

Who we are

We are an assembly of both Jews and Gentiles who believe the scriptures, and take very literally the promises in Ro. 11 that the "natural branches [will] be grafted back into *their own* olive tree." That is, the Jewish people are the natural, original, branches [recipients and messengers] of G-d's salvation, and they will yet enjoy and bear the light of redemption through their Messiah. That redemption will be expressed in the context of "their own" Jewish identity and culture, which, in fact, was formed by G-d's Word to them, as recorded in the Bible.

If you are of Jewish background, we hope you will feel "at home," but yet energized, uplifted, and challenged by the radical message that the Messiah has indeed come!

If you are a Gentile believer in Yeshua (Jesus' Hebrew name), but new to the vitality of "rootstock life", the gospel in its native, Jewish milieu, it may take a while to learn an old/new style of worship, but it shouldn't be hard to discern and rejoice in the revival that G-d specifically describes as "much greater riches." (Ro. 11: 12)

If you are a Jewish believer in Yeshua, who have received, by means of the Gentile church, the wondrous news of forgiveness and salvation, you may be wrestling with feelings of ambivalence. That is, you love your Gentile mentors, and the spiritual good they have done you. Yet, deep within your spirit is a distinct yearning for Yiddishkeit. This yearning could be the "call of the covenant." What G-d promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and reinforced through the prophets, is still in force, and a sense of this is in your innermost being. The New Covenant (Testament) fulfills the Old, but does not eliminate the centrality of Israel in G-d's plan. G-d wants Jewish believers to serve their Messiah *as Jews*. עם ישראל חי! *Am Yisrael Chi!* Israel lives! If you have this yearning to be a Jew and live for Yeshua, we understand. This is what we are all about. We might dare to say to you, "Welcome home!"