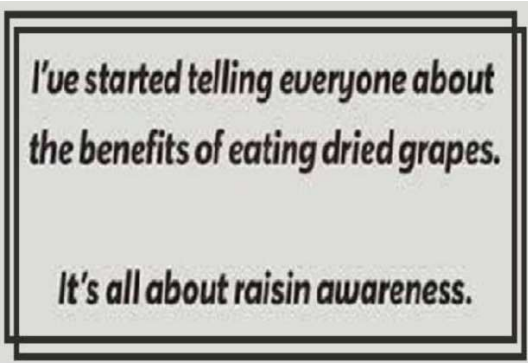


July 18, 2020  
Letter to the Messianic Jews a 5.1-3  
Part 2: Cohen with Compassion



from Jai Cohen



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“Early this morning, [Friday, July 17, 2020] the office at our synagogue was broken into. The glass in the door was shattered. The alarm was sounded, yet I am well-pleased to report that nothing was damaged or taken, Baruch HaShem.

“The police suspect it was a hate crime.

“I have been in contact with the FBI as well as the Nevada chapter of the ADL. We have a good (if not uneasy) relationship, and it is getting better as she sees manifest the love

we have for the Jewish people here.” R. Jered Hundley, Spiritual Leader  
Lev HaShem Messianic Jewish Synagogue

Israel’s domestic intelligence agency, the Shin Bet, has again been given permission to track the cellphones of people known to be infected, create movement profiles, and then quarantine anyone else who possibly came into contact with those people. It’s a tool typically used by the Shin Bet to combat terrorism.

The problem with the Shin Bet’s tracking method is that it has an error rate of 12-15%. After hearing so many stories of frustration from those wrongly targeted, I decided to



take action. I simply leave my cellphone at home or in the car.

[\[https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/the-only-way-to-beat-big-brother-in-israel/?utm\\_source=acfs&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=all&utm\\_campaign=newsletter-2020-07-17\]](https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/the-only-way-to-beat-big-brother-in-israel/?utm_source=acfs&utm_medium=email&utm_term=all&utm_campaign=newsletter-2020-07-17)



*[Branding committees – few volunteers.]*



[\[https://www.templeinstitute.org/new-location.htm\]](https://www.templeinstitute.org/new-location.htm)

- Last Shabbat we discussed the **objective** working of the Cohen Gadol: Offered gifts and sacrifices, brought blessed atonement, ~Messiah Yeshua.
- This week, the **subjective** working of the Cohen Gadol; how he carries us to the Holy.
  1. Compassionate Cohen
  2. Carries us like a shepherd
  3. Carries us in compassion in community, in a flock.
  4. Community builder.

<sup>MJ 4.15</sup> For we do not have a cohen gadol **unable to empathize with our weaknesses**; since in every respect he was tempted just as we are, the only difference being that he did not sin.

<sup>MJ 4.16</sup> Therefore, let us confidently approach the throne from which God gives grace, so that we may receive **mercy and find grace** in our time of need.

<sup>MJ 5.2-3</sup> He can **deal gently with the ignorant and deluded**, since he himself also is subject to weakness. Also, because of this weakness, he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as those of the people.

- **empathize with our weaknesses**
- we may receive **mercy and find grace** in our time of need.
- **deal gently with the ignorant and deluded**

*[He is someone we CAN approach for redemption. The Cohen Gadol has the role of a shepherd. Empathy, mercy, gentleness with my toxicity and delusions. Yeshua, gentle Cohen/priest shepherd.]*

Summary: the Cohen will carry us into the Presence, into safety, into joy, into the fulness of the Spirit. Gentle shepherd.

Carries ~ a shepherd carries ...

Shepherd Psalm → How to be filled with the Ruakh HaKodesh / Holy Spirit through Psalm 23  
*[Priestly work of shepherding]*

תהילים פרק כג מזמור לדוד :

T'hillim/Psalm 23

A Song of David

### The Shepherd [Priestly] Psalm



*[My shepherd ~ my cohen. Carrying me to the safe place, the holy place, where I can't get to otherwise.]*

*Sheep are dumb: not good at directions, not good at finding safe forage, all depends on the shepherd. We are not good at getting to the Holy Place.*

*Lack nothing: Do you lack nothing? This is the phrase that precipitated this message. What might we lack? Ache in your heart? Wayward and/or estranged loved ones, spouse, children, friends, job, finances, spiritual*

*weakness, sin. Heart breaks. Gnawing pain, loss. Health, financial security. How do you need to be carried? We have no needs??! Really?*

*Ira and Gloria Brawer presented RTF a few years ago. Referred to a promise in scripture. Good promise, but no help unless believe it.]*

<sup>MJ 11.1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen.

*[You have heard me talk about my birth family, and mother/women issues. Bill Gothard urged me to memorize scripture. So I memorized Prov 31, in Hebrew. Meditated on it. But I was still wrestling with lack of joyful release.]*

*Ira Brawer, RTF, said the key spiritual help from scripture is not just reading, but believing it. BELIEVING IT. Sometimes just decide to believe.*

*At times in Sozo, when person has a great wound, and we ask them to forgive, we say, "Can you commit to that as a belief, as a grid," that G-d will develop as an emotional bottom line? "I don't feel it."]*

<p>ADONI is my shepherd; I lack nothing.</p>	<p>יֵי רֹעִי, לֹא אֲחַסֵּר.</p>
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I lack nothing ... by faith.  
 About that unbelieving relative, that estranged loved one, that sin, bad habit, weakness?  
 Believe G-d is working. You are NOT bereft. You lack nothing. G-d reigns.  
 Halleluyah, for the L-rd G-d Almighty reigns. Believe it in that issue. הללויה כי מלך יי אלהינו  
 Unseen, but working. Sometimes, when I walk into a secular environment, or a believing one ...  
 Can you commit to that as a belief, as a grid, as an emotional bottom line? "I don't feel it." Key to filling with the Spirit/Ruakh. Cohen carry.

<p>He has me lie down in grassy pastures,</p>	<p>בְּנֵאוֹת דְּשָׁא, יְרֵבִיצַנִי;</p>
<p>He leads me by quiet water,</p>	<p>עַל-מֵי מְנוּחֹת יְנַהֲלֵנִי.</p>

Work of the compassionate cohen:  
 Grassy pasture ... lush meadow, grass between your toes  
 Quiet waters ... my life is turbulent!  
 Can you commit to that as a belief, as a grid, as an emotional bottom line? "I don't feel it."

<sup>1</sup> Thes 5.16-18 Rejoice always,  
 pray constantly,  
 in everything give thanks;  
 for this is God's will for you in Messiah Yeshua.  
 [4 points of opening our hearts]

<p>He restores my inner person.</p>	<p>נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב;</p>
<p>He guides me in right paths</p>	<p>יְנַחֲנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי-צְדָק</p>
<p>for the sake of his own name.</p>	<p>לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.</p>

Work of the compassionate cohen:  
 Inner person: Nafshi נפשי mind, will, emotions. Love, joy, peace.  
 I'm believing and receiving. Faith guy? Sort of. Not for a Rolex or a big gold ring, but for a ring of fire. Deep breath and look up! "I'm offended."  
 For His Name's sake. Rabbi, my mind, my attitudes, my bitterness, my impurity, my anger.  
 For His Name's sake, confidence!! We repent to glorify Him, not just get His help with our problems!  
 Can you commit to that as a belief, as a grid, as an emotional bottom line? "I don't feel it."



<p>Even if I pass through death-dark ravines, I will fear no disaster; For You are with me;</p>	<p>גַּם כִּי-אֵלֶּךְ בְּגִיא צְלָמוֹת, —לֹא-אִירָא רָע כִּי אֲתָה עִמָּדִי;</p>
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First of six negatives: Valley of wolves, bears, coyotes, snakes.

No disaster ... COVID jobs. Turned down CARES \$, didn't apply, thought ... might be the end.

My dear mother was constantly expecting bankruptcy family business. I chose to receive her spirit: expecting disaster, panic.

You are with me. That's the part that's hard to describe to the world.

Can you commit to that as a belief, as a grid, as an emotional bottom line? "I don't feel it."



2.5-minute video – <https://youtu.be/dVtbWtN9-zA>

interestingly, when it's playing the url changes to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVtbWtN9-zA&feature=youtu.be>

Continue to read this mizmor/psalm with FAITH

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Affirm this and have joy.  
Messiah the Cohen/priest is carrying you!  
Can you commit to that as a belief, as a grid, as an emotional bottom line? "I don't feel it."

<p>Your rod and staff reassure me.</p> <p>You prepare a table for me, even as my enemies watch</p>	<p>שֶׁבֶטְךָ וּמַשְׁעֲנֵתְךָ, הִמָּה יִנְחַמְנִי.</p> <p>תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי, שֶׁלְחֹן נֶגֶד צָרֵי;</p>
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2<sup>nd</sup> negative. Rod: for protection, discipline, inspection (Keller 93-96)

Table before me *neged* same words as “Wife is helper negedo” in his presence.

3<sup>rd</sup> negative Enemies can be intimately near, people hurt and betray, G-d sets a feast. How, LOOK to Him in FAITH. He’s the active cohen!

A table is typically a place of people > one. Family, friends. Prepare such! More on community soon.

<p>You anoint my head with oil</p> <p>from an overflowing cup.</p>	<p>דָּשַׁנְתָּ בְּשֶׁמֶן רֵאשִׁי</p> <p>כּוֹסֵי רוּיָהּ.</p>
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In Ein Gedi park when I was 21. Mitigates heat.

Here is the spirit /ruakh filling. This context of faith-surrender:

**Believe**

1. He is your Shepherd. Surrender self pity.
2. No lack. Surrender ungratefulness, need.
3. Provides lush meadows. Abandon grouchiness.
4. Stills the torrents so you can drink. Surrender complaints, offenses.
5. Restores: Mind, will, emotions: I will rest in You!
6. Paths for His name’s sake. We don’t merit it.
7. No disaster! He is with you. Surrender calamity!
8. Enemies ... No enemies matter. [apply]
9. RECEIVE THE OIL ... FULL CUP

[Should stop here, but much more ...]

<p>ONLY Goodness and love will pursue me</p> <p>every day of my life;</p>	<p>אֵךְ טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי</p> <p>כָּל-יְמֵי חַיֵּי;</p>
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<p>and I will live in the house of ADONI</p> <p>For years and years to come.</p>	<p>וְשָׁבְתִי בְּבַיִת-יְיָ,</p> <p>לְאָרְךָ יָמִים.</p>
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House of Adoni.

Houses usually more than one occupant. Even if just you and Adoni Yeshua, the cohen-shepherd.  
Message of Messiah generally presented as love and kindness to a household, community ...

Acts 13:43 ...Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba, who spoke with them and urged them to keep holding fast to the love and kindness of God.  
[Salvation of Yeshua in community.]

Acts 13.43

אֱלֹהִים בְּחַסְדּוֹ /xáris ("grace")

God freely extending Himself (His favor, grace), reaching (inclining) to people because He is disposed to bless (be near) them.

Acts 14:3 Therefore, Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba...bore witness to the message about his love and kindness by enabling them to perform signs and miracles.

Acts 15:11 No, it is through the love and kindness of the Lord Yeshua that we trust and are delivered — and it's the same with them."

Acts 20:24 But I consider my own life of no importance to me whatsoever, as long as I can... declare in depth the Good News of God's love and kindness.

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By exercising faith in the Cohen Gadol, Yeshua, He can carry us into the Holy of Holies. But, how can we stay there, bring others there?

MJ 10.23-24 Let us continue holding fast to the hope we acknowledge, without wavering;

MJ 10.23-24 for the One who made the promise is trustworthy. And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds.

We have talked for 25+ years of G-d's forgiving, healing, transforming power, and of building community in that mode. But it's never been well implemented. I would like to introduce a system will help us build the cohen's caring community.

[G-d works through systems: circulatory, respiratory, nervous, digestive ...]

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**Jonathan Bernis' organization...  
Nov. 2020 Messianic Leadership**



Jonathan Bernis' breakthrough guy. Eastern European festivals started; congregations multiplied. David and Philip Bouryi here spiritual grandchildren of Bernis.

Bernis started E. Eur. movement, Stewart Winograd took nucleus and started Minsk Cong.

The keynote speaker at the MLR in Nov. is to be Chris Hodges, whose great strength is community building through small groups.

He is offering this same material to all of us **July 28-29** by Zoom – **Grow Conference, July 28-29.**

Not Jewish Messianic terminology, so please bear with me in this following video.

**Grow Conference July 28-29**



[<https://www.growleader.com/what-we-do>

*Scroll down a bit for video, just under 4 min]*

It's nothing new, but it's a system to **IMPLEMENT** growth.  
 that Jonathan Bernis will bring to the MLR, if it happens.

We are hoping for major Or HaOlam participation, growth, breakthrough.

To register:  
[growleader.com/growconference/](https://growleader.com/growconference/)

<u>Tuesday, July 28</u>	<u>Wednesday, July 29</u>
11:00 am-Session 1	11:00 am - Session 4
12:00 pm - Lunch	12:00 pm - Lunch
1:00 pm - Session 2	1:00 pm - Session 5
2:00 pm - Session 3	2:00 pm - Session 6
3:00 pm - End Day	3:00 pm – End Conf.



Click “register now”  
Click “join a group”  
Click “select a group”  
Select “Or HaOlam Messianic Synagogue”  
Passcode “Yeshua”  
*[This will be spammed to you]*

Follow up Or HaOlam Zoom  
Thursday 6 pm July 30 90 min.

- Is this for us?
- How to implement [preliminary]
- Obstacles

*[2 minutes/comment]*

Summarize:

1. All based on letting Messiah the Cohen carrying us ~shepherd
2. Community building Grow Conf 11 a.m. July 28, 29
3. Follow up Zoom July 30 6 p.m.

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9. RECEIVE THE OIL ... FULL CUP
10. Register for community upbuilding.

