

part of *Klal Yisroel*. \* Messianic Judaism sees itself as a Judaism, not as a Hebraized arm of Christianity, worshipping in synagogues on Shabbat, celebrating the Jewish Holidays and participating in a Jewish life cycle, affirming the Jewish people while affirming that the Messiah has come in Yeshua.

As in the rest of the Jewish community, Messianic Jewish congregations run the gamut of “observance and practice.” One place may be very traditional/“conservadox;” another place may emphasize a *havurah* approach and Torah study only; another congregation has contemporary music...

But whatever your inclination, we invite you to explore and feel absolutely free to come and visit us or call B’Nai Maccabim.

\**Klal Yisroel* denotes all of Israel, all the Jewish people.

#### OUR CONGREGATIONAL HOME:

28835 N. Herky Drive # 203  
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Adult Shabbat School 10:00AM  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Jewish History Class 10:00AM  
Shabbat Services 11:00AM  
Oneg Shabbat 1:30PM  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Hebrew Class 2:30PM

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# Congregation

# B'nai

# Maccabim

# Invites You...



Welcome to B'nai Maccabim, a congregation committed to creating *Jewish space*, embracing Jewish identity and life rooted in Torah. Within that space we wish to create room for seekers across the gamut—whether you are first exploring your Jewishness or you have grown up traditionally. We see our identity as Jews from within the Jewish community who honor as the Messiah, Yeshua.

### A Little History

In the Jewish world, as in other places, there are those who are considered “us” and those who are considered “them.” Though this understanding is beginning to change, congregations like B'nai Maccabim have been considered by some to be “one of them,” because B'nai Maccabim is a Messianic Jewish Synagogue.

Congregation B'nai Maccabim was founded in 1975. Today more than 30 years later, our congregation is a place where seekers as well as Jewish believers in Yeshua proclaim and grow in their relationship with G-d, while maintaining a strong tie to the values and practices of the larger Jewish community.

Congregation B'nai Maccabim is more than just a place of worship and teaching, it is a *community*. As such, we are committed to helping and equipping our members to deal with the unique



challenges that face each of us in a twenty-first century world. In 2002, our members adopted a formal Mission/Vision Statement that reflects both who we are and what we are committed to.

Congregation B'nai Maccabim exists for the express purpose of bringing Jewish people into a living a growing relationship with G-d through the Messiah, Yeshua, and being obedient to His command to transmit our Messianic Jewish faith and lifestyle from generation to generation. Therefore:

- We are committed to communicate the message of redemption in Messiah Yeshua, to the Jewish people first, and then to non-Jews.
- We are committed to teaching and role modeling biblically-based Jewish observances, lifestyle and values throughout our community, especially to our children.
- We are committed to equipping and enabling the people of our Synagogue to effectively serve the congregation and the larger Jewish community.

### B'nai Services and Events

Besides weekly Shabbat service and services for all Biblical Holy Days and most *Chags* and *Yom Tovs*, Congregation B'nai Maccabim offers adult Shabbat School classes, Children's education classes, a youth program, Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes, and various chavurot/home groups. Following our services we have *Oneg Shabbat*, a weekly meal that the congregation shares together. We look forward to meeting you!



### Some Have Asked...

*Is there a difference between Jews for Jesus and Messianic Judaism?*

We believe the answer to this is a profound *yes*. Jews For Jesus is a professional organization known for its highly focused, often publicized intent of sharing Yeshua as Messiah with the Jewish community. Messianic Judaism is a congregational movement. Many Messianic Jews—as committed Jews—remain involved within the Jewish community because it is an inalienable part of their identity; they are a

