

# Kehilat Kol Simcha

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#### "Kol Sason V'Kol Simcha, Kol Chatan V'Kol Kala"

"The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride..." (Jer. 33:11)

A family-oriented congregation of Jewish and Gentile believers who worship Israel's Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiac (Jesus Christ), in the context of Jewish lifestyle and identity. We are committed to restoring the family unit and the Biblical/Jewish roots of our faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Come share the joy!

# KOL SIMCHA MESSIANIC CONGREGATION STATEMENT OF FAITH

### A. PURPOSE

- 1. To worship the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- 2. To proclaim Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus) as the Messiah of Israel.
- 3. To build the body of believers in the Jewish Messiah.
- 4. To bring to life the Biblical heritage of our faith.

## B GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1. Messianic Judaism is a mechanism for fulfilling G-d's plan for the end time revival through the outpouring of His Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit).
- 2. Messianic congregations join together believers in Yeshua as engrafted branches onto the root of Biblical Judaism, serving as a guiding light to the nations, and bringing the Good News of salvation to the Jew first and to all people.

#### C. WHAT WE BELIEVE

- 1. We believe there is one true and living G-d existing as the Avinu (Father), Yeshua (Son), and Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), equal in power and glory, and this Elohim (G-d Head) created all, upholds all, and governs all.
- 2. We believe that the entire Holy Scriptures (Tanach and B'rit Chadasha) are the work of G-d, fully inspired, without error in their original manuscripts, and are the infallible rule for faith, practice, and lifestyle.

- 3. We believe that G-d the Father is an infinite personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers our prayers; and that He saves from sin and death all that come to Him through Messiah, Yeshua.
- 4. We believe that Yeshua is the Messiah; that He is G-d's only begotten Son, born of a Virgin; that He lived a sinless life, performed miracles and teachings, died as a substitutionary atonement, bodily resurrected and ascended into heaven providing perpetual intercession for His people; and that His personal, visible return to earth is imminent exactly as prophesied.
- 5. We believe in the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) who came forth from the Avinu, through Yeshua, to reprove the world of sin, to indwell and to empower all who believe in Messiah, as an all-abiding helper, teacher, and guide.
- 6. We believe in being faithful to G-d's commandments embodied in the Torah that He gave to Moses at Mt. Sinai; that the Torah reflects the practical wisdom of a loving G-d, intentionally given to His children to set them apart from the world, to preserve and protect them through faith and to guide them to mature faith and righteousness; that the Torah is the basis for our salvation in Messiah.
- 7. We believe in Mikvah (baptism) which preserves the Biblical practice of tevilah (full immersion) for purification in the living waters; the L-rd's Seder which preserves the Biblical practice of the Levitical Feast of Passover; and the laying on of hands for S'Mikhah (ordination), for healing and for receiving the manifestations of the Ruach (Holy Spirit).
- 8. We believe in the imminent return of Yeshua HaMashiach to earth, to establish His kingdom, to rule and reign over Israel from Jerusalem in peace and righteousness that will cover the earth; and that all of humanity will be resurrected: the wicked to endless suffering, and the righteous to eternal blessings.
- 9. We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

- 10. We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- 11. We believe any form of sexual immorality or perversion, including adultery, fornication, homosexual or bisexual behavior, transgender association, transsexual orientation, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography is sinful and offensive to God.
- 12. We believe God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Messiah *Yeshua*.