

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 am a Jewish Believer
- I am a non-Jewish Believer
- I am: __Single __Single Parent
__Married __Divorced
- I would like information about:
__ How to establish a personal relationship with G-d
__ Available counseling
__ Bibles studies and other groups
__ 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



**BETH MESSIAH
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32 years of
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Beth Messiah Synagogue started in September, 1977. We are a charter member of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations since 1979 and are also affiliated with the International Messianic Jewish Alliance. We are a congregation of Jewish and Gentile people who believe Yeshua is the promised Messiah.

July 23-24, 2010 / Av 12-13, 5770

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From the Rabbi



The Sidra for this week is **v'Et'chanan (and I pleaded), and the Scriptures are Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11, Isaiah 40:1-26 and Matthew 23:31-39.**

Take a look at this verse. *"Only guard yourself and guard your soul greatly..."* (Deuteronomy 4, 9)

Only guard yourself -- every "only" is a limitation namely to guard yourself, conserve the health of your body normally because a person is obligated to preserve his health (Baba Kama 4), and guard your soul greatly. However, the health of your soul -- you must guard greatly, because the dangers that ambush the soul lest it be blemished in the world of falsehood are very great, and require an above average guarding. (Rebbi Menahem Mendel of Kotzk)

In today's America we spend countless dollars and hours catering to our bodies, the right hair, the right face, the right shape etc. The real us, however, is inside of us. It is also the inside which must be taken care of to a greater degree than the outside.

Yeshua put it this way in Matthew 15:11 – *"What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'"*

Let's guard our souls greatly.

Shalom Ooverecha, peace and blessing to you.

Upcoming Keshet Team Schedule:
Seidel team, July 23-24
Turso team, July 30-31
Knight team, August 6-7
Hutton team, August 13-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ "The Burn" -- an all night, youth-led worship service at Beth Messiah, July 30, 9pm-9am and July 31, 5pm-9pm. All are invited. Whatever your age, please join us!
- ~ Planning meeting, August 1. All ministry heads are invited.
- ~ Warfare prayer, August 7, after Havdalah.
- ~ Congregational meeting, Sunday, August 8, 4:30 p.m. Hear the vision for BMS for the upcoming year and meet all ministry heads and leaders.
- ~ Rabbi Kokeb Gedamu's book, *Journey Beyond Imagination*, is on sale for \$15. Make checks payable to HIIM and see Juanita Weiss.

WHAT THE RABBIS KNOW
ABOUT THE MESSIAH SEMINAR
BETH MESSIAH SYNAGOGUE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010
2:00-7:00 P.M.

Discover early rabbinic understanding of the Messianic figure who was promised throughout the pages of the Old Covenant from the Torah, to the prophets, to the writings.

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE

includes a book, workbook, complimentary CD, and dynamic teaching by Rabbi Dr. Joseph Rosenfarb. Please register by August 4 so that we may order your materials in time for the seminar. Contact Juanita Weiss or Rebecca Kurtz, or call 757.275.9375 or 757.423.3440

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