

Rabbi Who United Christians and Jews Dies at 67

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, the beloved founder of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, passed away suddenly on Wednesday. He was 67 years old.

The charismatic rabbi leaves behind a long legacy of philanthropy and robust interfaith partnerships between Christians and the Jewish people.

When Rabbi Eckstein founded The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews in 1983, his goal was simple: to build bridges of understanding between Christians and Jews, and to show Christians how to reestablish their biblical connection to the land of Israel and the Jewish people.

For more than three decades, IFCJ has far exceeded expectations. Not only is the organization a leader in Jewish-Christian relations, but it has also helped thousands of Jews around the world escape poverty and anti-Semitism and return to their biblical homeland—Israel.

The organization has funded humanitarian assistance that has touched millions of Jews worldwide. IFCJ raises about \$140 million a year, making it one of Israel's largest humanitarian organizations.

Overall, the organization has raised more than \$1.4 billion, mostly from evangelical Christians.

Those funds go towards Holocaust survivors, social programs, hospitals and even bomb shelters for those affected by conflicts with Hamas. {eo}

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