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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 am a Jewish Believer
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- I am: __Single __Single Parent
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- I would like information about:
__ How to establish a personal relationship with G-d
__ Available counseling
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__ Other _____

- 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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Tisha B'Av is July 20

Tisha B'Av is a fast day that commemorates the destruction of the two Temples. Other tragic events and disasters that befell Israel and the Jewish people are also remembered on this day and the Book of Lamentations is read. More on Tisha B'Av is on the inside . . .



Tammuz 20.-21 / July 16-17

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From the Rabbi



Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av, occurs on July 20. Tradition has us fasting on this day and reading the Book of Lamentations.

According to the Mishnah (*Taanit* 4:6), five specific events occurred on the ninth of Av that warrant fasting:

1. The twelve scouts sent by Moses to observe the land of Canaan returned from their mission. Two of the scouts, Joshua and Caleb, brought a positive report, but the others spoke disparagingly about the land which caused the Children of Israel to cry, panic and despair of ever entering the "Promised Land". For this, they were punished by God that their generation would not enter the land. Because of the Israelites' lack of faith, God decreed that for all generations this date would become one of crying and misfortune for their descendants, the Jewish people. (Numbers 13-14)
2. The First Temple built by King Solomon and the Kingdom of Judah were destroyed by the Babylonians led by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE, and the Judeans were sent into the Babylonian exile.
3. The Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, scattering the people of Judea and commencing the Jewish exile from the Holy Land.
4. Bar Kokhba's revolt against Rome failed in 135 CE. Simon bar Kokhba was killed, and the city of Betar was destroyed.
5. Following the Roman siege of Jerusalem, the razing of Jerusalem occurred the next year.

In every calamity, there is the disobedience to the prophetic voice of God and the Prophet. In this we violated God's Torah instruction. It is a time for us to reconnect with the Torah via God's prophetic call to repentance and His direction for our lives. When I think of these calamities I also think of the courage of Joshua and Caleb. Some obeyed the voice and vision of God. I also think of Daniel 9 which speaks of the Messiah as having to have come before the destruction of the Temple. Let us be part of the believers of prophetic Judaism, that is Messianic Judaism. And let us go on to obey our Father in Heaven.

Shalom Ooverecha, peace and blessing to you.

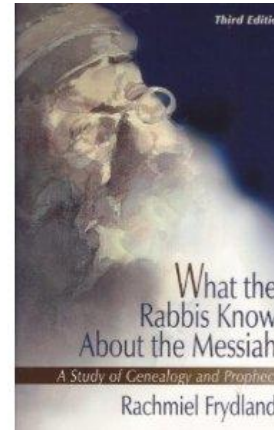
Upcoming Keshet Team Schedule:
Wohlers team, July 16-17
Seidel team, July 23-24
Turso team, July 30-31

Vacation Torah School Update

Sat., July 17, 1:30 p.m., Organizational meeting
Sun., July 18, 1:30 p.m., Preparation and practice meeting
Mon., July 19, 6:00 p.m., Vacation Torah School starts

WHAT THE RABBIS KNOW ABOUT THE MESSIAH SEMINAR

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