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Kehila News Israel

by Tali Birnbaum



Naftali Hananya is the familiar social media face of KNI

Kehila News Israel (KNI) is an online media ministry founded in 2015 as a grassroots effort to give a voice to Israel's Messianic Community. "Kehila" means "congregation" or "community" in Hebrew.

The principal vision for KNI is the concept of a media platform through which members of the Messianic community across Israel can share what is happening in their congregations and ministries. Through this medium, also, Messianic ministry leaders and local Israeli believers from diverse backgrounds, biblical perspectives and even political persuasions, can contribute commentaries, teachings articles for the edification of readers. As the website has gained in popularity and readership, not only in Israel but in many countries abroad, another important aim for KNI has been to connect Israel's Messianic community with Christians around the world. A key way it does so is through providing international believers with news from Israel as seen from a Messianic perspective.

KNI's managing editor is Yonatan Allon, a 37-year-old Jewish believer who immigrated to Israel from Georgia, USA in 2007. Allon explains, "Kehila News is a nonprofit, donor supported organization that started out as a private members-only, online bulletin board for Israel's Messianic Community. This community board,

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MIQEDEM Songs from the East

by Marc Vidito

Since the early '70s and the popularization of Messianic music through Lamb (Joel Chernoff and Rick Coghill), Israel's Hope (Marc Chopinsky, Paul Wilbur and Renee Bloch), and the Liberated Wailing Wall (Jews for Jesus) Messianic believers have been faced with the question, "What makes Messianic Jewish Music *Messianic Jewish*?"

Like most Messianic Jewish worship leaders and recording artists, Jamie Hilsden, frontman of the new group, Miqedem, out of Israel, doesn't have a clear-cut answer.

"To be honest, I don't think this is a question we think about too much. Genres and labels are difficult. Look how much argument surrounded the term "Messianic Judaism," Hilsden remarks. "So, I don't think Miqedem wants to take a stand on what Messianic Jewish music is or isn't. But there is a strong tradition of Messianic music that we are certainly a product of." ► Continued on page 6

New UMJC Executive Director Breaks Through the Messianic Glass Ceiling

by Deborah Pardo-Kaplan

The new executive director of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC) spends each day engaged in conversation. From her Los Angeles office, Monique Brumbach phones, Zooms, or Skypes regional directors and committees and committee heads to coordinate plans, create new programs or adjust existing UMJC structures. Later in the evening she returns to making calls, mostly overseas and often until midnight.

On Oct 1, 2016, Brumbach's first day on the job as executive director of the UMJC, her life transitioned from a brief lull in her career as a lawyer back to one packed with challenging responsibilities. Not only is Brumbach, 34, the youngest to serve in this capacity, but she is also the first woman to be appointed to such a prominent position in the Union, or even within the broader Messianic world. **MT**

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UMJC executive director Monique Brumbach



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Kehila.org, started in 2006 and still serves the community today. It is a place for posting about such things as job opportunities, items for sale and apartments for rent, and also provides links to other believing websites of interest. However, the real vision for KNI is to have a platform for community members to share about themselves, their work and their perspectives on biblical matters, life issues and current events in Israel.”

Howard Bass, leader of Messianic Congregation Nachalat Yeshua in Be’er Sheva, confirms: “Kehila News has been a bonus for many of those living here to express their views both to those within our community and to those outside Israel on a regular basis.”

Bass adds, “Personally, I have benefited from reading articles by other leaders and teachers in Israel, and have appreciated being able to put up teachings of my own, and get feedback from them. KNI also reaches more believers with an Israeli Messianic perspective than some of our own ‘private’ lists can.”

Among the many other ministries, teachers and writers whose articles have been posted on KNI are Maoz Israel, Messiah’s Mandate, Asher Intrater and Hananya Naftali. KNI also has a great and mutually beneficial relationship with the Messianic Times, and has posted articles by MT publisher, Eric Tokajer.

Additionally, KNI assigns articles to Israeli writers who produce original content for the site. These articles are feature pieces highlighting the work of local believers and ministries, or articles bringing news from the Land.

With over 10,000 subscribers, and more than 100,000 online views per month, a key element of KNI is that it endeavors to provide a shared neutral platform that represents all streams within the Messianic community. Believers who may not agree on intricate doctrinal or political issues can, and do, post articles on this same site.

“We acknowledge there are disagreements among believers and we think it is good to engage in healthy discourse,” Allon says. “That people who don’t agree on everything can appear on the same website together demonstrates and encourages unity in the Body of Yeshua here.”

Jamie Cowen, a Messianic attorney and partner with Cohen Decker Pex Brosh Law offices, comments on the aspect of diversity shown through KNI. As a blog writer who has posted articles on the site, Cowen says: “A great advantage of Kehila News is that it provides a mouthpiece for divergent voices from within the Israeli believing community, unlike individual ministries.”

Cowen continues: “Because I’ve been active in ministry, politics, business and law, I feel I can offer a somewhat unique perspective vis a vis many of my fellow believers.” One of Cowen’s pieces, for example, is entitled Can we be Zionists and not Racists? Posted in KNI, the article offers Cowen’s view that he sees no viable alternative to a two state solution for Israel and the Palestinians—an opinion not widely held in the Messianic community.

A vital benefit of the website is that KNI has been able to raise awareness of the work of believers in Israel who help people in crisis. For example, articles have been posted that explain the work Messianic ministries Be’ad Chaim and Abundant Life, which protect the unborn, help women facing crisis pregnancies, and counsel women struggling with post-abortion emotional and spiritual difficulties. In this regard, KNI has additionally publicized the work of Jerusalem’s Anchor of Hope Messianic counseling center, which provides expert assistance for problems ranging from addictions to generalized anxiety

KNI writers also frequently report on legal and political issues affecting Israel, including United Nations pronouncements and important laws passed by the Israeli Knesset. Among these have been articles reflecting deep concerns about U.N. bias against Israel, and a piece on new Israeli legislation regarding the status of West Bank settlements. “So much is written about Israel in the news, but very little of it is reported from a Messianic viewpoint, Allon says. “We therefore feel it is important to share news from our perspective as believers in the Land.”

Close to Allon’s heart, and to that of many in Israel’s Messianic community, is the issue of being drafted into the military. This is reflected in KNI articles by, and about, Messianic soldiers. Recently, for instance, KNI reported that a young believing soldier was attacked and wounded by a Palestinian while on duty in the West Bank. The young man’s testimony of faith under fire was available for the encouragement of readers.

Messianic Soldiers in the Israeli Army: Bolder than Ever about Their Faith

Kehila News Israel Staff Mar 1, 2016

Messianic Israeli soldier, worship leader injured in attack near Nablus

Kehila News Israel Staff Feb 26, 2017

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A Messianic soldier was injured during an Israeli army operation early on Thursday morning near Nablus, the biblical city of Shechem, after an explosive device was thrown at a group of soldiers.

David B., one of the worship leaders at Kehilat Nachalat Yeshua in Beersheba, was in the area

Remembering Shai Kushnir: A Messianic Fallen IDF Soldier

Yonatan Allon May 10, 2016

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I will never forget the sight or the feel of seeing thousands of people solemnly making their way through the neighborhoods to the military cemetery in Kiryat Ata, a city just north of Haifa. As a former IDF soldier I had been to several military ceremonies, but this one was unique. This one touched much closer to home. It was a funeral for Shai Kushnir, who grew up in my Messianic congregation in the Haifa area, Tents of Mercy. He was killed by a mortar shell on the Gaza border on July 31, 2014.

Allon himself spent 18 months serving in the army upon his immigration to Israel—even though he was already 27 years old. He relates: “I wanted to join, and the experience was foundational for me in terms of understanding and connecting with Israeli society. Serving in the army is such a key aspect of who we are as a people.”

Regarding his own faith Allon also says: “I grew up in a Jewish believing family but really came to Yeshua while studying Hebrew at college in the U.S. During this time God drew me closer to Himself and I found I had to answer questions about Yeshua for myself. Through my studies, too, the Lord drew me to the nation of Israel. I never thought I would move there but eventually I understood this was where God wanted me to live.”

In addition to its principal website and email newsletter, KNI maintains an active Facebook page as a further tool through which to share content. Moreover, KNI is now available in both Hebrew and Spanish, with equivalents in Russian and Chinese under development. As the KNI introductory video explains: “We are one community, made up of many different congregations, languages and backgrounds.

Reflecting on the importance of Messianic Jews connecting with Christians around the world, Allon says, “We are brothers and sisters in the faith. There is an intimate spiritual connection between us as people of God, and at KNI we want to honor that.” MT

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...in the resurrection of the saved and the lost. Those who receive salvation through Yeshua will live forever with God; those who reject Him will know eternal separation from God, as the Scriptures describe.

In This Issue

This year Israel will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. This is by no means a small feat for the modern resurrection of the Promised Land. The reality is the city of Jerusalem is one of the most contested plots of land on the face of the planet. Whether it's a modern day discussion of Israel and the Palestinians, the crusaders trying to take the Holy City back from Muslims, or the Roman or Babylonian empires ploughing the Temple and Jerusalem, the city of Jerusalem is both one of the most important cities in the world and one of the most sought after plunders of war.

Israel and its capital city Jerusalem is such an integral part of God's plan for Salvation and of the biblical narrative that it should realistically be no surprise of its contentious history. But, as believers, we should be extremely encouraged by Jerusalem's continual resurrection to new life. It is from this very city to which our faith in the resurrection of Yeshua and our own future resurrection to restored and perfected life is tied.

With the presumably exciting celebrations that Israel has in store for the official anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification we decided to use our Ask the Rabbis and Messianic Youth Survey to find

out some of the respondents favorite experiences in this infamous city. Each shared about what is obviously a powerful moment of memory for them and what is surely a spiritual awakening.

In honor of this monumental event we will also featuring a piece about a ground-breaking partner of the Messianic Times, Kehilah News Israel (KNI). KNI is a web-based news source founded by Yonatan Allon to share about what is happening in the Messianic Jewish movement throughout Israel. They share stories about ministries, events and even blogs from Israel Messianic minds galore.

Following along with this theme of a timely focus on Israel, we bring to you Miqedem, a fresh new sound in Messianic Jewish music birthed in the Promised Land. Miqedem has brought a powerful blend of Tanakh-based lyrics in Hebrew paired beautifully with a traditional Mizrachi sound. The band is made up of professional musicians, some of whom are also professional producers, with Jamie Hilsden as the frontman. The music of Miqedem is not only helping to bring a modern Messianic sound to Israel, but it will also help in developing the future of the sound of Messianic Jewish music.

But, as influential as Israel is, the powerful narrative of its restoration isn't the only focus of this issue of the Messianic Times. We have an outstanding mixture of articles to inform you about what's happening around the Messianic Judaism and some the interesting people throughout the movement.

This issue's Art Scene is focused on Aaron Zaretsky who is a Canadian Messianic Jew who ministers while clowning around. Before you think I'm poking fun at him... Truth is he's actually a clown who goes by the name Azee the Clown. But, not only is he a ministering clown, so is his wife. They have made appearances at the MJAA's Messiah Conference, countless events across Canada and the United States and our guess is that this awesome godly character isn't slowing down soon and you can read all about how he spends most of his time just clowning around.

Have you heard about our dear friend Monique Brumbach? Monique is the new executive director of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC). In this issue's Women on the Forefront we discuss about the rise of this inspirational and impassioned voice for the future of the Messianic movement. She spent the early days of her career as a human rights lawyer,

her education and experience are sure to prove vastly beneficial as she interacts with rabbis and congregations throughout the UMJC and as she works tirelessly to increase relationships throughout the movement. Dig into this article to learn more about how she's the right woman for the job and at just the right time.

In our Nice Mensch this issue we look at the life and ministry of Matthew Absolon, who leads Congregation Beth T'filah in Hollywood, Florida. But, he is not originally from the Florida beach scene, on the contrary, he is from another far, far away land, however it is also known for its beaches and its beauty. Absolon is originally from the lands down under, Australia. His passion for ministry and in particular for seeing Jewish people come to faith in Messiah Yeshua and an authentic Messianic expression of Judaism in south Florida is bar none. He is not only a brilliant rising voice in the Messianic Judaism, but one that will no doubt be an influencer among the ranks of congregational ministry for years to come.

Each issue of the Messianic Times is vastly unique. The stories we bring are about real people working relentlessly for the Good News of Messiah

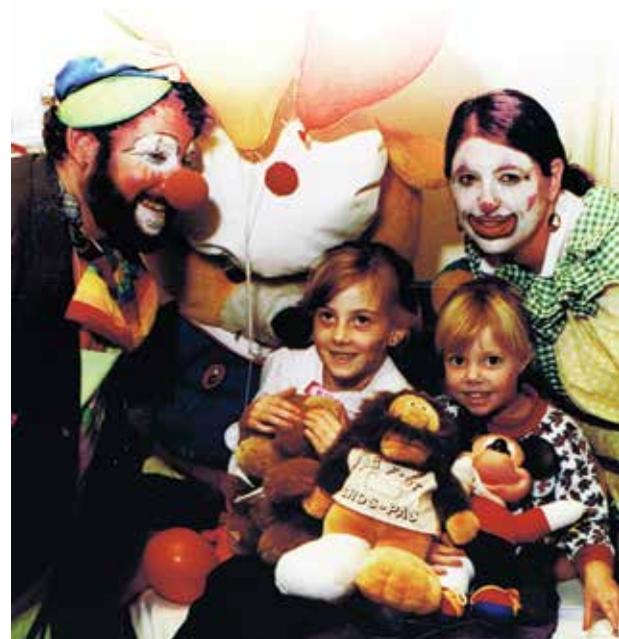
whether in the sphere of ministry or the marketplace. Each is a vital part of the greater picture of the Body of Messiah. It is our joy and honor each and every issue to bring to your attention the various voices of the modern Messianic movement. Our staff is a part of the movement, our director and our coordination manager are both rabbis of Messianic Jewish synagogues, Messianic Judaism is not only our love and life, but it is a part of the core of who we are. We love what we get to do each and every day as part of the Messianic Times because we are able to help further the impact and bring into focus the many aspects of this modern day revival.

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Zaretsky's Clowning Around Brings Many to Faith

by Mallory McLendon



Left: Azee the clown joins the Jews for Jesus during their annual summer campaign.

Above: Azee and Sweetie bring joy and comfort to patients at the Women's College Hospital.

Below: Aaron Zaretsky enjoys his ministry as Azee.



Often times when speaking to fellow artists one may ask a question, “What is your medium of preference?” For some it is painting a particular style or texture. Others may be interested in perfecting their instrument in a certain musical genre. For Aaron Zaretsky, it involves sculpting balloons into swords or animals. From oversized shoes to hobo patches, prophetic balloon sculpting to recorder playing, Aaron Zaretsky with Touching Hearts Ministry is changing lives and transforming communities one child at a time. Zaretsky or rather Azee the Clown, Inspector Friday, Farmer Aaron and a host of other characters, are instrumental in child evangelism all over the world.

“Weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning. —Psalm 30:6b TLV

Zaretsky grew up in an Orthodox Jewish home. His parents later became conservative and then Messianic Jews. Personally, he said he received Yeshua’s free gift of salvation and became a born again Messianic Jew in 1976. In 1977, he began co-producing the TV program Zip & Zap and a clown was born. Zaretsky testifies God healed his emotions through clowning and he hopes to be a conduit of God’s healing for others. As a child, he struggled academically and physically due to dyslexia and coordination challenges. As he began to grow in the Word of God and learned to laugh at himself, he said he became free. Joy will always overtake sorrow. “If I learn to laugh in the hard times, how much more joy I would have,” he said.

Over the years, Zaretsky said his clowning image has evolved to better reach the community around him. He

has used clowning to teach Bible stories, appear at birthday parties and rodeos, work with mission groups such as Jews for Jesus and YWAM, and make a difference in his Canadian community. He’s been seen through appearances at MJAA’s annual Messiah conference and events hosted by the UMJC and Messianic Jewish Alliance of Canada. Over the years, Zaretsky hosted his own TV program and taught clowning at Canada Christian College.

He met his wife Andrea, known to some as Sweetie the Clown, at one of Canada’s annual Messianic gatherings. On occasion they can be spotted together, especially making visits to children in the hospital. Andrea is the administrative wheelhouse for Touching Hearts Ministry (THM). Together she and Aaron have three children and four grandchildren.

Touching Hearts Ministry is a nonprofit in Canada and the United States. Its mission is to “reach children and their families with the Gospel of Yeshua in a fun way that is life changing.” THM is a part of Artists as Christian Testimony International. Zaretsky was ordained by Rhema Studies of Theological Association (RSOTA) in June 2008 and has served as a pastor for eight years. He is currently the children’s pastor at Rosh Pinah Toronto Messianic Congregation.

“God chose the foolish things of the world so He might put to shame the wise; and God chose the weak things of the world so He might put to shame the strong.”

—1 Corinthians 1:27

“Evil clowns promoted in media and seen in the world today are a demonic force.” Zaretsky explains, “Clowns are to be the brunt of a joke showing the need



for God’s grace. They show you the heart.” Children can relate to clowns, to their thought processes, expressions. A child will open up more easily to a clown who makes them laugh or they can empathize with over an adult in a business suit. Zaretsky said pediatric doctors in Israel have begun learning clowning techniques to help children share what they are feeling inside so the doctors can better understand how to treat their needs.

Zaretsky, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said he makes his own patterns and illusions. He said, “God develops each ministry,” whether it is a clown appearance at a happy birthday, Jesus party at a Catholic church, an “Armor of God” Vacation Bible School curriculum, or working with children at a First Nations camp, an outreach to the Mohawk Indian tribe. “I believe in bringing the Jewishness of the Gospel and I try to bring balance in what I teach.” On the THM website, Zaretsky writes, “[Children] learn the Gospel of Yeshua through visually entertaining and interactive practical applications that are fun.”

Azee also appears at secular events such as the Walk for MS and Canada Day. While he may not be able to directly share the Gospel, prophetic ballooning might just be the ticket to change someone’s life. He is able to pray over each child speaking peace and well-being into their lives. Zaretsky shared of one

such instance when he received a Holy Spirit download to make a balloon flower for a teenage girl. He made the flower and gave it to her, telling her she was as beautiful and delicate as a flower and not to give herself away to any person who doesn’t see her true beauty. The young lady began to cry. She was 13 years old and had a baby. He also shared that Azee is requested by boys most often to make balloon swords. If he is in settings where he can openly share the Gospel, he said he shares how the Sword is the Word of God. Azee has even witnessed children witnessing to other children and family relationships being restored.

In addition to his heart for child evangelism and outreach, Zaretsky also has a heart for discipleship and seeing family units healed. He said he desires to see more people equipped to adequately teach biblical truths to children in a way they will remember. He offers classes for adults interested in child evangelism. He also creates materials, resources, media and games for others to implement his clowning antics and keep ‘em guessing illusions.

Zaretsky believes Yeshua was about the smile on people’s faces and in His footsteps has started his own smile collection. He is hoping to add that collection on an up and coming trip to Chile with Operation Mobilization this summer. **MT**

The members of Miqedem on tour in Poland



Miqedem is making waves in the Messianic Jewish music scene



“Groups like Israel’s Hope, Lamb, and the Israeli Messianic writers David Loden and Batya Segal really paved a way for music that strives to reconnect with the worship of the Tanakh, and the sounds of the Jewish people. We definitely feel like we’re a part of that tradition, but I wouldn’t want to pin down what is or what isn’t Messianic music. I can think of a very diverse spectrum of people who consider their music to be Messianic, and that’s probably a good thing.”

Whether Hilsden and bandmates feel like they have pinned down the Messianic sound, or broadened its horizons, there is a fresh sound that is taking the Messianic community by storm. That sound is Miqedem, and its collection of Tanakh-based music with instrumentation, chord structures, and lyrics native to the people and the land in and around Israel is breathing a freshness into the worship of many American congregations.

Recording artist, Ted Pearce describes Miqedem’s music as “authentic Israeli music, all sung in Hebrew, from actual Israelis.”

Pearce goes on to say that Miqedem “represents the authentic Mizrahi sounds of Israel, which hasn’t really happened much in the American Messianic movement.”

As young American Messianic Jewish youth like Chernoff, Chopinsky and Stuart Dauermann, began to create new music in the 1970s, it was an amalgamation of the current popular sounds of American radio and the klezmer music

their parents and grandparents had brought from Eastern Europe. The American Jewish experience was largely shaped by the orthodox traditions and its sounds mixed cantorial traditions with niggunums and styles that were popular in shtetl life. The Slavic sounds and instrumentation carried from generation to generation the melancholy melodies like those heard in the movies “Schindler’s List,” “The Chosen,” and even Jewish film, “Fiddler on the Roof.”

However, there was a completely different sound that the kibbutzniks were reviving in the land of Israel: the Sephardic Mizrahi sound with driving tempos and pulsating meters, instruments like the oud, the doumbek and the darbouka, and voices like Ofra Haza and Noa whose music were as vivacious as a desert wasteland coming back to life.

Modern Messianic Judaism got its first taste of the sounds of Ancient and modern Israel with the release of Barry and Batya Segal’s “Sh’ma Yisrael” in 1995. The album, masterfully produced by Martin Smith, frontman for British worship band Deleriou5?, put the Mizrahi sound on the Messianic map. Other groups, like the incomparable Avner and Rachel Boskey, with Ancient Gates, and Bat Rivka Whitten have given the Messianic community authentic Sephardic music over the past couple of decades.

However, Miqedem stands out as raising the bar of professionalism for new Messianic artists on both sides of the Atlantic.

Again, Ted Pearce says, “Miqedem are professional musicians with several professional producers in the band who understand how the music business works. They are simply excellent songwriters that are super-talented, and have industry experience where it counts.”

The talented group of musicians comprising the band are Jamie Hilsden as guitarist and lead vocalist, Shai Sol (who competed on the Israeli version of hit TV show “The Voice”) on acoustic guitar, darbuka and co-leading vocally, Vadym Sokolyk on bass, Gabi Elbaz on drums, and Yaron Cherniak on oud, Persian tar, lyre and other instruments of the region.

When asked about the influences that have shaped Miqedem’s sound, Hilsden described the sound as “pretty eclectic so it’s hard to pin down. It’s a mishmash of world/Middle Eastern/rock. As for the lyrics, it’s definitely sacred music (as opposed to secular). The fact that we sing from the Bible gives it a worship/praise dimension.

“Our influences are pretty eclectic too. Yaron has a degree in eastern music, so he brings a lot of his influences from there. When it comes to how to set the Tanakh to music, I grew up on the songs of Shlomo Carlebach as well as some of the early Israeli Messianic songwriters like Batya Segal and David Loden. They really showed how you could effectively write songs around the Bible.”

Whatever the influences, Miqedem’s music is resonating with today’s Messianic youth.

One of Messianic music’s most recent recording artists, Emma Rose has this to say about Miqedem:

“I love Miqedem’s music because it provides an Israeli sound to modern day Messianic music. I know that they minister to many Jewish people, believers and non-believers alike. This is so important because it leads the Messianic Jewish people to worship based in the Tanakh and it leaves the traditional Jewish population questioning Yeshua and wanting more answers.”

Messianic musician Joe Miterko says, “Miqedem is a bridge builder between the American Messianic Jewish scene and the Israeli Messianic Jewish scene. With it comes a new Middle Eastern energy that is refreshing and exciting. These are very catchy songs taken straight from the Tanakh.”

Hilsden relays a clear vision for Miqedem that is being achieved.

“The name of the band is Miqedem, which, in biblical Hebrew, means “from the east.” We chose this name because in the Torah and throughout Scripture, the east is symbolic of exile. So, Miqedem represents a return from exile.

“One of the main things that our band is about is that we sing from the original Scriptures. The Bible is not only full of truth, but it’s full of beauty. For us, a lot of that beauty is in the words themselves, so we stick to those original words. We typically gravitate to parts of the Bible that most emphasize a New Covenant reality. It is primarily music that is devotional in nature - music that helps people worship. However, we also hear about people who listen to our music to learn Hebrew, or even non-believers who enjoy the cultural experience of hearing ancient words presented through art, so we’re happy about that as well.”

Miqedem is reaching their goal of returning the sound and focus of Messianic music back to Israel and her Messiah.

When asked about the future of Messianic music, Hilsden stated, “As for the future of Messianic music, I’m tempted to say that future is in Ukraine. We just came back from there, and we went to a worship service with hundreds of people, and the band was playing amazing music—a mix between klezmer, Mizrahi, rock, Balkan—super original and professional. Then we found out they weren’t even the main band—they’re one of three bands in this congregation! Kiev is a place where they take music more seriously than any Messianic community I’ve seen in the world, and I’m sure that’s one of the reasons their community is so thriving. Later that same night we went to their youth event and saw six or seven hundred young people (teenagers and in their early twenties) singing and dancing to Hebrew music, so when you ask me about the future of Messianic music, I think of Kiev, but I hope that the rest of us can have the same excitement about making great music as they do.”

Whether the future sounds of the Messianic community come from Kiev, Tel Aviv or Fort Lauderdale, right now, Miqedem is making a big impact on the Messianic community and one of the greatest vehicles most ministries have to introduce a Jewish person to their Messiah or a non-Jewish believer to their biblical and cultural roots: Messianic praise and worship. **MT**

Whitney Tattersall: Value in Testing & Trying

Wherever I go, it's going to be great. Because He will be with me.

When I look back on the things the Lord spoke most clearly to me over the past few years of growing in relationship with Him, the message that sticks out the most is the value of testing and trying.

I graduated in April 2016 and quickly realized I had no idea what I wanted to do with my future; however, more importantly, I had no idea what He wanted me to do with my future.

All of my worry and anxiety about the future transferred into fear regarding the YMJA Experience Israel trip I was preparing for. Through this, I allowed fear to creep in. What if it doesn't affect me? What if I miss out because this isn't the right season and I'm not ready? What if after Israel I still have no sense of direction and I waste the year? What if all of the expectations I have for this summer are let down and I am disappointed? I was so overwhelmed with stress I didn't know where else to turn to in the Word than the beginning. I started reading and eventually reached Abraham's story:

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country, and your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'" 12.1

"...so Abram went, as the Lord told him." 12.4

Wherever you go, it's going to be great, because I will be with you.

These are the words the Lord gently spoke to me as I read Genesis 12 during this time of struggling and uncertainty. Looking back, while I thought it was His plan that I was doubting, in actuality, it was His goodness I had little faith in.

I took those words the Lord whispered and held on to them, even though I can't tell you for sure if I truly believed them or not. Abram went. Abram went. Abram went. Without knowing a single thing about his future, he left all he knew. God was faithful before and He'll be faithful again.

Flash forward to training week for the trip. Rabbi Kevin Solomon (our trip leader), tells us something that throws me for a loop: He said to have no expectations.

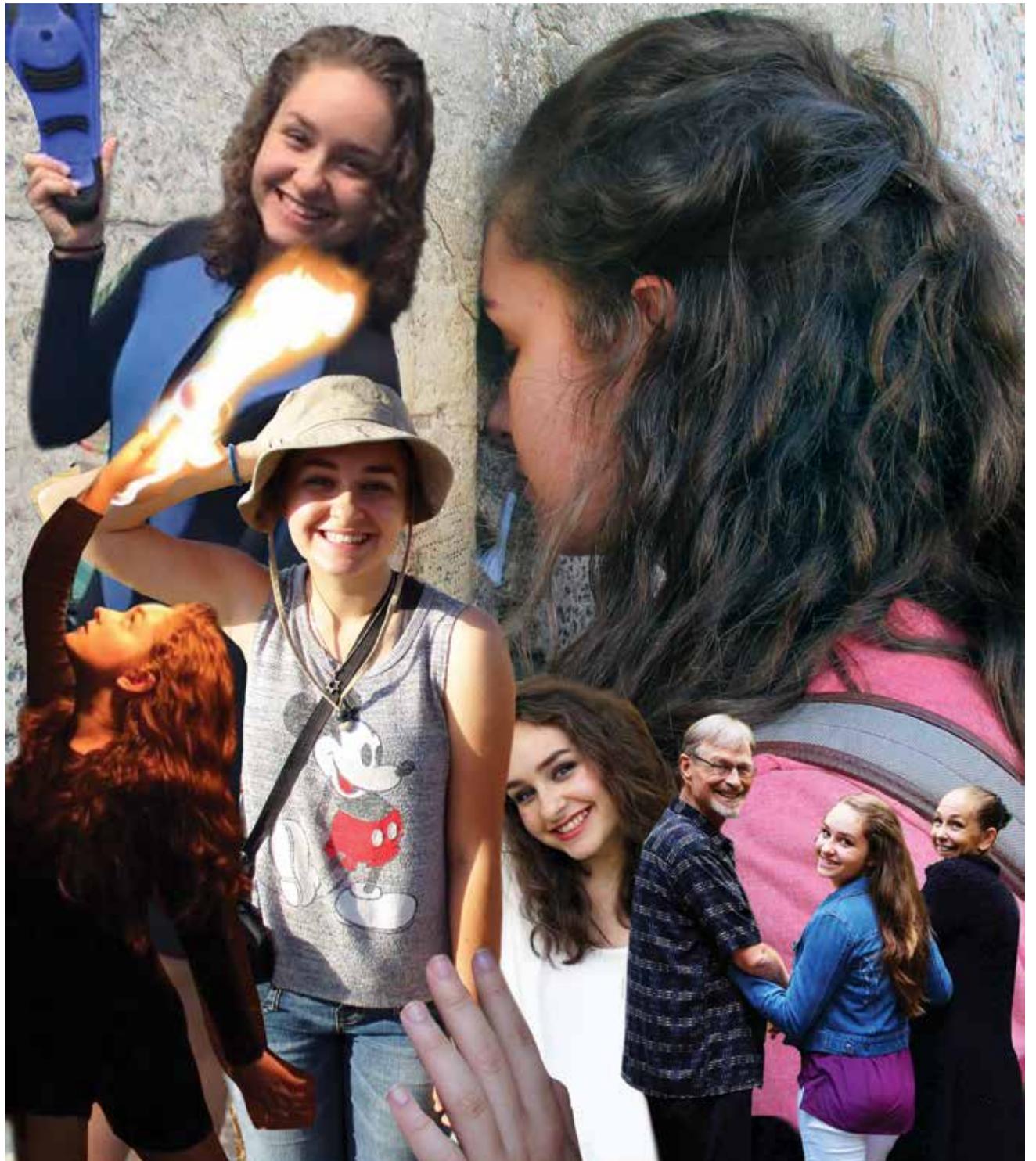
"Let yourself go in with a clean slate. Things will be what you thought, but they will also not be what you thought—so don't fear disappointment. Accept whatever it is the Lord has for you in this time. You're here for a reason," he said.

I took those words to Israel with me, and I decided as soon as we stepped on Israeli soil, no matter what I thought things would be like in my future, God's plan will look differently than anything I could plan for myself.

Once I arrived and I saw the Lord in His creation, His land, and in His people He started to teach me about faithfulness in a way I had never known nor could comprehend. He's preserved that nation for a reason.

And as I was able to stand in the land that is the fulfillment of everything He said He would do, my perspective changed and I realized that if He can do infinitely more than we think possible for Israel, will He not do infinitely more than we think possible for ourselves?

As God revealed to me the significance of Israel's survival, I realized too often I see promises of God as something I can get when the fact is that it's not always about what we can get from Him. Israel is the perfect example of what He has already given to us; a physical reminder of His faithfulness in keeping His promises. Whether I am there or I am here I can know (we can know), the land exists, that she is



blossoming, and that MY GOD is real and not only does He keep His promises, but He fulfills them in an incredibly public and magnificent way.

Wherever I go, it's going to be great, because He will be with me.

Not only will He be with me, but He desires good things for me. He didn't keep His promises out of obligation, but out of love. As many times as we can run away, His plan to fulfill what He promised won't waver. He brings beauty from ashes.

It seemed that every place we went in Israel, His hand moved me. We could be driving down a highway or standing at the Western Wall and no words seemed to describe how thankful I was for His faithfulness.

For while we may forget to do what we say we will, the Lord never forgets.

From that point, it's as if the Lord gently took the reins from my hands and asked me to trust. He worked every single next step out in exactly the way He wanted. He seamlessly opened up doors to go to an internship in Hawaii where I worked with people from more countries than I can name, as well as seeing a part of the world I never thought I would visit. After that, He encouraged me to apply to a different internship back in Georgia where you consecrate three months of your life to serving the Lord and seeking His face. When my interview came incredibly late and I had no idea where I would be living two weeks from that moment, the Lord whispered to me

again, "Wherever you go, it will be great because I will be with you."

I wish I had time and words to tell of all the ways He has come through for me; not only over the past year, but throughout my entire lifetime. Because sometimes I feel as if I'm just starting to see it, and it's an incredible miracle that He knows I don't deserve, but He wants to give it to me anyway—because He loves me.

I don't have it all figured out, but I want to share with you how He has been faithful. I've seen that. He will be faithful. I know that. He wants to be faithful. I believe that. His very nature is faithful. His Word promises that.

Finally, I want to challenge whoever is reading this to look back on your life, this past year, week or even today. Whether you are struggling with doubting His goodness or not, ask the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) to reveal to you the places and situations where He has been faithful. Wait for Him to whisper. Ask Him to respond, because He wants so desperately to show you, beloved one.

Wherever you go, it's going to be great because He will be with you.

"To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

—Isaiah 61:3. MT



Anniversary of Jerusalem...

Jerusalem/Yerushalayim is renowned for its historical and cultural importance, graced with beauty both spiritual and physical, home to many diverse groups of families and neighbors. For half a century, Jerusalem as we know her today has existed as a symbol of renewed strength for our people. It's been the site of many important events in the past and we know it holds a great role in our future. We asked our rabbis and youth what this beautiful city means to them personally.



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THE RABBIS

Rabbi Joe Bell Bristol, Virginia

I have been to Israel about a dozen or more times since 2003. In the fall of 2006, I was leading a tour, and we stopped at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv. Only 300 people had been invited to the formal declaration of statehood on May 14, 1948, led by David Ben Gurion. Our guide showed us a copy of the invitation when a well-dressed elderly man in the room pulled out a piece of paper and began to show it to our guide, Devorah. She took the paper and began to jump up and down, screaming, "This is it! This is it!" It was an original invitation to Israel's Independence ceremony.

I asked God what was the significance of the invitation was about. I believe His answer was, "You are going to get an invitation." A couple of months later, the MJAA sent out an invitation for a tour hosted by Joel Chernoff, stating the Government of the City of Jerusalem had formally invited the Messianic Jewish community to march in the 40th Anniversary Jerusalem Day Parade, celebrating the reunification of East and West Jerusalem after the 1967 Six-Day War. I felt certain this was the invitation God had prepared me for. I signed up for the trip and brought 10 people with me. There were only about 35 of us on the tour and I was the only rabbi.

The day before the tour, we were on the Mount of Olives looking out over the Old City. There is usually a man with a camel and/or a man with a donkey offering rides to tourists for a few shekels. I usually avoided these things, but this particular day, a voice in my heart said, "Joe, ride the donkey." I said, "I don't want to ride the donkey, Lord." He repeated, "I said, 'Ride the donkey!'" "OK, Lord," I answered. I paid the man and mounted the donkey. That's when I heard the Lord say, "You are Mordechai." I did not understand what He meant.

The next day, we arrived at our designated spot and were joined by another tour group and some Israeli believers. We wore blue shirts that read: "The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America stands with Israel in proclaiming that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Jewish people." We also carried a banner saying the same thing. What we did not know at the time, of the 10,000 people in the parade and perhaps one hundred thousand or more watching along the route, we were going to lead the parade. That's right—our tour host spoke with the chief of police of Jerusalem and introduced me, Joel Chernoff and Eric (a friend). We were placed at the front of the parade before we began to march. Now I understood the donkey ride. This was a Mordechai parade, and God was honoring the Messianic Jews who accepted the invitation to come to Jerusalem and march.

DISCUSSION:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Considering the city's spiritual, biblical and historical importance, what is the most impactful/memorable experience you have had in Jerusalem?

I marveled at the events transpiring from the previous fall, where the invitation incident at Independence Hall took place. I began to connect the dots. But why us? I prayed, and I believe I heard Yeshua say, "Joe, did the municipal government of Jerusalem ever invite Me to come there? Did they ever invite Peter, Paul or any of the Talmidim?" "No, Lord," I responded. "But they invited you and the whole Messianic community to come to Yerushalayim and march. You are part of something that has never before happened in this city." I was reminded of the verse, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling . . . For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Matthew 23:37, 39). The people of Jerusalem cheered us as we marched past dignitaries and ordinary citizens. It just didn't make any sense. But I really believe that under the leadership of Joel Chernoff, God was using our little group to fulfill the prophecy that Yeshua would not return until the government of Jerusalem officially invited Messianic Jews in the name of Yeshua Ha Adon to come to Jerusalem and be welcomed like we were. Now Yeshua can return to Yerushalayim because in my mind, the prophecy of Matthew 23:37-39 has been fulfilled. We came formally and legally invited by the government of Jerusalem in the name of the Lord.

Eric Tokajer Pensacola, Florida

The first time I drove up to Jerusalem, my heart felt as if it would leap out of my chest from the emotions I felt. I was in a busload of Messianic rabbis, but I might as well have been alone because I could see nothing but the city. Everything else seemed to disappear into the background. This city, Jerusalem, is the reason I believe in Messiah Yeshua. "Why?" you may ask.

Well, as a young Jewish boy, my first real memories of Israel are from 1973, the Yom Kippur War. I will never forget the morning in October when I heard the people in my synagogue on that most sacred of days speaking, for the very first time, about the God of the Bible in present-day terms. Instead of Him being the God from the pages of a scroll or book, everyone around me was speaking of God as if He were standing in front of the army of Israel, defending the nation from her enemies. Almost every conversation held mention of "The Six-Day War," "miracles" and "Jerusalem." That afternoon, in between services, I snuck into my room to read everything I could find in the encyclopedia about this war. That day in 1973, God became alive and real for me.

On my first trip up the mountain, I entered that city that almost 30 years before was the centerpiece of a present-day miracle of biblical proportions, an event that introduced my heart to the living God and ignited my faith.

...Reunited by Rebecca Vitkus



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Rabbi Matthew Salathe Fort Lauderdale, Florida

I've only been in Jerusalem one time, with just the last day of our tour leaving us free to explore the city. It was a few short days before Hanukkah. A handful of us were enjoying our time in the Jewish Quarter when we were drawn to the sounds of music outside Porat Yosef Yeshiva. The local yeshivot were having a celebration and, at the same time, preparing gift bags for the children who would be celebrating Hanukkah in a hospital. Whether the children were victims of terrorism or suffering illness, these bags would contain gifts and personal cards with messages of encouragement. We were given a warm reception and were instantly included when we asked to participate in the activity. That response will always remain with me. We were a mixed group of Jews and Gentiles, yet that's not who we were. We—locals and foreigners—were an act of love, as we joyfully filled each bag. That day, in that place, I was not on a tour; I was not there to observe. I was the fruit of promise.

Porat Yosef, "Joseph is a Fruitful Tree," is taken from the opening words of Jacob's blessing over Joseph in Genesis 49:22. The words of his blessing declare the growth of a people, while the actions of Jacob proclaim the reconciliation of a house. Truly, these prophetic words came to life that day, and are being realized even as you read this article. I will always cherish my first taste of this fruit in the Land.

THE YOUTH

Hamilton Thomas Atlanta, Georgia

This past summer, I had the privilege to travel to Israel with the YMJA. I had no idea what to expect, and after landing, I was blown away. The culture, the food, the people, the atmosphere—this is the apple of God's eye, and I was there.

Jerusalem itself had a major impact upon my life. However, no other place struck as deep as the Western Wall. Only one word quantifies my experience of this place: unforgettable. It was Friday evening. As I approached the wall, I could feel the atmosphere become heavier with each step. As dusk fell, more and more Jewish people from all backgrounds came for one reason, to praise the Lord.

The fervency, respect and love for God emanating from the praying Jewish people was tangible from hundreds of yards away. As the sun began to set, their prayers reached a crescendo. At this moment Rabbi Kevin Solomon guided my group into hidden tunnel in the wall. Only the more religious Orthodox were there, dressed in white and black. They soon began raising their voices, worshipping and uttering their Sabbath prayers as Shabbat approached. The presence of God intensified and I began to feel the joy of the Lord bubbling up within me.

Once we were outside, I noticed a group of men dancing and singing in celebration of the beginning of Shabbat. Despite it being obvious we were foreigners as we approached, they excitingly invited us to join them in the hype. I have never experienced such a sense of brotherhood before.

Before I knew it, I was in the center of a Jewish mosh pit. A wave of unspeakable joy hit everyone in the area. Joy radiated from everyone and it was unmistakable. Despite our differences, from the highly religious Orthodox to people like me, we were all unified in that moment, praising God. Unforgettable.

Whitney Tattersall Atlanta, Georgia

She's beautiful, Jerusalem. The most impactful experience I had wasn't within the city gates itself; it was just outside, on the Mount of Olives.

We drove up in our bus at sunset and our rabbi/guide had told us to close our eyes as we played "Shalom Jerusalem" over the speakers.

As we crested the hill, I opened my eyes, and it felt like a sword slid into my heart—painful and beautiful at the same time. The city was gleaming, and I felt like I could see the Lord's hands surrounding it on every side. My heart felt heavier than it had in my life, but also somehow as if I had been waiting my whole life to see what I was seeing then. We stepped off the bus, and I was overwhelmed. There's no better word. "This is the promise, Whitney. My promise for you." The magnitude of His faithfulness rushed through me, looking at that city that had prevailed through every high and every low imaginable. It felt like my heart crawled out of my chest and buried itself into the soil like the Israeli flag, never to be uprooted. That's the moment our rabbi revealed where we stood—the Mount of Olives, the very place where my Faithful One would return one day. I realized that, like Israel, we can run all we want, but He is the God of restoration, and He will not break His covenant. The city of Jerusalem is a tried and true example of His endurance in seeing His promises and His people to the end.

Erik Mattson Atlanta, Georgia

It was a late Friday afternoon in Jerusalem. The shops were closed. We passed a small convenience store with a sign that said, "Open 24/6." A lively sense of anticipation had been building up all day as the sun slowly

traveled across the sky. The excitement felt as if it was coming from the city itself. Shabbat was about to commence. We rotated through some turnstiles. We cleared a checkpoint manned by armed IDF soldiers. All of a sudden, we saw the one thing every Jewish person dreams of seeing and praying at: the Western Wall.

It was a lot smaller than I expected. But the spirit there was immense. All us guys said goodbye to the girls as we walked toward our section of the Wall. Shabbat still had not officially started; the sun was still shining on a small portion of the Wall. Before praying at the Wall ourselves, Rabbi Kevin Solomon took us down to where the ultra-orthodox gathered to pray. We stood there for a few minutes, simply observing. I had no idea anyone could daven as intensely as these men were. Their fervency in prayer was convicting. What I knew they were missing was heart-wrenching.

We walked onto the main area a few minutes before Shabbat began. Men were already in circles, dancing with joy. We took this as our opportunity to pray. As I was praying and inserting my own written prayer in between the bricks, I was deciding whether I should try to take one of the pre-existing prayers as a memento and to pray for the person, as I did at the synagogue in Capernaum. I didn't think I could do it without going unnoticed so I decided against it. As I reached my hands up above my head to touch the Wall, a piece of paper fell into my hand. I couldn't tell if I knocked it out as I raised my hands or if it just fell from above but either way, I pocketed it and prayed for that person that night.

After I was done praying at the Wall, I returned and found the rest of my brothers. We were all enjoying the moment and watching the dancing. Then, the shadow had come to totally cover the Wall and the crowd erupted in more enthusiastic celebration. A dance circle nearby was slowly growing and before we knew it, we were engulfed in the fray. I have never been a part of such a hyped dance circle. At one point, it resembled more of a mosh pit than anything. We danced and sang as long as we could. This Shabbat evening at the Western Wall in Jerusalem was truly one of the most joyous moments of my life. **MT**

Sha'arei Shalom: The Gates of Peace by Rebecca Vitkus



At Sha'arei Shalom children participate in their popular music program

In 2000, a chavurah (fellowship) was formed in the Research Triangle of North Carolina, surrounded by prestigious universities, high-tech companies and a growing Jewish community. It blossomed into Congregation Sha'arei Shalom, or "Gates of Peace," a thriving Messianic congregation with activities ranging from Hebrew education programs to monthly prayer gatherings and corporate children's services called Shabbat Shelanu, "Our Shabbat."

Rabbi Jason and Stephanie Sobel founded the chavurah and in 2001 transitioned into a congregation with weekly Shabbat services with the support of Rabbi Seth and Rachael Klayman and core members of the community. Rabbi Jason led the congregation until 2004, when he and his family moved away.

"My wife Rachael and I moved to Raleigh-Durham in 2000 when I was accepted to a graduate program in Judaic Studies at Duke University," Seth said. "We were acquainted with Jason and Stephanie Sobel, who had already been living in the area for a short time. As soon as we moved, we reconnected with them and joined up with the small chavurah."

In 2004, Seth and Rachael moved to Jerusalem with no intention of returning, but their lives were unexpectedly directed back to Sha'arei Shalom, which they have been leading since 2005.

"Given my parents' path, from day one, my life was completely bathed in the exciting and awkward world of Messianic Judaism," Seth said. "Both of my parents are Jewish, and both embraced Yeshua's messiahship before I was born. I count them among the pioneers of the Messianic Jewish congregational movement that we know today."

Seth isn't the only family member to embrace the Messianic lifestyle into his adulthood.

"My sister, Rhena, has also been deeply involved in Messianic Judaism congregationally in Columbus, Ohio, as well as on the national level. My brother-in-law Ari is transitioning into leadership

at Baruch HaShem Messianic Synagogue in Dallas, and my sister-in-law Sabra is the Director of Operations for the YMJA."

Like Rabbi Seth's multigenerational Messianic family, Rachael's family has a similar story.

"Rachael's parents founded and lead Baruch HaShem Messianic Synagogue in Dallas, Texas," Seth explained. "Rachael and I met at a UMJC conference when we were 12 years old."

The Klaymans have three children of their own—a 12-year-old son, a 9-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old daughter.

"They are full of life, joy, courage and kindness," Seth said.

So what is a typical Shabbat service at Sha'arei Shalom like?

"Singing. Prayer. Tradition. Innovation. Authenticity. Vibrancy. Inspiration. Warmth. Kids. Lots of kids!" Rabbi Klayman said.

Although fostering a close community within the congregation is important, Seth also recognizes the value of sharing Yeshua's love outside the synagogue walls. Some ministries include serving the Jewish community in a local women's prison and building a relationship with a neighboring organization engaged in fighting systemic poverty.

"I started attending Sha'arei a decade ago while I was in college," said Tiffany Thompson, a member of the Sha'arei Shalom community. "Seth and Rachael are incredible leaders and dear friends whom I admire and deeply respect. I am grateful to call this place home."

Seth holds multiple degrees from various schools, all related to Jewish studies, including the Ohio State University (B.A.), Oxford University (Dip.J.S.) and Duke University (M.A., Ph.D.). When asked which leaders inspire him, Seth credited his early spiritual leaders, including Dr. Michael Rydelnik, Rabbi Dr. Michael Schiffman and Rabbi Howard Silverman, as well as historical figures like David Ben-Gurion, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Rabbi Seth and Rachael Klayman and their kids dress up for Purim



Recently the sanctuary at Sha'arei Shalom received a makeover



Members of Congregation Sha'arei Shalom take Purim very seriously

"I affectionately refer to him as my rabbi," Seth said of Dr. King. "I draw boundless inspiration from his leadership in the struggle for civil rights and from his soaring speeches that inspired and mobilized so many."

Though he is influenced by the stories of these leaders, there's one who stands above all the rest.

"Most of all, I have profound respect for my wife Rachael's leadership," Seth said. "Unlike the other people I've mentioned, I have the privilege of observing her leadership personally. She has uncanny insight into what lies below the surface of an issue, and she leads with hope, positivity, realism, creativity and (often) prescience."

Seth's involvement in the Messianic community extends beyond state borders. He is currently serving a second term as secretary of the UMJC, working as an adjunct professor at The King's University in Southlake, Texas, and speaking at conferences including the Messiah Conference, Meuchad and many others.

Seth was also one of the creators of Asheville Music Festival, (AMF), a one-time Messianic Jewish music and arts festival held in August 2012. Forty-eight emerging music groups from 17 states and 5 countries played at AMF. Forty visual and performing artists participated, and about 200 volunteers made it all happen.

"Over 1,000 people were present at AMF, a great part of whom were a part of the emerging generation—people increasingly stepping into significant leadership in our communities and organizations," Rabbi Seth said.

This vision of AMF signifies Messianic Judaism moving from "what is" into "what can be," he said. "We draw inspiration for this movement from the pioneers of modern-day Messianic Judaism, whom we sought to honor at the event, and who have instilled in us a desire to follow the Lord into land unsown. In this vision, Messianic Judaism in the land of 'what can be' is marked by a resurgence of our Jewish people turning to HaShem, personal and corporate spiritual renewal, extreme unity across organizational bounds and greater clarity of vision for the remnant of Israel as we approach the fullness of the kingdom of Messiah on this earth."

With such an incredible history of chavurah beginnings and active congregational life, what's next for Seth and Sha'arei Shalom?

"The completion of our sanctuary renovation," Seth said. "Our vision is for the new aesthetic to better support our particular approach to worship, and to provide a space that makes our community members, and especially our visitors, more at home in a Messianic Jewish environment."

In the coming year, the congregation is also beginning a new community engagement initiative.

"This year, we are exploring ways we as a congregation can partner with local nonprofits who are doing good work in our local community," Rabbi Seth said. "We are also building a relationship with a neighboring organization that has a multifaceted approach to combating systemic poverty in our area."

"Sha'arei Shalom is such a special place," said Jamie Eaton, an active member of the congregation. "The first word that comes

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to my mind is 'sweet.' Community thrives here in a genuine way; people have deep relationships, and support for one another is abounding. The other word that comes to my mind is 'balance.' Having spent many years in the Messianic Jewish community, I love the balance of new and old at Sha'arei. I love the traditional elements and the embracing of our uniquely Jewish identity that mixes and blends perfectly with belief in Yeshua and how that is expressed at Sha'arei. I love the leadership's courage at trying new things to move the congregation to a closer walk with God and the feeling of being home when I am within our peaceful gates."

What is Rabbi Seth looking forward to experiencing within his community?

"Simply being in community with amazing people and together seeking to clear untrodden (or overgrown) paths for Jewish Yeshua-faith in a new generation," Rabbi Seth said. "Along with our deep conviction of the rightness of Messianic Judaism, we experience what I think is a respectful dissatisfaction with some of 'what is' in our Messianic Jewish world. We want to be engaged in dialogue that is helpful, hopeful and ultimately furthers the work that God desires to do among us in the coming years." **MT**



A colorful art project teaches Hebrew to the children

Lauren Coleman: Bringing Hope by Stephanie Escalante

At thirty-one, Lauren Coleman lives a life of love, of change and of impact. She works for a nonprofit that changes the lives of those experiencing their final days. For Coleman, it all began with one heart-wrenching experience that open up a lifetime of opportunity.

“One of my best friends was dying of cancer and a care package was sent to her hours before she passed away.”

Her best friend was Christa, and it had been her second journey with cancer. Lauren Coleman, 31, shares that Christa battled Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and had been in remission. Five years later, and her friend’s cancer had come back.

“The year before, Christa’s father had died of Stage 4 prostate cancer. Christa’s family went through a lot.”

It was during this experience that Coleman realized how receiving a care package could impact the day of a cancer patient and their family members.

Coleman recalls being intrigued by Phil’s Friends, the organization that sent Christa the package. Not only did Coleman think it thoughtful; Christa’s family experienced a sense of comfort during an incredibly difficult moment.

“Here was this faith-based mission,” Coleman states, that made “the love of the Lord tangible. It was really moving for me. I had never really seen that. One of the things about cancer is that it has hit all of us. Even if we don’t have it, we all love someone who has.”

That impression has not left Coleman and ultimately led her to her career.

After Christa had passed away, Coleman ran into Kevin, Christa’s brother. It turns out that Kevin had become friends with the founder of Phil’s Friends. Kevin encouraged Coleman, “He kept telling me, ‘You need to get involved in this organization. You have a heart for the Lord. You have a heart for people with cancer.’”

“My response was, ‘Kevin, I would love to but I go to school and work two jobs. That’s not really doable right now.’”

Fast track to 2011, Coleman decided the summer before her senior year of college to only work one job. She was going to invest her time volunteering at Phil’s Friends twice a week.

Officially, Phil’s Friends began in 2006. After defeating cancer twice, founder Phil Zielke saw the need to provide Messiah-centered support for those affected by cancer. The organization sends out packages-- free of charge-- that include personally decorated cards from volunteers, a blanket, hats for patients undergoing chemo, and often include devotionals or other inspirational material. He needed assistance for day-to-day items, and for longer-term visions and projects.

The summer of 2011, Coleman’s initial plan was to stuff envelopes and send cards to cancer patients-- items that assisted Phil’s Friends but that were not too executive-level. However, one of Coleman’s major courses had recently been canceled. In order to graduate on time, Coleman needed an internship. She approached Zielke with the idea

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Above: Lauren Coleman wore her Hanukkah sweater to the office Christmas party

Right: Flanked by founders Carrie and Phil Zielke

Below: Phil’s Friends’ “Hope to Hospital” program delivers packages to patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Right above: Lauren spent time with Janet, a young patient who went to be with the Lord in February of 2016

Right below: With others from Phil’s Friends at Willow Creek Global Leaders Summit





of turning her volunteering into an opportunity to help both the nonprofit and her educational dilemma.

"I said, 'Hey, Phil, can we maybe make this an internship?'"

Coleman laughs at the memory. "I never left. In August it will be six years since I started my internship."

She began coordinating events; Zielke needed assistance for a gala that Phil's Friends puts together in order to raise funds for the nonprofit. The first year Coleman stepped in to help with the event, Phil's Friends raised approximately \$40,000—that was as an intern. By May 2012, Coleman became a full-time paid employee. This past November, less than six years later, Coleman has helped Phil's Friends raise over \$250,000.

From being an intern, Coleman became event and volunteer coordinator. "We were a much smaller organization at that time," she notes. "At the time it was possible for those two items to be under one job."

While Coleman recognizes the blessing of being able to work in a Believer-based organization, her career trajectory has come with its own learning curve. For years, Coleman worked more than one job at a time, noting that she got her work ethic from her mother and father, for whom she speaks with much admiration.

"My parents are very hard workers. I didn't want for anything growing up." At the same time, they encouraged Coleman to value of independence and drive. "I knew that you can't just expect things to be handed to you."

Growing up in Addison, right outside of Chicago, Coleman initially wanted to be Dolly Parton when she grew up. Her first job was when she was 15 at her high school bookstore. There, Coleman would go through books used by students and clean them to be used by another set of students. Jokingly, Coleman refers to this job as "not so glamorous." However, she remembers being excited about getting work experience.

Since her teenage years, Coleman has also worked in restaurants and in retail. These industries, she shares, have proven to be helpful in her nonprofit career. For instance, of Bath & Body Works, a job during her twenties, Coleman recognizes how much she was able to hone her interpersonal skills. "I loved the customer service training I got there," she added.

These days, Coleman serves Phil's Friends as Development Director. When she started with Phil's Friends, the nonprofit was reaching about 800 cancer patients a month, and operations ran out of Zielke's basement. Now operations run out of The Hope Center, a facility that allows Phil's Friends to serve approximately 10,000 cancer patients on a monthly basis.

Phil's Friends has partnerships with various hospitals throughout the Chicago area, where trained volunteers deliver packages to cancer patients right at their bedsides. These hospital sites are mainstream locations, and Coleman stressed that while Phil's Friends is a faith based mission in which the faith component is demonstrated with love in action and not what is forced upon anyone.

Anticipating that many patients are potentially Jewish, Coleman's unique Messianic Jewish background prompted her to invite Jeremiah Zaretsky, of Jews for Jesus, for Jewish evangelism training. Working with Phil's Friends, Coleman has had non-believing Jewish people asking her questions regarding her faith. "One of my favorite volunteers is a Jewish non-believer. She loves what we do. She knows that I am Messianic and we are the best of friends."

Coleman points out that Phil's Friends not only ministers to the cancer patients but the greater Chicago community. "Phil's Friends has secular groups who volunteer and pack the packages. Many of them color cards and decorate the cards. We don't hide who we are. And they love how we reach out in love. You never know where those seeds will be planted."

A self-proclaimed perfectionist, Coleman is clearly dedicated to her career and job. Late 2016, Coleman experienced an epileptic episode which has forced her to slow down from the rapid pace she was used to working. For Coleman, not working as hard as she is used to is difficult, but leaning on the Lord has proven to get her through a tough season.

"All the community, including donors and patients, prayed for me. When I had my first seizure, it really sidetracked me. My first fear was a brain tumor because of what I work around," Coleman admits. "That's where your mind goes."

With an assured voice, Coleman continues, "I am feeling better every day. I am starting to get back to myself, again. It's been a learning experience, but I have been experiencing the Father's loving hand through all of it."

Speaking with Coleman, it is very evident she is passionate about her work. She is articulate and incredibly familiar with the various components of Phil's Friends operations. The thing that stands out the most, though, is her love for the people she serves and that serve alongside her. Coleman speaks respectfully of Zielke, of the many volunteers she works with, hospital staff, donors and care package recipients. To work in a nonprofit like Phil's Friends, Coleman notes one of the most critical skills to have are people and communication skills.

The other important skill, Coleman emphasized, was asking questions. "Never be afraid to ask for help or let others know what you may need." By letting people know Phil's Friends needed blankets, United Airlines donated blankets. "If you don't ask, the worst thing they can say is 'no.' I think anyone who works in a nonprofit needs to be comfortable asking questions. There's a way to showcase the need."

She adds, "It is about telling the patient's story."

"People are at the heart of any nonprofit, whether they be patients, volunteers or donors. One person can be all three. Each one is important in different ways."

And that is the thing about Coleman, she always goes back to the people. **MT**



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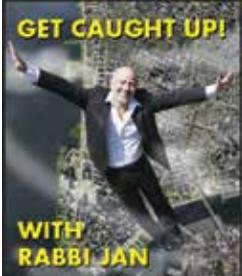


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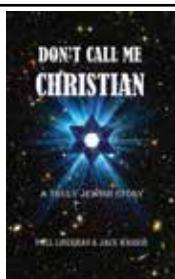


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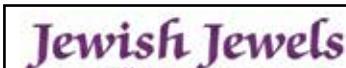


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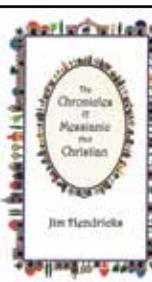
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Zemer
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The hills are alive

The root *zemer*—זָמַר—usually has something to do with either singing or tree pruning or sometimes even a sheep or mountain goat. Though I cannot claim to understand what (or if there is) a connection between all of these meanings, I will focus on words and expressions that bring us all the sound of music.

While the word *zemer*—זָמַר—is translated “song,” the variation, *zamir*—זָמִיר—refers either to singing itself or to the quintessential songbird, the nightingale. In Song of Songs 2:12, we read, *Eyt hazamir higyah*—עֵת הַזָּמִיר הִגִּיעַ—which can be translated as “the time of the nightingale has come,” or “The time for singing has come.” Either way, it refers to springtime when there is always singing! Most people are familiar with a style of instrumental Jewish wedding music called *klezmer*—כַּלִּיזְמֵר—which features the same z-m-r root, but adds a prefix which makes the meaning “instruments of song.”

As the poet laureate of the Scriptures, King David was called *na'im zmirot Yisrael*—נָעִים זְמִירוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל—“the sweet singer of Israel.” So be like David and lift your voice!

From Down Under to Hollywood...Florida by Mandie Greenberg Cook

Matthew Absolon lives and ministers in South Florida, but grew up as one of eight children in Mackay, Queensland, Australia. That he is not native to the Miami area becomes readily apparent within minutes of first speaking with him. His accent, though softened by a decade of living in the United States, is still unmistakably Australian. So how does a nice Jewish boy from the “Land Down Under” end up in South Florida? The same way many stories begin: with a girl.

Both sides of his family had been established in Australia for four generations, but Matt and his siblings were only the second generation to be raised as Messianic Jews. From a very young age, Matt had a deep understanding of the reality of God. In speaking with him, Matt can recall encounters with God as young as 8 years old. As he grew older, it took study of religion, theology and the doctrines that he had been raised with to solidify his beliefs. From there, Matt continued to study in order to be able to defend his faith. And even as a teenager, God was beginning to stir in him a heart for ministry.

Due to the relatively small size of the Australian Messianic community, social networking sites became a way for Matt to connect with the greater Messianic community all over the world. While on the site Myspace® one day in the early 2000s, Matt became friends with a young lady named Annie from Florida. She was just a couple of years younger, Jewish, Cuban and like him, a second generation Messianic Jew. They began talking regularly through the site and when it came time for Matt to choose a vacation destination, he knew exactly where he wanted to go. Florida.

At just 20 years old, Matt flew to Florida, excited about his first trip to America and the chance to meet Annie. She and her parents were waiting at the airport when his plane touched down. From that moment, any plans he had for his time in the States were thrown out the window. For the next few weeks, spending time with Annie was all that mattered. As the time for him to return home grew closer, Matt couldn't see himself without this beautiful, godly young woman in his life. After speaking with her parents, Matt asked Annie to marry him before he left. She said yes.

Matt returned to Australia, his fiancée still in Florida, and began preparing himself to be a husband. Eighteen months later, he had gotten all the necessary paperwork, finances and preparations completed in order to return to America. In 2009, Matt was able to marry the love of his life and take her as Mrs. Annie Absolon. At the time of their wedding, neither of them knew what God had in store for them, but they both agreed that ministry would be a part of it. “Both Annie and I knew we wanted to be in ministry from a young age. Even as children we both wanted to serve the Lord, so it became a pillar of our marriage. We dedicated ourselves to ministry as a couple from the moment we got married,” Matt explained.

Upon moving to America permanently, Matt and Annie joined Congregation Shema Israel, a Spanish-speaking Messianic congregation in Deerfield Beach/Miami, led by Rabbi Manuel Goffman. There they were discipled and trained as a part of Shema Israel's ministry team. The Absolons were there for several years before a need arose at one of Shema Israel's sister-congregations: Beth T'filah in Hollywood, Florida. Rabbi Gidon Nelson founded Congregation Beth T'filah. After many years of faithful service to the community, Rabbi Nelson was forced to retire due to health issues. With his retirement eminent, Rabbi Nelson contacted Rabbi Goffman for counsel. Knowing their hearts for ministry and their unified gift of leadership, Rabbi Goffman offered the Absolons to help Beth T'filah. Rabbi Nelson welcomed the nomination and Rabbi Goffman sent them out with his blessing.

The Messianic community of South Florida is relatively close-knit, so when Rabbi Ira Brawer of Heritage House Ministries heard that one of the congregations in the area needed help, he too offered his assistance. The Absolons welcomed his knowledge, experience and council. Rabbi Brawer became a mentor to Matt and Annie, helping them navigate the brand-new arena of congregational leadership.

When speaking to Rabbi Brawer about the Absolons, he had this to say: “From the first time I met Matthew, I



Matthew Absolon leads a congregational Passover seder at Beth T'filah Messianic Congregation in Melbourne, Florida



Naming ceremony of daughter Mikhaeli Tikvah

knew he was a special young man. As soon as I got to know him, I found him to be a serious lover of Yeshua, his family and God's people. It has been a joy to be a part of his life and development as a leader, both in his home and in the congregation. Additionally, he has one of the greatest assets that a man can be blessed with by God: his wife Annie.”

Even before taking on the leadership of Congregation Beth T'filah, Matt had begun pursuing his masters in Rabbinic Studies through Netzer David, a UMJC-approved Yeshiva spearheaded by Rabbi, Dr. John Fischer and Dr. Patrice Fischer. Eventually, Matt will also pursue s'micha (ordination). But until then, he is firm about not being labeled as a rabbi. He says, “I'm a lover of study and lecture. As of right now, I've been at Netzer David for the last four years or so. And I believe that until I finish all my studies, I cannot be called a rabbi. For now, I'm just the Rosh Kehilah or Head of the Congregation. It will take me a few more years to finish up my degree since I'm only able to go part time right now. But I will see it completed.”

In addition to leading a congregation, Matt is the owner of his own construction company. Back in Australia, his family had been heavily involved in construction. Matt had done all sorts of odd jobs growing up and wasn't too keen on going back into it. But, as a staunch believer in being bi-vocational, Matt sought the

Lord about what to do. He felt called to start his own company and since he stepped out in obedience, his business has been blessed.

His business acumen, as well as his openness about his identity, has led to some strong relationships among the mainstream Jewish community in his neighborhood. “When it comes to cultivating relationships with the Jewish community, I've found that it all comes down to being genuinely loving. Genuine love is still hard to find and people will be attracted to Yeshua's love in you. Beyond that, I've found that not hiding who I am and not apologizing for what I believe also helps to build trust. There are some who won't want to connect with me, but that's OK. I'm still going to show them the love of Yeshua.”

Whenever Matt speaks about the congregation, he lights up. “I love seeing Yeshua at work in people's lives. At the beginning of this year, we had six baptisms and proclamations of faith. On top of that, we're seeing marriages grow in stability and people deepen their relationship with Adonai. And that's what makes me tick. We are truly blessed to have a small congregation of genuinely warm and loving believers in Yeshua.”

With a congregation, a business and two beautiful children, Jimmy and Mikhaeli, the Absolons have a very full plate. But they wouldn't have it any other way. And we look forward to what the Lord will do through them in the days to come. **MT**

Jesus Is to Christianity as Pasta Is to Italians by Eric Tokajer

Pasta is Italian, bagels are Jewish, and chicken chow mein is Chinese right? Wrong; the bagel's roots are not Jewish, but rather Italian. While pasta's history begins in China, the Chinese food staple chow mein is actually an American dish. What does this lost history of these different popular foods have to do with Jesus and Christianity?

The answer is simple. In the exact same way that these three foods and many others are believed to be culturally connected to a certain people group and tradition, Yeshua/Jesus—a Jew born in a Jewish town named Bethlehem, to Jewish parents), who lived His life according to Biblical/Jewish law and conventions, and who died in Jerusalem—has been largely removed from His real Jewish culture, and over the centuries became a Hellenized Christian.

I know that many people reading this may still at this point be wondering, “What difference does it make?” You can enjoy a bagel in a kosher deli without understanding that the first bagels were made by Italians. You can eat a bowl of chow mein noodles without concern that it was first eaten in America and not in China. We also know the long piece of pasta is no less delicious just because the first ones to slurp pasta were not in Italy.

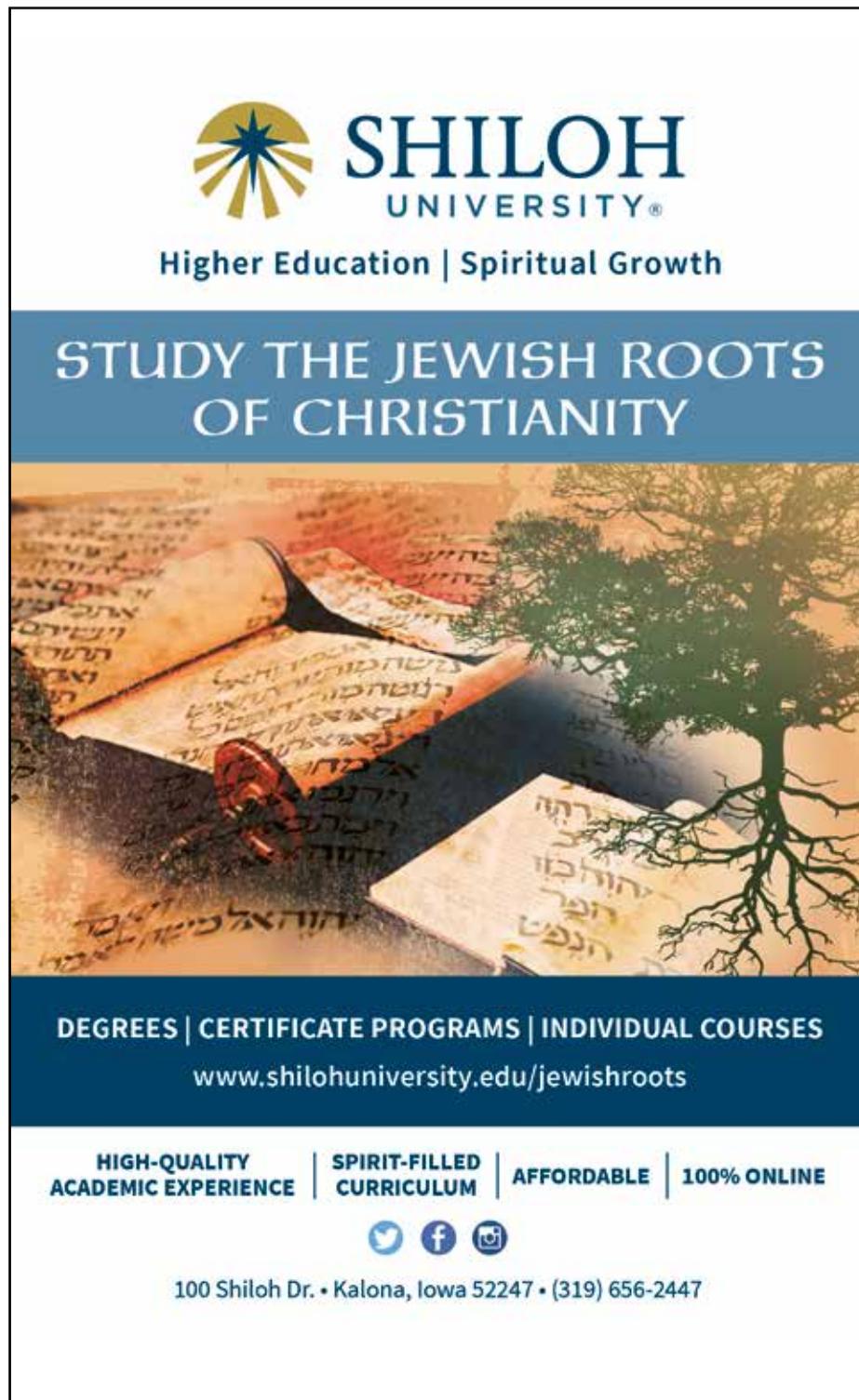
While there may be no critical impact by the lost origins of certain foods, removing Yeshua from His roots is more than cultural appropriation. It isn't just that Yeshua was Jewish. When we learn about Yeshua outside of the context of the Tanakh and the nation Israel, we may see Him as Messiah, but we cannot understand why only He can be the Messiah. Outside of the context that Yeshua was born into, we cannot understand the meaning of Galatians 4:4, “But when the fullness of time came, God sent out His Son, born of a woman and born under law.”—(TLV)

Removed from context, it is impossible for someone to understand “fullness of time,” “God sent out His son,” or “born under law.” Without the knowledge that begins in Genesis 1:3, “God said, ‘Let there be light!’ and there was light,” (TLV), it is impossible to understand John 8:12, “I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me...will have the light of life.” (TLV)

Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection can hardly be understood without Genesis 1:14, “Let lights in the expanse of the sky be for separating the day from the night. They will be for signs and for seasons...” The word in verse 14 is the Hebrew word *moedim*—“appointed times.” There were biblical reasons that Yeshua died on Passover, was buried before the Sabbath, and rose again on the Firstfruits of the barley harvest. These reasons were set from the very first words of the Bible and continue throughout the Old Testament texts.

While it may not make any difference if someone goes their whole life thinking that bagels are Jewish, pasta is Italian and chow mein is Chinese, it makes a huge difference if a believer in Yeshua doesn't know that Jesus was/is a Jew, because the very foundation of what they believe is resting on that truth. After all, remember what Yeshua said on the last great day of the Feast in John 7:38, “Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture says, ‘out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

In order to have rivers of living water flow out of our innermost being, we must believe in Him as the Scriptures said, remembering that the only Scriptures in existence when those words were spoken were the books of the Old Testament. **MT**



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Few women assume positions of leadership in the Messianic Jewish community, although opportunities have gradually been increasing. During the past decade, the Union’s sisterhood has successfully encouraged women to become delegates and serve on committees. Outside the Union, the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America has elected female board members and youth leaders, yet men still fill top positions. Women in Messianic Jewish missions can be found in upper level management.

“We didn’t pick Monique because she was a woman,” said Russ Resnik, former executive director of UMJC, referring to the more than 80 percent of delegates who confirmed her appointment at the 2016 summer conference, “but because she had the gifts, and the wiring, and the experience that were a great fit.”

During the Union conference in Ontario, California, congregational delegates debated the nature of the executive director’s role, which had always been filled by a rabbi. Rabbi Russ Resnik, 68, who had counseled rabbis of UMJC in his post of 17 years, decided to step down to focus on writing, teaching and counseling the rabbinic community. Before the vote, Brumbach discussed with Resnik his continued engagement within the Union.

“She foresaw that there were parts of what I did that she wouldn’t be able to do,” said Resnik, regarding the rabbinic aspects of his job. Resnik now works in a newly created role of rabbinic counsel and will deepen his advising commitments to the rabbis of the Union’s 73 congregations, while Brumbach will focus on organizational development, marketing, fundraising and basic management.

The lack of women leaders in the Messianic community stems mainly from theological factors. A diversity of views on women’s roles exists in the

Messianic Jewish community, but its predominantly conservative approach sets limits on higher offices. Within congregations, women serve as music team leaders, children’s program directors or as co-congregational leaders. The Union developed some means to propel women into rabbinic roles, such as the Madrikh certificate—advanced adult educator training. The egalitarian-leaning Messianic Jewish Rabbinical Council, which is mostly made up of Union rabbis, sanctioned the ordination of women while the Union itself currently rejects the idea.

At the conference, Brumbach presented her background and vision for the UMJC and although the majority supported her, the appointment was not without some controversy, according to Resnik. One congregation resigned from the Union as a result, while others are still waiting to see how things work out. Despite the division of labor between Resnik and Brumbach, regional directors must report to the executive director.

“There is still an authority flow that this one congregation felt it couldn’t live with,” Resnik said.

Brumbach said she can handle a challenge, partly because of demanding work she faced as a human rights lawyer. For several years, she said she litigated on behalf of refugee women fleeing gender-based violence in her role as refugee project director for Human Rights USA. Subsequently, as advocacy director for Falling Whistles, an organization that fought for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she, together with many others, pressed for the appointment of a United States envoy to the Great Lakes Region of Africa. As a result of the lobbying, Senator Russ Feingold together with Secretary of State John Kerry were in place at the right time to quell a 2013 rebellion of M23, one of the deadliest rebel groups in east Africa.

Pushing for a government appointment to Congo required building unlikely coalitions from those in Congolese civil society, human rights organizations and even from mining companies, said Brumbach. While the stakes and



circumstances differ in human rights than in the Messianic world, coalition-building skills will be key to her dealings within the Messianic community and essential toward fostering relations with the Church and wider Jewish communities, she said. Unlike her work in litigation, Brumbach doesn’t view Messianic Jewish communal leadership as adversarial.

“The challenge is to impart vision, leverage people’s unique gifts, and promote unity in diversity,” she said.

Brumbach’s history with the Union goes back to her childhood. Her mother, Michelle Beadle, founded New Orleans’ first Messianic Jewish synagogue, Adat Yeshua, in 1994, using Union resources. For her bat mitzvah, Congregation Beth Messiah in Houston flew in a Torah scroll, buying it a separate seat on the airplane. Brumbach also met her husband, Rabbi Joshua Brumbach of Ahavat Zion Messianic Synagogue—with whom she now has a 4-year-old son—at a 2007 UMJC conference in Chicago.

“I joke that the Union has given me a community, a husband, a child and a job,” she said.

For the first year in her new role, Brumbach will travel a lot. She aims to visit each of the Union’s seven regions to better assess the needs of congregational leaders. She’ll be carrying forward and deepening Resnik’s goal of enhancing the value of Union membership for congregations by developing training opportunities and practical resources to address humanitarian needs. She hopes to expand the pipeline for leadership growth not only for new rabbis, but also for educators, outreach workers, administrators, cantors and crisis workers.

Brumbach also plans to reach out to the Union’s 11 international communities. “I want to forge partnerships that are grounded in mutual respect and solidarity,” she said about listening to the needs of local leaders in Israel, Germany, Russia and Brazil, without imposing her worldview

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Left above: Key leaders in the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations pray over Michelle Brumbach, anointing her as the new executive director of the UMJC

Left below: Monique in a lighter moment, laughs out loud at a remark made during a UMJC meeting

Right: Rabbi Josh and Monique Brumbach and their family at the 2016 UMJC annual conference



The selection of the new UMJC executive director Monique Brumbach signals a turn toward youth and change. She says, “It’s my job to sustain it and grow it so that it benefits the next generation of Messianic Jews.

on them. Outside of the UMJC, she hopes to build relationships with organizations such as the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America, Jewish Voice Ministries International, Chosen People Ministries, and Toward Jerusalem Council II Initiative.

She shares a vision of a more mature Messianic Judaism that fully lives out Messianic faith in a Jewish context with her husband, Rabbi Joshua Brumbach. With all her responsibilities, Brumbach’s duties as the rebbetzin of Ahavat Zion will focus on hospitality and a listening ear for her husband. Rabbi Brumbach balances his life as a pulpit rabbi with his own commitments to the UMJC, serving on the theology committee, steering committee and as president of the Union of Messianic Believers—the individual membership arm of the union.

Union leadership seems to be trending younger as seen in its new president, Jesse Hatcher, who was elected at the same time as Brumbach. The interim chair of the UMJC 20s committee, Antonina Kerner, 28, is encouraged by Brumbach’s appointment. “I feel both empowered and challenged by Monique’s leadership,” she said.

Although Monique Brumbach shows a deep respect for her predecessors, such as Resnik, she also signals youth and change for the Union. She feels a profound obligation toward stewarding this new role. “It’s not really my job to shape this thing in my own image, she said. “It’s my job to sustain it, and grow it, so that it benefits the next generation of Messianic Jews.” **MT**

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The scrolls are

- **Tehillim** (תהלים)—**Psalms**
- **Aichah** (איכה)—**Lamentations**
- **Kohelet** (קהלת)—**Ecclesiastes**
- **Shir HaShirim** (שיר השירים)—**The Song of Songs**
- **Rut** (רות)—**The Book of Ruth**

There are three main characters in this Biblical story:

Naomi, Ruth and **Boaz**.

There are also three minor characters: Naomi's husband **Elimelech** (my God is king), her other daughter-in-law **Orpah** (faun) and Naomi's unfortunate sons, **Mahlon** (infirmity) and **Chilion** (pinning). Another significant name is that of the famous descendant who resulted from the events of this compact little drama; namely, **Daveed HaMelech** (דוד המלך)—**King David**.



BOAZ means **strength**. He was Naomi's relative who permitted Ruth to glean the grain at the edges of his fields. He provided for her, protected her and, as her **kinsman-redeemer**, married her.

NAOMI means **pleasantness**. She even addresses the painful irony of this when her two sons die. Naomi bemoans her circumstances, telling her daughters-in-law not to call her Naomi but **Mara**—**bitterness**.

RUTH, hero and namesake of this story, was from Moab. When Naomi and family went there to escape the famine, Ruth entered the fold where she remained, even in the face of the tragic circumstances. **Ruth** means **friend**.



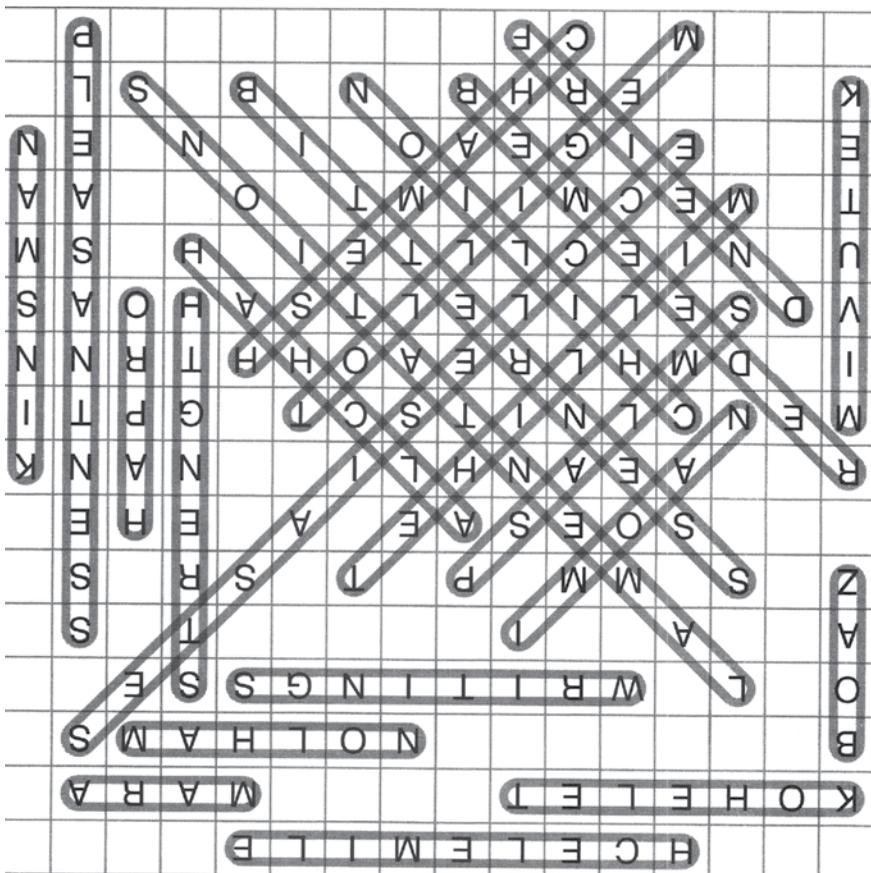
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| 22. TEHILIM | 23. WRITING | |

Word Find Solution



From the Kitchen



Israeli Cheesecake for Shavuot

Ingredients

- 100 grams of butter, room temperature
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon decaffeinated coffee
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 cups cake flour
- 3 eggs
- 750 grams Israeli white cheese (Gevina Levana)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 packet vanilla sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 containers sour cream
- 1 packet vanilla sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375° (F). Spray a 9"x13" cake pan with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a bowl, combine butter, egg yolks, coffee, sugar and flour with your hands until crumbly. Press into cake pan as base for the cake.
3. In a bowl, combine eggs, white cheese, sugar, vanilla sugar and flour. Pour on top of cake base.
4. Bake 375° (F) for 30 minutes or until cheese does not wiggle.
5. Remove and cool for 30 minutes.
6. Turn oven temperature down to 200° (F).
7. In a small bowl, mix sour cream with vanilla sugar and sugar. Spread over cooled cake.
8. Bake at 200° (F) for 20 minutes.
9. Refrigerate.

Serving Suggestion

This cheesecake tastes best after it has been chilled for a few hours, and even better the next day.

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Daniel and Ethel Chadwick are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter **Jeri Chadwick** to the dashing **Aaron Kelley**. The couple met while living in Augusta, Georgia and currently reside in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where they attend Global Celebration School of Supernatural Ministry while working at their respective full-time jobs. A late summer wedding is planned in High Falls, Rochester, New York.

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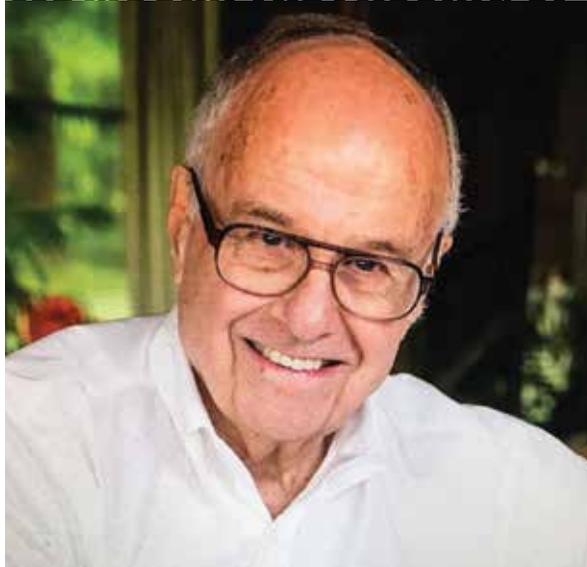
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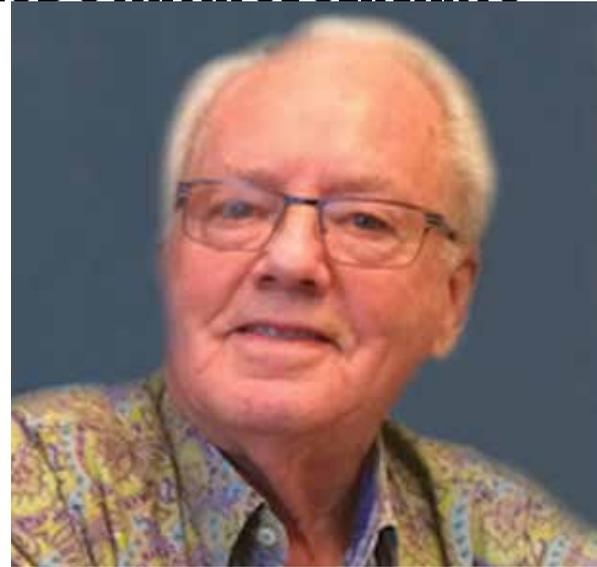
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Edwin A. "Ned" Gallun Jr. was called home to the Lord on December 14, 2016, age 85. Loving husband of Elfriede (nee Jatzkowski) for 59 years. Dear dad of Lisa (James) Baum, Amanda (Tom) Wood and Martin (Angela) Gallun. Proud grandpa of Jacob (Brittany) Baum, Luke Baum, Nathan Raitmaier, Connor and Tyler Gallun. Brother of Douglas "Tony" (the late Nancy) Gallun and Arthur "Sandy" (Elaine) Gallun. Further survived by other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his sister Lorna (the late Dr. James) Schelble. Ned was born in Milwaukee. He attended Country Day school in Milwaukee and spent summers on Pine Lake. He was a graduate of St. Mark's Boarding School and proud graduate of Yale University Class of 1953. Upon graduation from Yale he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, where he met the love of his life. In 1973 he bought Metalcraft of Mayville, a little company in Mayville, Wisconsin, and built it into a world-class manufacturer with over 800 employees and two locations. Ned was an outdoorsman who enjoyed golf, fishing and hunting. He was a great man who was passionate about freedom, education and had a deep and abiding love of the Lord. He was also a generous contributor to the ministry of *The Messianic Times*.



Mr. Peter Elbert Leyen, beloved husband of Mrs. Dora Leyen, went to be with his Lord and Saviour at Mesa, Arizona on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the age of 86 years. Peter was born in Holland in 1930 and came to Canada in 1948. He became a landed immigrant in 1955. Peter worked as a dairy farm hand, a landscaper, a cab driver and then started his career in the oilfield. As a young man, he worked on the rigs and over the years became a prominent businessman in the oil industry. Peter's love for animals opened the door for numerous hobbies such as raising Registered Black Angus Cattle and Hanoverian Horses. His compassion for people led to many local and foreign projects including child and youth services, disaster relief, food and shelter for the homeless and assistance in obtaining knowledge of God. Peter will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Dora; son, Peter Douglas (Nancy), son, Darryl (Kellie) and his grandchildren; Tori, Brooklyn, Chase and Kale. He will also be sadly missed by his sister, Coba (Johnny); as well as by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends in Holland and in Canada. Peter was predeceased by his wife, Colleen, a son, Donald (Cathy), a brother, Gerrit, and his half brothers and sisters; Dirk, Rein, Nel and Siets.

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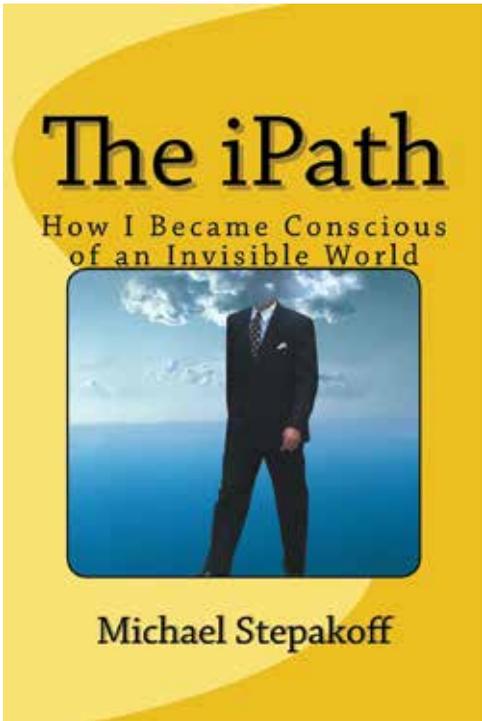
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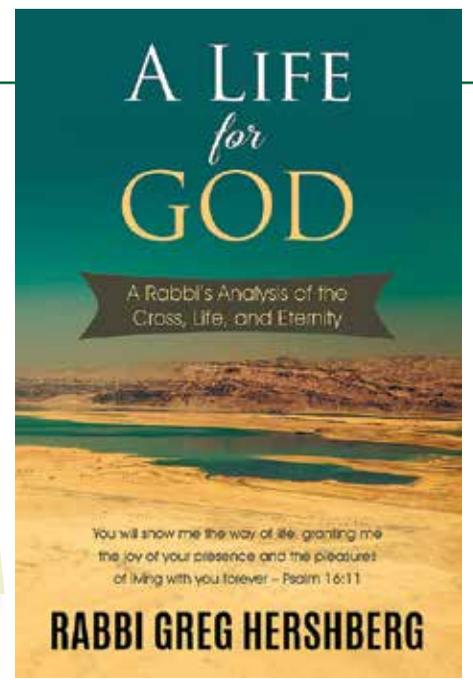
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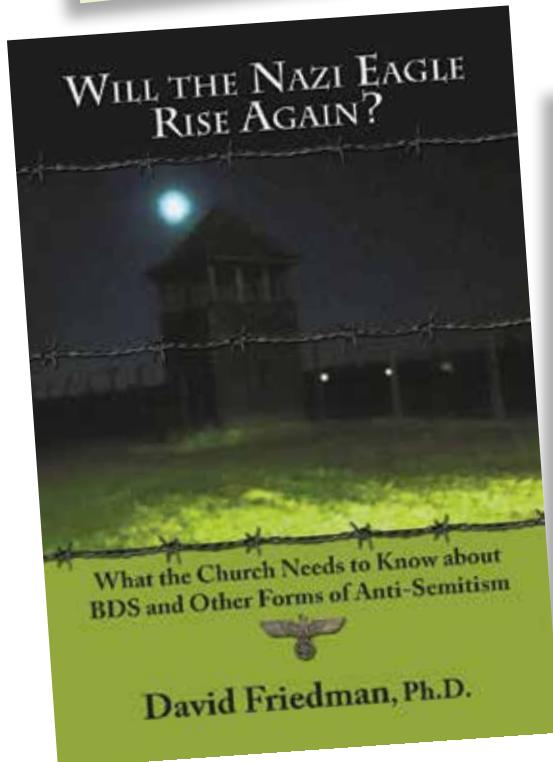


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Dr. David Friedman

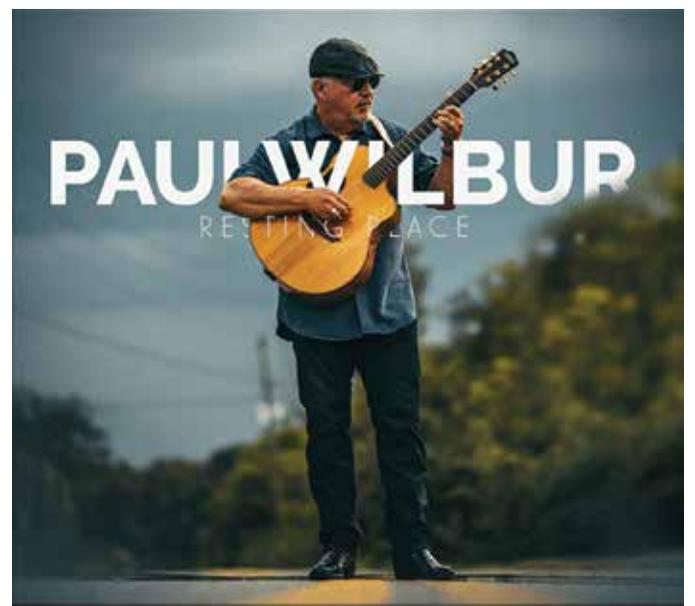
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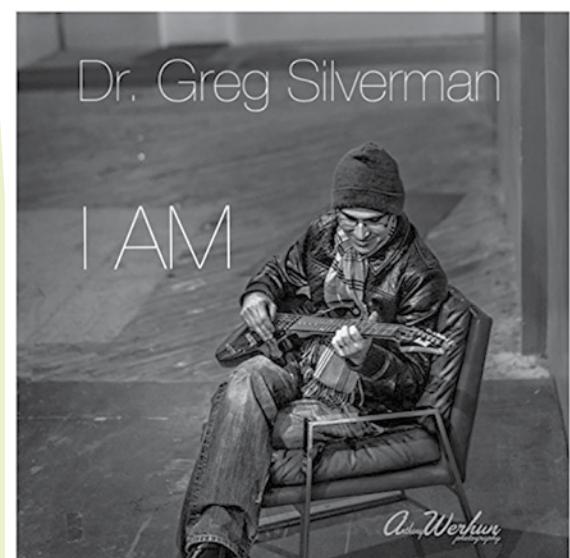
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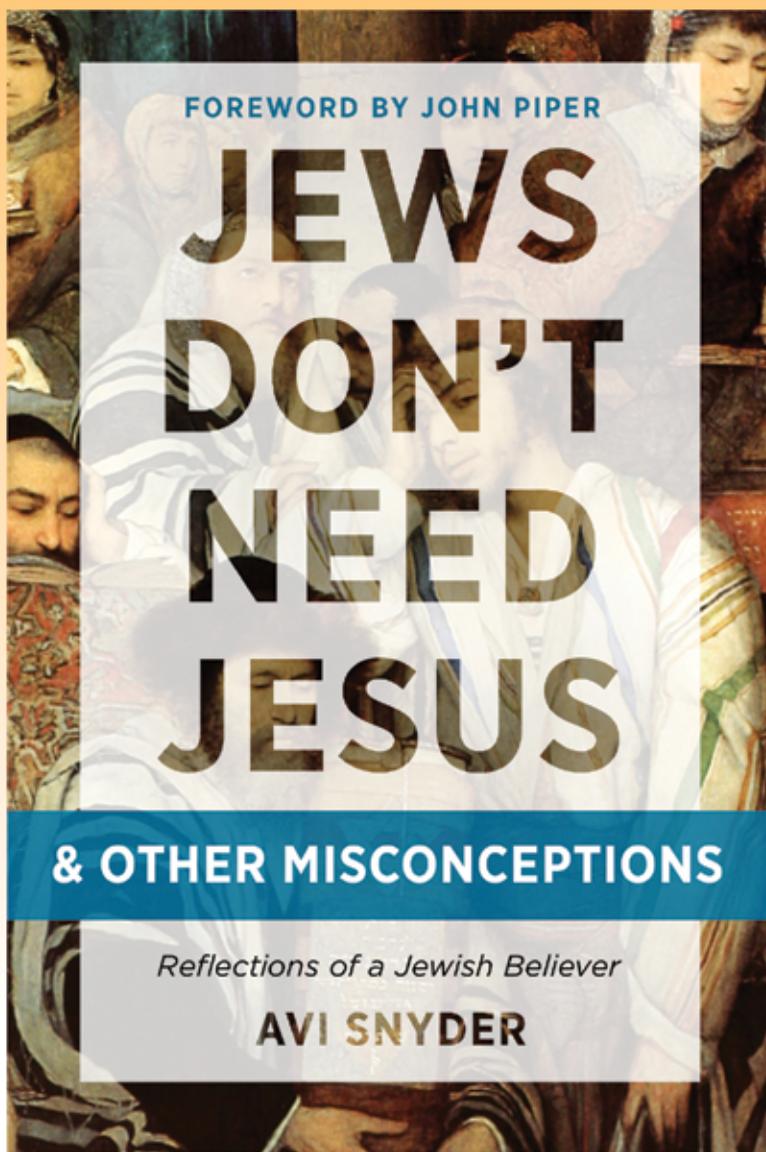
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