

Endeavoring to Support:

- "The Messianic Times" - Publisher
- Israel Legal Defense
- Jewish/Gentile Fellowship
- International Conferences
- Forum for Debate
- Emigration to Israel
- Dispute Mediation
- International Affiliations
- Monthly Essays
- Theological Papers

Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

As other ideas are vetted, prayed through and attempted to be implemented, I will be keeping you abreast so that you can truly feel like you are on the journey with us. As you sow into this ministry in prayer and with your finances, know for certain that the promise written about so long ago is still in play today, ... *The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike. David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this* (1 Samuel 30:24).

There are ministries where I am on the battlefield and others where I am "tarrying with the supplies," like each one of you. Together, we will witness God's End of Days plan for the revival of His Jewish people worldwide. We need His Spirit to guide us. I am confident that His Spirit is motivating you to provide encouragement as you become partners with us for His glory.

B'shem Yeshua (In the Name of Messiah),

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TRANSITIONS

Shalom Chaverim (Friends) and Co-Laborers,

Ah, the thrill of transitions in our lives! As the new Executive Director, I want to personally express my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have been reading these monthly essays written by Paul Liberman, my father and former Executive Director over the past five years, and supporting the IMJA and its ministries in your prayers and in your finances. Words cannot express how grateful and humbled we are that you place confidence in this ministry, which keeps us forging ahead with Yeshua's (Jesus') Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20) and in particular, to recognize, as did Rav Sha'ul (Apostle Paul) – *For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!* (Romans 11:15).

The truth is that you and I live in the most exciting times of which the Prophets longed to see! Why? Because the God of Israel has been trustworthy in our generation to fulfill what He promised to the Jewish people through the prophet Joel approximately 2,800 years ago (Joel 2:28). We have experienced a powerful move of *Ruach Hakodesh* (the Holy Spirit) over the past 35 to 40 years, with many Jewish people catching and running with the "Messianic Jewish Vision." Many non-Jewish believers have faithfully joined with us in this 'Vision' as well!

I do not believe for one solitary second that Messianic Judaism will end up as a failed experiment. For we have a mandate from God to pass the torch of the vision on to the next generation (Habakkuk 2:2,3). My parents' lives have been dedicated to this cause, not knowing for certain how it would all turn out in my or my brother's lives. They trusted God that their efforts would not be in vain. Now my wife and I here in the United States, and my brother and his wife, in Israel, are receiving the same opportunity with our own children. *L'dor V'dor* -- from one generation to the next.

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

I recently returned from participating in two annual international Messianic Jewish conferences, attended by several IMJA delegates and officers from various Alliances. The first one is the largest Messianic Jewish conference of its kind held at Messiah College outside of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America, of which I was privileged to be the Conference Chairman. This year's theme was *Come from the four winds...breathe on your people!* (Ezekiel 37:9) The conference was a call to our Jewish people everywhere to return to their God through Yeshua the Promised Messiah and to receive the Breath of God, His *Ruach* (Spirit). It was a wonderful week long time of study, prayer, and celebration of the spiritual and physical return of the Jewish people to the Messiah, Yeshua, and to the Land of Israel. Our own IMJA outgoing Executive Director was elected to be the Treasurer of the MJAA and to chair its Financial Committee for the next two years. I also was honored to be re-appointed by that Executive Committee to the Steering Committee of the International Alliance of Messianic Congregations and Synagogues for another two year term.

At Messiah 2009, it was heartwarming to visit with Andrey and Valeria Bulkina from the IMJA's newest alliance in Eastern Russia, which has been written about in prior essays. Thanks go out to Lyle and Brenda Dauber, who practically single handedly raised funds, organized, and financed bringing the Bulkinas over to the U.S. to share about their work while receiving encouragement from their Messianic brothers and sisters in the States. The Daubers also helped finance the translation of a Messianic Jewish *Siddur* (prayer book) into Russian, and the Bulkinas brought back copies to the various ministry leaders with whom they are associated in the Far East Russia region. Your giving allowed the IMJA to participate financially in their visit. The Bulkinas are facing further needs – Messianic Jewish training, materials, and increased monthly support, due to a deteriorating world economy.

Additional contacts were made and re-solidified at Messiah 2009 with a couple of Messianic Jewish congregational leaders from Holland (Anton de Rooter and Jacob Heeringa) and other Dutch leaders who have a working relationship with the Messianic Jewish Alliance of the Netherlands, called *Hadderech*, (founded in 1928) which is an IMJA affiliated alliance. The contingency of leaders from Holland have plans to put together their own large Messiah Conference, hopefully to go online in 2010. With 20 Messianic Jewish congregations in Holland, the

workload can be spread around. It is an exciting development that I hope to share with you in the future.

The second conference was sponsored by the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Mexico, held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, which gathered attendees from Latin American countries, in addition to a strong contingency from the United States. Mexican Alliance President Yolanda Guzik paid an earlier solidarity visit to Messiah 2009 to receive encouragement and to communicate to the Mexican Alliance about the work the MJAA is doing.

On the heels of the Mexican Alliance conference, I scheduled a couple of days in Washington, DC to come alongside several thousand of my Christian brothers and sisters to lobby Congress on behalf of Israel. Each day we witness Israel's critics speaking out and making gains, while the world is condemning Israel for defending herself from missile attacks from Gaza. I wanted to add my voice in Congress representing the IMJA to counteract the voices in Congress that are calling for an end to aid to Israel. Since this newsletter was scheduled to be printed and mailed before I returned from Mexico and Washington DC, I will have an update for you in next month's essay on both of those events.

As mentioned by our outgoing Executive Director last month, I have some new ideas and am conferring with our Executive Committee and Administrative Committee on other ideas to provide more value to not only our Alliance affiliates, but to you, our faithful co-laborers and supporters.

As an example, one of my first tasks will be to begin updating and modernizing the IMJA website, and to introduce other online improvements (audio/video messages, live streaming, article archiving, etc...) which will be a constant work in progress for years to come. This has largely been uncultivated in years past, but I have found web-based activity to have tremendous ministry potential, as it has for many years in my congregational work. A case in point: at the Messiah 2009 conference, I wanted the evening services to be live streamed for the first time over the Internet for those who couldn't be at the conference physically, and had one of my associates from San Diego accompany me to focus solely on this task. In summary, it was a huge success. Many thousands logged on, having the ability to chat with one another and were able to be part of that international gathering of Messianic Jews and like-minded Christians, from the comfort of their own home/office.

Foreign Translations

[The Fig Tree Blossoms](#) is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the [Holy Scriptures](#) are available in 17 languages:

- Yiddish
- English
- Armenian
- Bulgarian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Hebrew
- Ukranian

