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Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

Shalom! שלום!

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

זְכַרְיָה 4:6 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל-זֵרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We begin this newsletter with the encouraging words that Nehemiah, the servant of the Lord, gave to his brethren, who wept sore when they heard the reading of the Book of the Law. After being dispersed for such a long time, this Jewish remnant needed encouragement, especially as they were facing opposition from their enemies. In Nehemiah 8:10, we read, **he said unto them... do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.** These words of comfort, directed their attention to their loving and gracious God. After years of exile in Babylon, they were now finally back home, in the Promised Land. Now they needed strength to continue building the wall around Jerusalem, and in order to do so, they needed to turn their hearts to the LORD and find their joy and strength in Him. We, who trust in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, also need strength from the LORD, so that we can continue to live and build for Him. In this world which is filled with problems, strength for the day can only be found in the person of our Lord *Yeshua*, Jesus our Messiah. Our God is the only one in whom full joy can be found, Paul wrote; **Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.** Philippians 4:4.

We are thankful to the Lord for His much needed grace in the ministry, as daily and week after week we are privileged to share the Word of God at our meetings and on the radio waves. We just began airing the gospel of Mark on the various radio and website stations, we have already

received feedback from some of our listeners which was very encouraging. Prior to launching the new series, the radio station WDCX in Buffalo, introduced our new series on the gospel of Mark with an interview with me. The interview is now available on our website, and should you wish to listen to it use [this link](#).



As you know, we held our special Messiah in the Passover meeting in April, the Lord blessed our meeting and we were happy to have some 120 people join us. It was a privilege to present the simple message of the gospel, concerning Jesus, *Yeshua* the Messiah, of whom we read in John 1:29b, **behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** It was He who was foreshadowed by the lamb requested by God from Israel, **Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:** Exodus 12:5. We enjoyed looking into Scripture pointing to the redemption which God provided for Israel through the blood of the lamb, God said, **when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** Exodus 12:13b. Hannah, a young Jewish believer, was privileged to publicly ask the four questions which are customarily asked by the children during the Passover order of service. The four questions begin with these words. מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות, **Why is this night different than all other nights.** Traditionally,



and biblically it is the responsibility of the head of our house to provide an answer, telling the children the old story of the redemption of our forefathers out from the land of Egypt, in Exodus 12:26-27a we read, **And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service. That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt.**

We, who are believers in the Lord Jesus, also need to share with others the redemption which *Yeshua* the Messiah has provided for us.

Shortly after Passover, the Jewish community experiences a huge shift as they go from celebrating PESACH - Passover, a celebration, of deliverance from bondage, to the solemnness

of the Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom Ha-Shoah in Hebrew. It is a day in which we remember the six million Jewish people who died in the Holocaust, between the years of 1933 and 1945. It is amazing that only some 74 years have passed since those terrible days. Many of our people often ask, where was God during the Holocaust. Every year during Holocaust Memorial Day we hear the horrific stories from the last remaining elderly Holocaust survivors, who can never forget the atrocities they experienced. So in sharing the Lord Jesus the Messiah with our families, we have much to explain as our people ask many questions including why did the terrible Holocaust happened to our people. We need the help of the Holy Spirit of God as we share with our people the gospel, going back to the Hebrew Scriptures, pointing to what God declared in that, **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it, I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins.** Jeremiah 17:9-10a. The terrible Holocaust happened because of sin, man is a sinner who does evil, and this is why it was necessary for God the Son, in the person of *Yeshua* the Messiah, to become a man, and as a sinless man dying to pay the price for the sin and sins of all humanity. What a wonderful message of grace and love we can share!

We are thankful for the privilege that God has given us, in ministering the news of the gospel among our Jewish people, though many do not quite understand its uniqueness. Often-times those who once took part in Jewish ministry, were discouraged and then gave up the ministry because they did not see much result from all their labour. Well, ministering among our people is unique and not easy in many ways, it is only of Israel that we read these words which are found in Romans 11:25-26b. **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved:** No other nation has been thus blinded. Just imagine, scripture tells us that the sovereign God of Israel, has partially and temporarily blinded the eyes of His people Israel. The apostle Paul, guided by the Holy Spirit, did not stop there. he continues in the same 11th chapter, to remind the Roman believers that God has partially and temporarily blinded Israel for the benefit of the people of the world. We all need salvation, as all of us have sinned and need forgiveness, and so in a soon coming day, God will restore the people of Israel to Himself as He promised. **And so all Israel shall be saved.**



We who serve in Jewish ministry, can learn much from our early Jewish brethren, Peter, Stephen, Paul and the rest, they never neglected to present the whole council of God to their brethren. They spoke of past history, the present condition, and the sure promise of a glorious future for Israel. The apostles, who were part of the nation, identified themselves with the challenging history of their people. We read of the apostle Paul, who was chosen by *Yeshua*, the risen Messiah, to reach out to the gentile world with the gospel, yet Shaul - Paul never forgot his brethren and their need of salvation. In his preaching, Paul was true to the word of God and always pointed to the promises of God to Israel in a coming future day.

As to our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly meetings in Toronto, we have just begun the study of the prophet Malachi, מַלְאָכִי, during our Saturdays meetings. The study of Malachi has challenged us, the same as Israel was challenged, to respond to the love of God for us. The Lord said to His people, **I have loved you, saith the LORD,** Malachi 1:2a, and yet Israel responded with a question, **How hast thou loved us.** Malachi 1:2b. How sad that one would question the Love of God. We can identify with that sad response, as we are also guilty of



questioning God and his love for us when we experience trials and difficult times in our lives.

We are thankful for your support and prayers for the radio ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel, and are happy to share with you that we are extending our air time on [WDCX](#) radio to include a half an hour program on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

The Lord has opened the door

and Lord willing, we will begin airing our new program on June 1st. WDCX radio is very powerful, with 110,000 watts of FM power and has the capability of reaching over 7,000,000 people. WDCX reaches western New York and much of southern Ontario, its FM signal extends into Toronto, Hamilton and around the Niagara Peninsula. We pray that the Lord will continue to use the radio ministry for His honour and glory.

We thank you for remembering us in your prayers and we appreciate your supporting us in the work of the Lord. The Lord will use the preaching of His word as He promised, **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** Isaiah 55:11.

Please pray:

- Our family in Israel and Canada.
- Our son Yoav who is still in much pain.
- Those who attend our outreach meetings.
- The Jewish believers who face challenges.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry.
- Blessing from the the Lord on the new Saturday radio program.
- **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.** Psalm 122:6

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."
Isaiah 62:1

God bless you.

In Messiah,

Aaron & Irene