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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.

Fall Feasts

In Jewish tradition, the Feast of Trumpets is called *Rosh HaShanah*, a title that literally means "Head of the Year." It is called *Rosh HaShanah* because the first day of the seventh month is regarded as the biblical new year. The *Torah* refers to it simply as a "reminder by blowing of trumpets." It is a day of trumpet blowing.

Just as Messiah's second coming will be heralded by the blast of trumpets, the first day of the seventh month begins with an appointed time referred to as the Feast of Trumpets.

For disciples of the Messiah, *Rosh HaShanah* is a reminder of that appointed time yet to come when the Master "will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other." (Matthew 24:31). It is a day on which we anticipate the coming judgment, the trumpets of the book of Revelation, and the beginning of the end. It is a glimpse of the future, a shadow cast backward through time. As such, the Feast of Trumpets is relevant for everyone who believes in Messiah's return. It is an important festival for all disciples of Yeshua. [Taken from FFOZ website]

FROM JOEL 2:1
BLOW THE SHOFAR IN ZION!
SOUND AN ALARM ON MY HOLY MOUNTAIN!
LET ALL LIVING IN THE LAND TREMBLE—
FOR THE DAY OF ADONAI IS COMING—
SURELY IT IS NEAR!



Rosh HaShanah 2025



Blessings as we usher in the New Year, 5786



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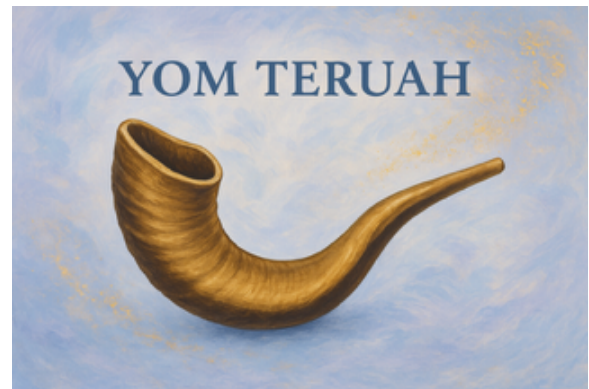
This year, we were blessed with one of our very own youth to blow the shofar in commemoration of Yom Teruah, **Nathan LaMontagne**! He did a wonderful job! To G-D be the glory!



Yom Teruah stands as one of the most significant appointed times in Scripture, marking a day when the sound of the shofar pierces through time itself, connecting heaven and earth in a symphony of remembrance and anticipation.

This holy convocation, established in Leviticus 23:24 as *"a memorial proclaimed with blasts of trumpets,"* carries within its ancient rhythms the heartbeat of G-D's eternal purposes for His people.

This year, during the Yom Teruah liturgy one line stood out to me like never before. The phrase *"may the sound of the shofar release gladness over our offering."* After a quick Google search, I learned it "links the celebratory, spiritual power of the ram's horn with the act of presenting a gift to G-D. It draws on several biblical and traditional Jewish concepts.



The Shofar's Spiritual Significance

The shofar is a simple but powerful wind instrument made from a ram's horn, used since biblical times.

- **Call to remembrance:** The sound of the shofar calls G-D's people to remember key moments in their history, such as the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and the binding of Isaac, which serve as a reminder of G-D's covenantal promises.
- **Spiritual awakening:** For centuries, the shofar's loud, piercing blasts have served as a "wake-up call," urging people to engage in introspection, repentance (*teshuvah*), and spiritual renewal.
- **Proclamation of G-D's Kingship:** The shofar is associated with the enthronement of a king and proclaims that G-D is King of the Universe. Its sound acknowledges His sovereignty over all creation.

- **Sound of joy and celebration:** While the shofar is often associated with the solemnity of the High Holy Days, it is also used in joyful celebrations. Psalm 98, for example, says, *"With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the L-RD, the King!"*



The concept of "gladness over our offering"

The concept of offering is an ancient practice, and scripture links the sound of the trumpet to offerings made on feast days.

- **Offerings of gladness:** According to Numbers 10:10, a passage in the Torah, trumpets were to be blown *"in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts... over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings."* The sounding of the shofar adds an element of festivity and joy to the sacred act of sacrifice.
- **Offerings of the heart:** The phrase connects the external act of giving an offering to the internal state of gladness. True worship and giving come from a sincere and joyful heart. The shofar's call for spiritual awakening ensures that the offering is not just a ritual but is accompanied by a renewed spirit.
- **Remembrance before G-D:** The sound of the trumpets over the offerings served as a "memorial" before G-D. It is an act of worship that intentionally brings the offering to G-D's attention and remembrance, ensuring that it is received with favor.

In essence, the phrase is a spiritual plea. It is a request for G-D to receive an act of worship with favor, filled with the spiritual joy and sincere intention symbolized by the shofar's powerful, resonant sound." [Taken from various sources via Google Search]



Ms. Sara Nunez and Mr. Cris Salinas are delighted to announce their engagement. The excited couple plan to wed on **October 30, 2025.**



Let's congratulate them as they begin this new chapter of their lives together surrounded by family and friends.

Congratulations

Scriptures for the Month

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

I acknowledge my sin to you, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the L-RD; and you forgave the iniquity of my sin (Isaiah 32:5)



Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday, **October 1, at 7:00 p.m.** (both in-person and via livestream at www.kba.life).

Yom Kippur: Thursday, **October 2, at 11:00 a.m.** (both in-person and via livestream at www.kba.life). The building will be open all day with activities planned to help you stay focused on the meaning of **Yom Kippur** and the indescribable gift of salvation that Adonai has given us through Messiah Yeshua. We will break the fast with a short **Closing of the Gates-Neilah/Havdalah** service (between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.--exact time TBD) followed by a break-the-fast meal downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Sukkot: **Sukkot begins on Tuesday, October 7,** and continues for eight days, ending on **Tuesday, October 14.** We will assemble and decorate the *sukkah* on October 7, after which we will gather under the *sukkah* for a time of teaching, a cookout, and some awesome fellowship. Please plan to join us as we fulfill G-D's commandment to rejoice during *Sukkot*.

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah: The eighth and last day of **Sukkot, Tuesday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m.** (both in-person and via livestream at www.kba.life).

October 18, Saturday

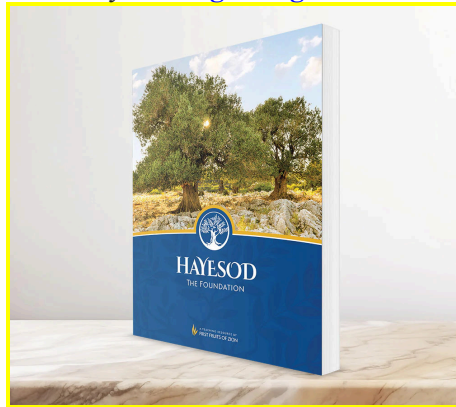
Our new Torah cycle will begin on Saturday, October 18. If you have never attended one of our Torah classes, we hope you will plan to join Bobby in his Torah One class, ***Unrolling the Scroll***. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary during service, or you can simply send us an e-mail and let us know you would like to be part of the class.

For those who have completed Torah One, you are invited to join us on our journey as we look at ***The End of Days*** with Rabbi Rene, also beginning **October 18th**. A link from KBA will go out in the next few weeks (closer to the end of this cycle) to those who have expressed interest in this class so you can sign up. If you want to join, just let Rabbi Rene know, if you have not already done so, and he will include you on the list.

Both of our Torah classes utilize materials from First Fruits of Zion.

Please do not sign up at First Fruits of Zion for a Torah Class as FFOZ will assign you to a group, which may or may not be with KBA. The link we share will put you in our class.

KBA is also offering **HaYesod (The Foundation of our Faith)** at **2:00 p.m.** on Shabbat in the Sanctuary **beginning October 18th.**



Please sign up for *HaYesod* in the back of the Sanctuary or send an email to Bobby at bobby@kba.life if you want to join this class.



Yeshua warned His disciples to *watch and pray* lest you enter into temptation.
Matthew 26:41

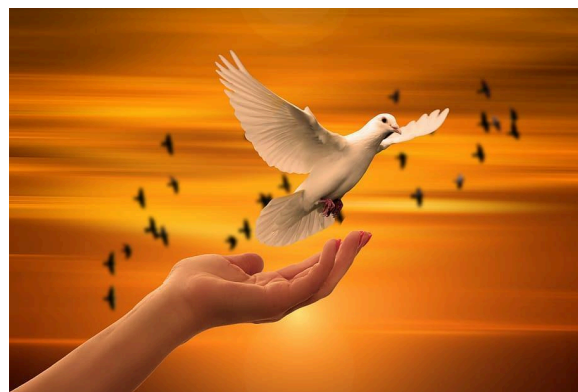
At 10AM each Saturday morning before *Shabbat Shacharit*, Rabbi Rene invites all men for a time of prayer. The prayer group meets in his regular Torah Club classroom located downstairs.

Also, if you are in need of personal prayer, please see one of our leaders Steve, Cheryl, or Rabbi. You may also fill out a prayer request card in the back of the sanctuary or you may fill out a prayer request form on the KBA website.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem



Psalms 122:6-8



I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.
[Isaiah 62:6-7](#)

May our prayers for Israel never cease. G-D calls His people to be *watchmen*, people who intercede day and night, crying out for Him to fulfill His promises. Praying for Jerusalem to *be a praise* to G-D on the earth, for G-D's will to be established, and for the nation to become a light of righteousness and truth for the world to see. Israel was called to be a magnet, model, mediator, and mentor to the nations.

As Believers, G-D calls us to persistently pray for Jerusalem, and for them to come to know Yeshua, the Jewish Messiah of the World.

