

# JEW FOR JUDAISM SPEAKERS' BUREAU

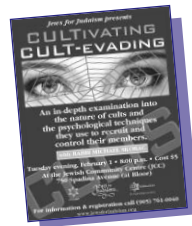
**D**ynamic and highly acclaimed programs that will enlighten and inspire your synagogue, organization, JCC, school, university campus...

*Jews for Judaism's educational programs:*

- are a powerful way of strengthening our communities against the threat of deceptive and aggressive missionaries
- stimulate an honest assessment of our spiritual health and are an inspiring catalyst for positive change
- use an innovative interactive format to inoculate our youth against manipulative cult recruiters
- strengthen Jewish identity and commitment

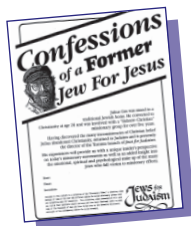
You can play a pivotal role in helping bring Jews for Judaism's vital programs to your community! Please pass this brochure on to your synagogue, organization or school program coordinator.

practising Buddhism come from a Jewish background. With his recent journey to conduct Passover Seders in India as a backdrop, Rabbi Michael Skobac explores why so many Jews are attracted by Eastern teachings and explains that what they are seeking lies so close to home.



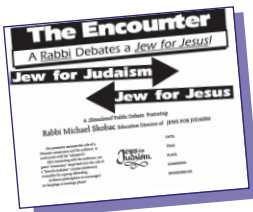
## CULTIVATING CULT-EVADING

This special program for teens explores the techniques that are used by everyone from salespeople to cult recruiters to influence our thinking and behaviour. This program aims to help students become more "street smart" and less vulnerable to being manipulated. Through a series of interactive demonstrations, experiments, case studies, and video clips, students will become aware of why our instinctual defenses sometimes fail us and how our critical thinking can be derailed.



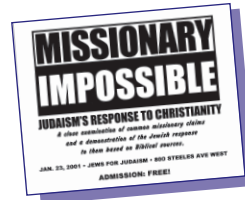
## CONFESSIONS OF A FORMER JEW FOR JESUS

Julius Ciss' riveting story of his five-year involvement in the "Hebrew Christian" movement is a unique "insider's" perspective on a process that has ensnared thousands of Jews. Julius recounts his discovery of why Judaism rejects the missionary message, and describes the return to his own faith, ultimately leading him to establish the Canadian branch of Jew for Judaism.



## THE ENCOUNTER: A Simulated Debate Between a Rabbi and a Jew for Jesus

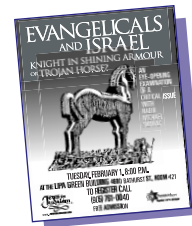
In this explosive program, the audience comes face-to-face with a missionary who shares the case for Christianity. Of course, the "missionary" role is convincingly played by our speaker who leaves and returns when the rabbi is introduced. The Jews for Judaism rabbi debriefs the audience, explaining the tactics used by the missionary and the flaws in his arguments.



## MISSIONARY IMPOSSIBLE: Judaism's Response to Christianity

Why doesn't Judaism believe in Jesus?

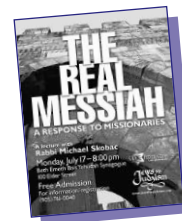
How do we respond to missionaries who claim that the Jewish Bible points to Jesus as the Messiah? What do we do to atone for our sins today in the absence of Temple sacrifices? Why don't we include the New Testament as part of our Bible? What is the Jewish belief about Satan? We will work with your group to put together a custom made program that deals with these and other substantive issues in the Jewish/Christian interface.



## EVANGELICALS & ISRAEL: Knight in Shining Armor or Trojan Horse?

The "Christian Right" has emerged as the most enthusiastic supporters of Israel

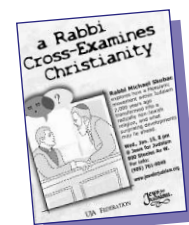
in the world. At the same time, all Evangelicals believe that it is their responsibility to bring all people, including Jews, to Christian faith. This lecture examines the many reasons that draw Evangelicals to Israel and the complex nature of their relationship with the Jewish community, specifically focusing on the issue of conversion.



## THE REAL MESSIAH: A Response to Missionaries

Does the Bible provide a clear template for who the Messiah will be and what he will do?

How do we know if this template is trustworthy? This lecture provides refreshing insights into this fascinating issue, and examines how Christianity developed a distorted Messianic vision.



## A RABBI CROSS-EXAMINES CHRISTIANITY

Rabbi Michael Skobac takes you on a fascinating exploration of how a small Messianic

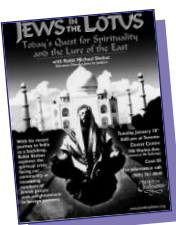


## THE BATTLE FOR THE JEWISH SOUL:

### *The Missionary Threat to the Jewish Community*

An eye-opening exposé of today's growing missionary problem, and how it affects our community.

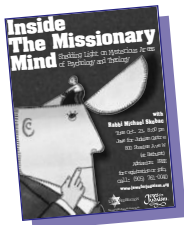
Why are some Christian denominations obsessed with converting Jewish people? We examine this question and analyze the new methods missionaries now use with devastating success. The presentation includes the screening of a dramatic video that takes you inside the "Hebrew-Christian" movement and graphically illustrates the magnitude of the problem. The audience is inevitably provoked into a discussion of why so many of our people have not connected with Judaism, leaving them vulnerable to evangelical missionaries, and what we can do about it.



## JEW IN THE LOTUS: Today's Quest for Spirituality and the Lure of the East

In North America, about one-fourth of those

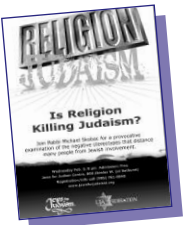
movement within Judaism, 2,000 years ago, transformed into a radically non-Jewish world religion. In this lecture, you will learn about the Jewish roots of Christianity, how those roots became obscured over the course of time and what surprising developments may lie ahead.



### INSIDE THE MISSIONARY MIND

Some intriguing paradoxes emerge at the intersection of Christian theology, psychology and philosophy. Judaism

and Christianity frequently approach spiritual issues from totally opposite perspectives. This lecture probes these areas and provides some insight into the ways that missionaries think.



### IS RELIGION KILLING JUDAISM?

This revealing presentation examines some of the negative stereotypes that people have about religion and how Judaism suffers by

association. The issues addressed include today's preference for spirituality over religion, the sentiment that religion is a "crutch for those who need it" and the contention that religions divide people, thereby causing strife in the world.



### MEETING TODAY'S CHALLENGES TO JEWISH SURVIVAL

A recent full-page ad in Jewish publications warned, "If You're Jewish, Chances Are That Your

Grandchildren Won't Be". Our program examines four serious threats to Jewish continuity: aggressive Christian evangelism, manipulative cults, intermarriage and the lure of Eastern religions, as well as the ways to meet these challenges.



### THE DA VINCI CODE: A Jewish Perspective

Dan Brown's best-selling novel has become a cultural phenomenon. We will discuss the reasons for this popularity, its significance and will

critically examine the major premises of the book. Brown's assertion that the Church has covered up the real history of Christianity emerges in a work of fiction. This lecture will explore an alternative vision of this concealed history that has been growing in popularity in scholarly circles.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS

- *The Power of Persuasion*
- *Catching the Spirit of Jewish Spirituality*
- *Scripture Twisting: How Missionaries Misread the Bible*
- *The Mussar Path of Personal Growth and Spirituality*
- *"Love and Legacy" (Trigger Film and Discussion on Interdating and Intermarriage)*
- *da'at . calm: A Jewish Approach to Inner Peace*
- *The Domino Effect: Judaism & Christianity and the Parting of the Ways*
- *Judaism's Bottom Line*
- *What We Can Learn from Jews Who Stray*
- *Everyday, Down to Earth Spirituality*
- *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*
- *Catching the Spirit of Jewish Spirituality*
- *Conveying the Beauty of Judaism*
- *A Jewish Understanding of Satan*
- *The Directed Soul: Exploring Jewish Meditation*
- *Jewish Passion - Passionate Judaism*
- *The Spirituality of Giving*
- *Jewish Home Improvement: Establishing a Solid Spiritual Foundation*
- *Judaism on Tolerance*
- *Judaism Out of the Box: Beyond Religion to Spirituality*
- *Judaism and Vegetarianism*
- *Green Judaism: Torah and Ecology*
- *Kaballah for Dummies*

## FEEDBACK

"My sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful presentation that you delivered...Both the content and delivery of your speech were superb and the crowd is still raving about it."

*Rabbi Meir Gittlin, Chabad Lubavitch of Markham*

"Our students were challenged by your delivery and benefited from the diversity of information. Thank you for transforming the day into an experience worth remembering."

*Kathy Friedman, Vice-Principal, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto*

"Great course! I enjoyed it all and feel very grateful that I came upon it at the exact time that it was needed. My son is no longer interested in Christianity, and in fact has done a complete turn around, now actively seeking out classes on Judaism. Thanks a lot!"

*H.P. from Toronto, who attended the Survival Seminar with her son who was involved in a Christian group*

"On behalf of the USY'ers, I would like to thank you for the outstanding, thought provoking educational programs that you presented..."

*Arlyne Bochnick, Regional Director, USY*

"Each one of your talks was met with tremendous enthusiasm and appreciation. Your dynamic and eloquent speaking style, coupled with your sharing of a very personal story in an honest, passionate and humorous manner, and your effortless citations from Scripture (both "old" and "new") made for riveting and mind searing presentations. Your appearance here has had a profound, and, I would judge, lasting effect on the hundreds who came out to hear you. As you saw, the college students were reluctant to leave, even after many hours..."

*Rabbi Aaron Slonim, Chabad House Jewish Student Centre Binghamton, New York*

"I can't thank you enough for the wonderful workshop on Cults and Missionaries. Every person present came over to me at some point to tell me how important and informative the workshop was..."

*Rabbi Gary M. Bretton-Granatoor Union of American Hebrew Congregations, New York*