

# Kehilah Portland



## A Messianic Jewish Synagogue

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## Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in Romans 9:4 – 5:

**Rom 9:4** the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

**Rom 9:5** the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

## Today's topic – The Month of Elul

As believers, we tend to get lax or even lazy the longer we are believers.

Some might say we have short attention spans and are always wanting something new and exciting, like when we first became believers in Messiah.

As we have passed the midway point of the month of Elul on the Jewish calendar, I need to convey a dynamic that is found within Jewish culture and should be part of every believers walk.

The month of Elul is a time of preparation, a time of forgiving and seeking forgiveness with the intent of coming before Adonai on Yom Kippur.

- The name of the month (spelled [Alef-Lamed-Vav-Lamed](#)) is said to be an acronym of "Ani l'dodi v'dodi li," "I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine," a quote from Song of Songs 6:3, where the Beloved is [G-d](#) and the "I" is the [Jewish people](#).
- In Aramaic the word "Elul" means "search," which is appropriate, because this is a time of year when we search our hearts.

For the entire month, devout Jewish people begin a time of introspection and prayer leading up to Yom Kippur.

Elul is also a time to begin the process of asking forgiveness for wrongs done to other people. According to Jewish tradition, God cannot forgive us for sins committed against another person until we have first obtained forgiveness from the person we have wronged. This is not as easy a task as you might think, if you have never done it.

To give you an idea of the impact and validity of this month, many people visit cemeteries because the awe-inspiring nature of this time makes us think about life and death and our own mortality

This goes on for an entire month and is done every year!!!

Keep in mind the following scriptures:

**Mat 18:15** "Moreover, if your brother commits a sin against you, go and show him his fault — but privately, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

**Luk 17:3** Watch yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

**Luk 17:4** Also, if seven times in one day he sins against you, and seven times he comes to you and says, 'I repent,' you are to forgive him."

Elul is a month of impact when we prepare ourselves for T'shuvah. Imagine the impact amongst believers in Messiah within the church if such preparation was done every year.

This month, Messianic Perspectives is offering four articles on the significance of the Fall Feasts for all believers whether Jewish or not. We are including an article that conveys evidence in scripture as to when Yeshua was born. Our offer is to anyone sending a tax deductible gift in any amount in support of this ministry and Portland's only Messianic Jewish Synagogue, Kehillah Portland. If God places this ministry upon your heart, please send your offering to Jewish Heritage Revival – 12 Liberty Lane, Unit 68, South Portland, ME 04106. Please be sure to include your name and address so that we may send you a copy of the message and your tax deductible receipt.

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehilah Portland, a Messianic Jewish Synagogue located in South Portland, where both Jew and non-Jew come together to worship on Shabbat and believe Yeshua is the Messiah spoken of in scripture and is the fulfillment of many promises given to Israel and the Jewish people. We meet every Saturday at 1338 Broadway Ave. in the Greater Portland Christian School gymnasium. Our service begins at 10:00 with meet and greet, followed by Torah study at 1 pm.