

EITZ CHAIM NEW FOUNDATIONS

Class Syllabus

Fall 2023

Saturday Morning, 9:00-10:30 AM

Instructor:

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Course Description and Objectives:

This class is designed to acclimate students to the mission, theology, and spirituality of the Messianic movement, as specifically present in the unique calling of Eitz Chaim Messianic Jewish Congregation of Plano, TX, and our sphere of influence in the greater Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. This class is open to all in the assembly, but is specifically required for those seeking formal membership. As is stated of our community of Messiah followers,

“Eitz Chaim is called to be a Messiah-centered, Spirit-empowered, disciple-making community that reveals the truth of Yeshua to both Israel and the nations. We are committed to making Yeshua the L-rd of our life, faith and ministry. Our community seeks to be like the first Jerusalem congregation where both Jew and non-Jew function as one new man, equal before G-d (Acts 2).”

Required Materials:

McKee, J.K. *The Messianic Walk: The End-Time Move of God* (McKinney, TX: Messianic Apologetics, 2020).

Recommended Materials:

Appel, James, Jonathan Bernis, and David Levine. *Messianic Judaism Class, Teacher Book* (Copenhagen, NY: Olive Press, 2011).

Chernoff, Yohanna, with Jimi Miller, *Born a Jew, Die a Jew: The Story of Martin Chernoff A Pioneer in Messianic Judaism* (Hagerstown, MD: EBED Publications, 1996).

Liberman, Paul. *The Fig Tree Blossoms: The Emerging of Messianic Judaism* (Kudu Publishing, 2012).

Messianic Jewish Family Bible—Tree of Life Version (Snellville, GA: Messianic Jewish Family Bible Society, 2014).

Stern, David H. *Jewish New Testament Commentary* (Clarksville, MD: Jewish New Testament Publications, 1995).

Stern David H. *Complete Jewish Bible* (Clarksville, MD: Jewish New Testament Publications, 1998).

Zodhiates, Spiros, ed. *Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible*, NASB (Chattanooga, AMG Publishers, 1994).

Student Participation:

This Fall, due to possible, ongoing complications (i.e., COVID-19 issues), we have a class schedule incorporating pre-recorded audio/video sessions available at ecdallas.org

Regular attendance of the New Foundations Class is required (with no more than two or three excused absences) in order for students to receive a “complete,” and be regarded as candidates for formal membership in the congregation. Each module of the class will involve readings from *The Messianic Walk*, and group discussion during the Saturday class.

If you need to make special arrangements, please consult the instructor.

Course Schedule: *subject to change, with additional sessions*

DATE	SUBJECT MATTER	ASSIGNMENT
<i>Week One</i> 14 Oct 2023	Introduction to Class	
<i>Week Two</i> 21 Oct 2023	The Messianic Vision	read Unit One in <i>Messianic Walk</i>
28 Oct 2023	<i>Men's Retreat</i>	
04 Nov 2023	<i>Women's Retreat</i>	
<i>Week Three</i> 11 Nov 2023	Shabbat, the Appointed Times, Jewish Holidays	read Unit Two in <i>Messianic Walk</i>
<i>Week Four</i> 18 Nov 2023	Kosher and Torah-based “Means of Grace”	read Unit Three in <i>Messianic Walk</i>
25 Nov 2023	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	
<i>Week Five</i> 02 Dec 2023	The Contours of Jewish Evangelism	read Unit Four in <i>Messianic Walk</i>
<i>Week Six</i> 09 Dec 2023	Our Place in the Congregation	read Unit Five in <i>Messianic Walk</i>
<i>Week Seven</i> 16 Dec 2023	A Survey of Messianic Theology	read Unit Six in <i>Messianic Walk</i>