



Congregation

OrHaB'rith

Light of the Covenant

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A Messianic Jewish
Congregation

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OR HAB'RITH is a Messianic Jewish Congregation. It is a unique Biblical and Jewish expression of the Body of Messiah (the Church) in Denver, Colorado. Our name means **LIGHT OF THE COVENANT**.

We are a community of Jews and non-Jews devoted to the exaltation and service of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). Or HaB'rith is a house of worship for **all** nations and peoples. The Shabbat service on Saturday is a mixture of worship with a Jewish flavor and some of the Biblical liturgical service of the synagogue. We define ourselves as a Messianic expression in the Jewish community, and the Biblical Jewish expression in the Body of Messiah.

We believe that Yeshua-Jesus is the redeemer prophesied of in the Jewish Scriptures (OT), and, that He is the only Messiah, Savior of the world. **ALSO WE BELIEVE:**

- ✧ The Bible, both Old and New Covenants, to be the only complete, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. TORAH.
- ✧ In one God, eternal, existing, and manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ✧ In Jesus Christ, God's only Messiah & Savior, His only begotten Son, our sole mediator. We believe further in His deity, His preexistence, His incarnation, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His substitutionary tonement, His bodily resurrection from the grave, and His personal, visible, imminent, pre-millennial return.
- ✧ In the Holy Spirit, His personality, and His activity in regeneration, sanctification, and preservation.
- ✧ That people were created in the image of God, we all sinned in Adam, and that we are now sinners by nature and by choice.
- ✧ In salvation by grace only, through faith in Jesus Christ, apart from human merit, works, or ceremonies.
- ✧ That the church is the spiritual body of which Christ (Messiah) is the Head.
- ✧ In the resurrection of the human body, the eternal existence of all men, either in heaven or hell, in divine judgment, rewards, and punishments.
- ✧ That we are under obligation to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3) and to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all nations. (Acts 1:6-8 Romans 1:16-17)

OUR VISION -

To reach Jewish and Gentile people with the Gospel message of Jesus the Messiah.

To train Believers in evangelism.

To promote the richness of the roots of Christianity in Biblical Judaism and Israel.

To provide Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry training.

To edify the Church and Believers, providing avenues for others in ministry.

To identify with and support the State of Israel, and other significant Jewish concerns; encouraging all Believers to join in working for Israel's spiritual restoration and salvation.

For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16

WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS -

SATURDAY MORNING:

10 a.m. worship .

TUESDAY EVENING:

Messianic Bible Study/Classes 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICES/EVENTS

Please call for further information. Shalom!

OTHER: Speakers & teachers available.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS & NOTES....

We worship on Saturday because it is still the Biblical Sabbath and a day we freely choose to worship the Lord. Romans 14 Some men & women may wear traditional items of Jewish life, history and worship. The prayer shawl is called a tallit, the small round cap is called a kepah (yarmulke) & the side strings are called tzitzit. Some women may wear a head covering (scarf). All may wear these if each individual is doing so only in respect to their own conscience.

We do not pass a collection plate. An offering box, *pushkah*, is located by the entrance for tithes and offerings.

More Questions & Answers about us....

1. HOW IS THE CONGREGATION GOVERNED?

Or Hab'rith has a congregational form of government, with the spiritual leadership residing in a Messianic Pastor assisted by Elders, Deacons and other leaders. In matters affecting the community as a whole, congregational meetings are held where everyone has the chance to give their views. Annual congregational meetings are held to approve the annual budget, vote on filling Elder Board positions & other pertinent matters.

2. DOES OR HAB'RITH PRACTICE BELIEVER'S BAPTISM AND COMMUNION?

Yes, but more in its Biblical Jewish context. Both practices originate from early Jewish and First century Messianic Jewish tradition. We do not baptize other than those persons professing to personally have accepted Messiah Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Communion originates from Jesus' use and identity of the Jewish Passover wine & bread with His own sacrifice for the sins of the world. Communion is held as part of our Saturday evening Havurah.

3. DO WE TRY TO MAKE EVERYONE A JEW? *No.* Unity through diversity is the rule. We see much benefit in a Believer (Jewish or Gentile) learning of and enjoying a Messianic lifestyle and the Biblical Jewish roots of Christianity. We believe it is not Scriptural that a non-Jewish Christian can (or should seek to) become a 'Jewish' Christian. Please see our brochure on *Can A Gentile Christian Convert To Judaism (become a Jew) and Remain A Christian?* Available also at our witnessing resource web page: www.menorah.org

4. WHAT IS OR HAB'RITH'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS OTHER CHURCHES? *"There is one Lord, one faith, one immersion, and one Body."* (Ephesians 4:5) We work with different churches and seek to join in true evangelism and edification of all Believers.

5. ARE GENTILE BELIEVERS WELCOME?

ALL Believers are equally accepted here. Like most Messianic Jewish congregations and ministries, we have a high percentage of non-Jewish members; truly a house of worship for *all nations*.

6. HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER?

Basic membership requirements are:

- a. Personal faith in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus) as Lord & Savior.
- b. Regular attendance at Shabbat services & Havurah.
- c. Acceptance of some functional responsibility and/or service in the Congregation.
- d. Completion of our Messianic New Member Faith Foundations Series.
- e. Biblical commitment to prayerfully and financially support God's work. Malachi 3
- f. Via a letter of transfer where applicable. We do not believe in dual memberships or regular attendance at more than one congregation.
- g. Adherence to Biblical principles in speech and conduct.
- h. Agreement & compliance with OR HAB'RITH'S doctrinal statement, by-laws, purpose/mission.

7. WHAT IS YOUR STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCIPLINE? We believe it is better that two people walk together, so that when one falls, the other may help him up. Walking with God is not a solo performance. We are part of a larger community that Scripture calls the Body of Messiah. What one does affects another. Since that is the

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case, the health of a congregation is dependent upon the health of its members. Scripture says, "when one suffers, the whole Body suffers." (I Corinthians 12:26) As a result, members of Or HaB'rith become accountable to one another for their spiritual health. Scripture also says, "If you see a brother in sin, then you who are spiritual restore such a one in meekness and gentleness, watching yourself, lest you too be tempted." (Galatians 6:1)

This in no way implies that any member dictates to another what God's will is for his or her life. Rather, "by speaking the truth in love," (Ephesians 4:15) each member holds another accountable to the basic standards of conduct as specified in Scripture.

Or HaB'rith adheres to the correctional process detailed in Matthew chapter 18 where, if one sees another in sin, he or she is obliged to lovingly confront that person, rather than the common practice of gossiping to others. In a rare case continued participation in serious sinful activity, after various warnings, could result in a disfellowshipping proceeding, whereby the member is removed from the Congregation and the Body.

Most importantly, accountability provides security. A member of Or HaB'rith can always feel secure that others can and do look out for one another.

8. ARE YOU UNDER OLD TESTAMENT LAW?

We believe that the New Covenant did not abrogate or replace the Old Covenant, but rather, brought it to completion & fulfillment in Jesus. We strive to be faithful Biblical (O.T. - N.T.) Believers (Christians).

9. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF OR HAB'RITH? YESHUA/Jesus, Himself, is the reason for Or HaB'rith's existence. In Him, the highest priorities for the congregation are: a sense and spirit of community, unity, outreach and evangelism *to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.* (Romans 1:16), family solidarity and Biblical upbringing of children, understanding Jewishness, teaching and learning, working with both the Jewish community and other churches /ministries and, restoring Biblical Jewish roots to the Church. Or HaB'rith also has a profound love for the nation of Israel, and is strongly pro-life.

10. WHAT IS MESSIANIC JUDAISM?

Messianic Judaism is the development of a truly Jewish expression of New Covenant teachings founded on the First Covenant. We have members from all sorts of religious backgrounds and ethnic cultures.

May God Bless and Keep you!
Numbers 6:24-26

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