



[L-R: This page in the last two issues of the Messianic Times; Close-up of printed issue; Original photo that I sent. (Go to MessianicTimes.com to order.)

The name, *Or HaOlam*, means *Light of the World*, which is the only title that Yeshua gave both to Himself and to His followers. He said, "I am the Light of the World," and in another place, "You are the light of the world." The most ancient source of light on earth is fire, so our congregation has pictured the name in a fire logo. So Torah, through the light of Messiah in the flame of the Ruakh, is what we are about. When we had our Aron built, we saw the Hebrew words שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל Shma Yisrael, in a flame format. We thought that putting that on one door panel would be wonderful, so it's on the right. The left side says, in Hebrew letters in flame format, יֶשׁוּעַ הַמֶּשֶׁיחַ, Yeshua HaMashiakh. Then the bottom two drawers say respectively הָעוֹלָם הוּא אֹור translatable: *Hu Or HaOlam*; Translated: He is the light of the world. The craftsman [who chooses to be anonymous] who made the elegant wood carvings on the door was able to replicate that by sandblasting onto cobalt blue glass. Same words on the rear of the panels. It's pretty breathtaking, we think! The total message is to call Israel and the Nations to: Hear, Yisrael. Yeshua the Messiah, He is the Light of the World.]

[Last Sunday was Jerusalem Day. Bit of amazing history re 1967 liberation of Jerusalem in the Six Day War...started with Israeli Air Force IAF, destroying the Egyptian Air Force on the ground on the morning of the first day of the war. Amazing stories of Mirages and Mysteres [French warplanes] flying under the radar. But there was HELP...]

The Jerusalem Municipality's readying of thousands of body bags sufficiently indicates the national mood in May 1967. Several Arab nations, led by Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, were threatening ...to wipe Israel off the map. Egypt had moved massive forces towards the Sinai Peninsula, closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping, and ordered the UN peacekeeping forces to leave.

Israel had no choice but to take its own self-defense initiative – and, in a three-hour surprise attack, shortly before 8 AM, succeeded in wiping out practically the entire Egyptian Air Force on the ground. Thus began the Six Day War.

[We read about low level flying, radio silence, secrecy... Israeli expertise and bravado... but]

As noted by Israeli historian Dr. Hagi Ben-Artzi, the fact that Israel's planes reached the many Egyptian airfields without being detected – only one (!) plane was shot down, and that was two full hours after the surprise began - could not have happened had not the following "coincidences" conjoined:

- Top Egyptian and Iraqi commanders took part in an aerial survey over the Sinai that very morning (unbeknownst to Israel). For the sake of security, the Egyptian War Minister instructed all of his anti-aircraft units not to fire under any circumstances between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 AM – the precise hour of the Israeli attack. For several days prior, the Egyptians dispatched four Mig-21's to patrol the Sinai skies, at half-hour intervals, from 4:30 AM until 8:30 AM. Their purpose was to detect in advance a feared Israeli attack. On that Monday morning, the Egyptian flights took place as usual – except for the 7:30 patrol!
- It turned out that the deputy commander of the missing formation "had been delayed at home for personal reasons..." – namely, a morale-raising party, with belly-dancers, food, and drink in abundance, held for the Egyptian pilots the night before. When he finally arrived, he found that he no longer had reason to show up...
- Though the Egyptians did not detect the oncoming Israeli planes, the Jordanian army did – but when they tried to message their Egyptian colleagues, a mess-up in the code-words prevented the critical communication from getting through.

[War proceeded with such miraculous help.

We have to do our best, but rely on supernatural]

Today is the forty ninth day, making seven weeks in the Omer count

היום תשעה וארבעים יום, שהם שבעה שבועות לעمر

*[Ha-yom teesh-ah v'ar-ba-eem yom, sheh-haym sheev-ah
sha-voo-ot la-O-mer]*

[The fiftieth day starts tonight. Grand celebration of praise, prayer, teaching.]

Shmot/Ex 34.22-23 "Observe the festival of Shavu'ot with the first-gathered produce of the wheat harvest... Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Lord, ADONI, the God of Isra'el.

[We celebrated the firstfruits of the barley harvest 50 days ago. Day after Passover. Messiah's resurrection. He's the first of the firstfruits. This is the firstfruit of the wheat harvest. With leavened bread.]

Vayikra / Lev 23.16-18,²⁰ You are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to ADONI. You must bring bread from your homes for waving-two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven -as firstfruits for

ADONI. Along with the bread, present seven lambs... The cohen will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before ADONI, with the two lambs.



[L-R: Absurdly large loaf, Twice normal wave loaf.

Gallon flour = 16 cup loaf; Each loaf 3 cups. 6 cups here. 4 cups = quart, 16 cups = gallon!

Concept:

Shavuot is about a BIG loaf

Leavened loaf

First Bikkurim just after Pesakh is Messiah.

Only One, unleavened.

Shavuot is the leavened. Us. Not so perfect in and of ourselves, BUT, we are the fruit.

Or HaOlam. He is the Light, we bear the light, transmit the Light. People deal with us, see the light.]

Vayikra / Lev 23.21-22 On the same day, you are to call a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don't harvest all the way to the corners of your field,

מְלָאכַת עֲבֹדָה malekhet avodah labor, hard work, toil

[*We'll have our holy convocation tonight, which is the beginning of tomorrow.*

Day begins at evening. Rest of day off. JCC is closed.]

and don't gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters; leave them for the poor and the foreigner; I am ADONI your God."

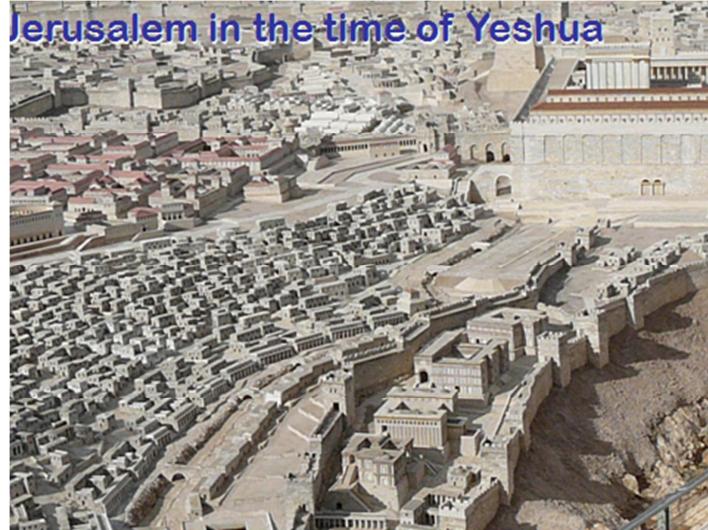
Shavuot is the festival

- Wheat harvest: Temple celebration
- 140 CE, after 2nd Jewish revolt against Emperor Hadrian was crushed
–580,000 deaths plus enslavement
–Jerusalem renamed rebuilt as pagan Aelia Capitolina [Aelia Hadrians middle name, Capitolina: Capitoline Hill of Roman gods: Minerva, Jupiter, Juno]

[Add on, post Biblical, but reasonable.]

–The temple of Jupiter towered on the site of the ancient Temple, with a statue of Hadrian in the interior (Jerome, Comm. on Isaiah ii. 9).

[OK meaning]



–Second significance ascribed to Shavuot by Sanhedrin in 140 CE: Giving of the Torah [~50 days after Passover]

There are three themes to Shavuot

1. Wheat harvest: huge bread loaf
2. Receiving of the Torah

Abundance

[3 points of abundance.

Abundance of wheat harvest.]

Abundance blessing of the Torah

“THE MOST IMPORTANT INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN HISTORY.”
DAVID GELERNTER, YALE UNIVERSITY

“CONSTITUTES THE BASIC MORAL FURNITURE OF THE HUMAN MIND.”
PAUL JOHNSON, SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN

“THE HEBREWS HAVE DONE MORE TO CIVILIZE MEN THAN ANY OTHER NATION.”
JOHN ADAMS, SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

“WE OWE TO THE JEWS A SYSTEM OF ETHICS... THE MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION OF MANKIND.”
WINSTON CHURCHILL, PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN

[Churchill voted out after he won the war. If he'd stayed in power...British help for Israel may have been different.]

“THE JEWS STARTED IT ALL — THE UNDERLYING VALUES THAT MAKE ALL OF US, JEW AND GENTILE, BELIEVER AND ATHEIST, TICK.”
THOMAS CAHILL, SCHOLAR AND WRITER

“THE HEBRAIC MORTARS CEMENTED THE FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.”
CALVIN COOLIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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2. Receiving of the Torah
3. Receiving of the Ruakh/Spirit on Shavuot, Acts 2

Abundance

Therefore celebration customs

1. Wheat and bread waving and eating
2. All night study, with dairy: milk of the Word
3. All night prayer

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh.

Yn/Jn 14.12-16 Whoever trusts in me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

[We will do greater works???

^{Yn 16.13-14} When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will also announce to you the events of the future. He will glorify me, because he will receive from what is mine and announce it to you.

^{Mtt. 11.10-11} This is the one about whom the Tanakh says, 'See, I am sending out my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.' Yes! I tell you that among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than Yochanan the Immerser! Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he!

[*Yeshua speaking of His cousin Yochanan.*

Really?]

^{Eph 2.17-20} The God of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, the glorious Father, [Adon HaKavod]...give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation,...light to the eyes of your hearts, so that you will understand the hope to which he has called you, what rich glories there are in the inheritance he has promised his people, and how surpassingly great is his power working in us who trust him. It works with the same mighty strength he used when he worked in the Messiah to raise him from the dead and seat him at his right hand in heaven.

[*Resurrection power in US. Look to your left and right. "You are powerful."*]

^{Eph 3.14-20} I fall on my knees before the Father, ...I pray that from the treasures of his glory he will empower you with inner strength by his Spirit, so that the Messiah may live in your hearts through your trusting...that you will be rooted and founded in love, so that you, with all God's people, will be given strength to grasp the breadth, length, height and depth of the Messiah's love, yes, to know it, even though it is beyond all knowing, so that you will be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by his power working in us is able to do far beyond anything we can ask or imagine.

[*We've been working our way through the Bsorah of Mattityahu, want to continue in connection with Shavuot abundance of the bread, Torah/scriptures, Ruakh.*]

מַתְתִּיאָהוּ Mattityahu

(Matthew) 7:12-14

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7.12

לֹכִן כֹּל מָה שֶׁתְּرַצָּו שְׁיַעֲשׂו לְכָם בְּנֵי הָאָדָם, כֹּن גַּם אַתֶּם עֲשׂו לָהֶם, כִּי זוֹאת הַתּוֹרָה וְהַנְּבִיאִים.

So in all things, do to others what you would want them to do to you—for this is the Torah and the Prophets.

[*In my undergrad pre-Yeshua יִשְׂעוּ secular college days, a dear friend awash in romantic, physical attraction for a guy in our dorm. A guy for a guy. 1969. He shared the dilemma of unrequited affection and desire. I became a believer in Yeshua יִשְׂעוּ in April, 1969. He said that his desires OK כִּי would like to do to this other student what he would like the other to do with him!*

I was a baby believer, but got it. Yeshua יִשְׂעוּ saying summary of Midrash on Mount. In all things = in all [these] things: Beatitudes, accountability,

reconciliation, sexual purity, marital faithfulness, truthfulness, love, generosity, prayer, fasting.]

In the century before Yeshua יֵשׁוּא

Babylonian Talmud, *Shabbat*^{31a} Once there was a Gentile who came before Shammai, and said to him: “Convert me on the condition that you teach me the whole Torah while I stand on one foot.” Shammai pushed him aside with the measuring stick he was holding.

[Some say beat him or knocked him away.]

The same fellow came before Hillel, and Hillel converted him, saying: “That which is despicable to you, do not do to your fellow, this is the whole Torah, and the rest is commentary, go and learn it.”

So in all things, do to others what you would want them to do to you—for this is the Torah and the Prophets.

- Can only be done out of abundance, big loaf of Shavuot!
- Contemplate what OTHERS want, as if you were in their place.

[Hard, 'ɔ what you want may not be what they want. We want to be loved and honored, but our own way. Have to have a sense that our NEEDS are met. We can GIVE. First must have Shavuot receiving of Bread, Word, Ruakh. You have received by the Atonement of Messiah: full price for LIFE!!

Do for others... hear with their ears. Get past ourselves.

Two applications.]

- Paul spent three hours building a bookshelf for Marcie. All she wanted was 10 minutes to talk.
- Carol bought Dylan a brand new set of golf clubs. He wondered why she didn't sign the birthday card.
- Ryan gave Jennifer a hug and a kiss. She frowned at the pile of dirty dishes.

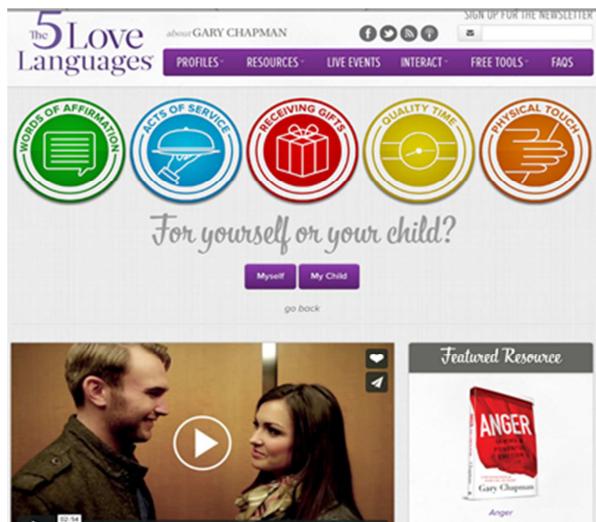
[We hear with our own thinking. Men and women hear fundamentally different. Love and Repect p 32-33]

Though we all need love and respect equally, the felt need differs during conflict, and this difference is as different as pink is from blue!

We believe love best motivates a woman and respect most powerfully motivates a man.

We asked 7,000 people this question: when you are in a conflict with your spouse or significant other, do you feel unloved or disrespected? 83% of the men said "disrespected." 72% of the women said, "unloved."

[Another fundamental difference, not gender but all relationships:]



Words of Affirmation—Actions don't always speak louder than words. If this is your love language, unsolicited compliments mean the world to you. Hearing the words, “I love you,” are important—hearing the reasons behind that love sends your spirits skyward. Insults can leave you shattered and are not easily forgotten.

Quality Time—In the vernacular of Quality Time, nothing says “I love you” like full, undivided attention. Being there for this type of person is critical, but really being there—with the TV off, fork and knife down, and all chores and tasks on standby—makes your significant other feel truly special and loved. Distractions, postponed dates, or the failure to listen can be especially hurtful.

Receiving Gifts—Don't mistake this love language for materialism; the receiver of gifts thrives on the love, thoughtfulness, and effort behind the gift. If you speak this language, the perfect gift or gesture shows that you are known, you are cared for, and you are prized above whatever was sacrificed to bring the gift to you. A missed birthday, anniversary, or a hasty, thoughtless gift would be disastrous—so would the absence of everyday gestures.

Acts of Service—Can vacuuming the floors really be an expression of love? Absolutely! Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities weighing on an Acts of Service person will speak volumes. The words he or she most wants to hear are, “Let me do that for you.” Laziness, broken commitments, and making more work for them, tell those with this language their feelings don't matter.

Physical Touch—This language isn't all about the bedroom. A person whose primary language is Physical Touch is, not surprisingly, very touchy. Hugs, pats on the back, holding hands, and thoughtful touches on the arm, shoulder, or face—they can all be ways to show excitement, concern, care, and love.

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