

And El Shaddai bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a qahal of people. Genesis 28:3



A Letter From the Editor

Moises Grijalva

Shalom! The 7th month is upon us, and I think we all know what this means - the fall feasts! Anyone else excited? The very first celebration to get it started begins with a blast - Yom Teruah. As a group, there will be a gathering at Heart's Cry Hebraic Fellowship in Bean Station. This will be on Friday, September 15th. Since it is a Friday and we have been gathering at Heart's Cry for the Qahal meeting - it was decided to move the Qahal meeting to September 16th so folks can have a fun-filled weekend.

The next Feast Day is Yom Kippur. We will be having regular Shabbat gatherings on the 23rd. Berean Echad will be hosting a solemn service on the 24th and will break fast together at sundown.

Last but not least, is the Feast of Tabernacles! Make some plans to gather with others if you can, even if just to visit. I hope everyone has very blessed fall feasts.



Hebrew Word of the Month

Shema Listen & Obey

The English word “obey” is nasty and polluted by our preconceived cultural connections to fundamentalism. Beneath this construction is our shameless scoffing towards authority. We hate to be told what to do, but even more, we hate to be told we have to do anything. “Obey” is not the best word to Americans.

We will often say we hate authoritarianism and totalitarian leaders who lord over us telling us to “obey.” But the truth is, we don’t hate authority at all, we love

it all too much — we worship it. You see, we hate being told what to do, unless we’re the ones telling ourselves to do it. We don’t hate authority, we just love it so much we want it all for ourselves. This is why the word “obey” isn’t the cleanest English word. We don’t like it alone.

But the Hebrew word for “obey” isn’t as nasty as the English — it’s way cleaner in our Old Testament. In fact, the Hebrew is easier than English because, well, there is no Hebrew word for “obey.”

That’s right. They actually do not have a word for it.

Because the word in Hebrew we translate as “obey” is usually the term 'shema. The

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Hebrew word here is actually kind of famous and you may have heard it before. The term 'shema is actually more accurately translated as “listen” or “hear.” The famous “Shema” from Deuteronomy 6 gets its name from this beautiful Hebrew word. The Shema begins, “Hear, O Israel, YHWH your Elohim, YHWH is one!” That, “hear,” is the Hebrew term shema. Hear. Listen. Heed. Pay attention. (cont pg. 3)

Youth Shabbat Service

On August 26th there was a special Shabbat service for the youth at the Hawkins County Rescue Squad in Rogersville. There was a large number of youth and adults who came for this event. As things were being cleaned up, one of the first questions heard by a teenager was, "when is the next one?"

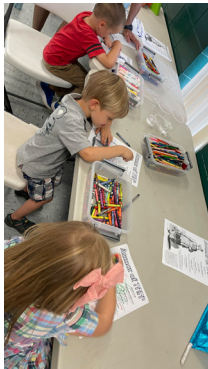
The day started out with a wonderful praise and worship time led by the Kuhn youth. The dance was led by Olivia Huth with many joining her. Flags, silks and parachutes were brought out and enjoyed by young and old alike.

A wonderful meal was shared after this. Once everyone was well fed, Rachel and Isaac Barnett led a study on the Armor of Yah, complete with props.

Crafts and activities followed. The younger children made aprons and hats likened to the high priest garments. The teenagers and young adults made shields.

While they were working on those crafts, the zero to five age group bounced around in somewhat of a race (TJ definitely lost...). This group went on to color and play while the older group then took the balls to play a Bible Trivia bouncing game. There was a tennis ball game following this and then a word game. The adults also got to play as well. There was some father/son rivalry and some crazy springy jumps made. A great time was had. Thank you so much to everyone involved who made this day happen. I overheard the answer to the question - when is the next one - probably in December due to Sukkot at the end of this month.

Please consider getting involved, as the participation and enthusiasm truly helps drive events like this and make them memorable for the youth.



Shema (cont.)

But hearing isn't obeying — so how did we get from “listen” to “obey?”

This is the beauty of an ancient culture and the gift of the Scriptures. The ancient tradition and particularly the Old Testament culture, did not differentiate between “hearing” and “doing” or between “listening” and “obeying.”

We came up with that.

We started to realize that you could hear and not do, that you could listen to words and not put them into action. We probably did this as human beings because we love finding shortcuts, taking the easy way out.

But God asks us to shema. God wants a heart where the listening is inextricably linked to the obeying.

And this goes deeper than just a Hebrew word study. When He walked the earth, our Master Yeshua closed His most famous sermon with these words: 24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it” (Matthew 7:24–27).

To Yeshua, listening without obedience is foolish. His brother, James, would tell us later,

“22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing” (James 1:22–25).

The New Testament writers seem to be trying to explain to us the deep connection between listening and obeying. Maybe, then, we are only truly listening to God when we are obeying Him. This seems to be what it means to Shema. And anyways, isn't that a better word?

<https://chrisnye.medium.com/questions-from-my-students-what-does-the-hebrew-term-shema-mean-71fe49103a97>

New Torah Fellowship

Announcement: A new Torah fellowship is opening on September 2, 2023. The fellowship meeting will be held at New Harvest Church, 434 Old Knoxville Hwy, Greeneville, TN 37743. Bill and Cheryl Fuentes have been attending Sunday services at the church and have been gently explaining the Torah to the small congregation. The board at the church has given consent to holding Shabbat meetings at the church from 3:00-7:00 every week and it is not charging for its use. Love offerings, however, will be accepted to help with the cost of electricity.

Bill believes that this door has opened for a dual purpose. The first one is based on 1 Corinthians 14:26. “How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

The second purpose is to introduce Christian believers to the understanding that the “whole” Bible is relative and necessary for our walk with Yeshua. It is the hope of Bill and Cheryl that members of the New Harvest church and other Sunday church believers will consider coming to Shabbat services. An announcement will be made on Facebook, describing the fellowship as a Sabbath service for non-Torah observant believers in Yeshua.



Messiah's Mansion Tour

MESSIAH'S MANSION Tour. The Seventh Day Adventists have created the tour which showcases life size replicas of the tabernacle in the wilderness. One of their last stops this year is in Greeneville, Tn from September 30-October 8. As you walk through the area, Biblical teachings about the tabernacle and its furnishings are being explained. If you would like to donate to their mission, a freewill offering is gladly welcomed at the end of the tour.

Bill and Cheryl Fuentes are arranging a tour at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1. If you are interested in joining them at that time, please call Cheryl at 860-794-7014 or email her at supersleuth27@gmail.com. Let her know how many tickets you would like. If you would like to make your own arrangements for another date or time, call 405-454-3590.

Greeneville, TN Sept 30-Oct 8, 2023



Touring Messiah's Mansion is FREE!

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Sister Carolyn's Celebration of Life

Ruth Washburn

THANK YOU to all who've taken time to pray, sent a song, verse, word of encouragement or donated time, food or funds to the Gainers over the last few months. Living hours away, I only got to visit occasionally, but as her honorary "niece" and spiritual daughter it was truly beautiful to experience the flood of love, support and the outstanding witness that came through this time of devastation, heartbreak and triumph as Carolyn was promoted to glory 7/18/23.



While a group worshiped outside of her ER room one Sabbath afternoon, a girl I'd noticed for a couple days and had a growing burden for came over with her sister to ask for prayer for their grandmother.

The father she hadn't spoken with for years had after our prayers for their family the day before visited unexpectedly. He was FINALLY ready to get his life together and their relationship was being resurrected. A short time later there was a breakthrough with her grandmother's health as well!

The atmosphere of peace and love surrounding Carolyn was so strong people's lives were being continually touched as the Saints sacrificed their time and plans to *come* lift-up the couple who've labored so hard for us!

To those who cared for Carolyn in the hospital or at home doing the long, hard and relatively thankless jobs, showed up for worship services, hosted those traveling, called or showed up to check on Lloyd after Carolyn's passing and to you who pitched in to make her Celebration of Life like no other, you are soooo appreciated!



As I scanned the hundreds of people crammed inside the Celebration Venue, sweating and converting their Programs into fans, the feeling of "Man I wish we had AC..." and "Carolyn would have been so proud!!" kept coming to mind.

Physically the Celebration was not the easiest, but did Carolyn ever take the easy route? Did she ever let inconvenience, prejudice or personal advantage slow her down from plunging into help wherever there was a need?

We'd been praying for weeks during prep meetings that the Celebration would be a time of Restoration and Unity. It's not necessary (or possible) to be close with everyone 24/7, but Lloyd and Carolyn have worked tirelessly to help us recognize & fulfill *our* place in the body ... and to grow in maturity. Watching so many people pitch in to make it such a gorgeous and memorable Celebration we got to see a small glimpse of the fruit they'd sown!

May we all continue in Carolyn's footsteps, loving the unlovable, helping whoever is in need, building the body up ... and continuing to forgive 70x7 whether we think they deserve it or not!

A little bit later, as they voiced their irritation that the police shut the worship time down, Yahweh opened the door to talk with them at length and to hear about areas of deep trauma they'd experience.



We discussed forgiveness, not holding onto bitterness and the next day H. - now glowing like a new person - announced "Well God does do miracles after all!!"



Feast of Trumpets

by: Olivia Huth

Feast of Trumpets
 The shofar's sound,
 Echos off
 The hills around,
 We once were lost sheep
 But now we're found.
Oh Praise ye the Lord of Trumpets!

The shofar's blast
 The shofar's blow,
 Once were foreign
 Now well we know,
 The shofar's sound
 When it should blow.
Oh Praise ye the Lord of Trumpets!

Ye'shua will come
 Some night or some day,
 The shofar will sound
 And take us away.
 And when He returns
 I'll shout "Hooray."
Oh Praise ye the Lord of Trumpets!

Open your eyes
 And keep them wide,
 For when He returns
 He shall decide
 And judge the whole world
 In which we abide.
Oh Praise ye the Lord of Trumpets!

Yom Teruah

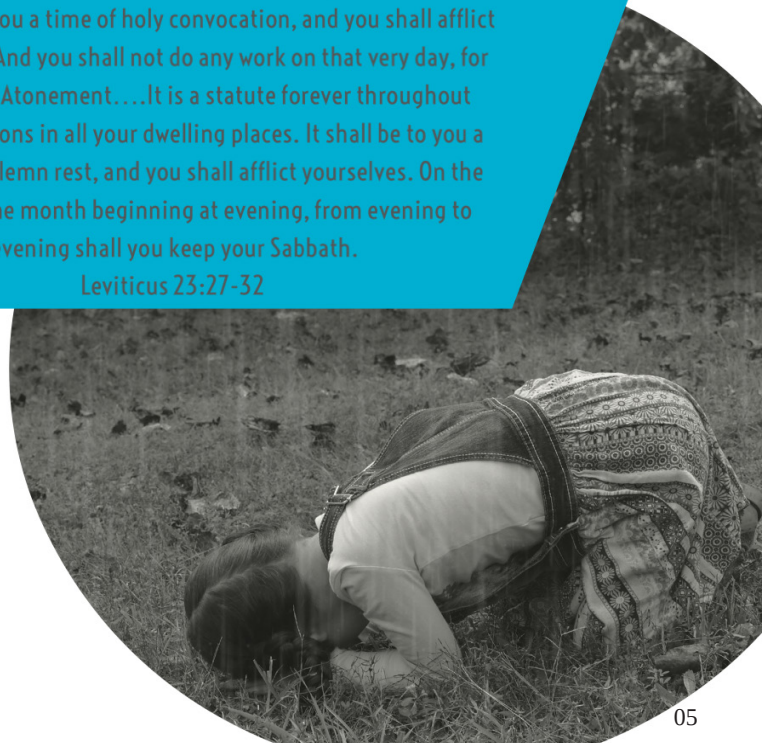


On the first day of the seventh month
 you shall have a holy convocation.
 You shall not do any ordinary work.
 It is a day for you to blow the trumpets.
 Numbers 29:1

Yom Kippur

Now on the 10th day of this 7th month is the Day of Atonement.
 It shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict
 yourselves...And you shall not do any work on that very day, for
 it is a Day of Atonement...It is a statute forever throughout
 your generations in all your dwelling places. It shall be to you a
 Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves. On the
 9th day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to
 evening shall you keep your Sabbath.

Leviticus 23:27-32





Sukkot

Now on the 1st day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before YHWH your God for 7 days.
Leviticus 23:40

Dear Avvy (Avigayil)

Dear Avvy,

One of my good friends is celebrating Sukkot 4 days after me. I respect them, however, I'm convinced of my own calendar. What should I do?

Please Help,
Dated and confused

Dear DC,

Calendar debates are something that many of us have dealt with in this walk. There should be discussion on this topic so that we can all come closer to the Father's ways. However, the 7th month probably isn't the best time to open up one of these discussions. We should all have a conviction to our beliefs, however, some beliefs are not as black and white in the Bible as others - such as the calendar. There are many different ways to interpret the start of the year, month, and day. Yes, there is one truth, but this particular topic requires some heavy studying. We need to know what we believe about the calendar and follow it. Whatever day you are convicted Sukkot begins, that should be your high day.

However, you should also respect other people's interpretations. In fact, use this as an opportunity to have even more time to celebrate. By having this overlap with your friend, you now have the opportunity to go visit them during their Sukkot (likewise, invite them to yours). Do not use this opportunity to get on a soap box and talk about your calendar. But rather, feast with them. None of us are celebrating the Feast Days in full. We are rehearsing for when Yeshua comes back and sets us all right - when He shows us the black and white truth. Until then, let us "ahava" each other (that's Hebrew for love).

Much ahava and blessings,

Avvy אַבִּיגַיִל
Avigayil

Dear Abba,

Thank you for your loving kindness and mercy to all of us as we strive to walk in your ways. We become zealous quite a bit in trying to please you. Please help us to not ever grow lukewarm and be on fire for you, but at the same time to always show the love you desire us to have for our brothers and sisters.

Sukkot

Tracy Grijalva

Roses are red. Violets are blue.
This page needed a poem for you to view.

So now I sit here having to type.
Thinking and thinking, of what to write.

Sukkot is almost here. It is very soon.
The days when we see all our friends well before noon.

We will sleep in tents for a whole week.
But most likely get very little sleep.

Our children will run around each and every day.
This is a week filled with laughter and play.

There will be some great discussions,
Where we go through the Bible answering many questions.

The Deuteronomy study will be thought provoking,
With us in the Word, showing and growing.

The fellowship we will have is second to none.
We learn about each other in more ways than one.

While I am trying very hard, I am not a good poet.
And the lack of transition into this next part will show it.
I know most like the Sound of Music
As some of the lyrics are somewhat classic.

Sing along now if you know how:

Hot dogs on sticks and marshmallows on campfires
Warm stocking caps and leaves falling on briers
Being outdoors and hearing birds sing
These are a few of the great Sukkot things

Unzipping the tent and seeing colorful trees
Smelling the morning air with a soft gentle breeze
Praising my Abba for all this week brings
These are a few of the great Sukkot things

When the neighbor snores
When the kids scream
When the rain leaks through the tent
I simply recall the great Sukkot things
And then I don't feel so tired

Sneedville Work Day for Sukkot Prep

We need help in Sneedville prepping the Shabbat House for Sukkot. Please join us if you can on Sunday, September 17th for a work day.

Community Calendar

September

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	14 Women's Zoom @ 7PM	15 FEAST OF TRUMPETS	16 Qahal @ 2PM
17 Work Day in Sneedville	18	19	20 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	21	22	23 DAY OF ATONEMENT
24 DAY OF ATONEMENT	25	26	27 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	28	29 SUKKOT	30 SUKKOT

- Shabbats: Unless noted, the following locations meet every Shabbat
 - @ 11AM - Rogersville, TN (contact: Kate (513) 807-9654)
 - @ 3PM - 2392 Sherm Mountain Road, Sneedville, TN (contact: Moises (423) 300-2089)
 - @ 3PM - 434 Old Knoxville Hwy, Greeneville, TN (contact: Bill (860) 794-7018)
- September 15
Feast of Trumpets Celebration at Hearts Cry Hebraic Fellowship @ 2PM - 112 Adriel Drive, Bean Station.
- September 16
QAHAL at Hearts Cry Hebraic Fellowship @ 2PM - 112 Adriel Drive, Bean Station, TN
- **September 17 - Work Day at the Shabbat House in Sneedville, 2392 Sherm Mountain Road. Please contact Moises for more info. We need to get ready for Sukkot and would appreciate any help we can get.**
- September 24
@ 3PM - Breaking fast at sundown at Berean Echad - 2392 Sherm Mountain Road, Sneedville, TN
- September 29 - October 6
All day, everyday at Berean Echad - Come camp or come visit. Please let Moises know when you plan to visit or if you plan to stay the week.
- September 30
@ 2PM - Shabbat services Berean Echad - 2392 Sherm Mountain Road, Sneedville, TN (come anytime as we will be Sukkoting here. Contact Moises if you need more detailed information)
No Shabbat services at Rogersville

* Please note that we recognize there are various calendars used by the readers. The Feast Days listed are from the calendar used by the creator of this newsletter (from Berean Echad Fellowship) as it would be impossible to summarize the various calendars on this document. If you would like to discuss this particular calendar view, please call Moises: (423)300-2089.

October

1st Day (Su)	2nd Day (M)	3rd Day (Tu)	4th Day (W)	5th Day (Th)	6th Day (F)	Shabbat
1 SUKKOT MM Tour @ 3PM	2 SUKKOT	3 SUKKOT	4 SUKKOT	5 SUKKOT	6 SUKKOT	7
8	9	10	11 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	12 Women's Zoom @ 7PM	13	14 Qahal @ 2PM
15	16	17	18 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Men's Zoom @ 8PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Wednesdays @ 8PM: Men's Zoom Prayer Meeting. A time for fellowship & prayer. Please contact Moises for info.

- 2nd Thursday of month @7PM: Women's Zoom Meeting. A time for fellowship & prayer.
Please contact Tracy or Kate for more info. Meeting ID: 677 063 0462 Password: shalom

- October 1 @ 3PM: Messiah's Mansion Tour - 710 Asheville Hwy, Greeneville, TN 37743
(see article on page 3 for more information)

- October 7
Shabbat at Berean Echad @ 2PM
No Shabbat services at Rogersville

- October 14
QAHAL at Hearts Cry Hebraic Fellowship @ 2PM - 112 Adriel Drive, Bean Station, TN

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events to include in next
month's edition.

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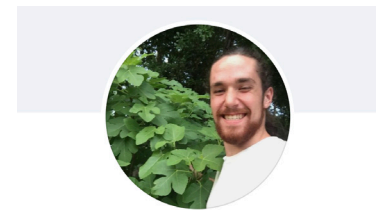
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