

## Or HaOlam Education Department

There are numerous injunctions in Scripture which command us to teach Torah. None is more imperative than the commission given to followers of Yeshua HaMashiakh upon His exit from the earth to sit down at The Father's right hand (Mk 16:19). "Therefore, go and make people from all nations into *talmidim*, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the *Ruach HaKodesh*, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age." (Mt 28:19-20 CJB)

This is not the first time that Israel received a command to pass from generation to generation the teachings (or Torah) of how to love HaShem and to love one another. He first gave this injunction in what is known as the Sh'ma (De 6:4-9 CJB) "*Sh'ma, Yisra'el! ADONAI Eloheinu, ADONAI echad*; and you are to love *ADONAI* your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources. These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart; and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them on your hand as a sign, put them at the front of a headband around your forehead, and write them on the door-frames of your house and on your gates." These words were repeated in Deut 11:19.

Another example is from Mishlei (Proverbs 22:6). "Train a child in the way he (should) go; and, even when old, he will not swerve from it." Still more examples include: "He raised up a testimony in Ya'akov and established a *Torah* in Isra'el. He commanded our ancestors to make this known to their children," (Ps 78:5 CJB). And, "You should also teach them the laws and the teachings, and show them how to live their lives and what work they should do." (Ex 18:20 CJB)

Or HaOlam Congregation's overall vision and scope of operation is to build a pipeline of Jewish Yeshuiah renewal, fulfilling Ro. 11.15. Within this context of building, all are actively involved, in prayer, spirit, word, sacrifice, and action that is a pipeline which connects a sequence of works of love and blessing. We feel that designating a group and a leader to specifically address *building in the word* is necessary to meet this educational challenge effectively within the greater context of the OHO mission. We want to create, maintain, develop and enhance a network of staff, volunteers and special guests who can bring current, relevant, timeless teachings to our kehilat (local congregation). Therefore it is our desire to formalize a teaching program, whereby we may pass the light (lampstand) of Torah from generation to generation (*lador v'dor*).

The Or HaOlam Education Program specifically seeks to provide:

- Torah relevant teachings to the followers of Messiah Yeshua
- Torah application to our daily lives and personal ministries
- Teachings for all age levels, nursery through adult.

We will carry out this vision through several avenues:

- Formal Classes

- CDs of weekly drash and sermon
- Lending Library
- Website articles and teachings
- Hosted tour of Israel every few years
- Scholarships for unique educational opportunities.

We do not wish to diminish the contributions of the existing base of volunteers and the ministries which they have begun. We seek to train up the teachers/leaders and provide more resources for them to expand their current level of service to our Kehilat.