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Today the church needs, as never before, a more profound comprehension of God's Word. In April 2020, responding to God's call to stand for the truth of the Gospel, several pastors and biblical scholars from various evangelical and Messianic Jewish communities convened, expressing their concerns regarding the infiltration of false teachings into the local congregations. The resultant loss of sound doctrine undermines the unity among believers and their relationship with God.

ABOUT US

After much prayer and deliberation, this team of pastors and theologians created a unifying theological statement to help pastors and lay believers reach out to spiritually deceived individuals and families more effectively. This statement is known as the International Apologetics Declaration, and it can be freely accessed here: bibleapologist.org/declarations-en

Envisioning the doctrinal gap among believers, God led our team to address this issue by creating the International Apologetics Declaration as the first project of the International Biblical Apologetics Association, Inc. (IBAA).

This ministry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States. IBAA is a non-denominational outreach ministry that promotes unity among believers without comprising sound doctrine. It strives to spark revival among the Jewish people, identifies and refutes contra-biblical teachings, reaches out to cultists, and trains leaders in evangelism and apologetics. This new apologetics ministry founded by Dr. Igal German and his colleague Michael Karpovetzki seeks to provide pastors and lay believers with tools that address theological and practical challenges in their localities. As Jewish believers in Yeshua (Jesus), Igal and Michael are passionate about evangelism, discipleship, and apologetics.

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Michael Karpovetzki speaking in Ukraine

WHAT MAKES IBAA UNIQUE?

- Reaches out to former professing Christians, Jewish seekers, doubting Messianic Jews, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Christadelphians, Gnostics, Muslims, and others
- Addresses audiences in English, Hebrew, and Russian
- Equips believers with tools to identify contra-biblical teachings
- Stands up against antisemitism and advocates for Israel
- Assists individuals and families recovering from cults and abusive churches
- Offers live advanced biblical courses through Yesod Bible Center
- Conducts Bible conferences, seminars, and theological debates



Mission Trip to Europe

In his mission trip to Germany and Ukraine, Michael Karpovetzki held several key events and conferences representing IBAA ministries. A chaplains' conference was held in Ukraine. Copies of Michael Karpovetzki's books were printed by the Ukrainian Bible Society. Pastoral conferences were held in Strasbourg, Hannover, Berlin, and Duisburg. Another Bible conference was held in Stuttgart with Dr. Roger Libi as the keynote speaker. One of the theological topics covered at that conference was the biblical covenants and the nation of Israel.



Michael networking in Germany

Shomer International

Shomer International is a charity organization serving needy Christian families and Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe. The following we received after our partnership trip with them:

"From the bottom of our hearts, we thank IBAA ministries for another charitable assistance rendered for our Interfaith Jewish-Christian Ministry "Shomer-International" in Belarus in the amount of 400 US dollars. Between 28.11. until 05.12.2021 together we were able to implement some evangelistic

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and humanitarian initiatives within the framework of the Hanukkah-Christmas Marathon of Praise and Help project."

- Purchased and provided assistance of 15 sets of food and medicine for the needy and sick from the Jewish community of Grodno.

- Purchased refreshments (tea/coffee, donuts!), for guests (approx. 40) of a Hanukkah evangelistic Shabbat on December 4 in the building of the Living Word Church of Full Gospel Christians in Grodno.

"May our Lord and Messiah Yeshua bless you! We will be glad to continue our fraternal cooperation!"

*~ Eugene and Tatyana Kolodina
Directors of Shomer International*



Michael's trip to Germany

Completed Ministry Projects

- International Apologetics Declaration released March 1, 2021, in 18 languages
- Prayer rally for Ukraine (March 6, 2022)
- Michael Karpovetzki's books in English, Russian, and Hebrew
- Over 100 articles published on apologetics, hermeneutics, and discernment
- Dr. German's online course on applied apologetics (winter 2021)
- On-site evangelism course taught by Michael Karpovetzki in Israel (fall 2021)
- Dr. German presented two papers at the Evangelical Ministries to New Religions conference held in the USA (April 30, 2021)
- Dr. German's theological debates with: Vlad Valberg, "Gnosticism" (May 15, 2021); Denis Samarin, "Supersessionism" (June 6, 2021); Valentin Mironyuk, "Eschatology" (February 13, 2022); Sergei Timohin, "Marcionism" (April 17, 2022)
- Dr. German's "What's Right or Wrong with Messianic Judaism" podcasts with Dr. Tony Costa (available on IBAA's YouTube channel)
- Dr. German's video interviews with the following ministries: Midwest Christian Outreach, Lamb & Lion, AskDrBrown, Know My Faith, Gilbert House, The Think Institute, Douglas Hamp, Servants of Grace, PORA Apologetics, David Wilber, Real Seekers, Biblical Apologetics, and Six Screens of the Watchtower.
- Humanitarian aid sent to needy Christian families and orphans in Ukraine, Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, and Pakistan
- Alex Kerimli's mini-course on witnessing to Muslims
- Translation of the film "Evangelical Zionism" to Russian



*Interview with Dr. Michael Brown.
Watch here: youtu.be/x1B_5j4CZEU*

Support the ministry financially

This ministry is made possible only through your donations. Your monthly support will enable us to support the team members, aid Ukrainian refugees making their first steps in Israel, & successfully carry out our evangelistic and apologetic campaigns. Donate here: bibleapologist.org/donate-en



Dr. Igal German, Founder

ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Dr. Igal German is a biblical scholar and a Messianic Jewish apologist. Igal holds a Ph.D. in theology with expertise in the Hebrew Bible from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. Dr. German has taught in theological institutions both in Canada and the United States, including Wycliffe College, Moody Theological Seminary, and North Park University. He has been actively involved in a number of apologetics ministries. Igal is also the founder of Yesod Bible Center: yesodbiblecenter.com

Watch Our Welcome Video:



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Upcoming Projects

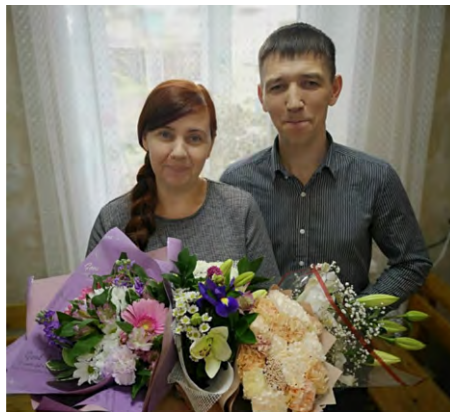
- Develop and launch new YouTube podcasts addressing: (1) counter-missionary Rabbi Michael Finkel; (2) theological deviations in Messianic Judaism; and (3) Gnosticism spreading among ex-evangelicals in central Europe
- Translate Igal's Hebrew book *Rescue the Perishing: A Messianic Guide to Effective Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses* to Russian and English
- Organize theological debates, conferences, seminars, round table talks, podcasts, and prayer rallies for Israel and the persecuted church
- Produce a film featuring testimonials of former cultists
- Produce DVDs, tracts, and other evangelistic tools
- Run digital marketing campaigns on YouTube, Google, and Facebook
- Translate the documentary film "Escape from Nazi Demons" to Hebrew and Russian. It tells the story of Werner Oder, a former Nazi and now a Christian and friend of Israel



Top: Michael reaches out to two Ukrainian refugees in Bat Yam, Israel.

Top Right: A missionary couple Sergei & Alyona Nikitin, supported by IBAA in Russia

Right: IBAA Partner Congregation in Illinois



Help Our Ministry



Contact us if you feel qualified to:

- Write on theological topics
- Speak at churches and represent the ministry
- Help with various administrative tasks
- Help optimize marketing venues
- Translate and edit articles and books in English, Hebrew, and Russian
- Fundraise for the ministry
- Develop social media platforms
- Maintain the website
- Edit and promote videos
- Respectfully respond to questions in the comment sections of social media

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