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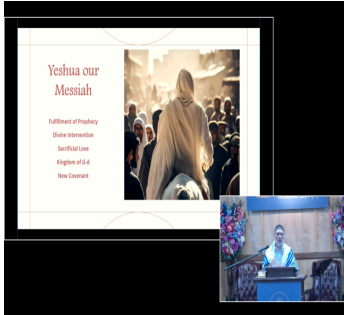
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From the Editor

Dr. Dee

Kehillah B'nei Abraham (KBA) is translated as **Congregation of the Children of Abraham** where Jewish and Gentile Believers



live out their faith in the G-D of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and His Messiah Yeshua.

We worship and learn together from all the richness of G-D's Living Word (Genesis through Revelation); especially the revelation of G-D's Holy Son, Messiah Yeshua. We do this in the culture of Judaism (which is the culture our Messiah lived during His time on earth--His first coming) in order to better understand His teachings to live out His instructions in our daily lives.

Open Arms for Visitors: Visitors are always a cherished part of our community! We extend a warm invitation to you, your friends, and your family to join us for any of our services. Our *Shabbat Shacharit* services are **live streamed** right from our website www.kba.life.

KBA Website: We have a plethora of resources (under the **RESOURCE** tab), plus, our services are now archived. Feel free to peruse our website. If you have questions, please let us know.

SERVICES: Our weekly *Shabbat* services are held in person at World Life Church, 495 S. Perry Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, and also live streamed each Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Visit us at www.kba.life for more information.

September 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Kehillah B'nei Abraham will celebrate its two-year anniversary as a congregation this month. Below is a quick recap of where we came from, and where we are today, thanks to the blessings of *Adonai*!

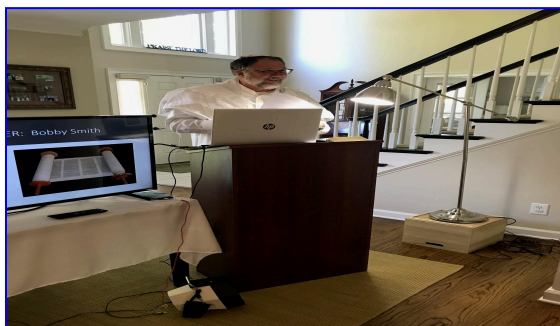
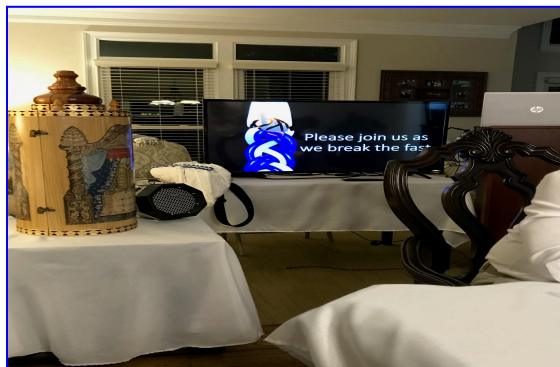
September 11, 2022: A small group met to discuss the possibility of starting a new Messianic congregation since several people who were enrolled in the upcoming Torah Club felt there was a need for a new congregation on the northeast side of metro Atlanta. The group agreed unanimously to move forward, and the name **Kehillah B'nei Abraham** was selected since it represents both Jew and Gentile (the Jewish people being the natural-born seed of Abraham, and Gentiles being granted into the seed of Abraham). Using Hebrew (**Kehillah**, which can be translated as "assembly" or "congregation," and **"b'nei,"** which means "sons" or "children") along with the English pronunciation of Abraham signifies the fusion of Jews and Gentiles as one in Messiah.



Officers were elected, with Bobby Smith serving as Chief Executive Officer, Steve Zettler as Chief Financial Officer, and Cheryl Zettler as Secretary. Cathy Smith, Whitley LaMontagne and Filiana

LaMontagne would later be added as Board Members. The team discussed the purchase of a Torah scroll that had recently become available, and unanimously decided to purchase it. They also agreed to hold High Holy Day services for a small group of people at the home of Bobby and Cathy Smith to see how those services went, and if the desire for a new congregation was truly there. If so, it would be launched after the High Holy Days.

Since KBA did not have a rabbi at that time, Bobby and Cheryl agreed to serve as teachers in the interim, and Cheryl offered to fill in as cantor until such time as the L-RD brought someone more qualified to fill that slot. Even though there was no rabbi at KBA, the team had several leaders in the Messianic movement serving as advisors in its early days.



September 15, 2022: Articles of Incorporation for *Kehillah B'nei Abraham* were filed with the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, and officially issued on **September 21, 2022**.

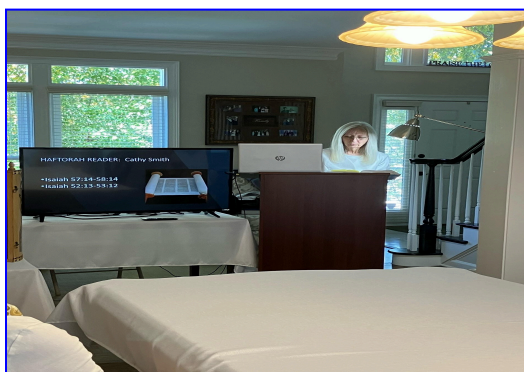
September 16, 2022: KBA received its EIN from the Internal Revenue Service.

September 20, 2022: KBA purchased the Torah scroll.

September 26, 2022: KBA's first service for *Rosh Hashanah* was held, with 17 people in person and five online. The service was followed by a *Tashlich* service that afternoon at Jones Bridge Park in Peachtree Corners.



October 5, 2022: KBA held three services: a *Yom Kippur Shacharit* service at 11:00 a.m., an afternoon service at 3:00 p.m., and a *Neilah/Havdalah* service at 7:00 p.m., after which the fast was broken with a delicious meal.



October **10, 2022**: KBA's first Sukkot service was held. The *sukkah* was erected in the Smiths' backyard a few days later so everyone could celebrate *Sukkot* as God commanded.



October 15, 2022: An evening celebration was held at the *sukkah*, featuring games, dinner, fellowship, and a *Havdalah* service.

Attendance at each service grew, as did excitement for a new congregation, so we moved forward with weekly *Shabbat* services; however, since we didn't have a physical place to meet but didn't want to lose the momentum we had coming out of the High Holy Days, we began holding our weekly *Shabbat* services on Zoom while we looked for a place to meet in person.



October 22, 2022: KBA held its first Zoom *Shacharit* service. Our Zoom services were simple and basic, consisting of approximately 45 minutes of liturgy, followed by a 45-minute teaching from either Bobby or Cheryl. At the same time, we began an afternoon Torah Club that met in person at the home of Bobby and Cathy Smith. We also offered a Zoom candle lighting service on Friday evenings to welcome Shabbat, along with a Zoom *Havdalah* service to end *Shabbat* and usher in the new week.

December 18, 2022: KBA's first *Hanukkah* party was held at the home of Bobby and Cathy Smith. Excitement continued to grow, and everyone eagerly looked forward to the time when we were able to meet in person again for worship and fellowship.

February 4, 2023: KBA held its first hybrid in-person/Zoom *Shabbat* service at Lake Berkeley Chapel in Berkeley Lake, a temporary location that would be "home" for the next three months.



April 5, 2023: KBA held its first *Passover Seder* at Lake Berkeley Chapel. The *Seder* was well attended, and everyone was truly blessed as we celebrated this very special festival together as a new community.



April 16, 2023: As the congregation began to grow and extend its tent pegs, we knew it was time to bring on a rabbi, and were very excited when Rabbi René Jaco and his wife, Rebbetzin Ana Jaco, joined us as our spiritual leaders.



April 22, 2023: We held our first service at World Life Church in Lawrenceville on a trial basis. Everyone loved the location and facilities, so we entered into a lease agreement with WLC. Leadership of WLC has been extremely supportive of KBA, and we are blessed to have found a host that has welcomed us so warmly and seeks diligently to fulfill the calling of our Messiah. Since moving to Lawrenceville, we have continued to grow both our in-person attendance and online viewership, thanks to our Web presence at www.kba.life and our transition from Zoom to live streaming.



We praise *Adonai* for all of His wonderful blessings, and for bringing each and every one of you into our family. We are so proud of our KBA family. You continue to step up and take responsibility for various ministries, and we want to thank YOU for being a part of the KBA story.

As we wrap up a very blessed second year and begin our third year as a community, we look forward expectantly to what He has in store for us in the future. May we always seek first and foremost to bless His Holy Name and make Him known to all mankind. *Cheryl Z*

FALL HIGH HOLY DAYS 2024

School is back in session, which means our fall HHD services are just around the corner. We will communicate with you soon about specific service times, but wanted to go ahead and provide a schedule of the *moedim* when no work is to be done so that you can begin preparing now. If you need a letter declaring these dates for work or school purposes, please let Cheryl know.

Rosh Hashanah: Begins the evening of Wednesday, October 2, and ends at sunset on Thursday, October 3. October 3 is a non-work day.

Yom Kippur: Begins the evening of Friday, October 11, and ends after sundown on Saturday, October 12. Since we already celebrate *Shabbat*, no additional times off are needed.

First day of Sukkot: Begins the evening of Wednesday, October 16, and ends at sunset on Thursday, October 17. October 17 is a non-work day.

The eighth day of **Sukkot/Shemini Atzeret:** Begins the evening of Wednesday, October 23, and ends at sunset on Thursday, October 24. October 24 is a non-work day.

We will communicate additional details in the days ahead and look forward to celebrating these Appointed Times with you.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED



We have wonderful leaders and helpers at KBA who tirelessly work to serve our Savior Yeshua, as well as the members of our Messianic Synagogue. If you are not part of a ministry, please consider lending a helping hand when you can. We are currently in need of help in the following areas:

- **Audio/Visual Ministry**
- **First Responders**
- **Greeters**
- **Ushers**
- **Oneg Help - See [Cathy Smith](#)**

If you are able to serve in a KBA ministry, please contact one of our leaders...Rabbi, Bobby, Steve or Cheryl.

PRAYER WITH THE RABBI 🕯️



Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

At 10:00 a.m. each Saturday morning before **Shabbat Shacharit**, Rabbi Rene invites all men for a time of prayer. Prayer group meets in his regular Torah Club classroom located downstairs.

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays at KBA





Happy Birthday and may *Hashem* fill you with your heart's desires, and His favor and delight keep you. *Dee*

SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH

JERUSALEM and ALL THE PEOPLE and LAND OF ISRAEL

- *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)*
- *For the people of Israel to come to know their Messiah, Yeshua (Psalm 40:7; Isaiah 53)*
- *For her borders to be secure (Exodus 23:31a)*
- *For Jerusalem to be protected from being divided (Joel 3:2)*



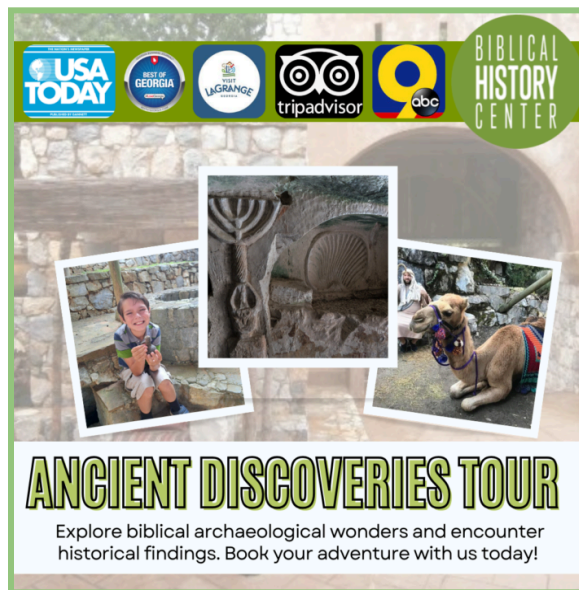
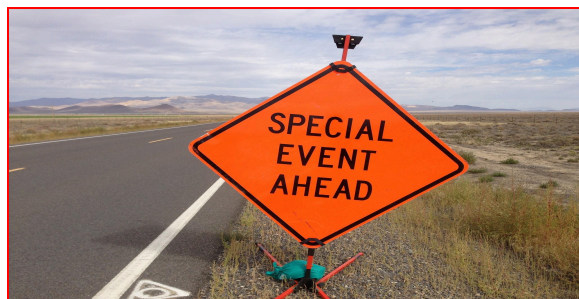
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- Pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Pray for G-D's people to turn back to Him; seek forgiveness (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Pray that America will be a "sheep nation" protecting G-D's people to freely preach the Gospel. (Matthew 25: 31-36)
- Pray that congregations will be beacons of light anchored in the truth for our Messiah.

Upcoming Presidential Election: Let's pray for everyone voting in the upcoming election:

- That G-D would give voters' wisdom from heaven' so that they can be 'impartial and sincere'.
- That the process of casting a vote is straightforward and safe for every voter.

- That voters make decisions with g-dly wisdom, led by the Holy Spirit.



World Life Church will have a wedding on Saturday, **September 28**, we were asked if we could be out by 1:00 so the sanctuary and fellowship hall can be decorated. Instead of having service and rushing to be out by 1:00, we thought it would be a great opportunity for another congregational outing, and have selected the Biblical History Center (a/k/a the Antiquities Museum). Time to meet and further details will be announced closer to the date.

The Biblical History Center is located at **130 Gordon Commercial Dr., LaGrange, GA 30240**. **The cost for the tour and meal (tax included) is \$69.42 for ages 13 and up; \$42.67 for ages 6-12; and no cost for those 5 and under.** We do not want the cost to prohibit anyone who desires to go from attending, so KBA will cover

the expense (either in part or in whole) for those who need it.

The meal will consist of grilled chicken, lentil soup, couscous, salad, and dessert. Some species from the land (e.g., grapes, olives, etc.) will also be included.

Additional information about the Biblical History Center can be found at:
<https://biblicalhistorycenter.com/?msclkid=42f34e054a711fef90a28ce0775264f>

ילדים Children

Do you have young children attending KBA? If you do, Joan Knauer has been gracious enough to provide coloring materials for the children of KBA. They can be used in service to keep the children occupied, or if you prefer that your children focus on the service, you are certainly welcome to take them home. Each week Joan brings a sheet that aligns with our weekly *parashah* in order to bless our children, so we encourage you to take one for your children if they enjoy coloring.

CALENDAR

Sept 28 - KBA Congregational Outing - NO regular Shabbat Service at World Life Church. See note above.



More Anniversary Congregational Photos

