

# Israel 8th Happiest Country for Second Year, Despite War



For the second consecutive year, Israel placed eighth in the 2026 World Happiness Report, even as society continues to grapple with prolonged war.

“These figures suggest that even under the strain of prolonged war, the deeper sources of Israeli resilience —

— family ties, community, faith, a sense of belonging, and strong social bonds — are helping large parts of society remain well above the global average,” said Anat Panti, a researcher in happiness policy at Bar-Ilan University.

Those under the age of 25 rank as the happiest age group within the country and place third worldwide in their category.

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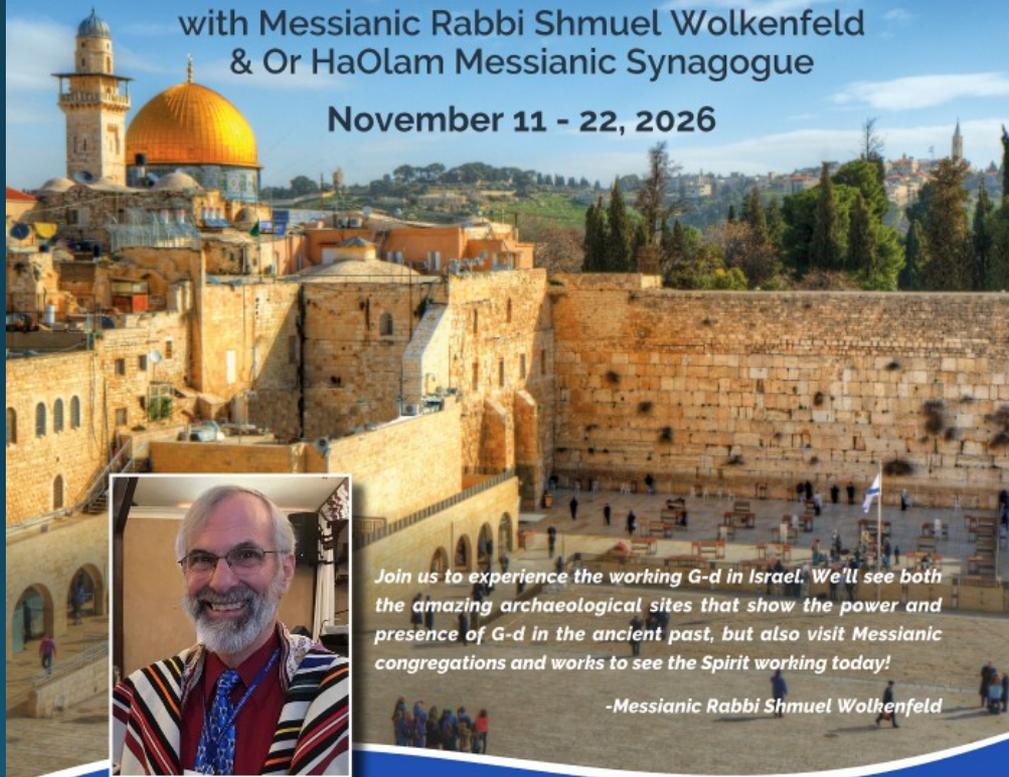


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# Pesakh Particulars

Shmot Ex 12. 18-20 During the first month in the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, you are to eat matzot, [April 1, 2026] until the evening of the twenty-first day of the month [April 8, 2026]. For seven days no hametz is to be found in your houses,

Shmot Ex 12. 18-20 for whoever eats hametz, that soul will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an outsider or one who is born in the land. You are to eat no hametz; in all your houses you are to eat matzot.”

Shmot Ex 12.15 For seven days you are to eat matzot, but on the first day you must remove hametz from your houses, for whoever eats hametz from the first day until the seventh day, that soul will be cut off from Israel.

**What is all this, in plain English?**

leavening agents    *s'or*    שֵׂאֹר

leavened food    *khametz*    חָמֵץ

*Khametz* is a product that is both made from **one of five types of grain** and has been combined with water and left to stand raw for longer than eighteen minutes .and **becomes leavened**

Note: Hebrew is subject to various schemes of transliteration

חָמֵץ leavened food khametz

Could be hametz, chametz,  
hamets, chamets, *Ḥametz*, etc.

# The five grains of Biblical Israel

Wheat

*Hittah* חִטָּה

Spelt

*Kusmin* כֶּסְמִין

barley

*Se'orah* שְׁעוּרָה

\_oats

*Shibbolet shual* שִׁבְבוֹלֶת שׁוּאֵל

rye

*sheefon* שִׁיפּוֹן

Leavening agents, such as yeast or baking soda, are not themselves khametz. Rather, **it is these five fermented grains.** Thus yeast may be used in making wine, and kefir.

Jews from Europe, Ashkenazi Jews, have an additional restriction to the Biblical prohibitions of not eating anything that looks leavened, even if it doesn't rise. Kitniyot...

**Buckwheat**

**Caraway**

**Cardamon**

**Corn**

**Edamame**

**Fennel Seeds**

**Fenugreek**

**Flaxseed (Linseed)**

**Green Beans**

**Hemp Seeds**

**Lentils**

**Millet**

**Mustard**

**Peas**

**Poppy Seeds**

**Rapeseed**



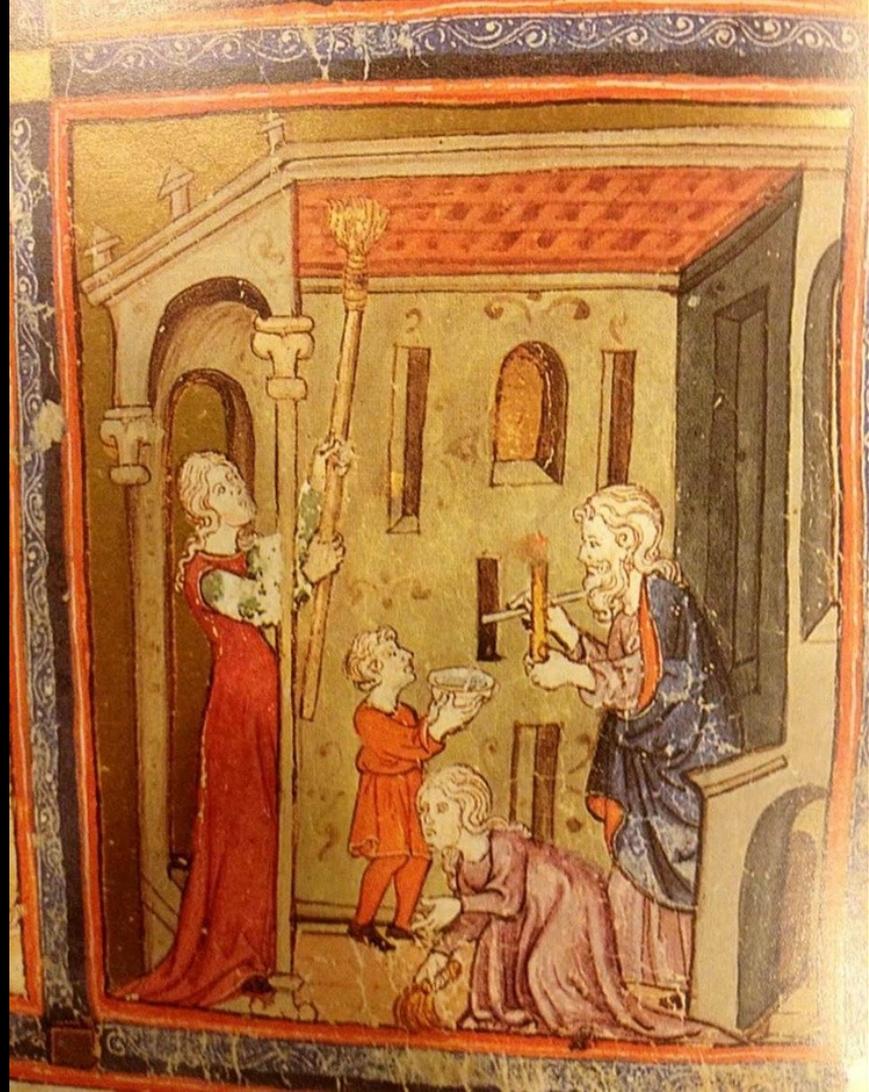
# **“Kitniyot” Legumes**

So it's a practice in observant  
Jewish homes to do a  
**THOROUGH** Spring cleaning!  
Get **ALL** the khametz out of every  
corner.

Burn the crumbs...bonfire.

And then a prayer of covering.

# Medieval Jewish family searching for leaven







To prepare for Passover, we will have a khamets burning at noon, Wednesday, here at the shul firepit. You are invited to bring and burn any excess leavened bread and crackers, etc. I recommend that you eat all khamets before Passover, but the next best option is to burn it.

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, noon







Jews from Europe, Ashkenazi Jews, have an additional day of unleavened bread...8 days.

Sephardic Jews, from Spain, Portugal, North Africa, have 7 days unleavened, then a bread fest on the eve of the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

1 Cor 5.7-8 Get rid of the old hametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Pesakh lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth.

T'hillim / Ps 139.23-24 Search me, O God,  
and know my heart.

Examine me, and know my  
anxious thoughts, and see if there  
be any offensive way within me,  
and lead me in the way  
everlasting.

# ACCOUNTABILITY

2 Corinthians 8:21

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March 21, 2026 | 3rd of Nisan, 5786

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2 Cor 8 21 For we take pains to do what is right not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of other people.

Mtt 12.36-37 I tell you this: on the Day of Judgment people will have to give account for every careless word they have spoken; for by your own words you will be acquitted, and by your own words you will be condemned.”

**What? I thought we are saved by faith?!**

**Mtt 12.33 “If you make a tree good, its fruit will be good; and if you make a tree bad, its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.**

Lk 12.47-48 Now the servant who knew what his master wanted but didn't prepare or act according to his will, will be whipped with many lashes; however, the one who did what deserves a beating, but didn't know, will receive few lashes.

Lk 12.47-48 From him who has been given much, much will be demanded — from someone to whom people entrust much, they ask still more.

Ro 14.11-12 it is written in the Tanakh,  
“As I live, says ADONI, every knee  
will bend before me, and every  
tongue will publicly acknowledge  
God.” Yeshayahu 45.23 So then, every  
one of us will have to give an  
account of himself to God.

1 Kefa / Peter 4.3-4 For the time that has passed was sufficient for you to carry out the desire of the pagans—living in indecency, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, wild parties, and lawless idolatries.

1 Kefa / Peter 4.3-5 They are surprised that you do not run with them into the same riot of recklessness, and they vilify you. But they will have to give an account to the One who stands ready to judge the living and the dead.

1Cor 3.13-15 But each one's work will be shown for what it is; the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire — the fire will test the quality of each one's work. If the work someone has built on the foundation survives,

1Cor 3.13-15 he will receive a reward; if it is burned up, he will have to bear the loss: he will still escape with his life, but it will be like escaping through a fire.

Rev 22.12-15 “Pay attention!” [says Yeshua,] “I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done. I am the ‘A’ and the ‘Z,’ the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

How blessed are those who wash their robes,

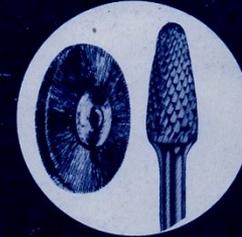
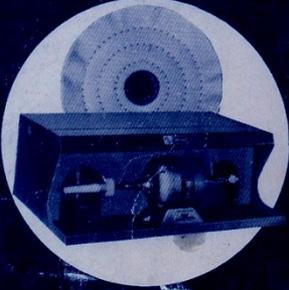
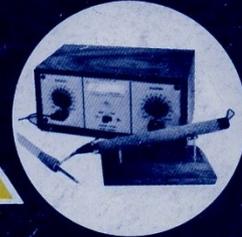
Rev 22.12-15 so that they have the right to eat from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city! Outside are the homosexuals, those involved with the occult and with drugs, the sexually immoral, murderers, idol-worshippers, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

1 Cor 4.4-5 I am not aware of anything against me, but this does not make me innocent. The one who is evaluating me is the Lord. So don't pronounce judgment prematurely, before the Lord comes;

1 Cor 4.4-5 for he will bring to light what is now hidden in darkness; he will expose the motives of people's hearts; and then each will receive from God whatever praise he deserves.

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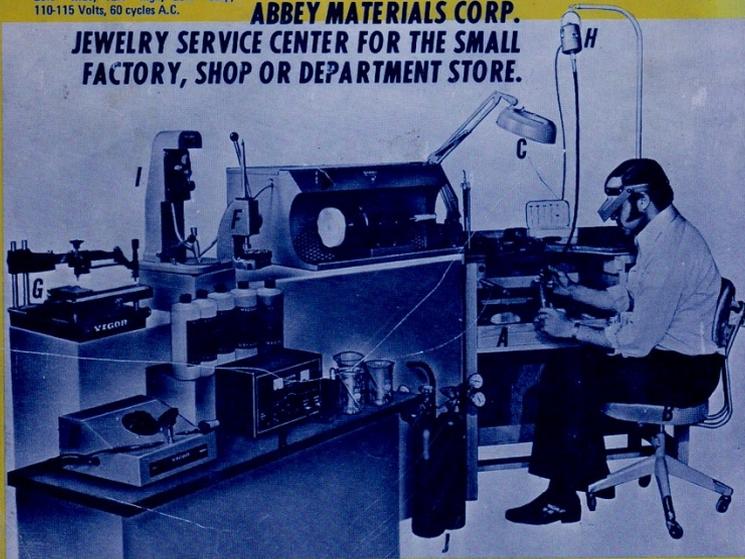
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Ro 5.20-21 Where sin proliferated,  
grace proliferated even more. All  
this happened so that just as sin  
ruled by means of death, so also  
grace might rule through causing  
people to be considered  
righteous, so that they might have  
eternal life, through Yeshua the  
Messiah, our Lord.

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Mishlei/Prov 3.3-4 Do not let grace and truth leave you — bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and esteem in the sight of God and of people.

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June 6, 2011

Or HaOlam Messianic Congregation  
Attention: James Adler  
9233 Ward Parkway, Suite 240  
Kansas City, MO 64114

Dear Jim:

This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide Or HaOlam Messianic Congregation (the "Congregation"). We will provide the following services.

## **ENGAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

We will review the Congregation's internal control procedures in respect to the Congregation's assets. We will issue a report to the Congregation's management listing our findings and recommendations for correcting any deficiencies found. We will utilize the following procedures.

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finance handling procedures  
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*In order to qualify for membership in the MJAA, each statement of faith should be read and each box checked.*

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE

**Inerrancy of Scripture \***

We believe that the BIBLE, consisting of the Tenach (Holy Scriptures) and the later writings commonly known as the B'rit Hadasha (New Testament/Covenant), is the only infallible and authoritative word of God. We recognize its divine inspiration and accept its teachings as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 3:1-6; Psalm 119:89, 105; Isaiah 48:12-16; Romans 8:14-17; II Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17).

## One God \*



We believe that the Shema, "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4), teaches that God is One Echad, as so declared: a united one, a composite unity, eternally existent in plural oneness [Genesis 1:1 (Elohim: God); Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in Our image"; Genesis 2:24 Adam & Eve were created to be as one flesh (basar echad)], that He is a personal God who created us (Genesis 1 & 2), and that He exists forever in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as mentioned in Romans 8:14-17 (Father, Spirit, and Messiah - Son) and Matthew 28:18-20 (immersing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

## GOD THE FATHER (*Abba*)\*



He is Our Heavenly Father as shown in: John 6:27b; I Corinthians 1:3; Galatians 1:1; Revelation 3:5, 21; Jeremiah 3:4, 19; 31:9; Malachi 1:6; Matthew 6:9, 32; Luke 10:21-22; John 1:14; 4:23; 5:17-26; 6:28-46; Romans 8:14-15.

## GOD THE SON (*HaBen*)\*



God does have a Son who was and is and will return [Psalm 2; Proverbs 30:4-6 (cf. Hebrews 1); Luke 12:35-37; John 1:29-34, 49; 3:14-18]. The Son, called Yeshua (Jesus), meaning salvation, came to this world born of a virgin [Isaiah 7:14 (cf. Luke 1:30-35)]. The Son is God (Deity), and is worshipped as God, having existed eternally [Psalm 110:1 (cf. Hebrews 1:13); Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 28:18-20; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-19; Revelation 3:21 (Hebrews 1 - worshipped by angels); Revelations 4:8, 5:5-14].

## GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (*Ruach HaKodesh*)\*



Introduced in Genesis 1:2b. "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." In the Tenach, the Spirit of God came upon individuals during the times of our forefathers, like Moses, David (see II Samuel 23:1-3), and the Prophets, for the specific purposes. In the New Covenant, the Messiah, Yeshua, promised His disciples that "the Comforter" would come to them after He was gone, described as the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17, 26), who was with them and would be in them. Yeshua further declared that the Spirit of Truth, would guide us into all truth and would glorify Him - the Messiah - not Himself (John 16:13-15). He empowers us (Acts 1:8). He The Spirit of God seals us [Ephesians 1:13; 4:30 (see NIV and Jewish New Testament versions)]. If we have not the Spirit, we are not His (Romans 8:9). He leads us and teaches us (Romans 8:14-17). His indwelling enables us to live a Godly life. Acts 2:38 says, "Repent, be immersed, and receive the Holy Spirit."

## HUMANITY AND SIN \*



Men and women are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27), however because of disobedience, mankind fell from the first state and became separated from God (Genesis 2:17; 3:22-24). Therefore, according to the Scriptures, all humans are born with a sinful nature (Psalm 14:1-3; 49:7; 53:13; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-12, 23; 5:12). Our only hope for redemption (salvation) is through the atonement made by the Messiah (Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24-26; I Corinthians 15:22; Hebrews 9:11-14, 28; John 1:12, 3:36), resulting in regeneration by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), which is the new birth (John 3:3-8). For by grace we are saved through faith, it is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

## GENDER \*



We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

## MARRIAGE \*



We believe the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

## SEXUAL IMMORALITY \*

We believe any form of sexual immorality or perversion, including adultery, fornication, homosexual or bisexual behavior, transgender association, transsexual orientation, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography is sinful and offensive to God. (Leviticus 18, Romans 1:24-27, I Corinthians 6:9-10)

## REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION\*

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through the Messiah Yeshua (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Furthermore, we believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

## RESURRECTION AND JUDGMENT \*

We believe in the resurrection of both the redeemed and the lost: the former to everlasting life and the latter to eternal separation from God, a state of everlasting punishment (Job 14:14; 19:25-27; Daniel 12:2-3; John 3:36; 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-6, 10-15; 21:7-8).

Rev 20.15, 10 **Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was hurled into the lake of fire...and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

## THE MESSIAH (Mashiach – Anointed One)\*

The Scriptures promised two "comings" of the Messiah



First coming: Promised in Daniel 9:24-26, the initial coming's purpose was to make an atonement (covering) for sin (Daniel 9:24-26; Isaiah 53; Romans 3:21-31; Hebrews 9-10; John 3:16-17) – as the Suffering Messiah. The Redeemer shall come to Zion (Isaiah 59:20-21; Zechariah 14:4).



Second coming: The Messiah Yeshua will return to the earth as King (Revelation 19:11-16). Upon His return, many wonderful things will happen: He will bring with Him an army of the Heavenly hosts, and those who went on before us (Revelation 19:14) and those who are still on earth will meet in the air to receive the believers to Himself (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:1-6; I Corinthians 15:51-57).

## ISRAEL IN PROPHECY \*



We believe in God's end-time plan for the nation of Israel and for the world. A central part of Messianic Judaism is the belief in the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel, as taught in the Scriptures. The greatest miracle of our day has been the re-establishment or rebirth of the State of Israel according to prophecy (Ezek. 34:11-31; 36-39; Hos. 3; Amos 9:11-15; Zech. 12-14; Isa. 11; 43; 54; 60-62; 66; Rom. 11:1-34).

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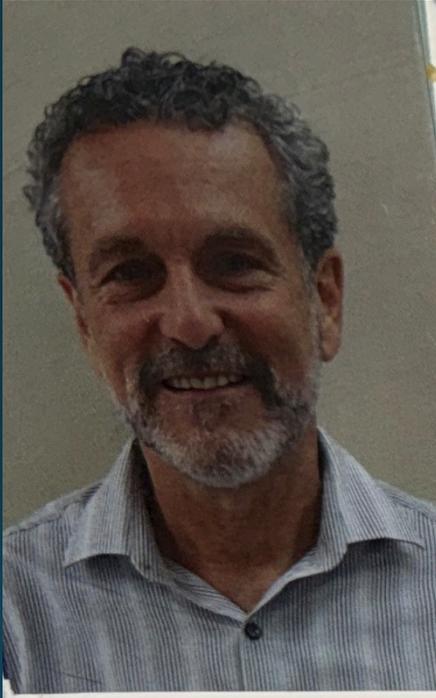
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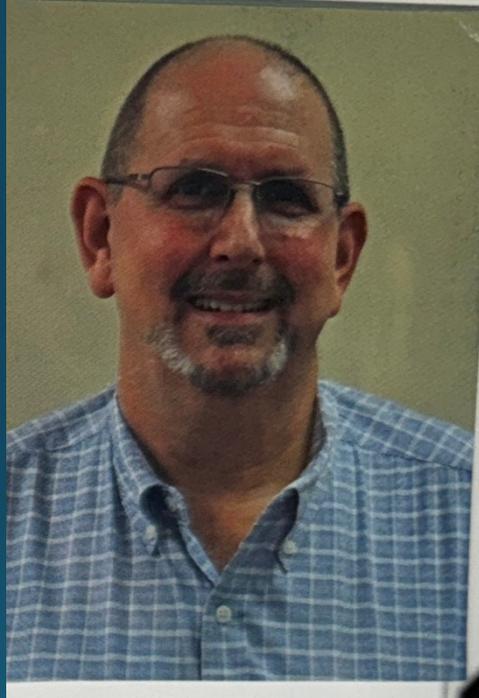
Leadership is subject to  
accountability. If there is an issue  
with me or Jeremy, come to us  
according to Mt 18.

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Ber/Gen 3.6 Now the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a thing of lust for the eyes, and that the tree was desirable for imparting wisdom. So, she took of its fruit and she ate. She also gave to her husband who was with her and he ate.

Ber/Gen 3.9 Then ADONI Elohim called  
to the man and He said to him,  
“Where are you?”

Bmidbar/Nu 30.4, 8-9 “When a woman makes a vow to ADONI...and her husband hears but holds his peace with her on the day he learns of it, then her vows and obligations she has bound herself to will stand. But if her husband expresses his disapproval on the day he hears it, he will void the vow.

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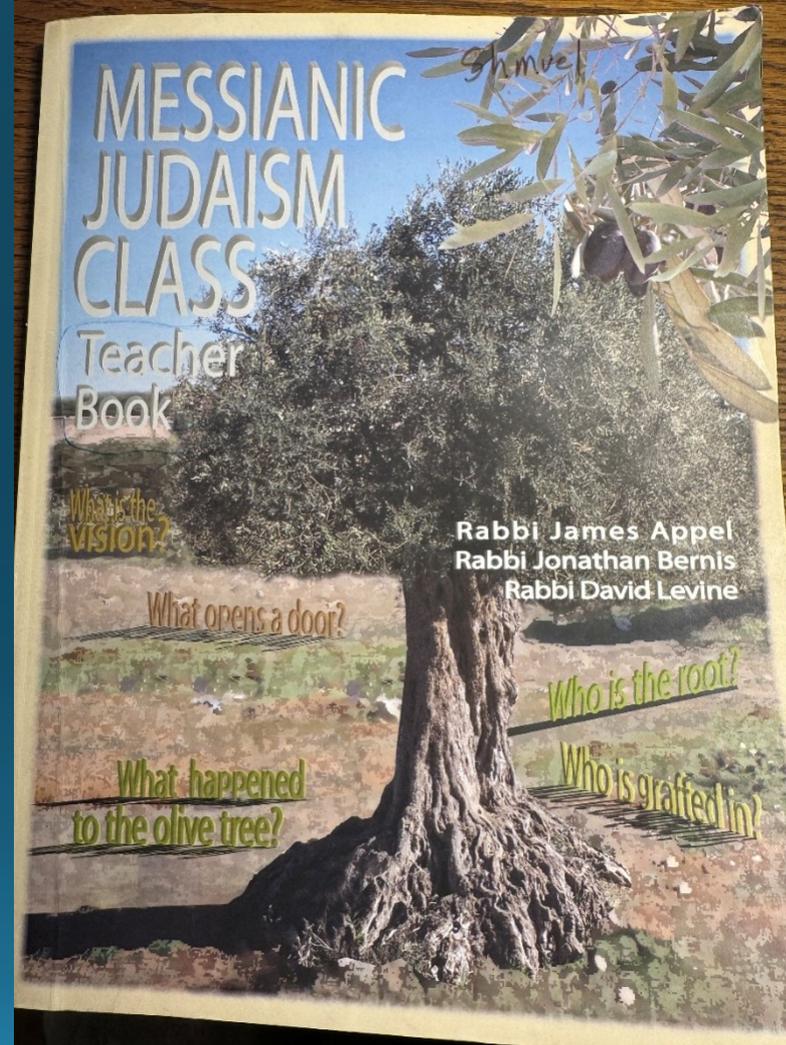
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1. Don't struggle with pornography alone: accountability partner
2. Never be alone with the opposite gender.
  - Even for prayer
  - Cc all emails and texts
2. Have SOMEONE available in contingency

# Messianic Judaism Talmidut Discipleship Class



# John Wesley (1703-1791)



Each week Methodists would meet together in groups of three to five people of the same gender (known as bands), and ask each person the following four questions:

- What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
- What temptations have you met with?
- How were you delivered?
- What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

They also had a series of questions asked regularly at the weekly class meetings (essentially bible study groups of 12 people meeting together). Some of these included:

- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying or self-justifying?
- Did the Bible live in me today?
- Am I enjoying prayer?
- Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
- Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?

Mt 7.21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, only those who do what my Father in heaven wants. On that Day, many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord! Didn’t we prophesy in your name?’

Mt 7.21-23 Didn't we expel demons in your name? Didn't we perform many miracles in your name?' Then I will tell them to their faces, 'I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness!'

**Yn 17.1-3** After Yeshua had said these things, he looked up toward heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you — just as you gave him authority over all mankind,

Yn 17.1-3 so that he might give eternal life to all those whom you have given him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and him whom you sent, Yeshua the Messiah.

# Accountability 2 Cor. 8.21

1. Accountability to G-d

2. Accountability to People

- Or HaOlam Finances
- IAMCS membership
- Rabbinic leadership
- Marriage leadership
- Community Practices

2 Cor 8 21 For we take pains to do what is right not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of other people.

