



CANADIAN NEWS

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Dear Canadian Jewish Missions Partner,

Shalom in Jesus' name! This year, October has been a very significant and busy month for Chosen People Ministries for various reasons.

High Holy Days

On Wednesday, October 2, at Kehillat Eytz Chaim/Tree of Life Congregation in Toronto we celebrated the Biblical **Feast of Trumpets**, now known to Israel as **Rosh Hashanah** or the civil New Year 5785. Our other fellowships, Kehilat HaTikvah/Congregation of Hope in Winnipeg and Kehila Kumi Ori/Arise & Shine Congregation in Hamilton had similar services at that time as well.

This was a time for us to remember God as Creator and Sovereign over the world and Redeemer of His people. We retold the story of the binding of Isaac by his father Abraham – with a special focus on how God provided a sacrificial ram in place of Isaac as a preview of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Messiah, who died in our place for the forgiveness of our sins.

On October 11 and October 12, our Toronto, Winnipeg and Hamilton congregations held special services for **Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement**, Israel's holiest day of the year. On this day when Jewish people across the world stop to fast, confess and repent of their sins, we – as Jewish followers of Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah – emphasized the sacrifice He made "once and for all" (Hebrews 7:27; 9:12; 10:10) so we can be forgiven today through faith in His atonement!

Remembrance & Prayer

On October 6 – in the midst of our High Holy Days observances, we held a special **Remembrance and Prayer event** at our Toronto Messianic Centre to commemorate the first anniversary of the horrific attack on Israel on **October 7, 2023**. It was well attended, not only by our friends and donors, but by other guests from the community.

On this solemn evening, we read from the Psalms – passages of comfort and hope for a better future. Special prayers for the families of the victims and

the hostages still held by Hamas were offered by various individuals. We also showed a short video produced by Chosen People Ministries that further emphasized hope for our Jewish people.

As part of the program, we included Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the United Nations that week, for its strong defense of Israel and the biblical foundation for it. You can watch Netanyahu's speech here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV8U3I_ECC4.

The program concluded with the singing of **Hatikvah** (The Hope), Israel's national anthem.

The Feast of Tabernacles

As soon as Yom Kippur had ended, several men from our Toronto congregation built a **sukkah** (tent, temporary dwelling) outside the Toronto Messianic Centre to prepare us to celebrate the **Feast of Sukkot, or Tabernacles**.

During this eight-day festival, we remember the 40 years Israel wandered in the wilderness and lived in tents. We speak about *God's Presence, Provision, Promise, and Prophecy* manifested in so many ways in Israel's life as well as in ours.



Simchat Torah

The Fall Festivals concluded with the joyous and celebratory **Simchat Torah, the Joy of the Torah**. This day celebrates the conclusion of the reading of the Torah cycle in the past year, and the restart of the Torah readings in the new year. It's a beautiful service with praises to the Lord for giving us His Word, reading various portions of

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Scripture, and carrying of the Torah scrolls with dancing, clapping and singing!

Canadian Board of Directors

Lastly, our Board of Directors met in October for one of their regular meetings. One item in the agenda was to say, "Goodbye and thank you," to one of its longest serving directors, **Mr. Gary Smith**, who had announced earlier that the Lord was leading him to step down from the Board due to health issues.

In his book "A Rabbi's Vision," written in 1994 for the 100th anniversary of our Mission, Dr. Harold Sevenser wrote:

"At their September 1984 meeting, the Canadian Board appointed two Directors to the membership – Mr. David Weland and Mr. Gary Smith ... Gary Smith was serving as vice-president of marketing and sales for a national paper company in Canada at the time he joined the Board. His dedication to the Mission and his leadership abilities have made him a valued member of the Board. He currently serves as Chairman of the Canadian Board, in addition to serving on a number of committees" (p.619).

Gary has served our Mission faithfully and exceptionally well for over 40 years! In addition to being Chairman and Secretary of the Canadian Board many times over the years, he also served on the US Board of Directors. Gary and his wife, Priscilla, have been to Israel numerous times and have helped develop the work there as well.

Gary and Priscilla have attended many if not all our annual Haverim-Friends Messianic Bible Conferences held at Guelph and other locations. It was at the 2010 Haverim conference that Gary welcomed me as the new Executive Director for Chosen People Ministries (Canada). He has been a great help and inspiration to me as I learned my way into this position.

Gary will be sorely missed and hard to replace. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude to the Smiths for giving of themselves to the Mission for such a long time. We can only repeat the Lord's words found in Matthew 25:23, **"Well done, good and faithful servant."** May the Lord continue to use you for His glory!

Our Board is looking for someone to fill Gary's vacancy. If you or someone you know would be willing and available to serve in a volunteer capacity, please contact me directly. I would be



From Left: Doug Hill (Board Chair) with Gary and Priscilla Smith at the 2024 Haverim Conference in Toronto.

pleased to provide you with the qualifications and responsibilities of the position.

In other news ... we are grateful to the Lord for the responses we've received to other positions we have advertised in the areas of Church Ministries, the Toronto Messianic Centre, and Missions. *Please pray for God's guidance as we consider the various applicants.*

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of our Mission to the Jews.

From all our Canadian staff, blessings to you in Messiah Jesus!

Until all Israel is saved,

Jorge Sedaca
Executive Director



PS: This month, we're sending you our annual evangelistic issue of *The Chosen People*. Do you have a Jewish friend? As the Lord leads ... you may want to share this issue. God bless you!

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