

B'nai Chayim Vision Statement (As of August, 2016)

B'nai Chayim Children of Life Fellowship's vision is **LIFE (Deut. 32:46, 47; Mk. 10:15; John 10:10; 14:6; I John 5:11, 12)**. We reach out to minister the **LIFE** of Yeshua to those in need. This involves: (1) an individual response to a divine call, (2) a context for spiritual growth, (3) coming together as a celebratory community and (4) discovering healing together. B'nai Chayim's Vision can be described by four metaphors:

(1) A **Lighthouse (Is. 49:6; 51:4; John 1:4, 5; 3:17-21; Matt. 5:16)** – B'nai Chayim is like the light on the lighthouse, a beacon which provides warning and is also a homing beacon to those who are lost, hurting, following the wrong path and/or without direction, both Jew and Gentile. B'nai Chayim is also like the lighthouse itself which provides a **safe place** for those who come to it in the midst of the storms, the fog and the spiritual darkness of this world. **(PROPHETIC OUTREACH FUNCTION)**

(2) A **Tree (Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-5)** – B'nai Chayim is like a tree where the Gentile believers have been grafted in and where Jewish believers are rebudding and where, together we can grow to our **full spiritual potential** as mature disciples of the L-rd. We are a redemptive community of Jewish and Gentile believers who seek to practice authentic Judaic faith as it is taught in the Scriptures and which also exemplifies the best spiritual legacies from both the Jewish and the Christian sources of our faith. **(DISCIPLESHIP FUNCTION)**

(3) A **Bride (Song of Solomon; Is. 61:10-12; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2)** – B'nai Chayim is like the celestial "harem" of G-d, like the five wise virgins, whose lamps are trimmed and filled with oil, patiently awaiting the return of our Groom (Matt. 25:1-13). As individuals and as a corporate community, we are united in the Spirit to love and worship G-d through Yeshua with our whole heart, mind and strength. We do this through songs, chants, and dances as we **celebrate in music** our growing intimate knowledge of our resurrected L-rd (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19, 20). **(WORSHIP FUNCTION)**

(4) A **Repairman (Is. 58:12; Heb. 12:12-15; 2 Cor. 12:7-10)** – B'nai Chayim is like a repairer of the breach, both between believers and their L-rd and between Messianic Jewish believers and Gentile Christian believers. We do this **corporately** through our community life and the observance of the Biblical Festivals of the L-rd. We also do this **individually** by providing healing to the broken hearted through prayer, counselling, encouragement and also through the ministry of the gift of healing as outlined in the Scriptures by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We want to seek **biblical solutions** and establish biblical priorities so that all of our personal and corporate baggage is consistently repacked with our heavenly destination in mind (1 Cor. 3:9-15) **(HEALING, RESTORATION FUNCTION)**

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We are a Sabbath powered, festival driven, Messianic Jewish congregation of Jews and Gentiles that acknowledges that Yeshua is the promised Messiah, and celebrates this fulfilment of Torah in a Biblically based Jewish lifestyle.