will be able to clearly present the Godhead in a Jewish context from their Holy Scriptures. This truth is needed by all people, for lost souls need to know that Jesus Christ is a member of the Godhead. Through Jesus Almighty God has provided the way for us to be forgiven of our sins to know His peace now and for eternity in Heaven.

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Volume Four There are three separate messages on this CD.

1. How to Have a Personal Relationship with God

The average person, who is not a true Biblebeliever, will endeavor to please God by doing good deeds or works. In this way people believe that God will forgive them of their sins. There is no basis for this belief in God's Word, the Bible. It is a human philosophy that is very acceptable to the average person. Then they do not have to deal with their sins. They believe that their "good deeds" will overweigh their "bad deeds" and God will accept them into Heaven someday. For Jewish people, this study in Ezekiel deals with this matter, and they will be surprised

what the God of Israel says to them about "good deeds." This study is good for Gentiles also, for human endeavors are not new to those who want to get to Heaven on their own merit.

2. Who Is A Jew?

This message deals with Jewish identity. What makes a person Jewish? The truth about Jewish heritage must come from the God of Israel, for God is the founder of Judaism as given in the Bible books of Moses. When it comes to spiritual matters, our true identity is given to us by God alone. It is our responsibility to share with our Jewish people what God has said to us and what He expects of us. Living this way will bring us the peace that the God of Israel has for us in this life and when we enter eternity.

3. Who Is Responsible for the Death of Jesus?

Throughout hundreds of years, Jewish people have been called "Christ killers." Jews have been blamed for the death of Jesus and have suffered greatly because of this false accusation. Times have changed, and we do not hear this as in the past. However, anti-Semitism is still alive and active. These false accusations keep many Jewish people from seriously considering who Jesus is and what they should believe concerning Him. This CD message gives the Bible answer to this question. We know that all people, both Gentiles and Jews, and you and I are responsible for Jesus going to the cross to die for us to be forgiven of our sins. Christians need to see what the Old Testament says in regard to this question, for this will help in your sharing the Gospel with your Jewish friends and contacts. This is another CD that you can give to a Jewish person as the Lord leads.

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HOW TO SHARE

When the Lord gives you an opportunity to share your faith in Messiah Jesus, and He will, always have a good tract or CD to leave with the Jewish person. It is possible that you will only have a few minutes to talk in an airport terminal or in a store. It might be when you are leaving your doctor's office or when you see your Jewish pharmacist.

Just say, "I know a Jewish man who has a relationship with the God of Israel that has given him great peace. He is older and has been through much. One terrible family experience was his uncle Herman being killed in the Holocaust at the Buchenwald Camp in Germany in World War II. He shares his experience with God in this pamphlet (or CD). I'll leave it with you. Let me know what you think about it when I see you again." Place the tract or CD on a table or counter and leave. Do not hand it to him, or her, for this gives the person the opportunity to refuse it.

If you have had a good conversation with a Jewish neighbor, or a Jewish person who has married into your family, always leave a tract or CD. The person then can continue to consider who Jesus is and what it means to trust in Him. Leaving a Gospel CD or tract with the unbeliever might open the conversation when you meet the person again, for there might be questions or comments.

Pray that the Lord will give you the opportunity to give out His Word to a needy Jew or Gentile this week at work, in a store or in your neighborhood. Look for a chance to witness and see how the Lord will open doors for you to speak for His glory.

Should questions be asked which you could not answer, just say, "I don't know how to answer your question, but I will get the answer for you when I see you again."

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LET'S WITNESS TO JEWS

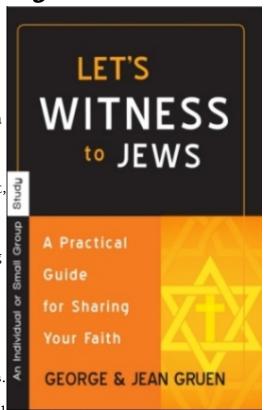
The latest outreach of the Gruens is their new book "Let's Witness to Jews" published by Tate Publishing Company in June 2009. This book has 250 pages and is designed to be used in Sunday Schools, small groups and for individual study. Topics include the Godhead, terminology, what to say and not say, prophecy, understanding Judaism today and other subjects. Christians who study this book will be able to effectively share God's Word with our Jewish people.

Let's Witness to Jews - a Small Group or Individual Study

In these days of uncertainty as to what the future holds, God led Rev. George and Jean Gruen to write this challenging, encouraging and motivating book "Let's Witness to Jews." You will be surprised and blessed by the wide range of information that is presented clearly and is substantiated by verses from the Old Testament and the New Testament.

"Let's Witness to Jews" has twelve chapters that are designed to be used in a small group setting, or adult, college age or teen Sunday School class. Group participation gives Christians the opportunity to express themselves and to learn from others in the group as they consider the information on witnessing that is presented. The book can also be used by individuals for their devotions at home.

Detailed instruction is given on how to share your faith. As you apply the truth of Holy Scripture from the many Bible verses that are explained, you will have confidence to be God's ambassador to lost souls. There is joy in serving Jesus and that joy will be yours as you launch out with the information you will learn.



The twelve chapters are:

God's Gift – Our Responsibility (The joy of sharing the gospel) Terminology when Witnessing (What to say and not to say) Understanding the Godhead (The Trinity in the Old Testament) The Two Comings of Messiah (Messiah comes to earth two times) Amazing Prophecies about Jesus (Verse-by-verse study of Isaiah 53) When Will Messiah Come? (Detailed study of Daniel 9:24-27) The Bible

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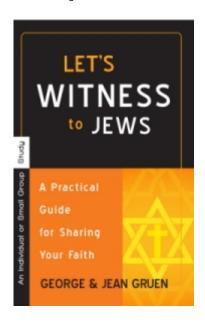
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CONCLUSION

It has been a privilege of the Gruens to see God work in drawing many Jewish people to Himself from teenagers to those in their middle 90's. The Gruens have great joy in seeing their Jewish people put their trust in Messiah Jesus.

George Gruen has been sharing the Gospel with his Jewish people for the past 60 years and continues in full-time ministry to this day at the age of 82. Has no plans to retire as long as the Lord provides his needs and gives him the health and strength to continue.

Joy, faith, Godliness, persistence and passion to reach Jewish people for Messiah have marked this man's life and ministry. He is able to start up a conversation with almost anybody and he presents the Gospel to Jew and Gentile alike. This 82 year old witness for Yeshua just keeps going and recently he led two Jewish men to the Lord; one was 94 years old and the other was 95.

I have known George Gruen for 54 years. He led me to faith in our Messiah Jesus. I have watched his life; I have learned from him both by his faith in God and the Bible, his teaching and his example. I have been blessed to have him as my spiritual father and a true friend in the Lord. It is largely because of him that I am in Jewish ministries today.

When my parents threatened a funeral for me at the age of 16 because I believed that Yeshua was our Jewish Messiah, George and his wife Doris were there for me to pray, to encourage and to guide as I went through five years of alienation from my immediate and extended family.

I am so glad to be able to say that because of the seed sown in me by George Gruen that my entire family, my father, my mother, and my two older brothers Herman and Jack, have all come to faith in our Messiah Jesus.

Truly, as I look at the Life and ministry of George Gruen I see him as a father of the modern Messianic Jewish movement.

I want to close with a poem that Doris Gruen wrote to express their burden to reach Jewish people with the Gospel. It is titled "Both Made One."

BOTH MADE ONE

Both made one the scriptures say, The Gentile and the Jew.
Both made one through Jesus' blood, Such wondrous words and true.
The middle wall was broken down, When Jesus died that day.
Now all must come to God through him, There is no other way.

Yet doesn't it seem strange dear friend, As Christendom we view, Though Gentiles are quite plentiful, The Jews are O, so few. These lost sheep of Israel's house, Are waiting all around. So won't you pray and go and give, That these lost might be found. © Doris Gruen

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