

## BEHOLD YOUR GOD: The Grand Final

by Bob Mendelsohn

Jews for Jesus is working on something bigger and bolder than anything we've done so far—and I've been with the ministry for 26 years! In July 2006, we will have the last of the Behold Your God campaigns—the Grand Final to this dream of reaching every city (outside of Israel) with a Jewish population of 25,000 or more. Some would say we have saved the best for last as we come to New York, where the Jewish population numbers two million! Jews for Jesus has an annual summer witnessing campaign in New York City and while it is pretty intense, it centres largely on Manhattan. We wanted to reach farther for the BYG Final. How to do this? We anticipate bringing all our staff missionaries throughout the world to New York City next July. Many of our behind-the-scenes support staff will take turns to work the streets with us. Plus volunteers from New York and anywhere else (maybe you reading this in NZ, Aus or Singapore?) We have never had such a force for evangelism and we hope to use it wisely to do concentrated outreach, not only in Manhattan, but in all the boroughs of New York and into New Jersey. This past July we brought in folks from around the world to explore the possibilities.

I spent two weeks doing outreach and strategizing on Long Island, New York, home to 350,000 Jews—about 10 times the number of people who identify as Jews in Sydney. My colleague, Susan Mendelson (no relation to me) grew up on Long Island. We looked for locations to hand out tracts, we contacted hotels for our housing; we hired venues for a Film Series and a Lecture series where we can invite people to come and hear the gospel.

We are just developing the plans....your prayers will count for MUCH at this time. Please pray for God's wisdom of God to be on us, and on David Brickner, our US executive director who is overseeing the lot of this. Pray as we face the financial challenges for the culminating "Behold Your God!" campaign.

We'll be ringing tens of thousands of Jewish people all month, knocking on doors, manning kiosks in shopping malls, and spreading the Gospel of Christ through our broadside tracts and lots of conversations. Pray for the plans as they develop; pray for Jesus to be exalted and made clear, even through us. Amen?  
Thanks!

## YOM KIPPUR: Sydney style

by Rahel Landrum

Holidays are always a great time to consider spiritual issues. I grew up in a secular Jewish home in Israel and found Y'shua as my Saviour when a teenager. I love the holidays as they remind me of God's love for us Jews and for all people. This year the High Holidays are late. 3 October for Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets also known as the Jewish New Year) and 12 October for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It's a fine time to write a card to your Jewish mates and wish them a happy new year, 5766. For those of us who know Y'shua, it's a time to thank God for the forgiveness he gave us in our Lord.

We will gather together to celebrate Yom Kippur in Sydney, but we don't want to forget our friends in other cities who read our newsletter. We wish you all a great season of remembering the Almighty. Those of you who do live in the Sydney area will see we've enclosed with this UPdate the flyer for our holiday service in Waverley. Please consider bringing a Jewish friend along to hear the Good News in a Jewish context. My husband Mark will preach that night and the musicians have been practicing for weeks already. I think you will be glad you came.



## PRAYER UMBRELLA

by Ruth Murdoch, Co Labourer in Messiah, Gosford, NSW



How important is prayer in a ministry such as Jews for Jesus? Very, that's why we began the Monthly Prayer Umbrella! James 5:19b

reads: "the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

With that thought intercessory prayer covers:

- ✧ salvation for Jewish folk
- ✧ strength for our missionaries out in the field
- ✧ support for them as they meet potential friends in churches that invite them to speak about the Feasts of the Lord, their fulfillment in Jesus, and other relevant topics

I invite you to join us as an intercessor by sending your Email address for our 'mailing list.'

**Please won't you hold the umbrella with us?**

## Report from the Field

by Mark Landrum



Lately I have been meeting with Alex, a Russian Jew whose English is quite good (certainly better than my Russian!). I first met Alex at our church Rahel and I attend. His objections were minimal since he despised the communism in which he grew up.

A Bible had been given him in his youth and he was not opposed to its message even now as an adult. We discussed this over the course of a few weeks. He had never made Christ Lord of his life, and his questions of faith were answered, so as July ended, Alex prayed with me to accept Jesus. What a joy this is for us. Please pray for his growth in Y'shua and our local congregation. He will need the support and accountability this affords. And if you have a Jewish mate or colleague you want us to help you with, please contact our office, ok?

## Get your witness shirt for spring!

Spring is in the air and our Gospel t-shirts come in various sizes and wording. Check our website or come to the shop in Bondi Junction. Shirts cost around \$25 (some less) and are sure conversation starters. Can you imagine yourself in this shirt? We hope you can 'join' us in this way.



## Farewell to Bob's parents-- Elic and Helen Mendelsohn



Bob's parents have both died in the last sixteen months, Mom first then 10 months later Dad passed away. Neither confessed faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, at least not to anyone in the family. We take our confidence in the Sovereignty and love of God, knowing He is well able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or even think. Will not the Judge of all the earth do well? Please pray for Bob in his continued grieving, and for Bob's remaining family to find eternal life by faith in Y'shua. For an encouraging word read Bob's testimony 'Whoever heard of a Jewish missionary?' which includes his grandmother's story!

## LECTURE SERIES BEGINS: Rabbi Harold Vallins

We were happy to be part of the welcome for our brother in Christ, Rabbi Harold Vallins, in his first speaking tour in Sydney. Harold grew up in the UK and receiving rabbinic certification from the Leo Baeck Theological College of Judaic Studies in London in 1970. He and his family moved to Australia in 1981. He came to faith in Jesus in 1998 in Washington DC and has been part of our family of faith since. Harold shared his testimony and then conducted an 'Ask the Rabbi' night at our bookshop in Sydney on 1 September. We hope to have more testimony and lecture evenings in the months to come. Thank God for the interest in the Jewish community as many came out to share that night. And pray for our brother to continue growing in his love for and faith in Y'shua.



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