

## *Respecting G-d's House*

This building is dedicated to Adonai. It is His House (Beit HaShem). When we enter this building, our focus is to be on the G-d of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'akov.

We encourage everyone who enters this building to remember that they are in the L-rd's House!

If you arrive after the service has begun, please wait in the outer room until the prayers and/or Torah readings have been completed.

We also ask that you avoid unnecessary movement and noise during the prayers and scripture readings. If you need to use the restroom, we ask you to wait until all prayers and readings are completed before you reenter the sanctuary.

Parents are encouraged to teach their children respect for the synagogue and its furnishings. We do not run, play tag, throw balls, or engage in other playtime activities in the synagogue building.

## *Additional Questions*

Do you have any questions we didn't address in this brochure? Please ask the Elders at the end of the service. They are happy to answer your questions.

## *Solicitation*

Please respect the calling of our ministry here at Synagogue Beit HaShem. Do not leave tracks, calling cards, or solicit people for your ministry.

If anyone asks you questions about the congregation or starts sharing about their outside ministry, we ask you to stop the conversation and immediately direct the person to the Elders.

We don't go into other ministries to glean followers — and neither should anyone else!

All questions about our synagogue, our practices, and what we believe should be directed to the Elders.

## *Congregational Leadership*

- Synagogue Board President: Elder Wayne Ranck
- Synagogue Board Vice Presidents: Elder David Gross and Elder Tim Wallace



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## *Shalom!*

Welcome to Messianic Synagogue Beit HaShem. This brochure addresses many of the questions people have asked about our congregation and our service.

Our Shabbat Service is about two and one half hours long and follows the order below:

- Shofars
- Opening prayer
- Hebrew prayers
- Worship in music
- Readings from Torah, Haftarah, and Brit Chadashah (Messianic writings - Matthew to Revelation)
- Hebrew prayers and corporate prayer
- Short break
- Announcements
- Main Message (Shabbat School)
- Closing and Blessings
- Oneg

## *Nursery*

A nursery is provided for parents to use during congregational services. The room is for the use of infants, toddlers, and their parents (or guardians).

The nursery is equipped with a crib, changing table, and toys. This designated area is the only room to be used for child-care. The women's bathroom is located adjacent to the nursery.

The synagogue does not provide child care for synagogue services or activities. A parent or guardian must remain with their child in the nursery. All children must be supervised, whether they are awake or sleeping. School-aged children may remain in the nursery if their parent is caring for younger siblings.

A closed circuit TV monitor allows the parent to view the synagogue service with their child. Parents are encouraged to teach their small children the customs of the sanctuary service.

## *Shabbat School*

Shabbat school is available for young children over the age of five who regularly attend this congregation. Children have class during the main message portion of the Shabbat service.

A pre-Bar or Bat Mitzvah class is also available for youth over the age of ten.

## *Calendar of Events*

The synagogue monthly event calendars are posted on the synagogue website ([www.beithashem.org](http://www.beithashem.org)). Copies of the monthly calendars are also available at the synagogue.

## *Financial Information*

Synagogue Beit Hashem does not pass a collection plate or take any offerings. A wooden pushkee (offering box) is in the Blue Room. General Fund donations and donations to support various projects of the congregation may be placed in the pushkee.

Donations by check or money order can also be mailed to the synagogue. Please use our PO Box mailing address (listed below) for all mail.

Copies of our yearly Annual Report are available in the literature rack in the Blue Room. The Annual Report lists the various ministries, reports, and activities of the congregation.



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## *The Oneg*

The Sisterhood sponsors an oneg after most holy day and Shabbat services. The women of the Sisterhood provide the food for this light meal. Visitors are welcome to stay and enjoy the oneg. Visitors and new attendees are not expected to bring food items for the oneg. You are our guests!

All food and beverages served at the synagogue are kosher. We maintain a high standard of kashrut so every person who visits our congregation will be able to eat.

Most Shabbat onegs include meat or parve items. We serve dairy or parve items at most onegs during the holy days. No foods or drinks with leaven are permitted in the synagogue during Pesach.

## *What We Believe*

We are a Messianic Jewish synagogue. We worship the G-d of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'akov. Our congregation is made of individuals who have Jewish ancestry and those who have chosen to be "grafted into" the Jewish olive tree of faith.

The members of this congregation observe and celebrate G-d's feast days (as recorded in the TANAKH and the Messianic Writings). Our complete statement of faith, vision and mission statements, and by-laws can be read on our website:

[www.beithashem.org](http://www.beithashem.org)