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CBM FAMILY!

For Security Reasons, Entry into the building BEFORE 9am is only for that mornings Ministry Volunteers and Nursery Staff. Thank you for your understanding! Any security questions should be directed to Noe Espinosa. He can be reached at noe@cbmhouston.org

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August Sign ups



Foundation Class

August 8th & 15th

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Chess Club

August 8th

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Beginner Conversational Hebrew Ulpan

August 9th

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Hebrew Heroes

August 22nd

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Messianic Mommies

August 16th

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Keshet In Home Connections

August 23rd

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

FAMILY FALL Festival

FAITH, FAMILY & FUN FOR EVERYONE!



SEPTEMBER 5TH

RIGHT AFTER SERVICE!



IN FRONT OF THE
YOUTH BUILDING



BOUNCE HOUSE



DUNK TANK



VOLLEYBALL



PRAYER TENT

and
MORE!

FREE EVENT!

THE COST OF CONVENIENCE

BY HELEN FLOYD

Numbers 32: 1-19

Verse 19: *"We will not have an inheritance with them on the other side of the Yarden, westward; because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of the Yarden, eastward."* (CJB)

This portion from the parashah Mattot readings recounts for us the request by the tribes of Rueben and Gad to establish their tribes on the east side of the Jordan and not cross over with the rest of the tribes to take possession of the land the Lord was giving them. Verse 19 in particular caught my attention. While I lived in Israel many years ago, I was studying Biblical Hebrew with my Rabbi in Jerusalem. I learned from him that the references in the Torah of **going east** are highly symbolic. They frequently represent exile, separation from God's presence, and compromising on His promises. By choosing to stay on the eastern side of the Jordan, these tribes participate in a dangerous pattern that spans the entire Old Testament.

- In Genesis, Adam and Eve sinned and God drove them out of the Garden. "After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life." To leave the dwelling place of God, they walked **eastward**.
- After Cain murdered Abel, Genesis 4:16 states that he "went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod, **east** of Eden."
- When humanity united in pride to build a tower to make a name for themselves independent of God, Genesis 11:2 notes that they did this as they journeyed **east** (or settled eastward) into the plain of Shinar.
- When Abraham and Lot split because their livestock herds were too large (a setup identical to Numbers 32!), Lot looked at the well-watered plains of Sodom and traveled **eastward**, choosing physical comfort and separating himself from the Land of Promise.

The Jordan River was intended to be the boundary line marking the Holy Land—the place where God would uniquely dwell with His people. Ruben and Gad chose the land **east** because they had livestock and the land was good for cattle. They chose what was "profitable" over what was "holy." Crossing the Jordan required battle and effort; staying put did not. By asking to stay **outside** that boundary, Reuben and Gad were saying, "The wilderness we conquered is good enough; we don't need to cross into the heart of God's inheritance."

However, the consequences of Reuben and Gad's decision of convenience were severe and painful!

- The first consequence hit them almost immediately. As part of their deal with Moshe, the men promised to fight with the other tribes to conquer the land across the Jordan. So while the other ten tribes marched, fought, and lived with their families nearby, the men of Reuben and Gad had to first build fortified cities, and then leave their wives, toddlers, and livestock behind in the east, and cross the river to wage a bloody seven-year war. They traded immediate comfort for years of forced separation and the constant anxiety of leaving their loved ones exposed in an un-conquered borderland.
- Second, they did not have a natural barrier. They lacked the natural shield of the river valley. They became a physical buffer zone between the rest of Israel and hostile eastern empires (like Syria and Ammon). They were constantly subjected to border raids, pillaging, and geopolitical instability because they chose the exposed outskirts over the protected interior.
- Finally, because the Jordan River separated them from Canaan, it also physically separated them from the Tabernacle (and later, the Temple)—the localized presence of God. This geographic rift quickly turned into a spiritual rift. We see in Joshua 22 that as soon as the eastern tribes returned home, they built a massive, unauthorized altar by the Jordan. They did it out of fear that future generations in Canaan would say, *"What have you to do with the Lord... the Lord has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you"* (Joshua 22:24-25). Their choice sowed immediate seeds of identity crisis, religious compromise, and eventual idolatry, fading into "world-borderers" who prioritized their business over their covenant.

The Ultimate Cost was they were the first to fall and first to go into exile. It was their tragic end. Centuries later, when the Assyrian Empire invaded from the north and east, the tribes living east of the Jordan were completely unprotected. Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh were the very first Israelites to be conquered and carried off into permanent exile. **They were the first to lose the very land they had compromised to get.** They chose earthly blessing over spiritual blessing—and they eventually lost everything. They allowed their livestock to dictate their legacy, settling for a good pasture instead of God's presence.

Ultimately this is a warning for us about settling for "good enough" on the wrong side of God's boundaries. When we prioritize our own material comfort over fully entering into what God has promised, we begin a journey **eastward**—away from the center of His presence. May the disastrous choice made by Reuben and Gad encourage us to resist looking at the world through the lens of what is just comfortable or profitable, and then ending up on the wrong side of God's promises. We must have the courage to cross our Jordan. When we are tempted to stop short of His perfect will because the journey ahead looks difficult or unfamiliar, may we ask the LORD to give us hearts that trusts His vision over our own eyes and to burn away any complacency. May we open our hands and surrender what we think is "good" so that we can receive what God knows is BEST. Even when it's difficult. Above all else, may we seek God's presence! The cost of convenience is a price we don't want to pay



JOIN US FOR THE

HIGH HOLY DAYS

The Fall Feasts



ROSH HASHANAH

SEPTEMBER 11TH – 13TH



YOM KIPPUR

SEPTEMBER 20TH – 21ST



SUKKOT

SEPTEMBER 25TH – OCTOBER 2ND



**SHEMINI ATZERET
& SIMCHAT TORAH**

OCTOBER 3RD



CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. REJOICE.

*These are the appointed feasts of
Adonai, holy convocations which you are
to proclaim in their appointed season.*

LEVITICUS 23:40 (TLV)



ROSH HASHANAH



חג שמח ראש השנה

Facts about Rosh Hashanah

- Called the "Head of the Year" as it is the civil New Year. (Lev 16, Lev 23:23-25, Num 29:1)
- Celebrated for two nights starting the 1st of Tishri and called the "day no man knows."
- Biblically referred to as Yom T'ruah; the day for blowing trumpets. The three distinct trumpets blasts serve as a call to confession of sin and repentance.
- This day begins the 10 days of Awe and points us forward to Yom Kippur.
- Called a Day of Remembrance; a memorial, yet scripture doesn't specify what is to be remembered. Tradition holds Adam was created on this day
- Believed by some to be the season of the return of the Messiah (1 These 4:16).
- Associated with the Tashlich service which symbolizes casting away of sins.
- A few traditional foods to eat are Apples & Honey, Pomegranates, Honey Cake, Sweet Kugel, Carrot Tzimmes.
- Round challah is a staple of the holiday, symbolizing a crown for this coronation season.

- For some, it is traditional to wear black. Some men will wear a white kippah.
- Only those authorized by CBM should blast shofars at the services.



Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

September 11th at 7pm

Boker Rosh Hashanah Service

September 12th at 10am

Tashlich Service

September 12th at 2pm

YOM KIPPUR

10TH OF TISHREI-DAY OF ATONEMENT



Facts about Yom Kippur

- Celebrated on the 10th of Tishrei (Lev 16:29-30, Lev 23: 26-32, Num 29:7-11).
- Called the Day of Atonement or the Day of Covering.
- The only day in the year the High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies.
- Sacrifices were made for the high priest, the priesthood and B'nei Israel.
- It is a day to "afflict your soul" meaning a day to fast, most fast for 24hrs.
- Points to the day of salvation for the nation of Israel after the second coming of Messiah (Rom 11:25-27).

Services

Erev Yom Kippur

September 20th at 7pm

Boker Yom Kippur

September 21st at 10 am

Shabbaton

September 21st at 1pm

Neilah Break Fast

September 21st at 6:30pm



SEASONAL GREETING:

"YOM TOV" OR "GUT YUNTIF"

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SUKKOT

חג שמח

SEPTEMBER 25TH – OCTOBER 2ND

CHAG SAMEACH

DATES

September 24th –CBM member camping begins

September 25th –Sukkot Begins

- CBM Prayer for the Nations–at camp
- Erev Sukkot Service at camp

September 26th

- CBM Sukkot Service: OFF-CAMPUS at 10am

October 2nd –Sukkot ends

CBM West Airport Campus will be closed on September 26th

BRACKENRIDGE

Want to go earlier or stay longer?

Contact Brackenridge Park & Campground direct at 361-782-545

FACTS ABOUT SUKKOT

- Called the Feast of Tabernacles, Booths , or the Ingathering (Lev 23: 33-43).
- An eight day feast that starts the 15th of Tishri, the last day being Shemini Atzeret.
- We dwell in temporary shelters as a reminder of God's provision during Israel's forty years in the wilderness.
- We are commanded to rejoice during this feast (Deut 16:13-14).
- Traditionally, the entire law was to be read publicly.
- Mentioned as one of the pilgrimage feasts (Duet 16:16).
- Points to the era when the Messiah will set up his millennial kingdom, tabernacle with His people, and have the wedding feast of the Lamb.
- A citron fruit, palm fronds, myrtle boughs and willow branches (Etrog, Lulav, Hadasim, and Aravot) are bound together and waved before the L-rd. Judaism has several interpretations for why. We wave these as thanksgiving for the L-rd's provision.

REMEMBER

- There will NOT be Shabbat service at the CBM building.
- September 26th Shabbat Services will be held at Brackenridge Campgrounds.
- Day passes are available for Shabbat Services.

SHIMINI ATZERET

&

SIMCHAT TORAH

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& SIMCHAT TORAH

- "Shemini" means eight while "Atzeret" comes from a word that means to stop. This is the last or eighth day of Sukkot.
- The following day is Simchat Torah (Joy of the Torah). Which marks the restart of the Torah parashah cycle and the scrolls are rolled back to Genesis.
- These two days constitute a major holiday (yom tov), when most forms of work are prohibited. On the preceding nights, women and girls light candles, reciting the appropriate blessings, and we enjoy nightly and daily festive meals.
- Starts the evening of October 2ND and ends at sundown October 4TH.



THE MEANING OF SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah means “joy of Torah.” The name is derived from the fact that on this day we celebrate the completion of the annual reading of the Torah and begin anew.

Note that it is not called “joy with the Torah” or “joy from Torah,” but “joy of Torah.” This is because the Torah itself rejoices. And when we sing and dance with her, we provide the Torah with legs and partake in her celebration.

SHIMINI ATZERET SERVICE

OCTOBER 3rd at 10am

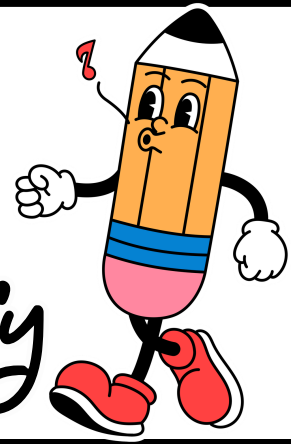
SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

OCTOBER 3rd at 7pm

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AUGUST

Childrens Ministry



DATES TO KNOW

August 1st – Guest Speaker
Aharon Levarko

August 8th – Chess event for
18 & under! For beginners and
experienced players!

August 15th – Guest Speaker–
No Shabbat School

August 16th –Deadline to sign
up for Hebrew Heroes

August 22nd – Hebrew Hero
Classes begin

September 5th– Family Fall
Festival!

September 12th – Rosh
Hashanah Service–
No Shabbat School

September 26th– Sukkot off-
campus service

OUR CHILDRENS CLASSES

Nursery

Our Nursery is open for kids ages 6 weeks
to 4 years old and opens at 9 AM!

Shabbat School

Children ages 5-10 are invited to join us on
Shabbat mornings for Bible stories, small
group activities, and crafts.

B'nei Mitzvah

The B'nei Mitzvah class is for all 11 and 12
year olds, and meets in the Youth building.

Hebrew Heroes

Students will progress through levels 1 to 8,
learning the Alef-Bet, gaining a deeper
understanding of prayers, and learning
how to chant.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to join the children's ministry
WhatsApp group for weekly updates, please
contact Children's Director Heather Campos.

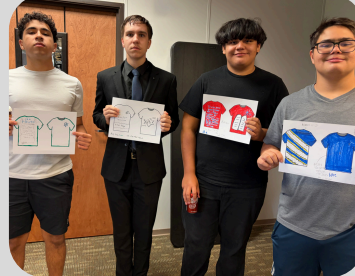
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childrensministry@cbmhouston.org



MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up—just as you in fact are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Upcoming Highways

**** Please Join us for
Worship, Fun activities, Food
and the Word of G-d**

August 1, 2025

1-3pm

Guest Speaker:
Aharon Levarko from
"Light to the Nations Ministry"



August 15, 2026

1-3pm

Guest Speaker
Joseph Greenberg



August 29, 2026

No Shabbat Game Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5:

NO HIGHWAY!- CBM Fall Family Festival

Youth will have a BACK TO SCHOOL
BOOTH in the Youth Room for an Open
House to welcome our NEW STUDENTS!!
** Join us for a cool treat, and take a
break from the heat.



Attention CBM Youth: You are invited to Emmaus Road Fellowship's Back to School Youth Field Day sponsored by one of our neighboring Messianic Congregations in the area see flyer below, thank you.

EMMAUS ROAD FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL ALL YOUTH Field Day

AGES 12-18

WHO: Messianic youth groups from around the Houston area

WHEN: August 30th
From 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Emmaus Road Fellowship
1365 Northpark Dr.
Kingwood, TX 77339

WHAT TO BRING:
• Water bottle
• Extra clothes
• A towel

COVER CHARGE: \$15 per teen.
Adult chaperones are welcome and have no fee for attendance.

EARLY BIRD PRICING:
\$10 PER TEEN!
BEFORE August 22nd!

THERE WILL BE WORSHIP, A QUICK MESSAGE, INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES AND A TON OF FUN!

"HOW GOOD & PLEASANT IT IS WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY!" - PSALM 133:1 -

COVER CHARGE WILL GO TO COVER THE EVENT COSTS. ANY EXTRA PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CAMP NEXT YEAR!

SCAN TO REGISTER!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: CHELSEA BREWER 713-906-3848

Registration for CBM
Youth Ministry:

All Youth Need to Register or
Re-register for the 2026-2027
Academic Year
Please click below to register.

Thank You

REGISTRATION



Dane & Debbi Kappler



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June 2026

CBM Bible Readings

The readings are from the Bible Recap. It is a 365-Day chronological reading plan. They are available on our Beth Messiah app, on Apple and Google devices as well as on our website at <https://www.cbmhouston.org/daily-bible-readings/>

1st Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55	2nd 2 Samuel 16-18	3rd Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64	4th 2 Samuel 19-21	5th Psalm 5, 38, 41-42
6th 2 Samuel 22-23 Psalm 57	7th Psalm 95, 97-99	8th 2 Samuel 24 1Ch 21-22 Psalm 30	9th Psalm 108-110	10th 1 Ch 23-25
11th Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145	12th 1 Ch 26-29 Psalm 27	13th Psalm 111-118	14th 1 Kings 1-2 Psalm 37, 71, 94	15th Psalm 119
16th 1 Kings 3-4	17th 2 Ch 1 Psalm 72	18th Song 1-8	19th Proverbs 1-3	20th Proverbs 4-6
21st Proverbs 7-9	22nd Proverbs 10-12	23rd Proverbs 13-15	24th Proverbs 16-18	25th Proverbs 19-21
26th Proverbs 22-24	27th 1 Kings 5-6 2 Ch 2-3	28th 1 Kings 7 2 Ch 4	29th 1 Kings 8 2 Ch 5	30th 2 Ch 6-7 Psalm 136
31st Psalm 134, 146-150				