

Endeavoring to Support:

- "The Messianic Times" - Strategic Partner
- Israel Legal Defense
- Jewish/Gentile Fellowship
- International Conferences
- Forum for Debate
- Emigration to Israel
- Dispute Mediation
- International Affiliations
- Monthly Essays
- Theological Papers

Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

h. **October** — I participated at Jewish Voice Ministries' International Leadership Roundtable, which focused on movement-wide issues pertaining to Jewish evangelism (impact, growth, college outreach, strategies, tactics, etc.)

I, along with our Officers, Executive Committee, and Administrative Committee, traveled to many other meetings and conferences around the world, representing Messianic Judaism on behalf of Messianic Jewish organizations they head and congregations they shepherd. At all of these, goodwill was accomplished on behalf of the IMJA.

6. **Home Office**

Each day I follow up with the business of the IMJA, which is heavily weighed with communication (e-mails, phone calls, and snail mail). There is a constant stream of inquiries requesting referrals, information about the IMJA and its theological positions, Messianic Jewish resources (especially from the hundreds of prison inmates that are "Messianic" in their spiritual orientation), occasional prayer and counseling, and miscellaneous other requests coming from those involved in the Messianic Jewish movement. Donor relations, receipting, newsletter and product creation takes place as well on a daily basis.

Rav Sha'ul (the Apostle Paul) asks the question, *I say then: Has G-d cast away His people? Certainly not!* (Romans 11:1). If G-d has not rejected His people, neither should we. Through your financial support during the past 12 months, we have been able to subsidize many Messianic Jewish ministries and congregations (both in Israel and around the world), who often find it more difficult to raise funds overseas. They depend on donations to carry on the good work they are doing among the Jewish people. I encourage you to not only rejoice with us, but to continue (or begin) supporting the assignment G-d has given us as we sprint into 2011!

For Messiah Yeshua's Glory,

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YEAR END HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Shalom *Chaverim* (Friends) and Co-Laborers,

My heart is exceedingly glad as I share with you how G-d has truly blessed us through the IMJA this past year. I also need to personally extend our appreciation and gratitude for the vital role you have played in this work among the Jewish people around the world. In fact, as we move forward together, I would ask that you continue to come alongside us in prayer for three things:

- 1) **Wisdom** — to understand what G-d desires and wants to accomplish through the IMJA
- 2) **Provision** — the resources to implement the plan
- 3) **Workers** — the 'people equity' necessary to accomplish G-d's purposes and plans through the IMJA

Apart from my monthly written communications to you that have profiled various aspects of IMJA public ministry, and the partnering that has occurred around the world, I would like to look back at what transpired this year:

1. **External Certified Audit**

In November, our external CPA firm completed our audit for the past fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. An "unqualified opinion" (clean report) was issued, and it showed that nine out of every ten donation dollars went toward our programs and outreaches.

2. **IMJA Overview**

This fall, I collaborated with a staff member on a PowerPoint presentation (set to Messianic Jewish music in the background) that tells the emerging story of the IMJA. It featured some powerful quotes and pictures from

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Israel
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

our past (including “Hebrew Christians” in Nazi Germany), which includes Scripture, Messianic Jewish vision, and an evangelistic and prophetic challenge. Posted on the IMJA’s new Facebook page for you to preview, it can be shown to Messianic Jews, non-Messianic Jews, and Christians of all denominations. Please check it out, forward it, and let me know what you think.

3. Report of the First International Hebrew Christian Conference and Past Journals

In October, we produced a 182-page spiral-bound book which is truly fascinating reading from the first International Hebrew Christian Conference! Written in 1925, each of our Officers and Board members received a copy as an integral resource of being a part of this organization. Plans are in the works to make this book and the articles in the 60-plus volumes of IMJA annual, quarterly-review journals available in a digital format for global access. I believe the IMJA can fill one of the largest gaps in the history of the Body of Messiah: the written chronicle of the worldwide, modern-day revival of G-d through His Jewish people!

4. Interfacing in Jewish and Christian Space

It is a joy throughout the year to preside at interesting tables representing the IMJA, and to observe the varying reactions. From political campaign events that involve many Jewish people, to high-level committee meetings in the Christian community, there is always interest in the IMJA, and what it does.

5. Messianic Jewish Events

Here are a few events that I attended this past year, representing the IMJA:

a. **February** — A staff member and I headed an IMJA literature display table at the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (MJAA) Southwest Regional conference, where I was privileged to minister. Dozens of contacts were made, IMJA awareness was heightened, and we had the opportunity to pray for many people.

b. **March** — This was the first time I attended the annual Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE) in Atlanta, Georgia. LCJE is the only organization in existence today in which people involved in the field of Jewish evangelism can come together to share information, resources, study current trends, strategize on a global level, and more.

c. **April** — I was pleased to be invited to the Borough Park

Symposium (BPS) in New York City, and to participate as a panelist. The topic was *The Deity of Messiah and the Mystery of God*. BPS attendees consisted of invited delegates from the spectrum of the Messianic Jewish movement, including theologians, apologists, seminary deans and professors, Messianic rabbis, and leaders from the U.S., Israel, the United Kingdom and Germany.

d. **May** — I traveled to The Netherlands with the International Alliance of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues (IAMCS), an IMJA partner, for the purpose of showcasing an all-European conference on Messianic Judaism. I was blessed to be able to bring a teaching and was able to initiate and develop IMJA contacts among the Dutch Messianic Jewish congregations and others from various European countries. Delegates from the IMJA’s French Alliance were in attendance, along with one of our own Vice-Presidents. We experienced great fellowship and a sense of breakthrough in Europe.

e. **June** — I ministered at the week-long annual MJAA “Messiah” Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The IMJA was represented at an International Leaders luncheon, and was able to financially contribute to the attendance of our Far East Russia Alliance organizers, Andre and Valeria.

f. **July** — I had the chance to preach, teach, and provide encouragement at the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Mexico’s annual conference. This Alliance, spearheaded by IMJA Vice-President Myriam Levy, Mexican Alliance President Yolanda Guzik, and spiritual advisor Rabbi Manuel Hernandez, is doing a terrific job in expounding the Messianic Jewish vision throughout various locations in Mexico.

I also took part in a Messianic Jewish Youth Summit in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A Leadership Training Institute was established that will seek to identify and train up younger Messianic leaders, and future trips to Israel and Eastern Europe were sketched out.

I accepted an invitation to be in a panel discussion at one session of the annual Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC) conference, in Seattle, Washington. Many relationships were strengthened at this spiritually stimulating and educational venue.

g. **September** — I ministered at the Young Messianic Jewish Alliance (YMJA) annual Youth Leaders’ Retreat in Cincinnati, Ohio. Messianic Jewish revival among our youth is the manifold blessing ADONAI wants to pour out, for He is raising up a generation that will be “grown up” in their youth (Psalm 144:12). A bountiful harvest of Jewish souls will come from them.

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian, and Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the Holy Scriptures are available in 17 languages:

- Yiddish
- English
- Armenian
- Bulgarian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Hebrew
- Ukranian

