

The Chosen People



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Trained and Ready to Bring the Gospel to Jewish People



The Charles L. Feinberg Center has opened in New York City!

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Searching for Forgiveness



Dear friend of God's Chosen People,

Shalom from Brooklyn. I wish you could walk with me this month through some of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn. It would be quite a tour!

Jewish people are in the midst of observing the High Holidays. First comes the New Year (*Rosh Hashanah*, September 13 this year) and then, ten days later, the holiest day of the year, the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*, September 22). In between, Jewish people enter a season of repentance and attempt to make things right by turning from sin and asking for forgiveness from each other and from God. This holiest season, which culminates with the Feast of Tabernacles (beginning on September 27), is the high point of the religious year for many Jewish people.

These days are as important to Jewish people as Christmas and Easter are to Christians. Even if a Jewish person rarely attends synagogue, he or she will likely still observe these festivals and attend services on the High Holidays.

The Search for Forgiveness

The method of atoning for sin within Judaism changed dramatically after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. For one thing, we do not

have a sacred altar on which to offer the sacrifices mandated in Leviticus 16! In other words, there is no possibility of offering a substitutionary sacrifice for sin as described in the Bible.

This might not bother secular or theologically liberal Jewish people who do not view atonement in the same way as the Orthodox. Many Jewish people today seek atonement through ethical means such as being kind to neighbors or giving to charity.

But to an Orthodox Jew, substitutionary atonement still matters—and is the crux of his faith. But a serious dilemma remains: there is no place to offer a sacrifice!

So, you might wonder, what do Orthodox Jewish people do to make substitutionary atonement for their souls when they clearly understand and believe that the need exists?

Atonement without Sacrifice?

This is why I wish you were in Brooklyn with me this month! I would show you many little storefronts where ultra-Orthodox Jews have set up what can only be viewed as small, makeshift altars. Upon them, some religious Jews actually kill chickens, pour the blood on a wooden block and say, "This animal goes to death and I go to life!"

The name for this ceremony is *Kapporet*, which is the Hebrew word for atonement. It is an awesome

sight! This ritual demonstrates that within the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community there is still a clear understanding of the necessity of sacrificial blood for the atonement of sin, as Moses declares in Leviticus 17 and many other places in the Torah.

One of the reasons I walk through the religious neighborhoods and watch this ceremony is because it breaks my heart for my people. And how I pray that the Lord would keep my heart broken for the salvation of my Jewish people. It is my prayer that your heart would be broken too!

Our heart's desire at Chosen People Ministries is that our beloved Jewish people would know the glorious truth that the sacrifices of old looked forward to the Final Sacrifice of the promised Messiah as described in Isaiah chapter 53. In this amazing passage, the prophet details the atoning death of the future Messiah in these words:

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:5-6).

The sacrifices of Israel looked forward to *the Sacrifice* that was made 2,000 years ago when God sent His Son Jesus to the cross. This was the substitutionary sacrifice offered once for all time. Now we can all be saved from our sins through the death and resurrection of the Son of God.



Please pray for us during this important season of the year as we present this Good News to Jewish people and others through our special High Holiday outreach services. If you would like to attend one of these services, please call 212-223-2252 and we will try to direct you to a Messianic High Holiday service in your community. This would be a wonderful opportunity to bring a Jewish friend who might not yet know the Lord.

Training a New Generation of Evangelists: The Feinberg Center

Proclaiming this unchanging message to the Jewish people has been our goal for more than a century—and we are growing all the time!

This is why I want to let you know that we have begun our NEW training program for Messianic leaders and missionaries to the Jewish people in partnership with the Biola University Talbot School of Theology. The courses will be offered in the best place in the world to learn Jewish evangelism: New York City! A portion of the coursework will also be done on the Talbot campus in the Los Angeles area.

This accredited program has been approved by the New York State Board of Regents and the Association of Theological Schools. We praise God for this!

The training program is named after Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg, a Jewish believer who came to faith in the Messiah through Chosen People Ministries in the 1920s. We are excited because we now have the possibility of training a whole new generation of workers for the harvest among Jewish people.

I am wondering if you have ever thought about becoming a

missionary to the Jewish people? Perhaps you have prayed about spending the next phase of your life in full-time Jewish ministry, but did not know where to get training? I hope you will find out more about the Feinberg Center by calling Nicole at 212-223-2252. You can also e-mail us at info@feinbergcenter.com.

If you know of anyone—a Jewish or Gentile believer, young or old—who might be interested, please let them know about this groundbreaking Master of Divinity program in Messianic Jewish Studies!

I also want to let you know that we have begun a scholarship fund to train new workers. If you would like to give to the Feinberg Center Scholarship, then please use the enclosed card and envelope. We need your regular missionary giving, but we do have a number of students from the United States, Israel and other countries that need our help. Your special gift to the Feinberg Center Scholarship today will be greatly appreciated.

Please pray for us as we reach out during the High Holiday season! May you be filled with joy knowing that your sins are forgiven through Jesus the Messiah!

Your brother,



Mitch
(1 John 5:10-12)



Dr. Mitch Glaser
President

The Importance of Jewish Missions

The New Testament affirms that Jewish evangelism is not an option; it is a Scriptural command and, as such, it must be faithfully heeded. In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul writes of the interconnectedness of the Jewish people and the Great Commission:

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! (Romans 11:11-12).

In other words, far from being finished with the Jewish people, Paul reminds the Body of Messiah of its debt of gratitude to the Jewish people—which is expressed in taking the Good News to the people of Israel to bring them to the fullness that God intended from the beginning.

This is why Chosen People Ministries is committed to training individuals—men and women, Jew and Gentile—who are called to the God-ordained task of Jewish ministry.



During Rosh Hashanah, apples dipped in honey are eaten and a blessing and prayer are recited. "May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors that You renew for us a good and sweet year."

Talbot School of Theology & Chosen People Ministries



Joining Hands for Jewish Evangelism

The Talbot School of Theology, part of the well-respected Biola University in California, has agreed to partner with Chosen People Ministries to establish the Charles L. Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies. It is a moment worth celebrating and a fitting tribute to a great and godly man, brilliant scholar and lifelong educator who never lost his passion for the salvation of his fellow Jewish people!

Established in 1952, the Talbot School of Theology (formerly Talbot Theological Seminary) is now one of the largest, most influential and biblically focused seminaries in the country. Its mission is to develop “disciples of Jesus Christ who are dedicated to disciple-making throughout the world.”

Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg was a Jewish believer who came to faith in the 1920s through John Solomon, a

Chosen People Ministries staff member. After being part of the first graduating class of Dallas Theological Seminary and receiving his Ph.D. in Archaeology from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Feinberg became the first and longest-serving dean of Talbot Seminary. He was also a beloved part of Chosen People Ministries throughout his career as a scholar, author and conference speaker.

Dr. Feinberg was a wise and trusted friend whose godly character was felt among a generation of leaders who followed in his footsteps. It is most fitting that the first program that offers a Master of Divinity in Jewish Studies should bear his name.

In an address given a few years ago, Charles Feinberg’s son, Dr. John Feinberg, offered the following words of tribute:

After you look at his relationship to the Lord and his relationship

with his family, Dad had really two great loves in his life: one of them was Jewish missions and especially Chosen People Ministries...the other was his great and all-consuming love for Talbot. As I think back on Dad’s life, I think that it is safe to say that those two loves were intertwined both in his life and in his ministry.

It is marvelous that the driving passions of Charles Feinberg’s ministry have been so wonderfully joined together in the relationship of Chosen People Ministries with Talbot.

Summer 2007: First Fruits of a Dream

This summer, as the Center prepared to begin classes in New York City, several missionaries from across the country serving with Chosen People Ministries traveled to Talbot’s campus at Biola University to begin their studies.

Their classes included A Survey of the New Testament, Jewish History and a beginning course on theology taught by one of Talbot's most seasoned professors.

Two of our New York-based staff members who have been instrumental in every phase of the Center's development, Dr. Gregg Hagg and Dr. Noel Rabinowitz, were among the faculty members for the program's maiden voyage.

Dr. Hagg, who is the Program Director of the Feinberg Center, emphasizes the relationship between training and actual hands-on ministry experience. He writes,

In the 30 years that I have been involved with Jewish missions, I have become more and more convinced that training and actual ministry experiences go hand in hand. This is why the Feinberg Center is more than just a seminary program. It is a laboratory where students put their training to work even as they receive it—and what greater laboratory could there be than New York City?

Serving Students Already in Service

What kind of student is this program designed to serve? Perhaps the best example is Jeff Kramer, a Chosen People Ministries staff member and elder at our Messianic congregation in Manhattan. Jeff is a mature and seasoned believer and, together with his wife, Deborah, already makes a rich contribution to the ministry. Jeff teaches from the Scriptures each week and is involved in the congregational leadership. His own words sum up his aspirations to build upon a foundation of faith and knowledge that the Lord has already established:

Although I have some formal Biblical training and have done

research and teaching, I realize my need for a seminary education. However, up to this point no seminary has offered a major concentration in Jewish Studies. God has once again opened a door. Talbot Seminary, in conjunction with Chosen People Ministries, is now offering a Master of Divinity degree with a specialization in Messianic Jewish Studies. This unique program is an answer to my prayers and also to those of many Jewish believers in Jesus.

Jeff speaks for many in our movement—those who are planning to go into full-time Jewish ministry and those who are already involved as leaders in Jewish work, but have never had the opportunity to receive

the necessary training. The Charles Feinberg Center is designed to meet the growing needs of a growing movement!

Jewish people are coming to know Jesus as their Messiah, and leaders must be trained for this burgeoning harvest.

The leaders of tomorrow are waiting to begin today, and the need to prepare God's people for service is as pressing now as it was in the dawning days of the Great Commission. The partnership that the Lord has formed between Talbot and Chosen People Ministries, in memory of Dr. Charles Feinberg, will go a long way, we pray, to meet the challenge.

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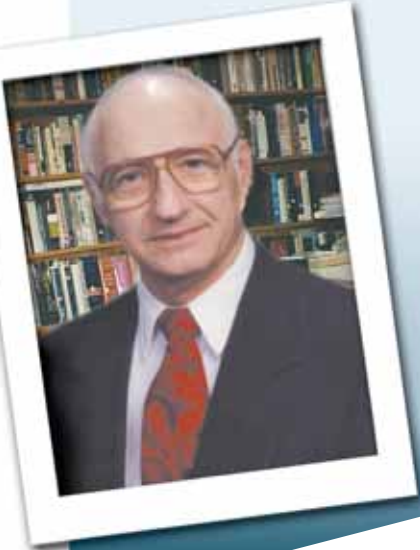
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THE BENEFITS IN GOD'S EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM Psalm 103

As a king, David was in God's employ. In this Psalm, King David reflects upon all the major benefits given to those in the service of the King of Kings. He praises the Lord for each of them in turn. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2).

Pardon for Iniquity and Healing from Disease (Psalm 103:3)

In this Psalm, the word translated as "forgives" ("who forgives all your iniquities") refers to the Divine forgiveness of a sinner (Psalm 103:3). A pardon for iniquity supposes that a sentence has been passed for criminal behavior, up to and including capital punishment. However, the Divine pardon stretches to the length of every sin—past, present and future—to the measure in which Jesus took our sins

upon Himself: "And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

In a certain country a man was in prison, condemned to die for treason and afflicted with an incurable disease. Truly this man was "twice dead." Only a governor's pardon and a successful cure could save such a man.

The Psalmist views God as the Governor of the universe and the Great Physician, extending both pardon and health. Notice carefully that David is stating "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . ." (Psalm 103:2). The emphasis is clearly upon the sinful diseases of the soul. Like the body, every soul has its maladies such as anger, lust, jealousy, hate, greed, and more. Such afflictions may be deadly.

In Divine providence, all who serve the Lord will be preserved with the exact measure of health and strength needed to perform God's purposes!

Redemption from Destruction (Psalm 103:4)

Redemption of one's earthly life from waste and uselessness is in view. Like a pauper who pawned his life in the pawnshop and cannot pay to redeem it, people have sold their lives to the "company store" and are bankrupt. In the time of Messiah, such men were thrown into debtors' prison until their debts were paid. Prison was a terrifying prospect, and our Messiah used it to illustrate his teaching on more than one occasion (Matthew 5, Matthew 18).

Messiah Jesus paid the full redemption price for our souls and the usefulness of our lives (1 Peter 1:18, 19). Jesus stated, "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39).

Provision Throughout Life (Psalm 103:5)

The Lord is gracious to His servants, for He "satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalm 103:5). He is faithful to us throughout our lives. Here is God's pension program, providing for the needs of old age, strengthening men like Moses (Deuteronomy 34:7). Believers may claim this benefit and soar like an eagle to accomplish God's will, even in old age (Matthew 6:25-34).

We often sing, "Count your blessings, name them one by one. . . ." In Psalm 103 David enumerates the many provisions of all who are in God's employ. You may enlist by believing in Jesus as the true Messiah. ". . . Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him" (Psalm 2:12). ✧



MIRACLE ON 64TH STREET

Faith decisions during Chosen People Ministries' Summer Training and Evangelism Program (STEP) are always newsworthy items. Staff Member Cathy Wilson, who traveled to New York City from Arizona, met Becky* while passing out tracts on 64th Street near the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Becky accepted the literature and had several questions. Cathy lovingly shared the Gospel with her and, while holding hands on a street corner, Becky prayed to receive the Lord. As they exchanged contact information, Becky said, "I'd like to attend a Bible study."

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR RECEIVES MESSIAH IN TORONTO

Vladimir Borstov, who serves with Chosen People Ministries in Toronto, had the opportunity to visit with Sarah,* a Holocaust survivor who lives in his building. As he began to share from the Word, Sarah listened intently, interrupting occasionally with questions such as, "How could God allow us Jews to go through all that?" Then she would be silent again. She soon came to the conclusion that her survival was a miracle and realized that God had been keeping her for that moment. She surrendered her life to her Messiah with tears of joy.

SALVATION DECISIONS DOWN UNDER

Celebrate Messiah, Chosen People Ministries' partner in Australia, had a concert outreach a few weeks ago at their Messianic congregation in Melbourne. The presentation featured Sasha Roytman, a Messianic Jewish Russian musician who lives in Israel. It was a wonderful evening of music and testimonies attended by more than 100 Russian Jewish people. As a result of this outreach, four people prayed to receive the Lord!

*name changed

TESTIMONIES FROM THE FEINBERG SUMMER PROGRAM

Thank you for praying for my family and me throughout this summer. As you know, I have just completed six intensive weeks at the Talbot School of Theology. I took eleven credits toward a Master of Divinity degree in Messianic Jewish Studies. I learned a great deal about myself and I also learned a great deal about God. I truly experienced God's provision by learning some very practical ways that God equips His people for the tasks that He has for us.



Neal Surasky
Washington, D.C.



Jeffrey Kran
Vermont

I finished my first classes with the Charles Feinberg program. The classes were great and the work was intensive. Professor Noel Rabinowitz filled our minds, but God filled our souls. I gained so much in classes and in relationships with other students. The esprit de corps was encouraging and stimulating. I look forward to classes in New York starting this fall and to ministering there. Meanwhile, my ordination ceremony is only one month away. This is a dream come true.

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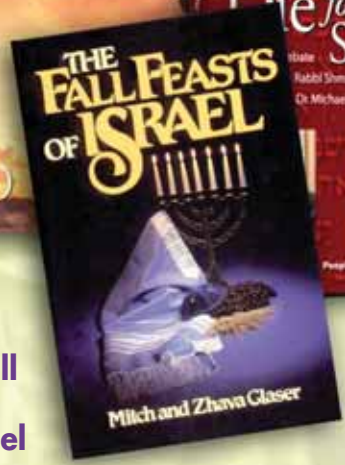
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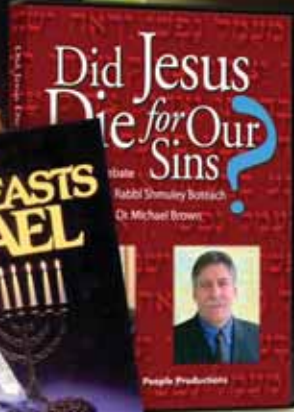
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