



Helping to Fill the Void in God's People

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VoydPhil News

The Newsletter

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Wonderful Season

As always we are looking forward to the upcoming season. So far it looks to be a very productive one. Hopefully the schedule will be filled with opportunities to share the traditions and wonderful meanings of the Holidays (see page two of this newsletter). And to have the privilege of bringing *Y'shua ha-Mashiach* to others.

What's in a Mission Statement

Part 3

By Mark E. Benjamin

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"...and equipping them with the ability to better relate to the Jew. Therefore, resulting in an improved opportunity..."

Besides trying to learn something new, we should also try to become more relatable to others (1 Cor 9:20 (NIV) "*To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.*"). That's not to say we become like others or succumb to their ways of thinking. We simply are able to become more open to others for them to approach us. Common grounds to start communication, some catch phrases or jargon, understanding of where the other person is coming from and why they think the way they do. If nothing else you'll impress your friends the next time you play a trivia game with how much you now know.

The more we become approachable, the more opportunities will arise, and the more you will be able to help in spreading the Gospel to those you come in contact with. Sounds logical, and fairly easy doesn't it? Just think about your reaction when someone comes up to you and starts to talk about a subject you feel strongly about or an activity you love to do. You open right up, even if you don't know the person.

"...for bringing the Jewish people to Jesus Christ the Messiah."

All people of the earth need to be saved. I realize that no one on this earth is better than any other and no one is more important than someone else. But there are already plenty of missions that target the inner-city, or the one in prison, or the starving of Africa. The Jewish people are still God's chosen. The Jews have fought the fight of the LORD for a very

long time now. This mission is to target those Jews. The ancestry of our Lord, *Y'shua ha-Mashiach*.

Therefore,

Our mission statement is the paragraph below... Oh, now I get it. I just can't wait to see what the Lord does here! Amen!

Mission Statement

To help fill the void in the Jewish individual by teaching fellow Christians about Jewish beliefs and customs. Whereby giving the believers more understanding of their own Jewish heritage and equipping them with the ability to better relate to the Jew. Therefore, resulting in an improved opportunity for bringing the Jewish people to Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Coming next issue...

How Not To Witness

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions on topics in this issue, please go to www.VoydPhil.org and fill out our comment form. We love to hear them.

Israel News

Tzitzit for All

In recent days there has been a lot of news coming from Israel and a lot more to say about the war in Gaza. But I want to share an even more exciting story than most of the ones heard about Operation Cast Lead. The news about Spiritual renewal.

As is the custom of Israel and the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) before heading into battle, Rabbis will offer blessings, and hand out copies of the Psalms and Tzitzit (a four cornered shirt with ritual fringes attached).

Usually only the more devout Jew will accept a Tzitzit. But on the eve of going into Gaza to begin the ground stage of the operation, most—if not

all—of the IDF grabbed for a copy of the Holy Word and a Tzitzit to wear.

Men came to get one for themselves and also for all the others in their tents. And when the Rabbis that were handing them out no longer had any left, men were down-cast that they were too late to get theirs.

A person, an army, a nation that strives to gather and hold on to the things of God will always come out victorious. Perhaps at times not by man's definitions of success or by the amount of land conquered in war; but by the quantitative renewal of the Soul through God's Spirit.



An IDF soldier in Gaza preparing for the day, the battle and life.

Upcoming Holidays

Holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date listed.

Tu B'Shevat

15 Shevat, 5769
February 9, 2009
Mon

Purim

14 Adar I
March 10
Tue

Pesach

15 Nisan, - 22 Nisan
April 9—16
Thr—Thr

Yom HaShoah

(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
27 Nisan
April 21
Tue

Yom HaZikaron

(Israel's Memorial Day)
4 Iyyar
April 28
Tue

Yom HaAtzmaut

(Israel's Independence Day)
5 Iyyar
April 29
Wed

Lag B'Omer

18 Iyyar
May 12
Tue

Yom Yerushalayim

(Jerusalem Day)
28 Iyyar
May 22
Fri

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Church or Synagogue
Youth Group
Torah or Bible study
Classroom
Seminars
Men's, Woman's, Single's, Couples' groups

Topics Can Include

Passover
Seder
Sukkot
Bringing Jews and Christians closer together
Understanding the Christian or Jew
Jewish Holidays
And others

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