

Other Learning



Shabbat PreSchool

Our age 3-kindergarten lifelong learners use Flame Foundation's "Enjoy! Shabbat School Fun for Messianic Kids." Our toddlers learn about G-d, prayer, the Scriptures, and the Messianic way of life through fun, constructive activities.

Shabbat Jewnior Congregation

Our grades 1-4 lifelong learners use the Club Maccabee and Flame Foundation curricula. Our juniors explore and discover G-d and the Scriptures through a creative combination of chavurah, games, and study.

Middlers Shabbat School

Our grades 5-7 lifelong learners draw from various resources. Our middle schoolers engage G-d and the Scriptures through creative and hands-on lessons. In addition, the pathway to participation in Tikkun Olam, community service, and mitzvah activities begins in middle school. Every third Shabbat our middlers remain in the service.

Teens Shabbat School

Our grades 8-12 lifelong learners use the Simply Youth LIVE High School curriculum. Strategically written to address each of the four distinctive years of high school, this curriculum features topics, illustrations, activities, and questions related to real life — all delivered in an engaging & interactive manner. Every third Shabbat our teens remain in the service.

Youth Shabbat Service

Typically, on the last Shabbat of each month, our children and youth lead the liturgy and conduct all the Scripture readings. This service is considered a special simcha, as it demonstrates the way of the Lord being inculcated into the next generation, and provides everyone with a foretaste of the future of BMC.

Camp Yeladim

Designed for children ages 5 to 12 years old, this creative, theme-based summer day camp runs from Monday-Friday and then concludes on Shabbat. The program provides children the opportunity to learn about the Bible while establishing positive friendships and memories with other children. Older teens, many of whom are former campers themselves, serve as camp counselors and mentors.

Youth Lunch with the Rabbi

This engaging luncheon program is designed to enable our children and youth to build real and lasting relationships with the Rabbi.

Youth Chavurah & Events

At regular intervals, our young people host chavurah groups in someone's home. Study time is typically conducted by the youth themselves in consultation with adult leaders, or by a parent or other adult. Periodic events are also scheduled for Tikkun Olam initiatives, community service, or just plain fun!

Internship Program

Customized to the individual, the goal here is to involve younger Messianic Jews, especially potential leaders, more deeply in all aspects of congregational life and service.



Religious School

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You shall inculcate these words diligently into your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:7





Lifelong Learning

Education in the form of lifelong learning is the centerpiece of discipleship at BMC, because it is the hallmark of the Jewish and therefore Messianic way of life. As Abraham Joshua Heschel rightly stated: "It is wrong to define education as preparation for life. Learning is life, a supreme experience of living, a climax of existence...the school is a sanctuary, and study is a form of worship."

Babies to Bubbies

BMC provides a full continuum of engaging and thought-provoking lifelong learning opportunities across the life cycle, from babies to bubbies. These opportunities range from the most elementary to the advanced, depending upon where a person is in their development. For our adult lifelong learning opportunities, see www.bethmessiah.org.

Education of the Whole Child

BMC aims for the ideal Jewish education as described by Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin, which is concerned with the total person of the child. The goal is to influence the child's character, shape their values, and fashion their way of life. Messianic Jewish education at BMC seeks to instill a deep sense of identity, self-worth, significance, and strength in the LORD and His Messiah Yeshua, and imbue the child with wisdom to become self-disciplined, responsible, and well-equipped for good works. BMC agrees that this is achieved only when home, religious school, synagogue, and total environment strategically interact to prepare a child to take their place in the world. To this end, all of the lifelong learning opportunities at BMC are part of a single, holistic, generation to generation approach, in which every component builds on and reinforces the other.

Jewish Preservation, Not Assimilation

BMC labors diligently for Jewish preservation and protection from assimilation, by fortifying Jewish identity, culture, traditions, and values for its Jewish members. That said, BMC is a community of Jewish persons who embrace Yeshua as Messiah, together with Gentile Yeshua-followers from diverse backgrounds.

Children of Jewish-Gentile Homes

BMC is the synagogue of choice for Jewish-Gentile couples who seek to preserve their own identities in Messiah. Such a community of Jews as Jews, and Gentiles as Gentiles, one in Messiah, provides a glimpse of the future unity G-d has for Israel and the nations in the Olam HaBa.

Hebrew School

A Sweet New Year

The school year begins with an apple picking field trip to Lynd Fruit Farm in Pataskala, OH in preparation for Rosh Hashanah. Apples and honey are served, in part, to symbolize our hopes for a sweet and fruitful new year.



When is Hebrew School?

Sunday morning: 9:30 to 10:30 AM
(Hebrew alefbet, vocabulary and siddur)
Sunday morning: 10:40 to 11:30 AM
(Jewish history, culture, values, music, and art)
Thursday night: 6:30 to 7:30 PM
(Hebrew alefbet, vocabulary, siddur)

What Curriculum is Utilized?

Our Hebrew School lifelong learners use resources from the classic Behrman House Curriculum:

Let's Discover the Alef Bet:

Children learn the names and sounds of the letters of the Alef Bet; and a key Hebrew word, with an accompanying English translation and Jewish cultural explanation, is used to introduce each letter. Learning strategies include creative activities to reinforce the shape and sound of each letter; the introduction of additional Hebrew vocabulary words, playful exercises to engage the child's artistic and creative interests, and clever riddles to amuse.

Derech Binah: The Hebrew Primer

Hundreds of thousands of children have learned to read Hebrew using this properly paced primer. It features a special focus on visual and auditory discernment between letters, block print writing exercises, reading games, prayer practice and explanation, and playful speed reading, all of which is strategically designed to produce reading fluency.

Hebrew Through Prayer I, II, III

Beginning with the Shabbat morning service, children work their way through the key prayers and blessings of the siddur, focusing on root, prefix, and suffix recognition, the place of prayers in the service, the physical actions associated with the prayers, and more importantly the themes, meaning, and relevance.

Who Teaches Hebrew School?

Our teaching staff is a diverse group of qualified and devoted persons, from the congregational leader, to an elder, to our liturgist, to some of our parents.

What Are the Class Sizes?

BMC maintains very small class sizes, which allows for individualized attention, and enables every child to have a voice in the learning experience.

Registration & Tuition

Parents may register their children at 614.855.9501 or at www.bethmessiah.org. The full calendar is there. Tuition is very affordable as shown on the website; and scholarships are available for those in need.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Training

Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is an important and joyous milestone in the Jewish life cycle. While training is customized to the candidate and their family, preparation typically includes one year of training in Torah and Haftarah cantillation, guidance in writing a devar Torah, and focused instruction on Jewish living using Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values: Living Mitzvot in Today's World, by Barry L. Schwartz; and Jewish history using The History of the Jewish People: a Story of Tradition and Change, Vol. I, by Jonathan B. Krasner and Jonathan D. Sarna.

Bar/Bat Abraham

For Gentile youth who desire to more fully demonstrate how the blessing of Abraham has come to the nations through Messiah, we provide training in Torah and Haftarah cantillation, guidance in preparing a devar Torah, and further instruction on Jewish history & traditions, and Messianic living.

Conduct

Our teachers, parents, and children agree to share the responsibility for an effective learning environment.

Commencement

Children who successfully complete the curriculum receive a certificate. All of our children participate in a year-end celebration.

