



*When would be a good time to hear from a representative of Chosen People Ministries?*

Of course, our answer is: ***Any time!***

Nevertheless, there are special dates and seasons when you might want to think about booking one of our speakers. Consider the following ...

### **MISSIONS SUNDAYS & CONFERENCES**

Why not include a *Jewish Evangelism Seminar* or a message on Romans 1:16 ("... to the Jew first and also to the Gentile ...")? *"The Jewish Roots of Christianity," "Messiah in the Tabernacle"* and *"Rebuilding the Temple"* are all popular programs. Enhancing your program with Messianic music might also be a possibility.

### **CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR**

What do Jewish people think about the Church's Christmas celebrations? *"Christmas Through Jewish Eyes"* focuses on a passage such as Isaiah 9:2-7 and offers a very Biblical perspective. Note: This is a Bible message, not a description of Jewish culture and practice.

A message given at a New Year's service on Romans 1:16 or on Israel in prophecy would start the year off in the right direction.

### **COMMUNION SUNDAYS & THE EASTER SEASON**

Our various *"Messiah in the Passover"* demonstrations are ideal for any Sunday, but a demonstration that includes your communion service is especially meaningful.

As well, *Passover Banquets* are appropriate all year, but are very popular during the Easter season. Many churches find that a Banquet works well Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings. Book early!

### **THE JEWISH FESTIVALS & OTHER SPECIAL DAYS**

Most Christians are not very familiar with the specific festivals of the Old Testament. A message relating to one of these would be particularly effective in explaining the celebration's history, how it was (or will be) fulfilled by Jesus and what it means for the Christian of today. The main Jewish festivals – religious and secular – are briefly described on the next page.

*"Your representative presented a clear message on the role of the Jewish people with respect to the Church and the prophecies concerning Israel."*

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## ROSH HASHANAH (FEAST OF TRUMPETS)

... celebrates the anniversary of the week of re-creation (Genesis 1:2-2:2) and is the beginning of the Jewish Civil Year. It is both a time of rejoicing as well as a holy occasion (Nehemiah 8:2, 9-12).

## YOM KIPPUR (DAY OF ATONEMENT)

... is the holiest day of the Jewish year. Messianic Jews reflect that Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah, like the scapegoat of the Atonement rite, bore the iniquities of all the people.

## SUKKOT (FEAST OF TABERNACLES OR BOOTHS)

... recalls 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, living in tents (booths) and worshipping in a portable tabernacle until only the younger generation was left to enter the Promised Land. Sukkot was also known as the Feast of Ingathering, the gathering in the harvest.

## SIMCHAT TORAH (JOY OF THE TORAH)

... is the Last Great Day of Sukkot, honouring the Bible and the Oral Law and particularly the first five books of the Pentateuch, foundation of Jewish belief and spiritual strength.



## HANUKKAH (FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS OR DEDICATION)

... commemorates the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 BC by the Maccabees three years after it was desecrated by Antiochus IV. See Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 8:13-14 and mention of Jesus at the temple during the celebration in John 10:22-23.

## PURIM (FESTIVAL OF LOTS)

... commemorates the story of Esther who faced Prime Minister Haman in front of her husband, King Ahasuerus and denounced Haman's plot to annihilate the entire Jewish population of Persia (descendants of the Abyssinian and Babylonian captivities). Haman had cast lots (purim) to fix the day of this genocide. Esther's plea won; Haman was executed. Purim is a joyful celebration in thanksgiving for Esther's courageous acts and God's faithfulness.



## PESACH (PASSOVER)

... remembers the night before the Exodus when the Angel destroyed all the first-born of Egypt but passed over the lamb-bloodied households of the Israelites. For Messianic Jews it is the focal time for remembering the perfect sacrificial Lamb -- Jesus.

## YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY)

... is a day now observed in Israel in memory of the Holocaust victims.

## YOM HAZIKARON (REMEMBRANCE DAY)

... is a day to remember those of Israel's military who died in the line of duty and those who have been killed by acts of terrorism.

## YOM HA'ATZMA'UT (INDEPENDENCE DAY)

... commemorates May 14, 1948 when modern Israel proclaimed her independence.

## SHAVUOT (FEAST OF WEEKS OR PENTECOST)

... also known as the Feast of First Fruits, it celebrates the time of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Messianic Jews also celebrate the birthday of the Church on this day.

"Your representative's Passover presentation was one of the most meaningful communion services I have witnessed."

Emmanuel Gospel Church, Lowe Farm, MB