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Special announcements

CBM FINANCIAL
MEETING WILL BE
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AT 7PM

DON'T FORGET TO
GET YOUR SPOT FOR
THE
2026 2B1 MARRIAGE
RETREAT
AUGUST 28TH - 30TH

2026 IBF
ISRAEL TOUR
WITH RABBI RON
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SIGN UP HERE!
SPOTS ARE LIMITED

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*Mazel Tov
Zelma
&
Elishama*



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February

2026

WED

Wednesday Night Recharge

Join us for fellowship, prayer and worship Wednesday nights at 7pm. Be sure to join us at 6pm for the meal! This season we are mixing things up! Be sure to check the sign up each week as we will be doing something different each time!

[Register Here](#)

8TH

Anshei Chayil

Men of Valor, Join us for a morning at the gun range! Ages 21 and up only. Everyone participating must be legally eligible to hold and fire a firearm. \$15/per person per gun. Payment collected at the range. You will be required to sign a waiver onsite. Sign up online for more details

[Register Here](#)

15TH

Sisterhood Galentines Brunch

Sisters!
Come join us and celebrate "Valentines Day" Galentines style! We will have a sweet time of fellowship, enjoying some sweet treats and exploring how we are "Beloved". Signup today so we can save you a seat and see what our service project is!

[Register Here](#)

25TH

Let's make Hamantaschen!

Ladies, come join us to make Hamantaschen for our Purim Celebration on March 1st!
Don't know how to make Hamantaschen? We will teach you!
Make sure to bring your apron and rolling pin!

[Register Here](#)

28TH

2B1 Marrieds

Save the date and come join the 2B1 Married Ministry on February 28th at 6pm for Date Night as we enjoy great speakers, food and fellowship! Make sure to sign up so we know you are coming!

[Register Here](#)

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You are invited to:
Congregation Beth Messiah Youth

Winter Gala

February 22nd, 2026, 6-8pm

*Featuring a silent auction and dessert
raffle with a special performance from the
youth band and guest speakers.*

Admission is \$30 per dinner ticket.

*Proceeds to fund admission to the Messiah
Conference.*

You can get your tickets here!

Ask the RABBI

Do you have a question for our Rabbis? Submit them to information@cbmhouston.org and they could be answered in our newsletter!

Purim

2026



Join us on March 1st for our annual Purim Community Party and Play. We will have a double showing with the Matinee starting at 2pm and the second showing at 6pm In between the showings we will enjoy the community party with food, games, face painting and balloon animals!
Come back on March 2nd for the reading of the Megillah at 7pm.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

I know what you're thinking: "Dane, you're a little late for the new year?" But each of you might be thinking of a different day of how I'm late. Some of you think that January 1st is the New Year, and you are right, if you are referring to the U.S. holiday, "New Years Day." Some might have thought of the fiscal new year for the government (October 1, if Congress could get their act together). A few Chinese people would think I was talking about the Chinese New Year (February 17 this year). Knowing this is the CBM Newsletter, you might be thinking about the first of Tishrei, which is called "Rosh Hashanah" or the "Head of the Year." Some are offended THAT is called the new year since God told Moses during the month of Nisan, "THIS month will mark the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year for you."¹

This begs the question: "Why does the Jewish tradition have two different new year's days?" The answer is quite simple: they don't.

They have three.

OK, now I know that only muddles the question. I already gave the Scriptural basis for Nisan 1, and yes, there are good Scriptural reasons why the other two days are called a new year's day as well. But for brevity's sake, and because I want to make you thirsty to search the Scriptures yourself, I will not directly state where the other two are found.

The New Years Day I was talking about falls on February 2nd this year: It's called Tu B'Shevat (translated "The 15th of Shevat"), which is the New Year's for trees. So you now have more questions to ask, like: "Dane, is the tree of the field human² that I would have to celebrate its new year?" There are several places³ in the Bible where men ARE described as trees, and even a blind man who was healed at the hand of Yeshua began to see men as trees ⁴(his healing made him see physically and spiritually).

I would suggest that because the New Years are celebrated in threes, that it might have something to do with the trinity. I know what you're thinking: so no, I don't mean the Trinity River. More seriously though, I didn't capitalize the word, so I don't mean the Divine Trinity either. I mean the trinity that is YOU.

You are body, soul, and spirit. We see you as a body, but that's only when we see WITH our eyes. When we see THROUGH our eyes, we realize you are actually a soul that controls the body. Your spirit is not hanging around here, but God has it seated with Messiah in the Heavenlies. ⁵

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Traditionally, the day of Adam's creation was the first of Tishrei, which is part of why it is considered a new year. This would be the celebration of God making man in bodily form.

Exodus 12:2 makes a distinct point that the first of Nisan would "mark the beginning of months FOR YOU." This is to make a distinction that it may not be a beginning for everybody else. Everybody else might still be marking the first of Tishrei, or any other time as a beginning. But Nisan is the month God pulled the Children of Israel out of Egypt and made them HIS people⁶. This is the month that God demonstrates redemption to us, where we celebrate our spiritual adoption at a Passover Seder. This is the New Year for our spirit.

But humans are also like a tree. We take nourishment from the air⁷ (Hebrew: Ruach, which is also Spirit). We are called to bear much fruit.⁸ We are called to remain true to the root⁹, and are considered dead if we separate from the root¹⁰. The illustration of trees is to demonstrate the soul of humans. A renewal of the year for them is a renewal of our souls as well.

So this February 2nd, before you pull up roots to leave your home, go ahead and get all sappy with a tree, barking out that it would have a happy and fruitful new year. Perhaps a kinship would branch out to growth in your own soul!



Foot notes:

1 -Exodus 12:2

2-Deuteronomy 20:19

3- Psalm 1:1-3, Jeremiah 17:7-8, Daniel 4:17-19

4- Mark 8:24

5-Ephesians 2:4-6

6-Leviticus 26:11-13

7 -I Corinthians 10:2-4

8-Matthew 3:8, 7:16-18, Mark 4:20, John 15:2-8, Romans 7:4, Colossians 1:10

9- Proverbs 12:3, 12:12, Romans 11:18

10- Ezekiel 17:9, Matthew 3:10, 13:6, Mark 11:20, Jude 1:12



MINISTRY SHOWCASE



Host Team Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Host Team! If you are interested, please sign up and you will be contacted on an "as needed basis" when we have Guest Speakers and Artists. If you have any questions, you can send an email to melanie@cbmhouston.org



Meals Ministry

The CBM Meals Ministry, has helped prepare and deliver food to people with illness, those who have been hospitalized, had a new baby, or ones who've experienced a death in family. Anyone interested in helping out and being part of the ministry can contact Debbi through email: Meals@cbmhouston.org



Bridge Mitzvah Homeless Ministry

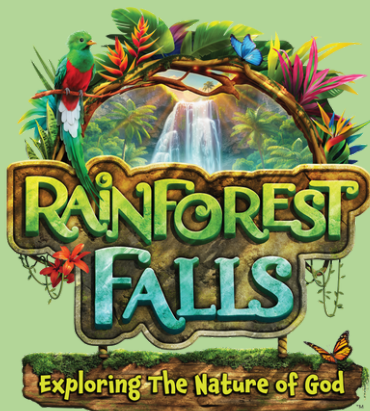
The CBM Bridge Mitzvah Ministry, led by Ralph and Doris Leal serves every first Sunday of the month rain or shine, serving the community in need. The ministry starts setting up at 2:45pm to help lead a small service and giving out refreshments and a warm meal at the end. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us by email if you want to come and serve.

RalphnDoris@gmail.com

Children's MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

- March 14th
Childrens
Passover Seder.
Sign up is Now
OPEN! [Click here!](#)
- June 1st -5th
Jewish Journey
Kids Camp Sign
up is open!
- September 5th
Family Fall
Festival



Wednesday Night Recharge

This semester kids will meet
at 7pm, right after dinner, in
the Masada class room.



This semester will be on the
Prophets! Kids will get to delve into
Prophets origin, Words, struggles
with God, family and their end.

Nursery

Nursery is available for ages 0-4
years old during our Shabbat
Services from 9:00 am to
12:15pm. Kids enjoy snack, recess,
crafts and a interactive
curriculum geared to their age.

Nursery is available during
Wednesday Night Recharge!



Shabbat School

Kids ages 5-10 join us on Shabbat mornings as we teach
the foundation of our faith through the biblical narrative.
B'nei Mitzvah class for the 11 and 12 year olds is available
in the youth building.



February 2026

Youth

CBM YOUTH MONTHLY EVENTS



YOUTH HIGHWAYS:

..... February 7

February 21

Youth and their families please join us on "Highways" for Youth Led Worship, fellowship, food and interactive activities referencing the Bible study of the day.



Wednesday Night Recharge

Dates: February 4, 11, 18, 25

Crossroads: Classes for the younger youth (*middle schoolers through 14yrs)

Highjack: Classes for the older youth (*through Seniors in high school)

WNR:

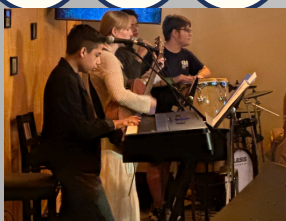
Studies with learning activities (Bible drills, Bible Pictionary, questions youth can ask)



Please

Note!!

- Winter Gala is on February 22 (see flyer in CBM newsletter)
- Dates for Youth building Painting and remodeling coming soon !!



Contact: youth@cbmhouston.org

Youth Leaders: Dane & Debbi Kappler



MAKOR HAEMET

2026-2027

Growth in Action

We're now welcoming students for the Fall 2026-2027 school year. On-campus classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 AM to 3 PM for Pre-K through 2nd Grade.

Students up to 6th grade are invited to join our afternoon enrichment course in Hebrew, worship, and the flow of the biblical calendar. This class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3 PM.

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Spring Classes

If you'd like your toddler to join us for the spring early learning semester, reach out as soon as possible. Space is limited.



Cookies & Culture

Are your kiddos curious about other cultures?

Join us every third Wednesday at Makor HaEmet for a family event where a guest from another country shares about their culture, language, and traditions. You'll hear stories, music, and language... and enjoy something sweet at the end.



makorhaemetschool.org/admissions.



Congregation Beth Messiah

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CBM Bible Readings

These readings are from the MJAA reading plan for 5786-5787 (2025-2026). 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

**Isaiah 49–51
John 13**

2ND

**Isaiah 52–54
John 14**

3RD

**Isaiah 55–57
John 15**

4TH

**Isaiah 58–60
John 16**

5TH

**Isaiah 61–64
John 17**

6TH & 7TH

**Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1–
20:23
Haftarah:
Isaiah 6:1–7:6; 9:5-6**

8TH

**Isaiah 65–66
John 18**

9TH

**Jeremiah 1–2
John 19**

10TH

**Jeremiah 3–4
John 20**

11TH

**Jeremiah 5–6
John 21**

12TH

**Jeremiah 7–8
Acts 1**

13TH & 14TH

**Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1–
24:18
Haftarah:
Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26**

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15TH

**Jeremiah 9–10
Acts 2**

16TH

**Jeremiah 11–13
Acts 3**

17TH

**Jeremiah 14–15
Acts 4**

18TH

**Jeremiah 16–18
Acts 5**

19TH

**Jeremiah 19–21
Acts 6**

20TH & 21ST

**Torah Portion:
Exodus 25:1–27:19
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26–6:13**

22ND

**Jeremiah 22–23
Acts 7**

23RD

**Jeremiah 24–26
Acts 8**

24TH

**Jeremiah 27–29
Acts 9**

25TH

**Jeremiah 30–31
Acts 10**

26TH & 27TH

**Jeremiah 32–33
Acts 11**

28TH

**Torah Portion:
Exodus 27:20–30:10
Haftarah:
Ezekiel 43:10–43:27**