

Introducing new Regional Director for ICEJ Canada East (Atlantic)

We are very pleased to introduce to you our Eastern Regional Director from Tangier, Nova Scotia, Mary Ann Gilbert and her husband, Bill. Mary Ann came on board in the summer of 2005 and she has already had considerable contact within the Christian and Jewish communities and will be spearheading our first exhibit at Missions Fest Halifax from March 3



**Mary Ann and Bill Gilbert
 ICEJ Canada East
 Regional Director**

to 5. Mary Ann and Bill own a bed and breakfast in Nova Scotia called "The Osprey & the Loon" and are longtime supporters of ICEJ and Israel. Here is an excerpt from Mary Ann's profile:

"My first trip to Israel took place in the fall of 1985 when I traveled as a pilgrim to the Christian Celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles presented by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ). My many subsequent trips were taken often to volunteer at the ICEJ both during the Feast and at other times as a substitute for a staff member on furlough. Such trips included an extended stay in 1992 with my husband and son during Bill's sabbatical year. I have also traveled to Israel on tours both as a leader and participant. Such extensive visits to Israel laid the foundation for many long-term relationships as well as contacts for suppliers for our store.

"Bill has been a supporter of my work in Israel and has enjoyed two long stays himself. The first was, as mentioned, in 1992 when he worked at Hebrew University, in Givat Ram, on sabbatical research projects and as a volunteer for the Feast. During his second trip, winter of 2004, we traveled the country expanding and establishing relationships with the suppliers of our store." Join us in welcoming Mary Ann and Bill to our ICEJ Canada team. Visit and have a chat with Mary Ann and Bill at Missions Fest Halifax March 3-5. For a complete profile on Mary Ann and Bill, go to:

www.icejcanada.org/about/profiles/maryannegilbert.htm



**Donna visits the Gilbert's with
 Pastors and Prayer Group in
 June 2005 - Tangier, Nova Scotia**

Mark Your Calendars! MissionsFest 2006

We have spread our wings across this great nation of ours and will be participating in every MissionsFest this year. Come see us in your area. We would love to chat with you about our upcoming FOT trip, Grafted, and other special activities happening in your area, in Canada and in Israel.

- Vancouver: January 27-29 (great success)**
www.missionsfestvancouver.ca
- Winnipeg: February 3-5 (see report pg.3)**
www.mfest.mb.ca
- Edmonton: February 24-26**
www.mfest.ab.ca
- Halifax: March 3-5**
www.jesustothenations.com
- Toronto: March 24-25**
www.missionfest.org

**2006 Grafted
 Israel Summer Outreach**
 Bring your youth groups!
 Exciting programs for ages 18 - 30
 Next trip: June 14-25 and Oct [Feast]
www.grafted.org

**One Free World International
 Human Rights Conference**
 Hosted by President & Founder Rev Majed El Shafie
 Toronto & Ottawa November 2005 with Guest
 Speakers
 Addressing Christian Persecution and Anti-Semitism



L-R Harvey Haber, Israel Ambassador to Canada Alan Baker, Shirley Ann Haber - Media Action Group, Donna Holbrook, Leo Adler National Director Simon Wiesenthal Canada

Book Review – The Plight of Palestinian Christians

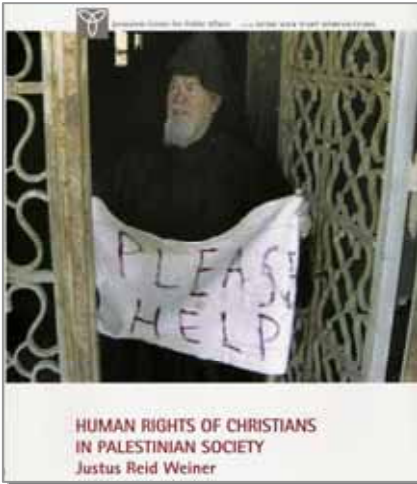
Justus Reid Weiner, is a friend of ICEJ and professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is a human rights lawyer and Scholar-in-Residence at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, which is an independent, not-for-profit institute for policy research and education. In his recently released monograph, he examines the lack of **Human Rights of Christians in Palestinian Society**. Here is an excerpt from the monograph:

“Palestinian Christians are a religious minority whose unique interests and problems have received scant attention. They are a group that has faced almost uninterrupted persecution in the years since the Oslo (1993) peace process began, suffering from the difficulties of being a religious minority living in a Palestinian Authority whose inner workings, both from a legal and societal perspective, are often governed by strict adherence to Muslim religious law.”

“They are a group that has been abandoned by its leaders, who have chosen to curry favour with the Palestinian leadership by refusing to acknowledge the magnitude of the threat. They are a group whose persecution has gone almost entirely ignored by the international community, the relevant NGOs, and other human rights advocates.”

Based on Justus’ research and interviews, Donna on behalf of ICEJ Canada was invited to give a PowerPoint presentation to shed more light on the plight of Palestinian Christians to two different audiences: Majed El Shafie’s One Free World International Human Rights conference in Toronto in November ; and more recently at the University of Toronto by invitation of Betar-Tagar, a Jewish students’ campus group and the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies. Please pray for blessings, protection, provisions and God’s grace, mercy, joy, peace and love upon the Palestinian Christians in Israel, in the Palestinian Authority territories and around the world. For more information, Justus’ monograph is online in PDF format at:

www.jcpa.org/text/Christian-Persecution-Weiner.pdf



Cross Canada ICEJ Tour

**Malcolm Hedding,
Executive Director &
Chuck King Music Director**

Malcolm will be a key plenary speaker at **MissionFest Toronto**:

March 24 – Pastors and Leaders’ Luncheon for “The Church and Israel” For reservations: info@missionfest.org

March 25 – 11:20 a.m. Worship with Chuck followed by Malcolm’s topic, “Understanding Israel”.

The 2 day event will be held at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Rd. N of 401 E of 427

Malcolm, Chuck and Donna Tour: Halifax, NS Meetings hosted by our Eastern Regional Director, Mary Ann Gilbert from March 27 & 28th

Victoria, BC hosted by Jan & Stuart Wilson March 31st

Vancouver BC hosted by our Western Regional Director, Rev. Kenneth Smith from March 29 – April 2nd

Please contact ICEJ Canada for the specific venues for these cities:

1-866-324-9133 or by email: info@icejcanada.org

Check website for updates: www.icejcanada.org



**Malcolm Hedding
ICEJ Executive Director**



**Chuck King
ICEJ Music Director**

Jude Hodgson, the Executive Director of MissionFest Toronto, wrote an article for the *Christian Herald* about her trip to ICEJ’s Feast of Tabernacles. Here is an excerpt from her article:

Tel Aviv, 3:30am, October 22nd

“It’s the middle of the night here at the Ben Gurion Airport yet you would think it was the middle of the day with the number of flights coming and going. I have mixed feelings about leaving Israel this time – the reality of life here – the many factions and opinions spin around in my head. But above it all, I feel so privileged to have come, to have been part of the Feast of Tabernacles, to march in the annual Jerusalem March along with 6,000 other Christians from 70 different countries amid thousands of Israelis. To see the Bible come to life in all of the touring we did in and around Jerusalem, what an amazing trip this has been...”

“There are many Christian groups working in Israel today, when you pray, please remember them all, pray for understanding and grace and most of all, pray for peace.”



L-R Jane Hiebert, Carol Miles-Key Organizer, Emily Swar - Volunteers

Mission Fest Winnipeg

"It was our second year with ICEJ's presence in Manitoba's MissionsFest Feb. 3-5, 2006. Attendance was about the same as last year but we had many more young people who were genuinely concerned about Israel and interested in ICEJ's Grafted program. A BIG THANKS to volunteers Jane Hiebert, Daniel & Rhonda Borden, Leonard Gerbrandt, Emily Swar and Carol Cariou.

Many people who had been at our booth last year stopped in to say hello and were interested in purchasing Feast of Tabernacles material. Winners of the draw were Geoffrey Hui (*Myths and Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict* book) and Matthew Hofer (*Tenach* in Hebrew/English)". Report by Carol Miles

Aliyah



ICEJ Monthly Prayer Group with Nisan, (front centre) one of several olim who received gifts of money to make Aliyah to Israel.

With your help through donations and prayers, ICEJ Canada has been able to help eight Jewish people with Russian background from Toronto & Montreal to make Aliyah in 2005. When asked why they are going back to Israel, they all said with their hearts: "It's home." ICEJ Aliyah from North American is made possible through: Ministry to Israel, ICEJ Finland & Finnish Exodus Committee, ICEJ Canada & ICEJ Russian Branch with co-ordination by Howard Flowers-Director.

Beit Yael

Rena Cohen who was born in Calgary, Canada and moved to Israel several years ago, invited me to visit her on our FOT trip in 2005 in Safed at her workplace, Beit Yael: The Center for the Advancement of the Blind. I will keep her on our tour from now on. She gave us a wonderful perspective of the Israelis in that community and was a terrific inspiration for us with the work she does at the Center. She was our



L-R Genya Intrator, Donna Holbrook, Rena Cohen of Beit Yael, Safat Israel

guest speaker at our Dec. 12 prayer meeting. Beit Yael serves the blind and visually impaired Israeli community regardless of age, ethnic background or the ability to pay by empowering them to function effectively and to reach their maximum potential. Through its various programs, the staff works to instill the ability and skills that allow these individuals to cope with their lives and the motivation to achieve their ambitions.

Pray for God's blessings upon the continuous efforts of this organization. If you would like to visit the Center or donate, please contact Rena Cohen, Director of Development at: info@beityael.org or www.beityael.org

Testimonials from ICEJ Feast of Tabernacles 2005

Every second spent in Israel exceeded any expectation I may have had, especially the biblical sights. For the most part, I felt very safe. Security checks are a way of life here. The Israeli army appears very prepared and I know my friends back home have been praying for us daily. This country and especially its people will always be in my heart! Sally W.

I really enjoyed this trip. It was on a spiritual plain for me. The tour team was great. Irma W.

You will never be the same - come, come, come! Ruth A.

My experience at Mount Olives moved me to tears when I realized Jesus weeping here for the city of Jerusalem. How He loves her and I love her also. Michelle P.

Leslie P. came on the trip as part of Grafted.

My trip to Israel was overwhelming and life changing. Each day had something new and exciting to experience whether it was being baptized in the Jordan River, partaking in the Jerusalem March, riding a camel, or visiting the pools of Bethesda. Before this trip I thought that my faith was as strong as it was ever going to be. Now that I have been to Israel with the Grafted group I now know that my faith will be a life long journey.



For ages 18-30

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Note for everyone: We need your e-mail address.

If you are not currently receiving our *Word from Jerusalem* magazine, please contact us.

2006 Feast of Tabernacles

Plan on **this** being the year to go to Israel! Ask how you can go **free!**
Next Trip: October 3-14th
[opt extension to 17th]
"The Great Hosanna"
See enclosed flyer for details and our website:
www.icejcanada.org



"The Feast" Canadian Delegation in Israel
Jerusalem March

About the ICEJ

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) was founded in 1980 as an act of comfort and solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people in their claim to Jerusalem.

Today, the ICEJ stands at the forefront of a growing mainstream movement of Christians worldwide who share a love and concern for Israel and an understanding of the biblical significance of the modern ingathering of Jews to the land of their forefathers.

From our headquarters in Jerusalem and through our branches and representatives in more than 80 nations, we seek to challenge the Church to take up its scriptural responsibilities towards the Jewish people, to remind Israel of the wonderful promises made to her in the Bible and to be a source of practical assistance to all the people of the Land of Israel.

The ICEJ is a non-denominational faith ministry, supported by the voluntary contributions of our members and friends worldwide. We invite you to join with us as we bring comfort to Israel and the Jewish people around the globe.

Your contributions will be designated, as you request, to Social Assistance, Gaza Disengagement, Aliyah, Grafted, The Covenant, Passover Appeal, VOT and where most needed.

We Need Your Help...Really Do!

When you support Israel, God blesses you Gen 12:3.

Here are some opportunities for you to participate:

- Prayer Partners & Intercessors
- Donors
- Volunteers
- Church and Provincial Representatives
- Hosts for ICEJ meetings & home groups
- Pilgrims to Israel
- MissionsFest booth sponsors (Halifax, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver)
- Office Resources ie laser printer, computer programs

New Educational Material

Four-Part Biblical Zionism Series by Malcolm Hedding, ICEJ Executive Director

Malcolm Hedding, a credentialed minister with the Assemblies of God of Southern Africa, has a profound ability to teach and impart truth concerning God's heart for the nation and people of Israel. He is an astute theologian and is one of the most articulate speakers today on the scriptural basis for Christian support of Israel.

Part 1 – The Basis of Christian Support for Israel

Part 2 – The Heart of Biblical Zionism

Part 3 – The Great Covenants of the Bible

Part 4 – The New Testament and Israel

The Celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles

Set of 5 booklets = \$32

Set of 5 Audio Discs of 9 CDs = \$40

Special Price Complete Set = \$65

Fill out the attached 2005 Feast of Tabernacles Tape & Book Order Form [yellow golden] and mail it to ICEJ Canada, Toronto.

Coming to Canada May 2007

