

## 2025 Review

# The Upper Room Year

**A**s our third year comes to a close we reflect on all that Adonai has done, all He's doing, and all the future aspects we're praying for.

2025 has seen the graduation of Benjamin Rodriguez, Jayden had his Bar Mitzvah, and we've further established Ella, Jonathan, Jayden, Neftali and Veronica. We've also entertained new friends who aren't members just yet including Manny, Jayce, Salvatore, Lucas and more!



*From High Holy Days to summer fun: our students work hard and play hard as they grow deeper in their Messianic Faith*

As we look ahead to 2026 we thank Yeshua for all these kids, those who are well established, visitors turning into regulars, and some who have yet to come that we can't wait to meet with open arms. With the latest change in the group being a more permanent modification to our hybrid meeting schedule, The Upper Room by unanimous discussion of the parents and leadership will be meeting every other Saturday after service during the kids' school year, and every other

Wednesday evening during their summer break. 2026 has a familiar agenda of food, family, friends and bible studies abound, not to mention the annual spring retreat and summer's Messiah conference.

## Stewardship

As the group grows and so do the children, some are working, some looking for jobs, and some contemplating their college careers. To help financially offset the costs of the retreats and conferences, The Upper Room students have a variety of fundraising plans!



Currently they are consistently crafting and selling items on the table in the lobby, calendars are available for sale themed with some of our favorite photos from this past year. Soon they will be auctioning off their very own artwork, offering concessions before and after service, and we are working on plans to conduct movie nights here at the synagogue during the summer.

Thank you for all your support, prayers, offering and love that you pour into the future of not just the Messianic Jewish movement as a whole — but the only Messianic Jewish youth group in Cleveland, Ohio! Please continue to pray for and support these fine young men and women, they are our legacy in Messiah

Yeshua. Also please say hello to them! Talk to them, some are shy... some if you let them, will talk to you long enough the challah will go stale. In a world full of choices, these young people choose to be here. It's my honor and privilege to lead and guide them under the supervision of Rabbi Eric plus the Board of Elders, and I'm so excited to see all of what Hashem has in store for them!

Happy Hanukkah and may Adonai bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you, may Adonai lift His countenance upon you and give you His Shalom both now and ever more in Yeshua's mighty name, amen.

Blessings,

*-Brandon Balog*

