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## Rabbi Marty's European Trip



Rabbi Marty and David Pyles

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*My wife, Kelsey, and I serve as leaders of the Welcome Team at Baruch HaShem Messianic Synagogue (BHS) in Dallas, Texas. I was invited to attend the inaugural Formation Course at TJCII's Formation Center in Hainburg, Austria in May 2019.*

*The Formation Course was a life changing experience as it showed the unity realized among believers from different nations, languages and expressions of belief in Yeshua. I am so excited to take what I learned in the Formation Course to help grow TJCII NOW Generation in the U.S.*



*“Adonai has done great things for them.  
Adonai has done great things for us  
and we are filled with joy.” – Psalm 126.3*

## ***We Were Filled With Joy*** *By Bracha*

During the weekend of May 15-19th, an extraordinary revival took place in The Netherlands. We were all filled with great joy!

I was invited to participate in the TJCII Netherlands Conference called **“Looking in the Mirror”** with Rabbi Marty Waldman. This conference was designed to foster a real heart connection between the Christians in attendance and the Messianic Jewish presenters. There was openness by those who attended to hear about the struggle of estrangement and alienation experienced by Jewish followers of Yeshua in the Body of Messiah and the need for reconciliation

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Rabbi Marty presented some of the sayings of the Church fathers that continue to resound in church pulpits today across all denominations. While the Christian church fathers intended to lay a biblical foundation for the building up of the church, the mixture of anti-Jewish remarks and doctrines into that foundation has produced a religious structure that is not aligned with the chief cornerstone.

Here are a few of those sayings:

*“For if we are still practicing Judaism, we admit that we have not received God’s favor...it is wrong to talk about Jesus Christ and live like Jews.” - Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch (98-117A.D.) – Epistle to the Magnesians*

*“The synagogue is worse than a brothel...it is the den of scoundrels...a temple of demons devoted to idolatrous cults...the refuge of brigands and debaucheries and the cavern of devils. It is a criminal assembly of Jews... a place of meeting for the assassins of Christ...” - John Chrysostom (344-407 A.D.)*

*“The Jews are cursed forever...the blessings belong to the Church and the curses belong to the Jews...” - Jerome and Augustine (late 4th cent)*

*“...burnina of svnaoques is pleasina to G-d.” - Bishop Ambros of Milan*



380 A.D.

*“Their [the Jews] rotten and unbending stiff-neckedness deserves that they be oppressed unendingly and without measure or end and that they die in their misery without the pity of anyone.” - John Calvin*

At the hearing of these statements, the Dutch Christians were provoked to repentance by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

As they repented to G-d for each of the anti-Semitic comments, I sat silently and listened to their confession like a witness in a court room trial whose family members were the victims of these hideous crimes. I was shocked at the extent of the tragic influence these sayings of the church fathers have had on the present day church and Christian antisemitism.



As a result of their sincere repentance, there was a spiritual transaction that took place with heaven that caused new relationships to form, old friendships to strengthen, and blessings of healing, hope, and restoration

to be poured out from His Kingdom upon all of those in attendance.

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