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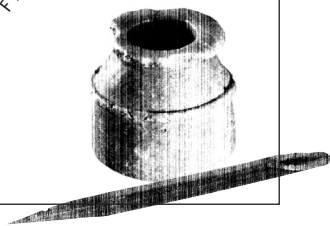
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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

# Becoming Bolder

By Kai Kjær-Hansen



This issue of *Mishkan* focuses on the Messianic Movement in Israel. When asked what has happened in the movement over the last 10–20 years, one of the leaders answered, "People are becoming a lot bolder."

As readers of this issue will see, many other positive things have happened as well. However, without such boldness it is difficult to see how Israelis will ever hear the good news about Jesus and come to believe in him.

Boldness includes openness, and by being open people also make themselves vulnerable – not only to criticism, but also to harassment and persecution, often initiated by the anti-mission organizations.

This is the price some people pay for being open in the name of Jesus. One of the items in the *News From the Israeli Scene* column at the end of this issue is "Persecution in the South." This refers to the Messianic congregations in Arad and Beer Sheva, and what they have experienced over the past year or so. It is hard to believe that these things are taking place in a democratic state, and with the knowledge of the police. Apparently, this is also Israel.

It is both challenging and encouraging that one of the believers in Arad says, "We need to keep this persecution in proportion. We remind our congregants that believers in other countries are being murdered for their faith." The leader of the congregation in Arad "sees it as imperative to encourage us all to pray for our persecutors and to teach the flock a non-vengeful response."

Well said!

In spite of what is happening in Arad and Beer Sheva, this issue of *Mishkan* shows that evangelism in Israel is, indeed, still possible.