

Strategic Planning

Mission & Vision

Our mission is to make Jewish and non-Jewish disciples, in order to preserve Jewish identity and community in the body of Messiah.

Our vision is to see a Messianic Jewish community experiencing Yeshua, Torah and revelation for the end times.

Vision establishes an atmosphere of:

1. Identity: I know what we are about
2. Purpose: What I do matters
3. Unity: I trust people, we are likeminded
4. Faith: I know this is from G-d and it will last

Messianic Judaism is the movement of Jews to faith in Yeshua as Israel's Messiah, that seeks to preserve Jewish identity and community in the Body of Messiah, and who are joined by Gentile believers committed to supporting Jewish life and choosing for themselves a Jewish expression of their faith.

Messianic Judaism is the Jewish segment of the Body of Messiah that shares fully in the life of the wider Jewish world, living according to its national customs and taking concern for its welfare. Gentile believers in Messiah within Messianic Judaism, being grafted in, share in the spiritual blessings of Israel's New Covenant, and they also assume concern for the welfare of Israel and the Jewish people.

Community is a group of people who are one in Messiah, pouring themselves into each other, seeking each other's well-being.

As Messiah, **Yeshua** was anointed to save, set free, teach and empower Israel and the nations. Likewise, we want to see people experiencing Him as Savior, receiving freedom, being taught to observe His teachings, equipped to serve, and living empowered by the Spirit.

The **Torah** is the foundation of all revelations from G-d, and we desire to see all the people of G-d restored to a Spirit-led understanding of Torah.

End times revelation refers to the prophetic illumination of Scripture by the Holy Spirit, regarding Israel, the Middle East and the nations, for today and the days ahead, as we live through the fulfillment of biblical prophecies.

Strategy

We carry out our mission by implementing our strategy. **Our strategy is** to express who we are (our core values), in all that we do (our mission). Our core values become our major areas of ministry. It is through our ministries (core values) that we make disciples (our mission).

Sukkat Shalom Messianic Congregation

Outreach Profile

Who are we trying to reach?

- Jews who are open to explore Yeshua as Messiah
- Interfaith families
- Non-Jews who support Jewish identity in the Body of Messiah

Core Values

1. WE RELATE TO ALL AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS:

We believe that the way we relate to people reveals how deeply we love G-d and how deeply we are experiencing His love for us. The highest goal of G-d's love is for us to experience our true identity in Him: Sons and daughters. We love people because we are sons and daughters; we love people because they also are sons and daughters; and we love people because they need to become sons and daughters. This is how we relate to all: In marriage, at home, in the congregation, at work and in the world. Loving this way meets many needs we all have. **A fellowship focused on cultivating relationships is our strategy to meet these needs.**

2. WE WORSHIP G-D IN HIS MANIFEST PRESENCE:

We believe we need, and can, experience G-d's manifest presence every time we meet for corporate worship. G-d is omnipresent. He has also promised to dwell in us always. However, His manifest presence is an outpouring of His goodness and favor in words and works that transform us in supernatural ways. **Cultivating His presence means preparing to be worthy recipients of Him during corporate worship, by living holy and loving lives, and pursuing excellence in the creative and technical aspects of corporate worship.**

3. WE MINISTER HEALING AND FREEDOM:

We believe the number one need of every believer is to be healed and experience freedom. Everyone has suffered emotional wounds and everyone has experienced spiritual bondage. Little spiritual advancement can be gained until G-d's fatherly love is deeply experienced for the healing of the soul. Freedom comes from experiencing G-d's truth, because bondage is the result of core lies of the enemy. **Living free is living as a son or daughter in the Spirit of adoption, not as a slave in the orphan spirit of slavery.**

4. WE HEAR G-D AND MINISTERING PROPHETICALLY:

We believe that hearing G-d's voice (Shemah Yisrael) is the foundation for life and ministry. Just as everything in the natural world was created by G-d's voice, so it is in the spiritual realm. Our goal is to train and assist every sheep to be able to hear clearly the voice of their Shepherd. We will seek to cultivate hearing G-d in all aspects of congregational life and decisions. **As our hearing matures, we will see people speaking words of edification, exhortation and consolation as the Spirit gives them revelation to share with one another.**

5. WE TEACH SPIRIT-REVEALED BIBLICAL TRUTH FOR MATURITY:

We believe we must present every person mature in Messiah. To mature spiritually is to advance in Messiah-like qualities. **A believer matures by going from the elementary stages of a born child, to the victorious life of a strong person, and on to a life of sacrificial service as a spiritual father or mother.** We have developed and implemented a comprehensive program to achieve this goal, with specific cognitive, affective, behavioral and skills related outcomes.

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6. WE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO G-D, HIS PEOPLE AND HIS KINGDOM:

We believe that giving to G-d above and beyond what He requires constitutes a profound way of worship, and releases the favor of G-d over a person like few things can. Therefore, **in order that every member may enjoy greater favor in his or her life, it is our goal to present them as extravagant givers to G-d, His people and His kingdom.**

7. WE DEVELOP EVERYONE'S IDENTITY, DESTINY AND CALLING:

We believe G-d created us as unique works of art for a destiny, a world-class contribution and a calling, as unique as we are. G-d saved us, among other things, to do the good works He prepared for us beforehand. Because of this, **we commit ourselves to helping every believer discover their unique design, destiny and calling:** The intersection of their gifts, strengths and passion, and the personal mission resulting from it.

8. WE INFLUENCE ACROSS GENERATIONS:

We believe it is G-d's desire that **we influence all generations with our core values:** Children, youth, young adults, families, boomers, seniors, men, women and singles. As a body, we seek to love and relate to everyone, **in order to give them what G-d has for them, in ways that are meaningful to them.**

9. WE IMPACT PEOPLE GLOBALLY, TO THE JEW FIRST:

We believe every person's design, destiny and calling translates into initiatives to bless people globally. This implies everyone has a world-class contribution to make. Our goal is to assist our members who have discovered their design, destiny and calling to identify, nurture and activate initiatives to bless people everywhere. **The first focus of our initiatives is to bless Israel and Jews everywhere.**