

Judeo-Persian Jew in Iran



Judaism in Iran dates to the time of Esther (5th century BC). The feast of Purim began there in response to a planned pogrom. Today, most Jews in Persia live in Tehran, Isfahan and Sharaz. In these cities, they have synagogues, cultural centers, kosher markets, and restaurants. They do not openly express support for Israel, and they avoid contact with Christians or any Messianic Jews. Their goal is peaceful survival as a people.

Ministry Obstacles

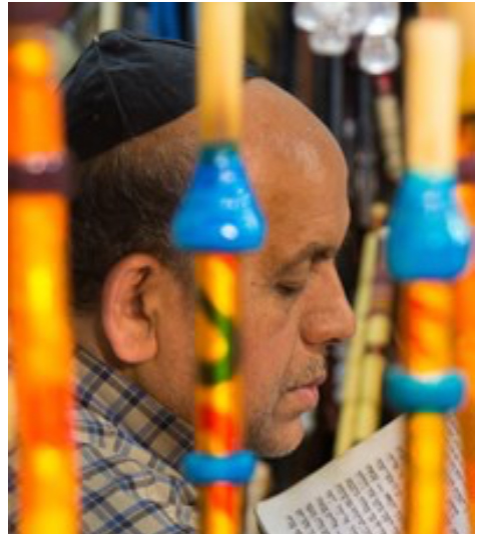
Their self-preservation as a people closes them to gospel advocates, as does Iran's persecution of Christians. Iran is a creative access country, but the gospel can go forth with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Outreach Ideas

Christians patronizing Jewish shops and restaurants over time may establish rapport so as to witness. Christian radio and television specifically contextualized for Persian Jews might be helpful.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Iranian church will be strengthened in its faith and



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POPULATION: 10,000

LANGUAGE: Dzhidi

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

outreach. Pray for them to reach out to Jews. Pray for a people movement to Christ among Iranian Jews. Pray for increased openness to the things of Christ, especially among Jewish leaders.

SCRIPTURE Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. Psalm 66:16

PRAY for bold testimonies of the Lord's deeds to come from today's people group.