

Beit Simcha ("House of Joy") Newsletter

Coffeehouse with a "Heart"

Come and join us on October 3, 2009 for a coffeehouse with Zamariah (Evelyn) Jackson and her worship ministry Messianic Heart. Zamariah is a talented musician, singer, songwriter and worship leader who makes her home in the Washington DC area. She will be here in time to help us celebrate Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, also known as the season of our joy. Bring a friend for fun fellowship and refreshments!



Sound the Shofar!

The High Holidays are here, a time of reflection, of repentance, of intercession, and of looking forward to Yeshua's return. Our *Rosh Hashanah* services will be at 7:30pm on Friday, Sept 18, and at 10 am on Shabbat the next day. This holiday is traditionally known as the New Year (5770), the anniversary of creation, though in the Bible it is called *Yom Teruah*, the day of blowing shofars. We will hear shofars, acknowledge God as King, and eat apples and honey. *L'shana tovah!* (A good year!)

Rosh Hashanah inaugurates the ten Days of Awe, when we repent to God and others. Our *Kol Nidre* service for *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement, will be on Sunday, September 27, at 7:30 pm. Our morning service the following day will be at 11 am, with the final *Ne'ilah* (closing the gates) service at 5:30 pm, followed by breaking the fast. On *Yom Kippur* we afflict ourselves by abstaining from food as we pray for the salvation of our people through Messiah Yeshua.

Our *Sukkot* services begin Oct 2 at 7:30 in our booth, Oct 3, 10 am in our sanctuary. A week-long Season of Our Joy culminates with *Simchat Torah* (how we love God's Word!) on Oct 10 at 10am.

Bringing our People into the Kingdom of Messiah Yeshua

-Pericles Gabriele

This summer has been a season of preparing the way for "bringing our people into the kingdom of Messiah Yeshua" (our new focus statement!) across the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The Lord God has been leading well-equipped Messianic Jewish evangelists to Beit Simcha to teach and encourage us to spread the good news to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.

It started with accompanying Jeffrey Bernstein to the Lehigh Valley Mall. It was here that some of us had the opportunity get a little experience with this kind of outreach. Jeffrey Bernstein has established Messianic Jewish Congregations in Moscow, Russia and Kazakhstan, and is gifted in sharing the good news. Soon after, God led Stewart Winograd to be a guest speaker at Beit Simcha. He is a Jewish Rabbi who has trained, developed and started four Messianic congregations in the country of Belarus. Stewart spoke about our call to step out of our comfort zones and proclaim the risen Messiah Yeshua to the Jew first and also the Gentile.

The next day Stewart Winograd and Jeffrey Bernstein went out with some members of Beit Simcha to the Allentown Mayfair in order to train our people to be better witnesses. There Stewart and Jeffrey demonstrated outreach in action. It was a memorable experience for all who went out with them. We had the opportunity to speak with both Jews and Gentiles, and it was a starting point in breaking out of our comfort zones. Afterwards we prayed for the continuation of this ministry, for all to engage in it.

Then Ron Cantor came to speak on July 4. Ron has served in Odessa, and Budapest, and now is a Tikkun emissary in Tel Aviv. He spoke about operating in the giftings of the Spirit in order to lead people to Messiah Yeshua. In August, Jeffrey D. Miller, host of Messianic Minutes, also spoke about overcoming fear and following the leading of the Spirit when sharing with Jewish people.

Presently Beit Simcha has teamed up with Abraham Sandler, a second generation Messianic Jew, to do outreach in the Pittsburgh area. The outreach will be an intense two days and a three nights of training and a week of street evangelism. Members will return equipped to share what they learn back to the Lehigh Valley.

Rabbi Glenn is teaching our Men's Bible Study every other Monday evening, based on Dr. Michael Brown's *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus*.

From a small beginning, our *Becoming One* studies at New Covenant Community Church has

flourished and we are launching a new study at Calvary Baptist Church. These studies seek to break down barriers between Jews and Gentiles, then between Jews and the Messiah of Israel. One person from our New Covenant study has decided to join us for Abe Sandler's Pittsburgh outreach. Please contact us if you would like to participate in a *Becoming One* study or plan one in another local church, or our other outreach initiatives.

Truly the Lord is leading us to fulfill our mandate to bring our people in the kingdom of Messiah Yeshua! Please pray for us and partner with us!

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Pam's Challah -- Pamela Blank

Ingredients:

Scant 2/3 cup of warm water
2/3 stick of softened margarine
2 medium eggs at room temperature (if you only have large eggs, use only one egg). A good way to bring eggs to room temperature is to let them sit for 10 minutes in hot tap water.
3 cups bread flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 package dry yeast

Glaze—1 beaten egg
Topping—sesame or poppy seeds
Place ingredients in your bread maker in the order called for by the manufacturer. Have everything go through the "dough" cycle. When the cycle is through, take out the challah. Lightly knead it. If it is too sticky, add flour. If it is extremely dry, add water a teaspoon at a time. When it feels right, divide the dough and braid it. This recipe will make either one large loaf or two smallish loaves. Place the braided bread on an oiled cookie pan, cover

with a towel, and let it rise 3-6 hours in a draft-free environment. When it is ready to bake, brush it lightly with beaten egg and sprinkle with sesame or poppy seeds. Place in a 350 degree oven for about 35 minutes.

Note: At Rosh Hashanah the challah is made sweeter with sugar or honey or raisins in the hopes of a sweet year to come. The challah is also shaped into a round or spiral shape which symbolizes a "crown" for the head of the year or a spiral upward as we want our prayer to ascend to heaven.