

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.... In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

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Shalom my friends,

As you may know, I have visited Israel for the past 10 years, and even now, I recall how special the month of May was there.

There are not any *Biblical* holidays in May (except the continuing of “counting the Omer”, which started at Passover and ends at Shavuot (Pentecost), in June. I would like to talk about three important holidays (other than biblical) that occur this May—Yom Ha’Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israel Remembrance Day), and Yom HaAtzma’ut (Israel Independence Day).

I was reminded of two instances that occurred on Yom Ha’Shoah. First in 1999, and the other in May of another year. On Yom Ha’Shoah, throughout all of Israel, sirens blow in observance of the six million men, women and children who perished at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators. In 1999 on my first trip to Israel, while in Jerusalem, the sirens went off and every vehicle came to an immediate stop and there was a solemn moment of prayer and silence. The second time, a number of years later, I was in the middle of paying at a restaurant when the sirens went off. Everything came to a sudden stop. The transaction I was in the middle of wasn’t

even completed until after the sirens stopped.

After more than 60 years, Israel has not forgotten the horror that befell her people. I suspect she never will—and that is as it should be!

Israel’s observance of Yom HaAtzma’ut is similar to Americas’ Fourth of July in some ways, but differs in many other ways. In America, there are fireworks and picnics. Some American Israeli’s still barbecue on this day, but most go to the downtown; city streets

died in her wars to keep from being overrun by her violent neighbors. It is also the day she remembers the many innocent men, women and children who have died as a result of terrorism.

Update from the Land

The following is a letter I recently received from Israel P. and his congregation, at Passover time. Although we are a little past this time, I thought you would want to know what is going on in Israel with 2 of our MJMI workers and the ministry they are involved with.

“It is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.” Exodus 12:27

“Next week we will be celebrating Passover and remembering how God delivered us from the bondage of Egypt and brought us out into His Promised Land. We believe this feast was fulfilled in Yeshua as both our Passover Lamb and our Deliverer.

“For indeed Messiah, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.” 1 Corinthians 5:7

“To us, the Messianic believers, this feast is a foreshadow of what Yeshua came to do 2000 years ago. He took us out of the bondage of a heathen world and brought us into His home where we are no longer slaves, but free to worship Him. We wish to share that freedom with young Israelis who still haven’t heard

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According to the Biblical calendar, we are currently counting the Omer in anticipation of Shavuot (the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost), when the first fruits of the wheat harvest are to be offered up to the Lord. In Acts 2, we see that this was the time when God poured out His Spirit, and 3,000 Jewish people came to faith in Yeshua. Even now, our

MJMI workers in the Land are seeing the first fruits of another harvest of souls, as many Jewish people are embracing their Messiah. Israel P., one of our workers in the Ashdod area (on right in left and bottom photos), is the Pastor of a Messianic congregation called Beit Hallel. These photos were taken during their first immersion (baptism) service at the beach, where twelve new believers in Yeshua were immersed.



are closed, and people stream into the streets to celebrate Israel’s rebirth as a nation.

Yom HaZikaron is the day Israel sets aside to remember all those who have

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that they can become free through the sacrifice of their Messiah.

“During the upcoming Passover week we will have the opportunity to reach the potential number of 50,000 young Israelis with Gospel of Yeshua. That is the number of young people who will be attending the annual new-age festival called ‘Boombamella.’ Young Israelis from all over the country come to attend the 3-day festival. Most of them are hungry for the spiritual, they are tired of religion that has offered them nothing real and are thirsty in their search for the real thing, for the truth.

“Every year we form a team, as well as several other congregations in Israel, and go to this festival that takes place on a beach not too far from Ashdod. We put up a tent where we hand out free Bibles and Gospel materials, we have a food section, prayer corner, tables where we can speak to people and pray for them.

“Over the years we’ve seen the tremendous harvest that comes out of this festival. We have several testimonies of young people who heard the Gospel there and received Yeshua into their hearts. Now they are walking torches of Yeshua, spreading His light wherever they go.

“Doron (19) is a young soldier who got saved more than two years ago at this festival, this year will be his second attending as a young evangelist, passionate about sharing the truth that set him free. Yaniv (18) is a young man who first heard the Gospel at the festival a year ago, received Yeshua and has been boldly

preaching the Gospel ever since to his young Israeli friends.

“This year we will be sending a team of 15 people to the festival, most are really young and some in their teens. They are extremely passionate about making Yeshua known to His people.

“We ask you to pray with us for the grace, wisdom, pro-

by providing their needs and showing them how much God loves them. He used people like you to help reach out to these people.

“Now with Passover approaching, they contacted us asking if we will be able to help them again, by providing food packets for the holiday. So far we have 575 needy families to which we will be delivering food boxes.

“During this special season when the house of Israel celebrates God’s deliverance and provision, we have the privilege of bringing that same living God into their homes and revealing His kindness through supplying their needs in a practical way. Your gift of any amount will help these families to have a blessed holiday. There is no greater joy or blessing than to become an answer to someone’s prayer.

“Please pray with us that the Lord will provide and supply over and above for these families, so that He may be glorified. We bless you richly with a wonderful Passover celebration and pray the Lord’s favor, grace as well as His mighty hand of mercy and protection upon you and your household.”

Thank you so much for keeping Israel P. and all of our MJMI workers in your prayers. Your support is such a blessings to them

all! As we continue to work together, I pray that we will soon see the day when all Israel cries out, “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!”

With all of my love in Yeshua,

Nathan L. Jacobus
Nathan L. Jacobus, President



These photos were taken during the new-age festival last year. Pictured right, MJMI worker Aviel shares the Good News with several young people. Many other members of Israel P.’s congregation also participated in the outreach.



tection and provision for our team members and for a fruitful outreach during those days. You and I will be reaching out; Yeshua will be bringing them in!”

Humanitarian Aid to Holocaust Survivors

Israel P. went on to share about an outreach of their congregation to Holocaust survivors, saying, “Our last Humanitarian Aid Project in Sderot resulted in great thanksgiving to God. People were extremely touched by the love expressed through acts of kindness, simply

