Invitation to Asia Messianic Forum 2016 Israel Tour

November of 2014, we had the first AMF Tour (Asia Messianic Forum Israel Tour). About 50 Israel-loving Asian Christians from 7 countries visited Israel together. It was a great opportunity for nurturing friendship, not only between Israeli Messianic brothers and Asian brothers, but also among Asian participants.

Regular Israel tours are often times concentrated on the Biblical stories and the “dead stones”, but AMF Tour was focused on the work of God in our days and the “living stones.” We visited sites that symbolize the establishment of the modern state of Israel and also met with the Messianic brothers there. We visited many Messianic congregations and Messianic national ministries. For many of Asian participants, it was a wonderful opportunity to see the whole picture of the movement.

Just a few decades ago, Israeli Messianic Jews were small in number, often times harassed and marginalized. Nowadays, however, it became a full-brown movement, fully functioning as the Body of the Messiah in the Land. It was eye-opening and moving for those who knew the past ages.

There were many excited responses from Israeli side as well. For many of them, it was for the first time to receive multi-national delegations from the East. Some of them took it as a Prophetic sign, because when Yeshua came for the first time, there were also several Wise men from the East. We may not so wise as them, but we also saw the sign, not in the Heavens but on the Earth.

Therefore, we decided to do it again in 2016, with some “improvements.” In the first tour, we put too many things into the itinerary and everyone was tired. So we promise you that we will make it more relaxed, as you can see in the tentative itinerary.

One of the highlights of this tour is “Messianic Shavuot Festival.” This is the oldest and the largest gathering of Israeli Messianic Jews. No one knows exactly how many of them gather, because there is no registration system, but apparently more than a thousand of them join every year. Moreover, our AMF Tour team will be on the stage and perform, not only attending and enjoying the meeting. We have not decided what to perform, so we welcome your ideas and participation!

Please prayerfully consider joining our AMF tour. It will be unforgettable exciting experience for you that come with a lot of new connections!

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PS: The next page is for those who do not know AMF.
What is Asia Messianic Forum? (Explanation for the new comers)

It was the suggestion of Israeli Messianic Leaders that prompted the first Asia Messianic Forum. Jewish brothers who had been lost for 2000 years are now being restored in the Body of the Messiah (the church). Two thousand years ago, Jewish brothers decided to accept us, Gentile brothers (Act. 15), and now it is our turn to accept our Jewish brothers (Rom. 11).

In 2009, we had the first AMF in Japan. Along with representatives from three Asian countries, we welcomed Messianic Jewish leaders from Israel. We really felt, “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” (Psa. 133:1).

In 2011, we had the second AMF not only in Japan but also in Korea with representatives from 5 other Asian countries. The theme was “One New Man” (Eph. 2:15) and we got conviction that these words are being realized in Asia.

In 2013, the third AMF was held in Singapore. Many groups worked together to make this happen, and the unity was strengthened with the presence of Israeli Messianic brothers.

In 2014, Asian Christians from 7 Asian countries visited Israel as the first AMF tour. We visited many Messianic congregations and ministries, and also places related to the establishment and development of modern state of Israel to learn what happened at that time.

In 2015, the forth AMF was held in Manila as you can see the picture above. Many Christians from Asia and around the world worshipped and prayed together and studied “Teaching from Zion” together like one family and one Body.

Now the AMF flag was handed over to Taiwan team and preparation for AMF2017 Taipei conference is underway.

Israel Speakers in the previous AMF

Peter Tsukahira (Carmel Assembly) A Japanese American and an Israeli citizen, Peter is a co-founder of Carmel Assembly on Mt. Carmel. His book “God's Tsunami” is available in several Asian languages.

Joseph Shulam (Netivyah) Netivyah is one of the oldest messianic congregations in Jerusalem. Joseph is well known for messages with a Jewish perspective of the New Testament.

Ari Sorko-Ram (Maoz Israel) Ari is founder of Maoz Israel in Tel-Aviv. This ministry is working for mainly publication work of Christian books in Hebrew language and Multimedia work.

Eitan Shishkoff (Tents of Mercy) The leader of the Messianic congregation called “Tents of Mercy” in northern Israel.

Akiva Cohen (Gesher Forum) Equipping Israelis and the Messianic Jewish community in the Diaspora with theological and apologetic training.

Ariel L. Blumenthal (Revive Israel) One of the key leaders in Revive Israel Ministry and in charge of its ministry among Asian nations including Japan and Korea.
Asia Messianic Forum 2016
Israel Tour
2 – 12 June, 2016
Organized by
AMF Tour Planning Team

Trip Information

Who can join?
Asian Christians who love Israel and Messianic Jews. We would like to keep it as a small group, so that we can enjoy fellowship with Messianic Jews and within us. Number of attendances will be limited to 55. Since all communication will be in English, you need to understand English or join with your interpreter.

Cost: $1,900* per person (double occupancy)
$650 single room surcharge
Payment by credit card has additional 2.5% processing fee

Deposit: $300 (due March 15, 2016) ALL COSTS ARE STATED IN US DOLLARS

Cost includes:
- 10 nights hotel accommodation (From June 2 night to June 11 night)
- 10 Breakfasts (From June 3 to June 12)
- 9 Lunches (From June 3 to June 12, except June 10)
- 9 Dinners (From June 3 to June 11)
- Licensed Tour Guide
- Transportation in air-conditioned bus
- Porters fees at airport & hotels
- Tips to guide, driver & hotel staff

Cost does not include:
- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Any type of personal expenses

Balance of Payment Due: April 15, 2016

Cancellation Penalties: After March 2 – Non refundable $300 deposit
Between March 3 to May 1 – 50% of amount paid
After May 2 – No refund

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“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’”

Jeremiah 31:10

This proclamation is being fulfilled physically as the establishment of modern state of Israel and spiritually as the emergence of the Messianic movement. Let’s study what happened and what’s going on in Israel. Have fellowship time with Messianic Jews, pray and worship together, and proclaim this in our nations.

The itinerary is subject to change.

Our purpose in this tour is to cover the points below:

[A] Establishment of the modern state of Israel as fulfillment of Prophecy (Work of God).
[B] Emergence of Messianic Jews as fulfillment of Prophecy (Work of God).
[C] Work of God in Israel at present – To know and have fellowship with Messianic Jews.
[D] Factors around Israeli society – Terrorism and the Palestinian issue.
[E] Future vision of Messianic Jew and Israel.
[F] New Archeological finds that proof the Biblical stories.
[G] Study Israel from Israeli and Messianic perspective.

June 2, Thursday
Arrive Israel and gather at hotel.
Transfers from the Airport to the hotel will be available for a few times during the day.
Hotel: Prima City Tel Aviv

June 3, Friday
Independence Hall [A]:
Place of Israel Declaration of Independence eng.ihi.org.il
Beit Lid [D]: Site of the first large terrorism attack in Israel en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beit_Lid_massacre We’ll listen to testimony of Moran who lost his friends in this event. There is new facility with audio and visual presentation.
Opening meeting
Shavei Zion [C]: Messianic congregation in Haifa, Leader: Leon Mazin
Fellowship and Shabbat dinner with Holocaust survivors [A,C]: We’ll have a “presentation” time.
Hotel: Dan panorama Haifa

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June 4, Saturday
Shabbat service of Carmel Assembly [C]:
“Evangelical” style Messianic congregation in Haifa,
Leader: Peter Tsukahira
Carmelite Monastery:
Sightseeing + Teaching by Peter Tsukahira [G]
Fellowship and dinner with
nearby Messianic leaders [C]
Hotel: Dan panorama Haifa

June 5, Sunday
Atlit [A]: Prison of illegal immigrants during the British Mandate in Israel
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlit_detainee_camp
Kibbutz Yifat [A]: Learn about the Kibbutz movement www.gemsinisrael.com/e_article000065673.htm
Fields of Wheat [E]: Project of Messianic outdoor activity center by Eitan Shiscocoff
Migdal [F]: Newly discovered Synagogue of Yeshua’s time. Archaeologists say Yeshua (Jesus) could have preached in there. www.magdala.org/visit/archeological-park/synagogue/
Hotel: Dan panorama Haifa

June 6, Monday
Bethesda Assembly [B,C]: One of the oldest Congregations in Haifa, Leader: Hanan Lukaz
Palmach Museum [A]: Museum of the pre-state underground forces info.palmach.org.il
Maoz Israel [B,C]: Messianic congregation in Tel Aviv, Leader: Ari Sorkoram www.maozisrael.org
Hotel: Prima City Tel Aviv

June 7, Tuesday
Dolphinarium [D]: Site of large terrorism in Tel Aviv. The building was abandoned and still ruin.
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolphinarium_discotheque_suicide_bombing
Kibbutz Nir Am [D]: One of the closest communities to Gaza, where many Qassam rockets fell on.
http://www.gazaborder.com/niram.html
Hope for Israel [C]: Messianic ministry in Jerusalem,
Leader: Moran Rosenblit hope4israel.org
Hotel: Prima Royale Jerusalem

June 8, Wednesday
Shloh [G]: The location for the Tabernacle before the first Temple. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiloh
Hotel: Prima Royale Jerusalem
June 9, Thursday
Knnesset [D,G]: Israeli Parliament, we are trying to arrange for a Knesset Member to address the group. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knesset

Ammunition hill [A]: Memorial to the one of the fiercest battles in the Six Days war and the reunion of Jerusalem. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Ammunition_Hill

Chosen People Ministries Jerusalem Center [C]: One of the oldest Christian ministries for Jewish evangelism. www.chosenpeople.com

Fellowship and dinner with nearby Messianic leaders [C]
Hotel: Prima Royale Jerusalem

June 10, Friday
Free time till 2PM

Study session: The Relevance of the Torah in our Modern World [C,E]: by one of the next generation Messianic teacher in Israel, and leader of the Observant Messianic Jewish community, “Nashuvah”.

Presentation of Holy Land Missions [C,D]: Church in Bethlehem and East Jerusalem, Steven Khoury is a Palestinian pastor who loves Israel, and working for West bank and Gaza. www.holylandmissions.org

Presentation of Netivyah [B,C]: “Jewish” style Messianic congregation in Jerusalem, Leader: Joseph Shulam (We won’t meet him.) www.netivyah.org

Shabbat dinner with Netivyah leaders and stuffs at hotel [C]
Hotel: Prima Royale Jerusalem

June 11, Saturday

Shabbat service of Netivyah [C]

Lunch and Fellowship with Messianic soldiers [C,E]: Youth ministry “Netivah” event at Baptist village. There will be more than 100 Messianic soldiers and we’ll have a “presentation” time.

Hotel: Prima Royale Jerusalem

June 12, Sunday

Teaching: History of Messianic movement in Israel by Gershon Nerel [B]: he is the only Historian of Messianic movement in Israel with PHD of Hebrew University

Messianic Shavuot Festival at Yad Heshmona [C]: The biggest Messianic gathering in Israel. Thousands of believers will be there. We’ll sing songs and/or perform on the stage.

Farewell meeting
End of the tour program at 6PM

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