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# Canadian Representative Biographical Profile

## Alan Shore Western Representative



Raised in New York City, Alan's Jewish upbringing included membership in the Jamaica Jewish Center, a Conservative temple, on Long Island. However, after his Bar Mitzvah, his religious interests turned to Eastern thought and other New Age subjects.

After several years of travel and spiritual restlessness, Alan experienced his own "Damascus Road" in the city of Paris in 1974 where, after being robbed at a youth hostel, he was befriended by a young Christian who related the story of the Jewish

Messiah. Her witness, combined with a powerful awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit, produced a radical reorientation in the direction of Alan's life.

Since then, he has had a variety of ministry-oriented vocations, including pastor. He has also been Adjunct Instructor in Biblical Studies at Trinity Western University (Langley BC) since 1992; he has taught Introduction to the Old and New Testaments, History of Israelite Religion, and the Book of Romans. Alan holds a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA) and is an accredited Thomas F. Staley Distinguished Scholar. He joined the staff of Chosen People Ministries in 1997.

Alan has performed *A Chosen Vessel* several hundred times in churches and educational institutions across the United States and in Canada. He is based in Bellingham, WA where he lives with his wife, Kirsten. Alan is available to speak in churches throughout western Canada, helping Gentile believers catch a vision for Jewish evangelism.

## Alan Shore's Presentations

***A Chosen Vessel ...*** enjoy and be challenged by this one-man dramatic presentation of *A Chosen Vessel* as portrayed by Alan Shore. Set in the dungeon where Paul is awaiting execution, it is a recollection of his life and ministry that is completely faithful to Scripture. Although Paul emerges as one whose accomplishments and gifts made him larger than life, he's also revealed as someone with both humour and humanity. You not only come to know Paul as Christian, but also as Jew, as you enter into the deep feelings and the high hopes he had for his own people.

***Jewish Evangelism Seminar ...*** is a presentation that will encourage and equip Gentile believers to share the Gospel with their Jewish friends and acquaintances. Sermon or workshop format.

***What the Church Needs to Know About the Jewish People ...*** a study in Romans 11 on God's eternal plan for the Jewish people and how Christians can help in carrying out God's program.

***Why Don't More Jewish People Believe in Jesus? ...*** a message on the factors behind the historic and contemporary opposition from the Jewish community to the Messianic claim of Jesus, and how Christians can respond.

***Ceremonies of Judaism ...*** Why do they do that? Alan demonstrates and explains such Jewish

traditions as the tallis (prayer shawl), tefillin (phylacteries), prayers of Jewish faith and their Messianic fulfillment. A Question & Answer period is included.

***The Jewish Roots of Christianity ...*** explains the Jewish history of the Church. Many Christians are unaware of their spiritual roots. This presentation offers an understanding of how we lost sight of those roots and what we can do to gain an appreciation for them.

***Messiah in the Passover ...*** is a meaningful portrait of man's redemption through Messiah as seen through the vehicle of the traditional Jewish Seder. This program demonstrates how Christ fulfills the eternal plan of salvation for all men and how He instituted the Lord's Table at the last Passover He celebrated with His disciples. It can be a moving and challenging opportunity to invite people to receive Messiah Jesus as Saviour, Lord and King. There are several ways to present this program: a simple demonstration with or without a communion service, a demonstration with congregational participation through the sampling of the ceremonial foods or a full banquet.

***The Jewish Festivals ...*** In addition to the very popular Passover program described above, the other Jewish festivals can also be addressed. In each case, the message will explain the celebration's history, how it was (or will be) fulfilled by Jesus and what it means for the Christian of today.