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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.

Welcome New Members

It is a wonderful blessing to list the names of the new members to KBA. We are excited to have you join our community as we share the love of Yeshua and grow in His ways. It is with open arms and love that we welcome you. May your love and faith increase in Yeshua as you grow with us. Thank you for choosing KBA.

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SEEING YESHUA IN THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

Ever wonder what Yeshua did during the 40 days after His resurrection prior to His ascension to the Father? If so, read on, because the answer is to be found during the season we are currently in, the counting of the *omer*.



First, let's talk about the counting of the *omer*. This 49-day period reinforces the link between Passover (the commemoration of the exodus from Egypt and freedom from the bondage of slavery) and *Shavuot* (the commemoration of both the giving of the *Torah* at Mt. Sinai and the giving of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem). Adonai freed the Hebrew people from both physical bondage in Egypt, then 50 days later from the spiritual bondage of idolatry and immorality by giving them the *Torah* on Mount Sinai at *Shavuot*. Jewish tradition teaches that when the Israelites left Egypt they were told by G-D they would receive the *Torah* in seven weeks, so they counted with great expectation; hence, we can say that counting the *omer* is a reminder that the redemption of the Hebrews from slavery was not complete until the people received the *Torah*.

The same can be said of us: Although the price has been paid, our redemption is complete only when we accept it by receiving G-D's Living Word—Yeshua, the Word made flesh (see John 1:1). Our count, therefore, begins immediately after Passover when Yeshua freed us from our sin with His blood, and continues until the day He sent the promised *Ruach HaKodesh*, our seal of freedom for all eternity (*Shavuot/Pentecost*), covering a period of 50 days just as with the redemption of the Hebrews from Egypt.

The 49 days leading up to *Shavuot* are full of prophetic fulfillment. For example, after His

death but prior to His resurrection on the Feast of First Fruits, Yeshua preached to the spirits that were in prison (see 1 Peter 3:19). Then, on the third day—the Feast of First Fruits—He arose and came out of the tomb, being the first to rise from the dead and receive a resurrected body, representing the great harvest of those who will be resurrected from the dead (I Cor. 15:20-23).

Yeshua then spent 40 days meeting with His disciples and appearing to others; in fact, the *Brit Hadashah* documents 11 appearances of Yeshua prior to His ascension into heaven, under a variety of circumstances, with witnesses ranging from one individual to a crowd of 500.

1. **Mary Magdalene** (Mark 16:9)
2. **The other women** (Matt. 28:9)
3. **The Apostle Peter** (Luke 24:34; I Cor. 15:5)
4. **The two men** (one of which was Clopas) going to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
5. **The ten Apostles without Thomas** (John 20:19-25)
6. **The eleven Apostles, including Thomas** (John 20:26-31) (this occurred eight days after the resurrection)
7. **The seven Apostles fishing** (John 21:1-24)
8. **The eleven Apostles in Galilee** (Matt. 28:16,17)
9. **The 500 brethren** (I Cor. 15:6)
10. **James, the brother of Yeshua** (I Cor. 15:7)
11. **The eleven Apostles** (Mark 16:14; Acts 1:3,11)



During the 40 days prior to His ascension, Yeshua spent much time teaching His disciples, focusing primarily on the Kingdom of G-D. His last few days were spent reminding them of the purpose of His coming, which was to fulfill the Scriptures (v. 44). To do so, He pointed to the entirety of the *Tanakh* (i.e., the Law, Prophets, and Psalms/Writings), and then commissioned them to continue His ministry after His departure by going, making, baptizing, and teaching—first to Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and also to the uttermost parts of the earth.

While there is a lot we do not know about the apostles' ministries, it is widely believed they ultimately dispersed as follows:

1. **Bartholomew** - Preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia (Iraq), Persia (Iran), Turkey, Armenia, and India.
2. **James, the Lesser** - Preached in Damascus (Syria). Died in Jerusalem.
3. **Andrew** - Preached in Georgia (Russia), Istanbul (Turkey), Macedonia, and Greece.
4. **Peter** - Preached in Jerusalem, Judea, Antioch (Syria), and Rome.
5. **John** - Preached in Jerusalem, Asia Minor (an area around Turkey, Ephesus).
6. **Thomas** - Preached in Babylon (Iraq), Persia (Iran), China, and India.
7. **James, the Great** - Preached in Iberia (Spain).
8. **Phillip** - Preached in Greece, Syria, and in Turkey (Galatia, Phrygia and Hierapolis).
9. **Matthew** - Preached in Ethiopia (Africa), Judea, Macedonia, Syria, and Parthia (northeast Iran).
10. **Jude Thaddeus** - Preached in Judea, Persia (Iran), Samaria, Idumaea (near Jordan), Syria, Mesopotamia (Iraq), Libya, Lebanon, Armenia, and Turkey.
11. **Simon the Zealot** - Preached in the Middle East, North Africa, Egypt, Mauritania, and Britain.

The 40th day is the last full day Yeshua spent with His disciples before His ascension, and His final recorded words to them were meant to prepare them for the coming of *Shavuot*:

“And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). “...You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:5,8).

Yeshua revealed to them that they would be empowered by the *Ruach HaKodesh* in a matter of days. Then, after saying these things, He was “lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared and informed the amazed group: “...This Yeshua, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

The disciples waited and prayed for an additional 10 days, as instructed by Yeshua, and on day 50, the *Ruach HaKodesh* was poured out upon all flesh during the Feast of *Shavuot*. On that day, 3,000 souls were saved as the first of a great harvest of souls to be saved in the years to come (Acts 2:1-41).

There is an interesting connection between the seven weeks we are to count and the seven days of the week. G-D created the universe in six days, and on the seventh day He rested because He had completed His work. Likewise, the counting of the *omer* for seven weeks of seven days (a total of 49 days) represents the expectation of completion—the age of a universal “rest,” which is the second coming of our Messiah and the ushering in of the Messianic Age. Consequently, we, of all people, should be counting the days in jubilant expectation of Yeshua’s return.

Come quickly, L-RD Yeshua!

Cheryl Zettler

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📖 Scripture for the Month 📖



Then they said to Him, “What shall we do to perform the works of G-D?” *Yeshua* answered them, “This is the work of G-D, to trust in the One He sent.” John 6:28-29 TLV

🎉 Congratulations, Dr. Lydia Atubeh 🎉

Congratulations to **Lydia Atubeh** on the completion of her doctorate program. Great job, Lydia. We are proud of you!

Much Love, Your *KBA Family*



In addition to Lydia earning her doctorate, **Dr. Lydia Atubeh** was also distinguished as the **Teach of the Year.**

You are invited to watch her speech on the YouTube link below.

https://youtu.be/dJRKtArYDTQ?si=sh5W5fJMrQiM_OrA



📅 Calendar 📅



Saturday, May 2: National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 8: Graduation Ceremony for Lydia Atubeh

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day

Friday, May 22: *Shavuot.* Service will begin at 11:00 AM, followed by Oneg.

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day (National Holiday)

🙏 PRAYER WITH THE RABBI 🙏



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 (*Bar Mitzvah* age and over) 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 ✡

Pray for shalom in Yerushalayim; may those who love you prosper. May shalom be within your ramparts, prosperity in your palaces.

Psalm 122:6-7 CJB



Helping Hands Needed



We have magnificent 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 Support**

Please sign up to read from the *Torah*. Ingrid Lemons maintains the sign-up sheet, so please let her know if you are interested. No *drash* (commentary/sermon) required.

Contact one of our leaders, Rabbi, Bobby, Cheryl or Steve, and let them know how you might be able to serve.

Finally, to all those who are volunteering or assisting in any way for the good of our community... a huge and blessed **THANK YOU** for your service... to our leaders, kitchen assistance, clean-up crew, technological/media personnel, security team, set-up/break-down crew and prayer team. If I missed anyone, please consider yourself part of the list and very much appreciated! May Adonai bless you all!

Bible Quiz - Just for Fun

1. What three languages were inscribed on Yeshua's cross?
2. What is the name of Aaron's wife?
3. What two non-Israelite women represented the inclusion of the Gentiles in the Old Testament?
4. How many times did Paul pray for his "thorn in the flesh" to be removed?
5. What were the names of Yeshua's brother's mentioned in the Bible?

Bible Quiz Answers

1. John 19:20
2. Exodus 6:23
3. Matthew 1:5
4. 2 Corinthians 12:8
5. Mark 6:3



If you have a praise report, if you would like to be featured in our congregational newsletter, or if you would like to share something glorifying for the good of our community, please let me know.

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You may also contact Tiffany Dennis at 678-469-8158 or at KBA after service.