

How to be Born Again



Jesus and Nicodemus in John 3

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Who was Nicodemus?



- Leader
- Member of the Sanhedrin
- Pharisee
- Head of a Yeshiva
- Secret Believer?

Nicodemus - Secret Believer?

- Comes by night
- Nikodemos (νικη – δημος) conqueror of the people – Balaam!
- Keeps faith secret
- “who was one of them” (John 7:50-51)
- Provides 33kg of myrrh and spices (John 19:39-42)



Haredi Identity – 9 Parameters

1. Jewish religious faith that is total
2. Uncompromising adherence to Orthodox Jewish law that is interpreted stringently
3. Extensive societal monitoring
4. Torah scholarship as the highest goal
5. Complete subordination to rabbinic authority
6. A world view that is conservative and puritanical
7. A messianic belief that rejects the Zionist vision
8. Parochialism
9. Traditional garb



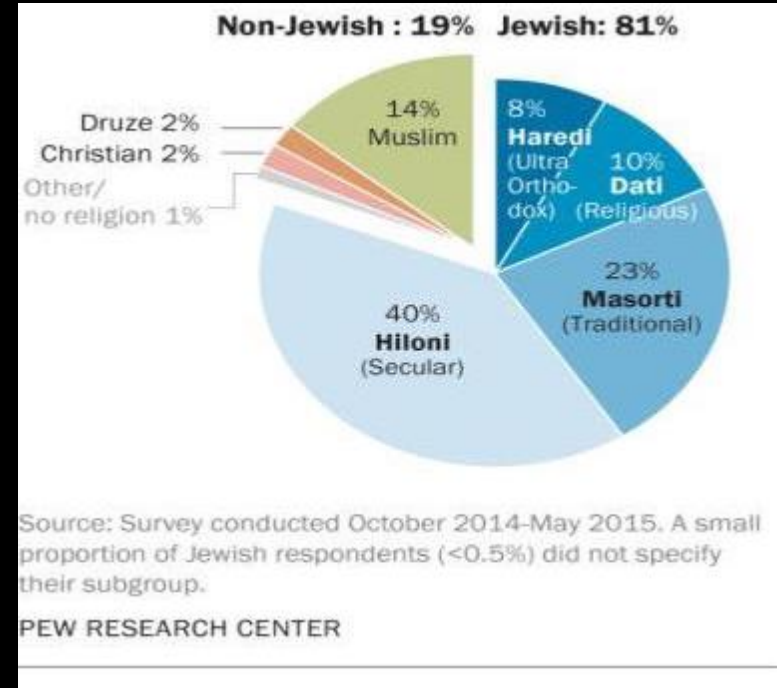
1.6 million Haredim worldwide
800,000 in Israel.

1/3 of Jerusalem's Jewish
population: **176,000**

FACT: 48,613 – **65% of
primary school children** in
Haredi institutions.

INSIGHT: Israeli haredi
population will double in 10
years

As a ministry we cannot ignore
this segment of our people in
our work. It will be a large part
of our future.



Haredi Men's Team

- Mea Shearim focus
- Comic posters
- Hitch-hikers
- Secret disciples
- Ongoing follow-up
- Please sign up to receive updates for prayer



What did Yeshua mean?

While Jesus was in Jerusalem one of the rulers of the Jews, a man named Nicodemus, came to see him. He came in the night, perhaps because he was afraid to be seen coming in the daytime. He said to Jesus, "Master, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no man can do these wonderful things that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "I say to you in truth, that unless a man is born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God,"

- "Born again"
- Greek *Genethe anothēn* – *Born from above*
 - *Born anew/again*
 - *Hebrew Beriah Hadashah*
- *Kingdom of God*
 - *Basileia tou theou*
 - *Hebrew Malkut Hashamayim*

What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant?

- Born again = re-enter the womb
- Kingdom of God = the reign of God on earth



Birth, naming, circumcision

- “O my God, the soul which you gave me is pure, you created it, you fashioned it, you breathed it into me” (Morning Prayers, Berakhot 60b)
- *Brit Milah* - Covenant of circumcision (Gen. 17:9-14, Luke 2:21)- on 8th day



Beriah Chadash – New Creation (1)

- A Gentile becomes a Jew
- Sacrifice in the Temple
- Immersion in Mikveh
- Circumcision for men



New Creation (2) – Becoming King

- A man from the House of David
- Crowned King over Israel
- *David Melech Yisrael – chai, chai, v'kayam*
- (David King of Israel, he lives, he lives and will arise again!)



Bar-Mitzvah as 'born again' (3)

- Boys at age of thirteen, girls at twelve (Orthodox *Bat Chayil*, Reform *Bat-Mitzvah*)
- *Aliyah* (call up) to read the Torah in Synagogue, and deliver address
- Did Jesus have a *bar mitzvah* (Luke 2:41-52)?
- Liberal Jews have confirmation service for group at 16



Marriage as 'born again' (4)

- The role of the *shadchan* - matchmaker
- *Kiddushin* (betrothal) followed by *nisuin* (marriage)
- The function of the *chupah* - wedding canopy



Becoming a Rabbi as 'born again'

(5)

- Being ordained a rabbi
- Accepting the authority of the Written Law (*Torah she biktav*)
- Teaching the Oral Law (*Torah she b'al peh*)



Becoming Head of a Yeshiva (6)

- *Rosh Yeshiva – Head of Yeshiva*
- *HaRav – the Master/Teacher*
- *Greek ho didaskalos*



Being truly 'born again' (7)

- New relationships - old things pass away or seen in new light
- New state – sins forgiven and gift of the Holy Spirit
- New family – the family of God
- New role – to be a disciple
- Are you 'born again'?



Meine jüdische Familie und deren Herkunft Deutschland



Richard Harvey

Salomon Herz Hirschland

born Steinheim, Westphalia 1766



Essen 1812 – 1882

- Salomon (1799-1869) — Veterinarian – father of
- Abraham (1801-1866) — Merchant and Lottery Agent
- Levi (1804-1863) — Weaver, Butcher & Banker
- Simon (1807-1885) — Banker & Trader
- Moses (1810-1888) — Doctor of Medicine



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Brothers Hirschland, London



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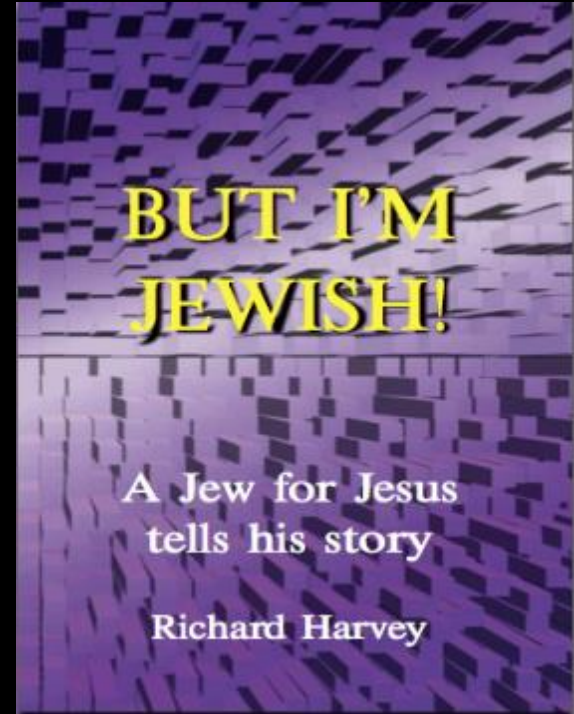
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From Richard Hirschland to Richard Harvey

- Anthony Adolph Hirschland becomes Anthony Harvey
- Becoming a believer in Yeshua (1973)
- London Messianic Congregation (1979)
- Married to Monica (1987)
- Children Rebekah and Joshua
- Three grandchildren

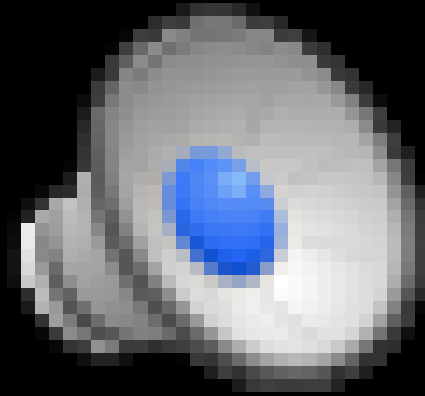


Conclusion

- You can't enter the Kingdom of God any other way!
- If being born once hasn't given you much satisfaction, try being born again!
- 'Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved (Paul in Romans 10:4)
- Preach the Gospel to All Nations, starting at the House of Israel



Jerusalem Report 1



Jerusalem Report 2

