

And El Shaddai bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a qahal of people. Genesis 28:3



A Letter From the Editor

Moises Grijalva

Shalom! I hope this newsletter finds you well. This will be the third letter published and also our third time meeting monthly as a larger group.

It is recommended that we have a small group that we meet with on Shabbats (Lev. 23:2-3) where we can get know one another while studying scripture. This assembly is so important as it allows iron to sharpen iron (Proverbs 27:17), hold one another accountable and bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:1-2, Ex. 18:23).

I believe we have all recognized ourselves as part of the Nation of Israel. We may not know our tribe, but we are part of the larger Nation, the body of Messiah. Too much time has gone by where we have been comfortable in our own small groups, or perhaps bouncing from group to group when a problem arises, or just staying with our immediate household. We need to recognize ourselves as a nation, as one body, and come together in unity. (continued on page 2)



Hebrew Word of the Month

Ahava Love

We often tell each other, "I love you" or say something like "much love and blessings to you and your family." In English, the word love is synonymous with a feeling. We feel love. It is a philosophical idea. But what is love in Hebrew?

The Hebrew word for love is "ahava" from the root word "ahav". Ahava is spelled aleph, hey, bet, hey (אהבה). The three basic letters that make up this word aleph (א), hey (ה), and bet (ב), are broken down into two parts: a two letter root-

hey and bet, and the first letter- aleph which is a modifier. The two letter root word is hav (בה), which means to give. The letter aleph which comes before these two letters is used to modify the root word of hav (בה) "give".

The Hebraic mindset sees love as more than the emotion, it is an action. The action of giving. Love is about doing something more than just feeling something. Love is giving. Giving creates and sustains love. The true relationships in our lives are those where mutual giving takes place. The giving can be physical, emotional, intellectual, or a combination. Giving is the key to love. "YHWH so loved the world that He GAVE His only Son."

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Our love for one another must be a central goal. We may not always agree on all the details as we are all works in progress, but we can freely give, we can love one another. *Consider this month how we can love each other, how can we give to one another? What are some actions we can take to start loving, to start giving more to one another?*

Letter (cont.)

By doing this, we can start to bear one another's burdens. We can use the gifts that Yah has given us to help the body.

We are the Nation of Israel. We need to start acting like it. We need to put aside differences and learn to love each other and get along. There are certain doctrinal principals such as Salvation through Yeshua, but things like pronunciation of the name, calendar differences: they can and should be put aside for the sake of unity. However, we must open conversation in a council to study these doctrines.

How can we possibly be a light to the world if all they see is disunity and bickering between our small groups?

We have an opportunity every month to come together as a group, putting aside small differences and have fellowship together. We further have an opportunity on the 27th of August to come together to celebrate the life of a woman who showed us by example how to love. How to see past fellowship walls and to see the individuals.

Let us gather together and heal this body. Let us create the biblical model of the church: the qahal.



Robert (20), Samuel (15), Ashley (25) & Isaiah (13) Kuhn have all been playing together for the past 8-9 years.

Youth Shabbat Service

On August 26th we will be meeting in Hawkins County Rescue Squad (955 East McKinney) for a special Shabbat Service geared towards the youth. The Kuhn's (pictured above) will leading the praise and worship and there will be special activities for the different age groups from birth to 18.

This will be a great day to kick off what we hope will be a continued effort to minister to and with the youth in our community.

Let us gather together and show support for the younger body and help them realize their place and role that Yah has intended for them. Often times when we intend on ministering to our youth, we are the ones who get ministered to. There is a reason that Yeshua said that unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

It is important for the youth to put on the full armor of Yah.

Shabbat House Sneedville, TN

Up in Sneedville, at the Berean Echad Fellowship property, there is an empty house that the Grijalva's are converting into a "Shabbat House". The purpose of this small house is to provide a place where people who are visiting fellowships in the area can stay overnight rather than driving long distances when tired, or renting an airbnb or hotel. It also has the dual purpose of the downstairs being used as a library and a children's room for Shabbat lessons and other youth activities.

Work has already begun with primer sealant painted and drywall hung. We are still in need of furnishing, paint and flooring. If you would like to help in some way, please contact Moises.

Youth Ministry

It has been placed on a few hearts recently that we need to step it up for the youth. At the Qahal on August 12th, some of us will be discussing plans for teaching the youth and how we can better minister to them. If you have a gifting for working with this group, please be sure to find Tracy during that Shabbat to get involved.

Celebration of Life

If you are interested in volunteering for food, drinks, set up or cleanup committee please add that to the text along with number of people in your party.

FYI!!! Dinner will consist of Spaghetti & gluten free w/ meat sauce or plain sauce, salad, dinner roll & dessert. Water, tea, lemonade.

Also, if you have a copy of a photo that you would like to share, please feel free to bring it with you we will have an area for photos. Thank you!!!

New Torah Fellowship

Announcement: A new Torah fellowship is opening on September 2, 2023. The fellowship meeting will be held at New Harvest Church, 434 Old Knoxville Hwy, Greenville, TN 37743. Bill and Cheryl Fuentes have been attending Sunday services at the church and have been gently explaining the Torah to the small congregation. The board at the church has given consent to holding Shabbat meetings at the church from 3:00-7:00 every week and it is not charging for its use. Love offerings, however, will be accepted to help with the cost of electricity.

Bill believes that this door has opened for a dual purpose. The first one is based on 1 Corinthians 14:26. "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification."

The second purpose is to introduce Christian believers to the understanding that the "whole" Bible is relative and necessary for our walk with Yeshua. It is the hope of Bill and Cheryl that members of the New Harvest church and other Sunday church believers will consider coming to Shabbat services. An announcement will be made on Facebook, describing the fellowship as a Sabbath service for non-Torah observant believers in Yeshua.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Celebration of life

IN HONOR OF

Sister Carolyn Louise Gainer
October 11, 1957 - July 18, 2023

Service & reception to be held

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th at 1 PM
 The Vineyard Fellowship
 (Washington College Academy)
 112 Doak Ln.
 Limestone, TN 37680

Please RSVP by August 13th

TEXT : Angie 423-863-6395 OR Ginny 423-552-3880

We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to rejoice and celebrate all to the Glory of Yah!

Please consider wearing a touch of color to reflect the vibrant spirit Carolyn brought to our lives!

Messiah's Mansion Tour

MESSIAH'S MANSION Tour. The Seventh Day Adventists have created the tour which showcases life size replicas of the tabernacle in the wilderness. One of their last stops this year is in Greenville, Tn from September 30-October 8. As you walk through the area, Biblical teachings about the tabernacle and its furnishings are being explained. If you would like to donate to their mission, a freewill offering is gladly welcomed at the end of the tour.

Bill and Cheryl Fuentes are arranging a tour at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1. If you are interested in joining them at that time, please call Cheryl at 860-794-7014 or email her at supersleuth27@gmail.com. Let her know how many tickets you would like. If you would like to make your own arrangements for another date or time, call 405-454-3590.

Greenville, TN Sept 30-Oct 8, 2023

Touring Messiah's Mansion is FREE!

Located at
 710 Asheville Hwy
 Greenville, TN 37743

Tours are scheduled every 30mins and lasts 75mins.



Dear Avvy (Avigayil)

Dear Avvy,

I am a believer in Yeshua and follow the whole Bible, the problem is, my husband doesn't. He thinks I am too 'Jewish' and is constantly fighting with me over food and observing the Sabbath. I don't know what to do. I read that I am to be submissive to him, but he isn't responding.

Please Help,
Braidless Wife

Dear BW,

Your situation is something, in general, I think a lot of believers can relate to. The feeling of being unequally yoked in our marriage. What do we do when we see the pagan nature of Christmas trees but our spouse loves to deck the halls year after year? We often get pushed into a corner and labeled as not having the love of Christ in us, having too many rules, being too Jewish (as you mentioned). When we try to explain that we love Him and we want to obey, it often gets pushed aside and not heard. We need to let the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) work in our spouses. But what do we do in the meantime?

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Avigayil

I am brought to the words of 1 Peter 3. We should be gentle, kind, and loving to them. We should hold firm to our beliefs, but treat our spouse in a way where they will wonder how and why you are so loving to them. We should pray for them that they will have the fear of Yah and come to the truth. Submit to your husband's requests that don't go against your faith, but if he asks you to work on Shabbat or to make a pork sandwich, kindly say no and offer an alternative.

Much love and blessings,
Avvy

Dear Abba,

Thank you for your loving kindness and mercy to all of us as we often have to deal with family members and friends who don't or won't try to understand the great mysteries of your Word and the love you show through a beautiful relationship with you. Please guide all of us as we witness to them through our words and actions that we may be a good example of how Yeshua lived.

Next Newsletter

Please email us articles, photos, business directory information or events to include in next month's edition.

We want to hear from you!

Lessons from a Tomato

Tracy Grijalva

Back in February my children and I started planting pepper and tomato seeds for our summer garden. Things went great. The seeds germinated, they got bigger. And bigger. And bigger. We calculated the warm days slightly wrong and ended up hauling about 75 plants in and out of the house daily for about a month. They all needed the nice warm sun, but the cold night temperatures were too much for them. These pepper and tomato plants became like babies to my kids and I. We spent a good hour a day tending to them, helping them keep growing, trying to keep them from tipping over from their own weight and moving them into bigger pots as they became root bound. You can imagine our excitement when planting day came when the temperatures were warm enough to get them in the ground. It was a lot of work, but with the help of my niece, we got them all in. We put in the time, the sweat, the work - I expected to get what we planned - pounds and pounds of tomatoes in the summer. And it was looking good...until it wasn't. Half the garden had unfertile soil we quickly learned. Then early blight started attacking our crop. Don't get me wrong, we have been getting a lot of 'maters. But it has not been the harvest I was dreaming of, the harvest I thought was reward for our work. It was discouraging to not see the fruits of our labor. It wasn't a lack of effort. It wasn't a lack of prayer. It was mistakes along the way. Small things we did wrong. We didn't test the soil. Not enough compost. We didn't stake the tomatoes right. Not only that - squash bugs came for the seeds we directly sowed.

Do I abandon this garden? Do I throw in the towel? Do I decide it's not worth the work and just buy tomatoes from the store next summer? No. Patient endurance is key. I will learn from my mistakes and try not to make the same ones next year, and then I will probably make new mistakes that I can learn from as well. We are all planting the seeds of Yeshua. We may find our own squash bugs or blight parallel to family and friends that don't give us the fruit we were hoping for from them. Rejection, scoffing, lukewarmness...We may encounter hearts that aren't ready yet, that need the Holy Spirit to fertilize them so that these seeds we are planting can grow in another season. Keep praying and don't give up.

Community Calendar

August

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
		1	2 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	10 Women's Zoom @ 7PM	11	12 Qahal @ 2PM
13	14	15	16 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	24	25	26 Youth Service @ 2PM
27 Celebration of Life for Sister Carolyn @ 1PM	28	29	30 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	31		

- Shabbats: Unless noted, the following locations meet every Shabbat
 - @ 11AM - 110 Strahl Drive, Rogersville, TN (contact: Kate (513) 807-9654)
 - @ 3PM - 2392 Sherm Mountain Road, Sneedville, TN (contact: Moises (423) 300-2089)
 - @ 3PM (starting 9/2/23) - 434 Old Knoxville Hwy, Greeneville, TN (contact: Cheryl (860) 794-7014)
- 2nd Shabbat of the month
 - QAHAL at Hearts Cry Hebraic Fellowship @ 2PM - 112 Adriel Drive, Bean Station, TN
(see article on pages 1-2 for more information)
- August 26th @ 2PM Youth Shabbat at Hawkins County Rescue Squad - 955 East McKinney Ave, Rogersville, TN
(see article on page 2 for more information)
- Wednesdays @ 8PM: Men's Zoom Meeting. A time for fellowship & prayer. Please contact Moises for info.
- 2nd Thursday of month @7PM: Women's Zoom Meeting. A time for fellowship & prayer.
Please contact Tracy or Kate for more info. The August ice breaker question is: Name a woman of the Bible who demonstrated great poise and wisdom in very difficult or pressured circumstances.
Meeting ID: 677 063 0462
Password: shalom
- August 27th @ 1PM: Celebration of Life for Sister Carolyn - The Vineyard Fellowship:
Washington College Academy Temple Hall Auditorium 116 Doak Lane, Limestone, TN
(see page 2)
- October 1 @ 3PM: Messiah's Mansion Tour - 710 Asheville Hwy, Greeneville, TN 37743
(see article on page 3 for more information)

September

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	14 Women's Zoom @ 7PM	15 FEAST OF TRUMPETS	16
17	18	19	20 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	21	22	23 DAY OF ATONEMENT
24 DAY OF ATONEMENT	25	26	27 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	28	29 SUKKOT	30 SUKKOT

October

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
1 SUKKOT MM Tour @ 3PM	2 SUKKOT	3 SUKKOT	4 SUKKOT	5 SUKKOT	6 SUKKOT	7
8	9	10	11 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	12 Women's Zoom @ 7PM	13	14
15	16	17	18 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

* Please note that we recognize there are various calendars used by the readers. The Feast Days listed are from the calendar used by the creator of this newsletter (from Berean Echad Fellowship) as it would be impossible to summarize the various calendars on this document. If you would like to discuss this particular calendar view, please call Moises: (423)300-2089.

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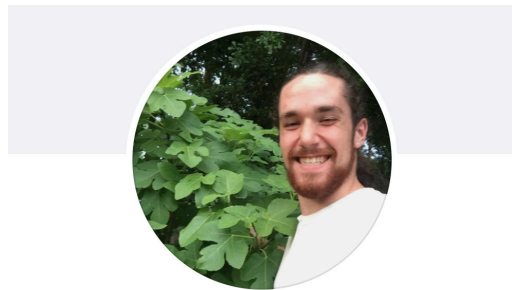
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