

# EITZ CHAIM NEW FOUNDATIONS

## Class Syllabus

Spring 2018

Saturday Afternoon, 2:00-3:15 PM

### 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 Richardson, 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 (the Jewish Jesus) 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:

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

### Recommended Materials:

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

*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., trans. *Complete Jewish Bible* (Clarksville, MD: Jewish New Testament Publications, 1998).

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

McKee, J.K. *Torah In the Balance, Volume I* (Richardson, TX: Messianic Apologetics, 2003); *Torah In the Balance, Volume II* (Richardson, TX: Messianic Apologetics, 2015).

**Student Participation:**

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 assigned readings from the *Messianic Judaism Class* workbook (abbreviated below as *MJC*), and group discussion during the Saturday morning class.

**Course Schedule:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT MATTER</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
<i>Week One</i> 03 February 2018	Introduction to Class Student Introductions	
<i>Week Two</i> 10 February 2018	The Messianic Vision: the emergence of Messianic Judaism, the place of Eitz Chaim, and our assembly’s mission in North Dallas/Richardson	read Unit One in <i>MJC</i> , pp 13-18
<i>Week Three</i> 17 February 2018	Shabbat, the Appointed Times, Jewish Holidays	read Unit Two in <i>MJC</i> , pp 22-40
<i>Week Four</i> 24 February 2018	Kosher and Torah-based “Means of Grace”	read Unit Two in <i>MJC</i> , pp 41-51
<i>Week Five</i> 03 March 2018	The Contours of Jewish Evangelism	read Unit Three in <i>MJC</i> , pp 53-74
<i>Week Six</i> 10 March 2018	Guest: Marc Chernizer The Contours of Jewish Evangelism II	
<i>Week Seven</i> 17 March 2018	Our Place in the Congregation	read Unit Four in <i>MJC</i> , pp 77-96
<i>Week Eight</i> 24 March 2018	A Survey of Messianic Theology	read Unit Five in <i>MJC</i> , pp 99-125