

# JEW S F R JESUS™

Nowadays no one gets too far without personal identification (ID). Imagine if, rather than simply glancing at our driver's licenses or passports, people in airports, border checkpoints and even the local grocery stores actually scanned our IDs. Now imagine waiting in line for airport security finally getting to the front of the line where you watch as your ID is "swiped" only to hear the words: "Your ID is invalid. You aren't in our system."

We've all heard of identity theft, but what about identity rejection? In a way, it happens all the time. It doesn't take a bar code or a scanner for people to judge whether or not others are in their "system."

Most of us have enough of a sense of self that we know who we are without a piece of plastic or paperwork. We identify by our name,

our gender, family background, marital status, network of friends, or occupation. We are also usually aware of our nationality, cultural heritage and, to some extent, our social standing. We each have markers to help us understand how we fit into the universe. At the same time, most people have a different set of markers to help them determine how others fit in (or don't fit in) to their sphere of influence. And the very marks of identity that let some people know "you belong here," tell others "you're not one of us."

"The world" is that system (and those identified with it) that rebels against God and rejects His rightful place as Creator and Lord. We are to be in the world but not of it. We are not to love the world nor seek to be loved by the world, especially at the expense of our identification with Him.



## Show Me Your ID

Our identity as children of God should be cherished—it has been issued by God Himself. But that can also be confounding because our identity is not part of the world's system. If people don't know or love Father, they won't know or love His children. So, to be known as His is to be unknown by the world in certain significant ways. Our identity can be misunderstood or viewed with suspicion by those who don't share it. We may be turned away, or treated as aliens. Sometimes we have to fight the temptation to present a different ID—one that will be understood and accepted by the world.

In Jews for Jesus we make it a point to wear "colors" whenever we do street evangelism. By that I mean we wear a T-shirt, jacket, hat or a badge that says "Jews for Jesus" or "Jesus Made Me

Kosher" or some other identifying statement. When people see our colors, it often helps them decide whether or not they want to take our literature or stop to talk with us.

Frankly, we probably could hand out more literature if we didn't display our identity so prominently. Some have suggested we wear business suits instead of T-shirts, in order to appear more presentable and acceptable. But regardless of what we might be wearing, we wouldn't fit in by virtue of the fact that we are handing out gospel tracts.



**David Brickner**

**Executive Director,  
San Francisco USA**

# Show Me Your ID

Jews for Jesus are like most people—we would prefer to blend in rather than stick out. But we've found that publically identifying with our Master and His mission does provide us with a better platform for witnessing about His love. While some don't take our tracts when they see our shirts, others take the literature because of them—and some stop to talk. Many people are seeking God and have yet to know Him. It is for these people that we really do want to stand out from the crowd—for us, it's part of being available to minister.

Of course, Jews for Jesus missionaries aren't the only ones identifying ourselves in such a visible way. My friend Steve Kaplan always wears a shirt that says "Jesus Loves You." And he doesn't just wear it when doing street evangelism; he wears that shirt practically everywhere he goes. As a result Steve is always getting into conversations about the Lord. Being so overtly identified by "Jesus-wear" may not be for everyone, but I admire Steve's boldness and tenacity, don't you?

From time to time it's good to ask ourselves, are we willing to be up front

about our identity and accept the fact that "the world does not know us"? Being unknown by the world often means being rejected, even hated. But the Scripture tells us that this is a direct result of our being the recipients of the love of God.

How often have we considered the ignominy and rejection we may experience for identifying with Jesus as the direct outcome of God's great love for us? God's love is usually associated with forgiveness of sin, answered prayer and the hope of heaven. But the Bible tells us that trials and persecution can also come as a demonstration of God's love, something He has granted to His children. (Philippians 1:29) It is not that we should especially seek after those "gifts," but when they come, we need not wonder or despair. Instead, let's "behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us" and give thanks and praise to Him. What grand irony it is that because He is not known by the world, neither should we seek to be known. After all, "Like Father, like son and daughter."

So when we find ourselves "unknown" or unappreciated, together let's make

**"For the child of God, there is a significant marker that should distinguish us from others in what some might find a rather perplexing way. That distinguishing mark is the love of our heavenly Father"**

it an occasion to allow the extravagant love of our Father to wash over us and encourage us to carry on and exult in our identity as His children. As often as we can and in as many ways as we can, let's show the world our true I.D. It might not take us very far with those who reject anything that's not part of "the system." But if we are willing to show that we are part of God's system, we can help make Him known to those who are seeking, to those He is calling to become His beloved sons and daughters.

PETRA



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**Dr. Kameel Majdali**, Director of Teach All Nations in Melbourne ([www.tan.org.au](http://www.tan.org.au)), author of Melbourne to Jerusalem, and board member of Jews for Jesus Australia is offering his 10th Holy Land tour to Israel and Jordan. Departing 23 November 2011 for 16 Spirit-filled nights.

**Key sites include** Mount Nebo, Petra, Baptismal Site, Eilat, Tabernacle model at Timna, Masada, Dead Sea, Galilee,

Caesarea, Mount Carmel, and Jerusalem.

**Two optional four day extensions:**

**Option 1.** Join the Jews for Jesus Israel Team for ministry;

**Option 2.** Walk the Jesus trail for 4 days from Nazareth to Capernaum.

**Price:** TBA.

**For further information**, contact Leanne at [leanne@tan.org.au](mailto:leanne@tan.org.au) or call/SMS 0425 775 001 or 03 9802 5040 or write PO Box 493, Mount Waverley VIC 3149

# ISRAEL Tour

# Bits from the (other) branches

## ISRAEL

**Oded Cohen reports.** “After asking you to pray for Ami\*, I want to share the good news that he now believes in Jesus! Before we left for a recent trip, we took Ami to a congregation and he has attended every week since. After returning home to Israel I called Ami, and during our conversation I asked, ‘Where are you at now? Did you come to believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?’ Ami responded, ‘Oh yes, yes, definitely.’ He added, ‘Since I came to believe, I can really pray to God.’ He has already told his mom and thinks that she is not too far from believing herself. He also told his friends—one of whom has already met with another of our missionaries. This friend said he wished he could believe, too. Please pray for Ami’s spiritual growth and for salvation for his friends and family.”

**Bimini Cohen reports.** “One of our missionaries in New York requested by e-mail that we follow up with Avi\* (an Israeli believer he met who was vacationing in New York). We recognized from the brief description of his salvation story that we know him! My husband Oded and Avi attended the same Jews for Jesus Bible study back in 1999—when they were new believers. We also had the privilege of attending Avi’s baptism under the Golden Gate Bridge in the Pacific Ocean, but we lost touch with him when he moved back to Israel. Not too long ago, we thought of him and were wondering how we might find him. Well, God certainly answered that prayer! He is now married with a child and lives near us. We look forward to seeing him again and hope to have a ministry to his wife, who does not yet believe. Please pray for our contact with them.”

## NEW YORK / UK

**Simon Lissak reports.** “I was in the Diamond District of New York when

I met Jacob, a young Israeli in his twenties who came up specifically to ask me, ‘What is Jews for Jesus all about?’ I answered his question and at the end of our conversation I offered to meet with him to talk about this further. Jacob agreed and gave me his e-mail address and phone number. Please pray for God to work in his heart.

“I then met Lauren, a Jewish woman, also in her twenties. Amazingly, it emerged that she was English, lived in London, even went to my old school—and was only in New York for a few hours! Lauren never really connected with the Orthodox synagogue that her family attends and feels in limbo about her faith. I explained how I was fulfilled as a Jew through faith in Jesus. She gave me her e-mail and has agreed to meet when I finish my New York training and return to London.”

## GERMANY

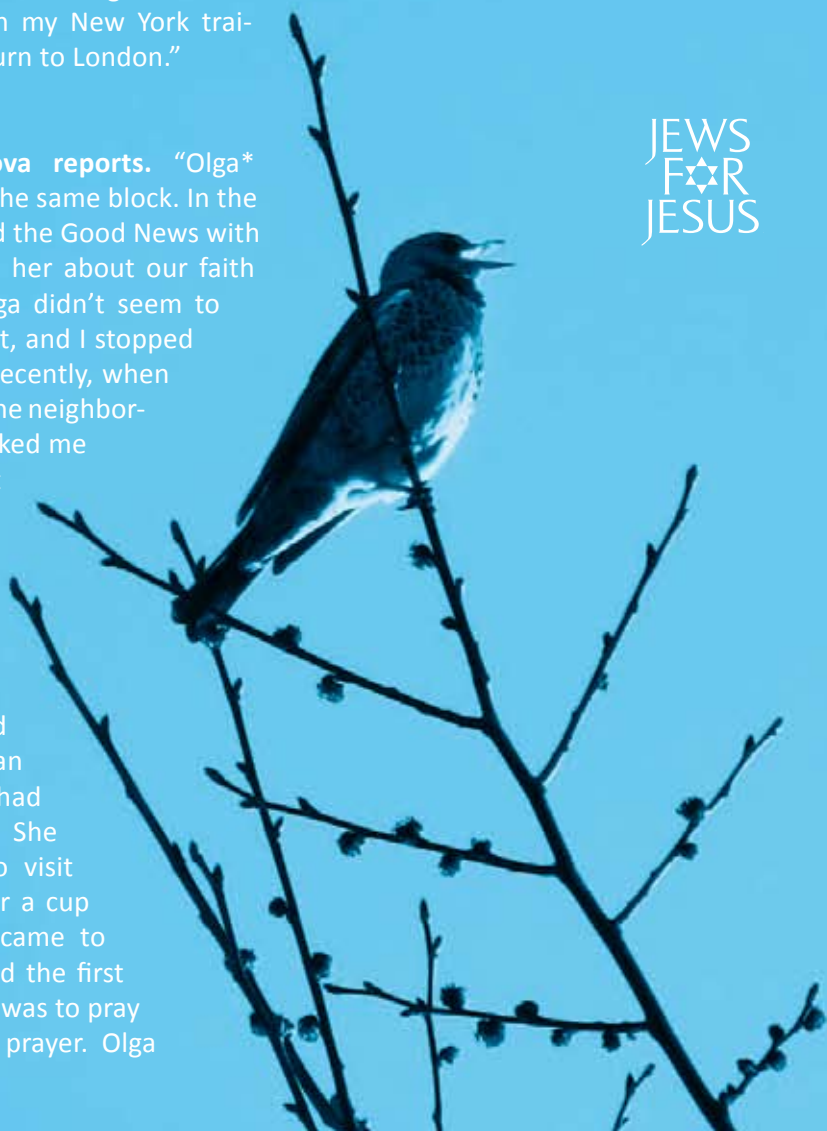
**Dina Markova reports.** “Olga\* and I live in the same block. In the past, I shared the Good News with her and told her about our faith in detail. Olga didn’t seem to show interest, and I stopped calling her. Recently, when I saw her in the neighborhood, she asked me why I hadn’t call her in a while. It turned out that she was far more interested and open than our last visit had indicated. She asked me to visit her home for a cup of tea. We came to her place and the first thing we did was to pray the sinner’s prayer. Olga

thanked Y’shua for the gift of eternal life!”

**Igor Shelest reports.** “I visited an elderly woman named Zlata who has multiple sclerosis. One woman I used to minister to died from this disease, so I realized that every minute with Zlata was precious. I had visited her before and this time I prepared a study about sin. God opened her heart to the gospel and she said she believed. I asked her if she wanted to ask forgiveness for her sins from God in the name of Jesus Christ, and she said yes, so we prayed. After the prayer she said she felt as if something had filled her inside. I could really see a difference in her countenance. Please pray for her to grow in the Lord.”

*\* Not their real names*

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# Deborah Kline Iantorno

Deborah Kline-Iantorno and her husband Vince sing and minister the Gospel with Latin rhythms and salsa and Hebrew sounds. You haven't heard anything like this before... ever! They live in the USA and are coming for a concert series in five capital cities in only a few weeks. You will want to travel to see them. You will want their CD and you will want to bring a friend or a busload of friends!

Jews for Jesus is sponsoring their trip, and National Director Bob Mendelsohn will be travelling with them as well. So this is a great time to come out and enjoy a concert of honor to the Lord, and to hear what God is doing among his people.



## PERTH

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:00 pm.**

The Redeemed Christian Church of God  
U3, 108 Welshpool Road,  
Welshpool WA  
08 9258 6080

**Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:00 pm.**

Grace City Church  
386 Scarborough Beach Rd,  
Osborne Park WA  
08 9344 3942

## ADELAIDE

**Friday, February 25, 2011 7:00 pm**

Oakden Baptist Church  
215-233 Fosters Road, Northgate  
SA.  
08 8369 1000

## MELBOURNE

**Saturday, February 26, 2011 7:00 pm**

Empower Christian Church  
36 Molan Street, Ringwood VIC  
03 9879 7114

**Sunday, February 27, 2011 10:00 am**

Dandenong Baptist Church  
25-27 James Street, Dandenong  
VIC  
03 9792 3204

**Sunday, February 27, 2011 6:00 pm**

Diamond Valley Baptist Church  
309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty  
VIC  
03 9435 9377

**Monday, February 28, 2011 7:00 pm**

Cloud Christian Church

12a Sun Crescent, Sunshine VIC  
03 9312 6794

## BRISBANE

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011 7:00 pm**

New Hope Brisbane  
46 Kelvin Grove Road, Kelvin  
Grove QLD  
07 3839 2312

**Wednesday, March 2, 2011 7:00 pm**

City Tabernacle Baptist Church  
163 Wickham Tce, Brisbane QLD  
07 3831 1613

**Thursday, March 3, 2011 7:00 pm**

Redcliffe City Christian Church  
403 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe QLD  
07 3284 6511

## SYDNEY

**Friday, March 4, 2011 7:00 pm**

St. Anne's Anglican Church  
cnr Gowrie & Church Streets, Top  
Ryde NSW  
02 9809 1322

**Saturday, March 5, 2011 6:30 pm**

Filipino Christian Fellowship  
111 Eskdale Street, Minchinbury  
NSW  
02 9832 7639

**Sunday, March 6, 2011 10:30 am**

West Sydney Community Church  
1/9 Kilton Crescent, Glendenning  
NSW  
02 8678 0220

Sunday, March 6, 2011 6:00 pm

Awesome Church  
223 Great North Rd, Five Dock  
NSW  
02 9713 8990

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Kathy walked in the door with big, funny glasses and a clown nose—which was absolutely appropriate since we were hosting a Jews for Jesus Purim party. As we began reading through the Megillah (the book of Esther), whirling our groggers (noise-makers) loudly at every mention of the evil villain Haman, I could see Kathy's shoulders visibly relax. Her body language seemed to say, "This is okay; this is familiar and I'm having fun."

Later we mingled over hamantaschen (traditional Purim pastries) and I found out that Kathy's father came from an Orthodox Jewish family of Holocaust survivors. However, he chose to marry out of the faith. Kathy's aunts, uncles



## It Never “Just So Happens”

by Laura Barron, Toronto Canada

and cousins on her dad's side were still Orthodox, but her mother, a Christian, brought her up attending Sunday school. Kathy remained “spiritually uncommitted.” She was in Toronto to finish up her coursework for a doctoral degree and “happened” to be rooming with a Jewish believer I know, which is how she “happened” to attend our Purim party. The interesting thing is, the Book of Esther is filled with “just so happens” that show how God works through seemingly random circumstances to save people. I called Kathy a week after the party to see if we could visit. Though hesitant, she agreed. Since her masters degree was on the subject of the Holocaust, I brought along our Survivors Stories DVD as well as our booklet Questions & Answers.

Throughout our hour together, she seemed open and curious. When I asked who she thought Jesus was at this juncture in her life, Kathy replied that her biggest problem was the issue of the Resurrection, which she recognized as being crucial to the Christian faith. I followed up our time together by emailing her links to our resources with the chal-

lenge that if this was really the struggle she was having with faith, we could confront it openly and honestly. When I contacted her to meet again I was surprised and delighted by her response:

*Hi Laura,*

*I had the chance to watch the movie tonight with a friend. I was struck by Isaiah 53, and I am looking forward to connecting with you after my last exam on April 20th.*

*I've decided to read the entire Bible after my exams, both the Old and New Testaments.*

*I haven't done so since I was in Sunday School.*

When we met again after Passover, she gave me a hug. I could see that she had prepared for our time together by bringing a Bible and notebook, along with the literature I'd given her. We got right down to business and she told me that the articles I forwarded and the literature I gave her answered the questions

she'd had. Kathy opened her notebook and showed me a new list of questions. As we went through them together I sensed that these were not her main issues, so I asked what was really keeping her from following Jesus. She replied simply, “I think everything you're telling me is true and that Jesus really is the Messiah of Israel, but if I make a commitment of faith, my bubbe and zayde (grandmother and grandfather) will be very hurt and upset. I don't think I can do this to them after all that they've been through.”

I did not leave that visit discouraged or downhearted. I know God is calling Kathy and she cannot resist the tug. It's visible in everything she says and does. Kathy finished her degree and her time in Toronto, but we agreed to visit together via Skype.

Please pray with me for Kathy!

*Laura Barron, married to Toronto branch leader Andrew Barron, keeps busy with their three children, Rafael, Ketzia and Simona—in addition to meeting with Jewish seekers and editing our Canadian as well as our South African newsletters!*

# Messianic Resources



As opportunities arise to share the Gospel with your friends and neighbours, these resources may be very useful. It's always good to have a supply of items which you can pass on to enquirers and which will also build you up in your growth in Messiah.

## Featured resources for your learning, celebrating, and growth

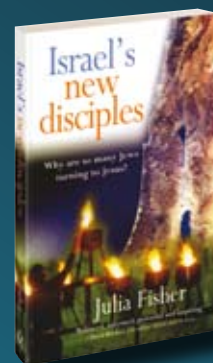
### Glorious Day

Incorporates a blend of Latin rhythms, Pop, Middle Eastern with a Jewish flair and some Hebrew. It is also full of joy, hope, and celebration in His promise to all of us. The CD even includes some liturgy incorporating the name above all names, Yeshua! . **Cost: \$34**



### Israel's New Disciples, (Testimonies from the Land)

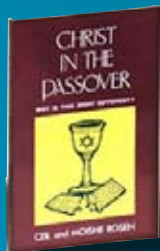
Ten years ago there were only a few hundred Jewish Christians in Israel. Today that figure is over 10,000 and the number is growing rapidly. Some of the leading Messianic believers are starting to look to the future and turn their attention to passages in the Bible that talk about the role of Israel being a light to the world.



Read the intriguing first-person accounts of fourteen Israeli believers who are boldly sharing the gospel with both Jews and Arabs. Includes our own Jews for Jesus missionaries, Yoel Ben David and Dan Sered.

**Cost \$22**

### Christ in the Passover book (original)



The original book by JFJ Founder Moishe (and his wife Ceil) Rosen. If you want his commentary on the Jewish Passover and how the elements of modern usage point us to Messiah Jesus, if you want the history of the event recorded in Exodus 12, this is the book.

**Cost \$15**



### Flowers in the Son

BRAND NEW! This original DVD movie, highlights the work of reaching Jewish people in Israel. Watch the hostility and the grace in the midst, consider the love and consider joining us!

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