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You Are Helping Us Reach Israelis in London!

Some 80,000 Israelis reside in the United Kingdom, and most are not religious. Our London branch leader, Boris Skvortsov, says, “As secular Jews, most Israelis come here wanting to continue to celebrate their culture without feeling forced into a religious mould that doesn’t fit them. They need a warm and welcoming place to meet people who are also asking life’s big questions. Most of all they need to know the hope and love that can only be found in their Messiah, Yeshua.”

Both Israelis, Boris and his wife, Gefen, began connecting with other ex-pats as soon as they moved to London. Everyone who spends time with the Skvortsovs soon discovers how important their faith is to them. And recently, opportunities to share that faith have multiplied.

Boris says, “Thanks to friends like you, we have rented a ministry house that makes it easy for us to invite

people to experience Jesus in a Jewish context at Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, community BBQs, Holocaust Memorial Day, moms’/dads’ meetings, and a variety of other events.”

This year, our London Israeli team hosted a Passover Seder for 30 people, including two families who came at the last minute because they were in town visiting friends. This kind of hospitality is hugely important to building community in Israeli culture. Maia, who is also part of our London team, says, “All the guests pitched in to help with the event, and Boris shared our team’s vision for serving the Israeli community as an expression of our faith in Yeshua.”

Please keep our London Israeli team in prayer, especially this month, as they conclude their third month of special ‘Jubilee’ outreach, hoping to triple the number of Israelis in their community.



ministry moments



From Bob Mendelsohn, Sydney

As we wrote in the last Singapore Newsletter, every branch of the Jews for Jesus has launched capstone projects as part of our celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ministry, our Jubilee. We will certainly report fully on all of the amazing things the Lord is doing through these projects, but here's a story of one of its first fruits.

Samantha* was working for her local synagogue and just recently resigned. A friend of hers, a Jewish believer, introduced us years ago, but Samantha was always reluctant to meet with us or hear what we have to say. Only once did she respond to an invite from me, and we had a one-off visit. It was deep and meaningful. But then she dropped out of sight, ignoring all further invitations. Then when our Sydney capstone project began, a big biblical art exhibition, I thought of Samantha again, sent her an invite, then texted her – and voila, she came! It was a real milestone for her to attend a Jews for Jesus event for the first time. Would you please pray that the Lord would open her heart and I would be able to continue ministering to her?



From Aviel Sela, Jerusalem

Today, Judit*, an 87-year-old Jewish woman, had an encounter with God by accepting Jesus as her Lord and Saviour!! Back in July 2020, I “accidentally” met her near a humanitarian warehouse where she was receiving assistance, and she asked me for a ride to the bus stop. I decided to do a good deed and drove her home, and that's how our relationship started!

Since then, she's attended many biblical excursions and my lectures, and I have visited her several times in her home. At a concert a couple of days ago, she won a blender in a lottery, which was a miracle since she has dental issues, and now she can grind her food.

Today, I visited her, and together we read Psalm 2, which speaks of God having a Son who should be honoured. I asked her, “Who is that?” She replied, “That's Jesus.” I confirmed that she was right! I emphasized that God loves her, takes care of her, and even gave her a blender – but that He has an even greater gift for her: eternal life and peace with Him through faith in Jesus Christ! And it happened!! After three years of our friendship, Judit finally decided to reconcile with God by praying with me to accept Jesus as her Lord and Saviour! Praise God!!

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Camp Gilgal: Investing in the Next Generation of Jews for Jesus

“They surrounded me, called me ‘dirty Jew,’ and then they beat me up.”

This did not happen in Nazi-occupied Europe. It happened in Switzerland, just a few years ago—to a girl named Shoshi, a child of Jewish believers in Jesus. Shoshi’s parents sought help from the school and were told, “Well, there is not much we can do... and anyway, if Israel wasn’t attacking Palestinian children, you wouldn’t have this problem, would you?” When they went to their minister for support they were told, “Well, you’re not really Jewish anymore are you?”

Feeling unsafe at school and misunderstood at church, Shoshi did what many in her shoes might have done: she walked away from the Lord—at least for a while. Nonetheless, Shoshi remembered a good experience she’d had at Jews for Jesus Camp Gilgal,

where faith in Jesus and Jewish identity were both affirmed: Joshua Turnil had sung a biblical blessing over her and the other children. She’d recorded it on her phone and sometimes listened to it in the midst of dark places. It brought a little light into Shoshi’s heart, as God watered the gospel seeds that she had received as a camper.

Eventually, Joshua had the privilege of seeing Shoshi turn to Jesus and also baptizing her. He also officiated at her wedding to a young Christian man whom she had led to the Lord!

We praise God for the work He has done in Shoshi’s life and in the lives of so many other Jewish children—thanks to help from friends like you. As part of our special Jubilee outreaches, we conducted a Camp Gilgal France program—look for your full capstone outreach report in an upcoming newsletter!



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Survivor Stories Classic DVD

In this 60-minute DVD, Holocaust survivors give their amazing true life accounts, telling how they clung to life amidst unimaginable horror and loss. Most amazing of all, these survivors did more than survive. Despite the darkness they endured, they found light and hope from a most unlikely source. **COST: \$12**



The Calendar

2023–2024 Jubilee 16-Month Calendar. Features beautiful ministry photo collages of key Jewish communities, along with prayer requests for them throughout each month. It's a wonderful way to pray through the year for the Jewish people and for the ministry of Jews for Jesus! Measures 12 and 3/8" W x 9 and 3/8" H. **COST: \$33**



Forbidden Peace Classic DVD

While the world cries out for a solution to end the conflict that grips the Middle East, these people have found true peace, not in a political plan, but in a person. Forbidden Peace offers a powerful, poignant and positive perspective you are unlikely to find anywhere else straight from the hearts of Israelis and Palestinians who have put their trust in Jesus and found true shalom. 40 minutes. **COST: \$12**



Widow's Mite collectable coins

Yeshua commended the widow who gave "out of her poverty by putting in all she owned, all she had to live on." (Mark 12.44). These small coins are replicas of the actual mites used in Temple days in Jerusalem under Rome. Sold in pairs only. Approx. size of an Australian 5 cent piece. **COST: \$9**



Finding Spiritual Harmony

Finding Spiritual Harmony in your Jewish-Gentile Relationship can give hope and help to Jewish-Gentile couples struggling to overcome cross-cultural challenges. This booklet includes interactive sections to help partners address sensitive topics. Jewish-Gentile Couple booklet (58 pages, Size 8.5 x 5.5"). **COST: \$6**



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