

Our Worship—What It Is Like

(These are not always in the same order.)



Blowing of the Shofar—A horn is blown to begin the time of worship. This has been a part of Jewish worship for thousands of years.

Reciting and Singing the Sh'ma—The Sh'ma is the statement of faith spoken by all Jewish worshipers for thousands of years (Deuteronomy 6:4). We speak it to remind ourselves of the foundation of our beliefs. The words will be up on the screen.

Welcome and Announcements—Listen for ways you can get involved!

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Prayer—During this time, anyone is invited to share a prayer request. Just raise your hand. You will be asked to give your name first, so that we all know for whom to pray. Our leader then leads us in prayer for the prayer requests.

The Blessing of the Children—All the children are invited to come to the front for a blessing. The leader prays over the children as a group. If your child is shy, you may come with him to the front or simply wait until he has come often enough to feel comfortable with this.

Worshipping Through Music—Our Praise Team leads everyone in worshipping G-d through song. We sing some Hebrew songs as well as some contemporary praise songs. Feel free to join in and raise your voice in praise to G-d! The words to the songs will be on the screen. If you do not know the Hebrew, feel free to sing what parts you do know; or just hum along and



gradually you will learn the music. You are welcome to stand or sit during praise time. Above all, use this time to lift your heart to G-d and worship Him.

Some weeks you may see individuals or small groups dancing in the front and in the back of the room during the worship songs. This is simply their way of worshipping G-d too. Feel free to join them.

During festivals the dance team comes to the front and shows us the words and meanings of the songs through dance. This is its special ministry. (The Star of David Dance Team rehearses on Tuesdays. If you would like to join them, talk to Rosetta.)



Teaching—Pete Koziar comes each week to open the Word of G-d to us. If you have questions, feel free to stay afterwards and ask them of the speaker. As always, with any speaker, check out what they say with what the Word of G-d says.

Aaronic and New Covenant Blessing—As we end our time of worship together, our leader blesses all of us by quoting from the Aaronic or New Covenant blessings. The Aaronic blessing has been a part of Jewish worship for thousands of years (Numbers 6:24-26).

Oneg Communion After the prayer service we share a meal together in which everyone brings a dish. If you are here for the first time, feel free to stay for the meal, even if you have not brought anything.

GETTING TO KNOW US!

Answers to what new
people want to know about
The Seed of Abraham
Congregation



Everyone is welcome
to come and worship
with us

1. Is this a church or a synagogue?

Actually, it is neither. The Seed of Abraham is a group of Messianic believers who come together for worship, prayer, training, and fellowship. We are trained to represent Messiah’s truth.

2. What does “Messianic” mean?

Messianic means that we choose to believe in Yeshua, (Jesus), as our Messiah. Most Jewish people are still waiting for the Messiah to come. We are no longer waiting; joy to the world, the L-rd is come!

3. Do you have to be Jewish to worship here?

Not at all. We have both Jewish and non-Jewish people who worship here. We have a passion, though, to reach out to Jewish people to help them encounter Messiah Yeshua.

4. Will I have to do any strange rituals or ceremonies?

Not at all. We light candles each week to show G-d’s presence among us. And we break bread and drink grape juice to show our thankfulness for G-d’s provision to us. Feel free to share in eating the bread with us. The person handing it out may say “Shabbat Shalom,” which simply means “Sabbath Peace.” (Note: This is NOT communion but a weekly reminder of G-d’s faithfulness.)



5. Do I have to know a lot of Hebrew or other strange words?

No, we sometimes sing in Hebrew and the words are often on the screen. We often use “Yeshua” to refer to Jesus. You are not required to use these words, but you might just find yourself learning them and enjoying it!

6. Are there fees for being a part of this?

No, there are no fees for being involved. There is a “Pushkah” (Jewish tradition for charity), offering box that is kept in the back, near the exit. This is to allow you to give to G-d as part of your worship of Him.

7. In what ways can I get involved?

There are many ways you can get involved in the Seed of Abraham. One good way to get involved is to use your abilities and talents to do G-d’s work. There is a whole list of ways to help.

For women there is also the “sisterhood,” a group of women who meet monthly to prepare the festivals and carry out various ministries. There is also a women’s retreat once a year.

8. Will you pray for me?

We would love to! We believe in the power of prayer. Each week during the service everyone is welcome to share a prayer request. We also have a prayer chain among our congregation. The contact person is Rosetta Stauffer.

9. I have a Jewish friend or neighbor; how can I tell him about Yeshua?

We’re glad you asked—this is our passion! One of the most important ways you can reach him is by loving him and sharing life with him. Then, learn what to say and not to say to your Jewish friend through our teaching. For more information or for specific situations, see one of our elders.

10. Do I have to wear any special clothing? I see some people wearing head coverings. And should I dress up?

No special clothing is required. Some people choose to wear the *yamaka* or *kippah* or a head covering as part of their own worship, but it is up to each individual person. How you dress for worship each week is between you and the L-rd.

11. I want to learn more about all this. How can I find out or to whom can I talk?

You are welcome to talk with any one of us; feel free to ask questions!

12. How can I choose to belong?

Your first step will be to talk with one of our elders about your relationship with Messiah.



THE SEED OF ABRAHAM

Who We Are

What We Believe

What We Do



The beliefs, practices, and
doctrines of this congregation

Web Sites We Recommend

ARIEL MINISTRIES - DR. ARNOLD
FRUCHTENBAUM

<http://www.ariel.org/>

THE ASSOCIATION OF MESSIANIC
CONGREGATIONS

<http://www.messianicassociation.org/>

WORD OF MESSIAH MINISTRIES

<http://www.wordofmessiah.org/>

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

<http://www.chosenpeople.com/main/>

MESSIANICMUSIC.com

<http://www.messianicmusic.com/>



Why do we call ourselves “The Seed of Abraham”?

As believers, both Jewish and non-Jewish, we are all of the spiritual seed of father Abraham.

Do we belong to or are we a part of any larger Messianic groups or organizations?

At the present time we are in association with the AMC (The Association of Messianic Congregations)



WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- **About Yeshua:** Yeshua is the Messiah, sent by Elohim to save sinners. He is the only way to heaven. As a Messianic congregation we are subject to His teachings.
- **About the Bible:** The Bible is the inspired Word of the L-rd G-d, correct in every part. In our preaching and teaching we use the Interlinear, KJV, NKJV, and the Jewish New Testament Bibles.
- **About Man:** Man was born in sin and is incapable of saving himself. No act of goodness, no sacrifice, nor any other work of righteousness can do anything to rescue any of us out of our sin.
- **About Salvation:** Salvation is totally a work of Elohim on behalf of man. It is

appropriated by faith in Yeshua’s atonement on the cross for our sins.

- **About Israel:** G-d loves Israel and still has a plan for her. Many Jewish people are being saved today, along with Gentiles. All Israel will be saved at the return of Messiah to establish His Kingdom.



WHAT WE DON’T BELIEVE:

- **Replacement Theology**—teaches that the church has replaced Israel as G-d’s chosen people. We do not believe this to be true. Please see Lloyd Scalyer if you want more information.
- **The Ephraimite Movement**—teaches the notion that Gentiles are members of the “lost tribes” of Israel. We do not believe that Gentiles become Jewish upon conversion, but they become part of spiritual Israel and are identified with Messiah through baptism and are subject to His teachings.

THINGS WE DO:

- Actively seek out and reach out in love to share Messiah with Jewish friends and neighbors
- Enjoy the Jewish festivals throughout the year! We especially enjoy

celebrating Passover together with the Lancaster community.



- Worship together weekly, making it a high priority in our lives as believers, encouraging one another through words, prayer, and deeds
- Serve one another by volunteering to help in whatever way we can in support of this congregation

THINGS WE DON’T DO:

- Continue in active, known sin with no willingness to change or repent
 - Gossip about others or leaders in any way
 - Detract from the gospel by being mean-spirited towards unbelievers
 - Knowingly undermine the teaching and constitution of The Seed of Abraham by passing out literature and/or discussing unbiblical views with others (an elder should always be present during any discussion concerning any questionable doctrine. Every Bible passage relating to the subject will be studied, with time for questions and discussion.)
- NOTE: Our constitution and the SOA doctrinal brochure present our doctrine in much greater detail.**