

LCJE Bulletin

Issue 97, August 2009

Networking Jewish Evangelism



Lausanne Consultation
on Jewish Evangelism

Arthur Goldberg – In Memoriam

By Dr. Gershon Nerel, Yad Hashmona, Israel



Arthur and Zella Goldberg at the LCJE international conference, Helsinki, 2003.

Although I knew Arthur already as a teenager in the late 1960s, when we met at the old Mission House in Beer Sheva, it was only several decades later that I had the opportunity to closely cooperate with him when both of us served, since the early 1990s, on the Executive Board of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of Israel (MJAI). Arthur was not merely the treasurer of the MJAI but was also a faithful friend who did his best to use every chance to tell anyone who would listen about his/our Savior, Yeshua. Arthur's passion for sharing his trust, joy and hope in the Lord Messiah accompanied him until his last day.

Arthur David Goldberg was born in Baltimore, USA (October 9, 1940), and was buried in Modi'in (April 28, 2009), between Jerusalem

and Tel Aviv. His dynamic lifetime reflected his energetic personality. In July 1966 he made *Aliya* (immigrated) to Israel with his wife Zella and 2 children (David and Jonathan). His studies at *Moody Bible Institute* in Chicago (1963-1966) followed his service in the American Navy (1958-1962). In Israel the family was enlarged with three more children: Nathan, Joel and Michelle ("Mishi"). For 30 years Arthur worked as a licensed aircraft mechanic with TWA in Israel (1972-2002).

Throughout retirement he filled his time as a pensioner mainly with visiting believers and congregations around the country, encouraging and supporting those in need and distress.

For long years Arthur contributed much of his time as a full member on different committees both locally and overseas. He functioned as an elder in several congregations in the land – in the Messianic Assembly in Jerusalem (56 Prophets Street), in the Messianic congregation in Rishon-Letzion as well as in *Keren Yeshua* congregation in Tel Aviv, and finally in the Modi'in Assembly. He also served as the Israeli LCJE Coordinator for two periods: 1995-1999 and 1999-2003. In his reports and articles he always tried

to portray an authentic picture of the Messianic scene in the land.

Arthur especially loved children ("our younger generation" in his parlance), and always reminded us to support their education. He often encouraged various study and training opportunities for younger believers. For many years he and Zella consistently helped in organizing summer and youth camps, starting with Warren and Linda Graham of the C&MA (now retired in the USA), in places such as Beer Sheva, Jerusalem and Eilat. When the numbers of Messianic children and Messianic congregations grew rapidly in the land and one annual camp became too small to host all those who wanted to attend, Arthur was also instrumental in the establishment of new summer camps which took place at the Baptist Village near Petah Tikva (Sharon Plain). Actually he and Zella assisted Marsha Smith with the youth camps (*Clei HaYotser* - "Potter's Wheel") not only in the summertime but also during vacations from school during the holy days of Passover and Hannuka.

My closer acquaintance with Arthur developed within a small panel of three persons including Hanan Lukatz, chairman of MJAI, as we worked

together in social-charitable activities. With other members of the Board (Asher Intrater, Zvi Randelman, Berili Belai and Danny Sayag), we focused on the annual *Shavuot* (Pentecost) national gathering of many believers celebrating the festival of *Bikurim* (First Fruits) at Yad Hashmona. In these large crowds with more than a thousand participants, Arthur emo-

tionally expressed his excitement and happiness like a child while meeting old friends and seeing the colorful body of believers having a free time of fellowship.

Together with Zella, Arthur was well known for opening his home to many visitors with a welcoming hospitality that both of them offered. In meetings, Arthur had not only a loud voice but also a big heart for the

Lord and for the body of believers. We shall remember his warmth, his faithfulness and his enthusiasm in everything he did. "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please..." (Isaiah 55:11).

Gershon Nerel
g-nerel@smile.net.il

Mishkan

is a quarterly journal dedicated to biblical and theological thinking on issues related to Jewish evangelism, Messianic-Jewish identity and Jewish-Christian relations. Mishkan is published by Pasche Institute in cooperation with Caspari Center for Biblical and Jewish Studies and CJF Ministries.

Annual subscriptions available at www.mishkanstore.org.

LCJE Meetings

LCJE North America

1-3 March, 2010, in Atlanta
28-30 March, 2011, in St. Louis
5-7 March, 2012, in San Diego
Contact Jim Sibley
na-director@lcje.net

LCJE Europe

19-22/23 April, 2010 in Krakow, Poland
22 April after lunch: Optional tour to Auschwitz and Schindler's Fabrik, and extra night in Krakow (22 to 23 April)
Contact Jean-Paul Rempp
jpnremppbn@wanadoo.fr

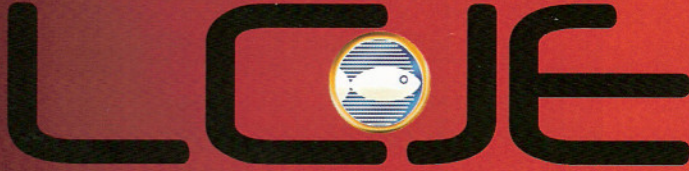
LCJE South Africa

15 October 2010 in Cape Town, South Africa
Contact Cecilia Burger
simcha@mweb.co.za

LCJE International

Ninth International LCJE conference is scheduled for 7-12 August, 2011 (venue to be announced later).

Networking Jewish Evangelism



Lausanne Consultation
on Jewish Evangelism

President Tuvya Zaretsky twovya@aol.com

International Coordinator Kai Kjær-Hansen lcje.int@gmail.com

International Committee Members

Ann Hilsden ahilsden@kkcj.org

Mitch Glaser MitchGlase@aol.com

Area Coordinators

AustralAsia Bob Mendelsohn BobMendo@aol.com

Europe Jean-Paul Rempp jpnremppbn@wanadoo.fr

Israel David Zadok David@ha-gefen.org.il

Japan Teiichiro Kuroda lcjeyapan@hotmail.com

North America Jim Sibley na-director@lcje.net

Latin America David Sedaca david@chosenpeople.com

South Africa Cecilia Burger simcha@mweb.co.za

International Coordinator & International Mailing Address

Kai Kjær-Hansen, Box 11, DK 8520 Lystrup, Denmark

lcje.int@gmail.com

Website www.LCJE.net

ISSN 1016-2089