

We'd like to know more about you

If you are a newcomer to Beth Messiah, please take a few moments to complete this information. Then, separate this form at the fold and drop it in the Tzedaka (offering) box in the front of the sanctuary. No one will call on you, but we would like to send you our newsletter and inform you of future events at Beth Messiah Synagogue.

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I would like information about:

__ How to establish a personal relationship with G-d

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I have special needs -- physically challenged, etc.?

Please use the backside of this form for your prayer requests and praise reports.

THE BETH MESSIAH STATEMENT OF FAITH *Why we believe Yeshua is the Messiah*

1. G-d alone is the source of a satisfying and worthwhile life. Psalm 16:11 Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fullness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

2. There is a barrier between G-d and us. Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the L-rd's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; 2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your G-d, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.

3. Our good deeds won't remove the barrier. Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

4. G-d has provided atonement as a way of removing the barrier, and atonement requires blood. Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life.

5. Isaiah identifies the Messiah as the one who will be the ultimate sacrifice and thus end the Temple's Sacrificial system. Isaiah 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by G-d and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole and with his stripes we are healed.

6. At least 48 specific prophecies further identify the Messiah, all of which have been fulfilled in Yeshua of Nazareth.

7. G-d has provided atonement via Yeshua to remove the barrier to Him. John 1:12 But to all who received him, believed in his name, he gave power to become children of G-d, even to those who believe in his name.

Shabbat Shalom and welcome to



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From the Rabbi



In our readings this week we encounter this portion: “. . . of every man whose heart makes him willing you shall take My offering (Exodus 25:2).” The following is a commentary on this . . .

Actually, all the gold and silver on earth belong to the Lord, as it is written: "Mine is the silver, and Mine the gold, says the Lord." Hence, when man offers these things to the Lord, the gift he gives is not the wealth, because that is not really his to give away, but the willingness of his heart, the good intention that impelled him to make the offering. These qualities are truly his own, and he offers them to his G-d. But one who does not make his offering of silver and gold in this spirit really has given nothing, because the money is not his to give away and the spirit of willingness, which would have been the true gift, is lacking.

This is the meaning of the specification "of every man whose heart makes him willing." Only from him who gives with willingness of heart and with good intentions, shall you take My offering. Do not take anything from him whose heart does not make him willing to offer a gift to the Lord.

In these difficult times, tithes and offerings may not be a priority. Notice it is the Lord's offering if we are willing but merely our reluctant participation in worship via offering if we are unwilling. With a willing heart we partake in a real way of the worship and celebration of the Creator and His faithfulness in the Kingdom of G-d.

In Mark 12:42 it is the willing widow who out of her own need to participate in the worship in the Kingdom gave what was probably precious to her, two small coins which were the smallest denomination in circulation at the time. This would be what G-d would call "My offering". Let us be careful to participate willingly or at least to ask G-d to get us to that point so that we may fully worship Him out of our own need to participate with Him in the worship of the Kingdom of God.

Shalom Ooverecha, peace and blessing to you.

**Upcoming Keshet Team Schedule:
February 19-20, Knight team
February 26-27, Hutton team
March 5-6, Luberus team**

Please pickup your 2009 tax statements at the sanctuary back table.

Our Purim celebration, "Romancing the King," will be held on Saturday, February 27, at 3:30 p.m. There'll be costumes, dancing, singing, Purim Jeopardy, and a monologue! Please bring Hamantaschen treats to share. A recipe is available on the sanctuary back table. Two guest congregations will be joining us.

Our congregational workday will be Sunday, February 21, starting at 1:30 p.m. A list of jobs to be done and the tools needed will be on the sanctuary back table. Please plan on joining us as we fellowship together to care for our synagogue home.



Messianic recording artist and worship leader Greg Silverman will be in concert here on Saturday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m.

"What is just is always right."

--- Jewish Saying

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