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Dear Friends,

The House of Salvation, or Beit HaYeshua, is having a powerful impact on former alcoholics and drug addicts in Israel. Roni Rejuan is an emissary of Revive Israel-Tikkun Global serving with Beit HaYeshua Jerusalem Drug Rehab Center and Congregation.

Like other countries, Israel has a big problem with drug and alcohol addiction. Beit HaYeshua has been responding to this problem for seventeen years now, and Roni has been part of the response as a counselor from the beginning. He did not have a background in drugs. So it took a while for him to understand the dynamics—including how addicts can be manipulative. He went through a long learning curve, but God has put a deep love in his heart for these precious ones who find themselves trapped in addiction.

Roni reports: “It touches me. I love to see the changes in those we serve, even though there are also heartbreaking disappointments. It takes lots of prayer and loving discipline. Thank God. We focus on the successes.”

Beit HaYeshua operates two single family homes in Jerusalem as their facilities—one for the first stage of addiction recovery and another for the second stage. There are typically 9 or 10 men in each home. This vital outreach was able to continue almost unhindered in spite of Covid-19 restrictions. The addiction recovery program is based on spending time in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament three or four times daily. The second stage functions as a “hostel” with fellowship and Bible lessons every evening, as the recovering addicts begin to reengage in normal life.

On Mondays and Fridays, a team goes down from Beit HaYeshua in Jerusalem to Southern Tel Aviv to feed the “down and out” and invite addicts to their rehab program. About two-thirds of those who come initially, leave within the first few days because their substance withdrawal is too hard for them to handle. Roni reports that the new synthetic drugs damage people in body and soul even more than the previous “regular” drugs, making their lives even shorter. Sadly, many end up in psychiatric wards.

The addicts have typically lost all connection with their families. When they start in the program, Beit HaYeshua reaches out to relatives to let them know their family member has started on a road to recovery.



- “Y” entered the program after his wife had to throw him out of the house. They have two small kids. Now she is willing to renew contact.
- “M” joined the program nine months ago as a sick, rejected and aggressive man. God has worked in his life and changed him.
- “H”, with both Jewish and Arab ancestry, came three months ago from the streets and is now being slowly rehabilitated from deep trauma. He says he is feeling God’s grace.

The Beit HaYeshua community also constitutes a congregation made up of the first stage as an “hourly” home group, the second stage as a daily home group, and an additional weekly home group of people functioning normally in Israeli society.

Beit HaYeshua needs your prayers. They also need financial help for ongoing expenses.

- Please consider giving financially for Roni to serve there.
- Please pray for the staff. This kind of ministry can wear you down.
- Please pray for the recovering addicts.

Thank you so much!
Ron Cantor

“until all Israel is saved”
(Romans 11:26)

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PART 1

Tikkun Origins: Rediscovering a First Century Way of Life



By Eitan Shishkoff

Forty years ago, in 1981, we were brought into each other's lives, having no way of knowing that we'd become covenant brothers and would still be serving Yeshua together all these years later. Dan Juster, Asher Intrater, and Paul Wilbur were to become enduring friends, loyal partners, and incomparable influencers in my life.

How did we meet? How have these relationships and others unfolded in such a lasting way? And why have many of us ended up in Israel?

First Meetings

My first experience with Dan Juster happened at the Messiah '79 Messianic Jewish conference in Pennsylvania. He gave a message there from the Book of James that said to me "this is a man of integrity." Many, in that early stage of the movement, focused solely on Jewish identity for Jewish believers (surely important). Without omitting that priority, Dan zeroed in on the essentials of godly character to which the King calls us. I thought, "Here's a man I can learn from."

Little did I know that, two years, later I would be sitting in a classroom at Beth Messiah Congregation, eagerly taking notes as Dan taught from his foundational book *Jewish Roots* before it was even published. It felt like I was stepping into a *refreshed stream of ancient truth*; and I was thrilled to be there.

During that same visit, in the summer of '81, I found myself riding around Rockville, Maryland with Asher (then Keith) Intrater while he did errands. We instantly began talking nonstop about things we cared for deeply. I remember the excitement of hanging out with this passionate man of God, and the unshakeable hunch that I had found a soul brother.

With Paul, it was also "love at first sight." Phenomenally, I had met his father-in-law (months earlier) at a meeting in Arizona, where he handed me a cassette tape and said, "Here, this is a song my son-in-law wrote. I think you'll like it." At the same time he told Paul about me. To our mutual surprise and delight we met for the first time at a barbeque, having arrived within 48 hours of each other to be part of Beth Messiah. It was August, 1981. Talk about predestined encounters!

Beth Messiah Congregation

At Beth Messiah we experienced a thriving spiritual community. **There was a sense of pioneering not just a congregational ministry, but a way of life** - a first century Messianic Jewish way of life was being rediscovered and restored. We actively served and compared notes on where we felt the Lord was directing us. When Dan taught on Shabbat, he brought new insights to the word of God. When Paul led worship, we entered the Lord's presence. When Asher prophesied, we were gripped with the Spirit. But Friday afternoon prayer times were the most memorable.

We met the in the sanctuary before sundown. It was our way of welcoming the Shabbat; and boy, did it get intense. Pacing around, kneeling before the Lord, raising our voices in intercession for the salvation of our people. I remember Asher, proclaiming the words of the prophets—drawing us into his fiery heart for the manifestation of God's kingdom. In these prayers of unusual agreement, total surrender to His will, and even in tears, the Spirit of God confirmed our ultimate calling to the Land of Israel.

...to be continued in the next issue with the story of our aliyah to Israel in 1992



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Passover Commemorative “BBQ” Meal



By Avi Tekle

Every now and then, I get the inspiration to do some BBQ or “low and slow” cooking. It has become an emotional outlet for me to smoke meat for hours or cook something on an open fire. I receive additional joy when the family graciously complements my amateur cooking.

One of my favorite chefs is Marcus Samuelson. He was born in a rural area in Ethiopia, but at a young age, a lovely Swedish couple adopted him and his sister. Growing up, he loved to watch his Swedish grandmother cook, and that’s how he picked up his own passion for cooking. I love to watch him, because when he prepares a meal, I see the diverse accounts of his life come together. His meals tell the story of his identity and life journey. Here’s something that he has shared about food and his personal history:

“In the dead of night when I should be sleeping, I sometimes imagine the breath of [my biological mother]... I sometimes reach into that tin by my stove and take a handful of berbere [spice], sift it through my fingers, and toss it into the pan. I watch my wife cook and I imagine that I can see my mother’s hands. I have taught myself the recipes of my mother’s people, because those foods are for me, as a chef, the easiest connection to the mysteries of who my mother was. Her identity remains stubbornly shrouded in the past, so I feed myself and the people I love the food that she made.”

- Marcus Samuelson

Food, besides its nutritional value, also connects us to our past. You can see it throughout the Scriptures. God uses food to communicate and create a narrative for His people: Adam and Eve’s garden; the biblical kosher dietary laws; Yeshua multiplying and eating fish and bread with His disciples. However, the most significant meal in the Jewish narrative is the Passover meal, a divinely ordained “BBQ” which Yeshua eagerly desired to eat:

“That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.” (Exodus 12:8-9)

“And He said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will never eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’” (Luke 22:15-16)

The story told during the Passover meal describes the transition of Israel from slavery into freedom. God instructs all the children of Israel to keep this tradition of communally sharing this commemorative meal and passing down the story of our slavery in Egypt to succeeding generations. God embedded in the Seder meal a preserving element - like opening a family album that perfectly reminds us of His redemptive plans for us.

This year, we invite you to join us in helping our fellow Israelis celebrate Passover - through intercession and giving. In the continuing COVID-19 crisis, we are prayerfully preparing to help 900 struggling families in our town, with ingredients to prepare and celebrate the Passover meal. We are now living in times and in a season which is unlike any before it. Life is confusing and complicated and uncertain. Suddenly, we are thrust into new realities that we probably were not prepared for, just like parents having their first baby, or an army inductee just before basic training - realities for which we probably could not have ever fully prepared.

During this holiday of freedom, please pray for the recipients and, indeed, for all Israel, that the Lord will release them from the slavery of sin and spiritual blindness, bringing them into His promised land of salvation!

When We See His Face, our Face Changes



By **Guy Cohen**

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”** (Numbers 6:22-27)

When we see His face, our face changes.

It is the manifestation of the priestly Aaronic blessing on our lives.

The Lord wants to reveal Himself to us – His love and plans for our lives. Yet the worries of this world make it hard to receive all He has for us. What we get instead, for all our striving, is a lack of peace as we operate in survival mode through our own efforts.

To enter into His light, we cannot remain in survival mode. Life with a “me only” attitude will cause us to look for man’s solutions and not see God’s leading. There is no light in living this way, whereas it is amazing to see the light on the faces of those who follow the Lord’s way.

The level of faith at which we are operating becomes obvious when catastrophe strikes. Those who trust in themselves will be the ones emptying grocery store shelves, stealing, hoarding, and panicking. Those who have no faith will be the ones discounting the law and losing basic respect for their fellow human beings.

In this past year of Covid-19 closures and restrictions, what new and surprising elements have you noticed in your personality and behavior? If the pandemic continues on for years, do we really know how we will respond?

This has been a year of searching for hope and answers. First, a vaccine was the solution. However, now the health officials are concerned that it won’t be effective against new strains of the virus. So we continue with masks, maybe doubled masks; and while we are at it, we keep our distance from each other.

How am I, a person of light, to act in times of uncertainty and trials such as we are experiencing? God calls us to trust in Him at all times. He knows our needs and is never late, no matter how it might appear. The difference between reverting to survival mode and standing in faith is a change that begins inside, within our own hearts. These are the days when we must diligently put on the whole armor of God, lest we find ourselves responding to all we have faced and will yet face, in a way surprising even to ourselves.

We might ask, is it truly necessary for these events to take place? Why can’t God simply reveal Himself to all mankind? Obviously, this is not our choice to make. But as we go through the process of death to self, the resurrected Messiah can shine much more brightly from our faces.

Let us be faithful in seeking intimacy with Yeshua, praying to the Father with our hearts – being filled with His Spirit, even while we are still clothed in our bodies. He is waiting for us.

Strengthen Feeble Arms and Weak Knees



By Leon Mazin

Shalom,

Peace and grace to you from God through Yeshua the Messiah. Thank you for your prayers and support, which enable us to serve the people of Israel!

“Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.” (Hebrews 12:12)

2 Chronicles 22-23 recounts a time of governmental change in Israel, and “righteous and wicked kings,” as well as the tension and depression that ruled in society. Oddly enough, such events are extremely relevant today.

Israel is having its fourth election in just two years. Even though there is once more the opportunity to choose a new government, people have little hope that there will be any real change. Likewise, repeated lockdowns, a sense of totalitarian control in everyday reality, and occasional pressure on Messianic believers from local authorities are challenging for all of us. Many struggle with feelings of depression. But history in 2 Chronicles 23:1-2 says:

“In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself. He made a covenant with the commanders of units of a hundred ... they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites and the heads of Israelite families from all the towns.”

The priest Jehoiada found faithful allies and gathered the Levites. They stood around the king, and each of them took on a specific task (from prayer and service in the Temple to wielding weapons and working tools), and everything CHANGED!

Allegorically, Jehoiada’s allies and the Levites today are the disciples of Yeshua seeking the Lord. They are also people of authority who fear the Lord. Their unity, their active steps, and their FAITH in the Lord can change the situation in the country, and BRING SALVATION and liberation from confusion and oppression.

We are praying that we will bring such a transformation through intercession and service to the Lord and to our country. We encourage you to view yourselves in this way as well and to actively pursue God’s restoration in your own communities!

What’s happening these days at Return to Zion Ministry?

- Our humanitarian outreach and aid distribution are growing. In January, two hostels with elderly people asked for our assistance to provide hot meals.
- New immigrants are coming despite the lockdown, and as an essential “industry” charity organization, we can help them.
- Our congregation meets “together” using YouTube and home groups via Zoom.
- My home group has about 120 people gathering online.
- We have begun to study the weekly Torah Portion via Zoom with friends from all around the world in English every second Saturday of the month.

Please continue to pray and partner with our ministry. Israel needs a breakthrough, and believers must play an active role. We are confident in God!

With love and best wishes in Yeshua,
Leon and Nina Mazin



Driving Through a Storm?

A study-guide roadmap for our redemption journey



By Eitan Shishkoff

Decades ago, our family drove through a blinding snowstorm at night on an interstate highway in Arizona on our way to a winter-break vacation in sunny California. As the car's headlights reflected off the barrage of white flakes, we slowed to a crawl, straining our eyes to see the highway markings and not stray off the road.

Our life in Messiah is also a journey, a journey of transformation with plenty of "low visibility" moments and "opportunities for growth" along the way. Each of us is on a personal road of challenge, discovery and change—and we are also travelling together with others. Understanding this journey helps us find God's love and redemption in every situation.

Here are a few basic questions that point the way:

Why do I exist? What is my **purpose**?

Who am I? What is my **identity**?

Where can I find peace and **security**?

What does it mean to love God with true **devotion**?

Why does personal **transformation** sometimes elude me, and what will achieve it?

We discern a process:

Purpose -> Identity -> Security -> Devotion -> Transformation

For each "step" in the process, there are foundational passages of Scripture. Would you join me by searching out these passages and additional passages that speak to you in these areas? It will deepen and strengthen you for the journey as you embrace whom God has made you to be and calls you to become.

I. PURPOSE—Why do I exist?

- Genesis 1:26-28 - Made in God's image & likeness, to carry His nature (2 Peter 1:4)
- Genesis 2:7-8,15 - Inbreathed by God's Spirit, He puts His very Spirit in us
- Romans 5 - Through Yeshua, we return to the purpose originally given to Adam

II. IDENTITY—Who am I?

- Psalm 8:4-8 - Man is crowned with glory and honor, granted dominion over creation
- John 1:12-13 - Through faith in Yeshua I become a child of God, born of God
- John 3:3-7 - The new (second) birth brings me into God's kingdom, forever!
- Romans 8:14-16 - I have been adopted by the Living God as a co-heir with Messiah

III. SECURITY—How can I find peace within?

- Psalm 61:2 - When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
- Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20 - I will never leave you nor forsake you
- Hebrews 4:16; 10:19-23 - We are to come boldly before God's throne of grace

IV. DEVOTION—What does it mean to be "in love" with God?

- Deuteronomy 6:4,5; Matthew 22:37 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart
- Song of Songs 2:4,10,13, 16 (and the entire book) - My beloved is mine and I am his
- 1 John 3:16; 4:9-10 - He loved us first and showed it by laying down His life
- Philippians 3:7-14 - All things are rubbish compared to knowing Yeshua

V. TRANSFORMATION—When will I be whole?

- Psalm 84:7; Proverbs 4:18 - The path of the righteous shines every brighter...
- Colossians 3:3, 8-10 - You have put on the new man...according to the image of the Creator
- 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Romans 8:29 - We are being transformed into His likeness
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Old things have passed away, all things have become new

COVID-19 Vaccine and the Mark of the Beast



By Tamar Afriat

If you had asked me a year ago if I thought that end time events might occur during my lifetime, my answer would have been “No.” Today, I’m not so sure. We are in the midst of the greatest global crisis since World War II. After a period of relative peace and prosperity (at least here in Israel), this microscopic virus appeared, endangering health, causing isolation, fear, confusion and depression.

Now Israel has become the world leader in vaccinations per capita. Not everyone sees that as a positive statistic. In fact, we have received emails from abroad and calls from worried congregation members raising **concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, that it might even be the "mark of the beast"** spoken of in the book of Revelation. Whether a vaccine is safe and ethical, each person must decide for themselves by careful research and prayerful consideration.

However, regarding whether the COVID-19 vaccine is a candidate for being the mark of the beast, we can get to the bottom of that fairly quickly. In order to have the mark of the beast, the beast has to be on the scene first, right? The Bible is clear on important issues, and being able to recognize the antichrist is quite important. According to Revelation 13, **he is a charismatic leader who will:**

- Miraculously survive a fatal head-wound causing many to worship and fear him
- Be given "authority over every tribe, people, language and nation" for 3 1/2 years
- Be boastful and blaspheme God, heaven and the host of heaven
- Be given authority to persecute and kill the people of God.

However, the beast is not the one who makes people take his mark.

The Second Beast – the false prophet

The false prophet, according to Revelation 13:11-18, is the beast's PR man (and more) who:

- Forces people to worship the beast
- Performs miraculous signs and wonders
- Gives "life" to an image of the beast and kills those who refuse to worship it
- Forces all people to take the mark of the beast to be able to "buy and sell"**

What happens to those who take the mark of the beast? Revelation 14:9-11 is abundantly clear: they will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Putting the facts together

Considering the specific identification credentials Revelation 13 gives about the antichrist and his false prophet, are there any two characters on the world stage right now who fit that description? No.

Know your God and use logic

God honored us with the freedom of choice. He is the God of life, but He gives us the freedom to choose between life and death:

“...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:19)

God would NEVER let people choose death without their knowledge, which means: you cannot accidentally take the mark of the beast! It will be a choice. It will be a tough choice, but a clear choice, nonetheless. Tricking people into choosing death is something Satan does. Not God.

“Be alert and of sober mind...” (1 Peter 5:8)

In this challenging season, it is critical to spend more time in the Word and in God's presence: one of the main "signs of the times" is the deception of believers (Matthew 24:24). If we know the voice of the Shepherd, the “thief” will not deceive us.

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Revive Israel Community Farm Discipleship Center



By Asher Intrater

Youval and Valerie Yanay, Tal Robin and other staff members have developed a discipleship program over the past few years based on involving the students in hands-on organic farming.

The name for the farm is Day Three. The Yanay's son, Elad, suggested this name as he noticed how God created plants on the 3rd day in Genesis, chapter 1. The program has been very successful, and has already borne much fruit, in more ways than one.

There are multiple dimensions of blessings and benefits from this approach.

1. Dominion & Destiny - Farm work touches the deepest identity of mankind, being created in God's image, blessed, and given a mandate to bear fruit, fill the earth, subdue it and take authority over God's creation (Genesis 1:26-28).

2. Inner Healing - Because many of our students come right off the streets or have some psychological damage in their backgrounds, there is a need for inner healing. Working in nature has a calming and freeing influence on the soul.

3. Practical Service - Discipleship involves not only spiritual lessons but also involvement in practical service, which teaches humility, submission to authority, diligence, and patience. Working in the "dirt" is a great way to develop character.

4. Teaching Scriptures - Of course, discipleship also involves Bible teaching. Many of Yeshua's moral lessons were based on agriculture. In fact, Yeshua said that the connection between the "word" (logos) and the "seed" (sperma) was the key to understanding ALL the parables (Mark 4:14).

5. Evangelistic Witness - There is something about organic farming in this age of alienation that everyone finds fascinating, whether believer or atheist. Many people in the area have come to visit, attracted and intrigued by the project.



6. Unity of Believers - We all believe in unity (John 17, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4). It is easy to understand, but not always easy to accomplish. Participation in agriculture has been shown to be a common denominator and thus a basis for unity. People from different "backgrounds" of faith have found "common ground" by working the "ground" together.

7. Zionism - Love for the land of Israel, its dirt and stones, its agriculture and geography, lies at the heart of the Patriarchs, and also of the early pioneers of modern Zionism. Plowing, seeding, cultivating and harvesting the land of Israel is part of the prophetic vision for the Messianic kingdom on earth.

8. Knowing God - It is such an obvious thought: God is Creator. He can be known through His creation (Romans 1:20, Psalm 19). In the atmosphere of the natural environment, knowing God more intimately is easily accessed.

9. Food - Perhaps even more obvious but easily overlooked is that we all need to eat. Agriculture supplies food. In this age of economic crisis, basic food provision should not be taken for granted. Food is also evidence of God's grace (Acts 14:17).

10. Miraculous Vegetables - A last surprise for us was the amazing, beautiful, tasty, huge, high-quality vegetables that are coming out of the ground. It's impossible to not see the hand of the Lord and His blessing. What an affirmation!

Please pray for continuing and multiplying fruit for the discipleship program, located at the Revive Israel ministry center at the Messianic moshav, Yad Hashmonah, in the Judean Hills outside of Jerusalem.

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