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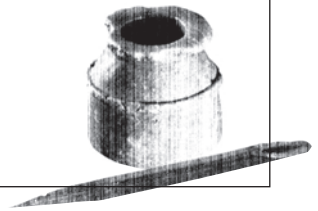
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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Borough Park Symposium

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The greater part of the material in this issue of *Mishkan* stems from the Borough Park Symposium, held at a hotel near LaGuardia Airport, New York, in early October. The organizers of the symposium had wanted to hold the symposium in Borough Park, the heart of the Orthodox Jewish community in New York City. This plan failed, but the name of the symposium was kept.

Three main themes were addressed: 1) The Gospel Message; 2) Salvation and the Jewish People; and 3) Presenting the Gospel to our Jewish People.

Some of the contributions from the symposium printed here have been abbreviated. The organizers plan to publish all contributions full-length in book form.

If it were not known already, the papers at the symposium made it clear that there are rather divergent views among Jesus-believing Jews – not only with reference to methods and strategy, but also in terms of theology where the salvation of Jews is concerned. A few of the speakers seemed to hint at the possibility that Jews who have not accepted the gospel of Jesus are nevertheless included in his salvation.

Apart from half a dozen observers of non-Jewish origin, the speakers and the participants were all Jesus-believing Jews. However, as a non-Jew involved in Jewish evangelism, I could not help but regret the uncertainty about such a crucial point. But this being the situation, I am pleased that there is an ongoing debate about the issue, and it is my hope that this will lead to greater clarity.

Preceding the papers from the Borough Park Symposium is the statement issued by the eighth international LCJE conference, held in August at Lake Balaton, Hungary.