Other Learning

Shabbat Preschool
Our age 3-kindergarten lifelong learners use Flame Foundation’s “Enjoy! Shabbat School Fun for Messianic Kids.” Our toddlers learn about G-d, prayer, the Scriptures, and the Messianic way of life through fun, constructive activities.

Shabbat Jewnior Congregation
Our grades 1-4 lifelong learners use the Club Maccabee and Flame Foundation curricula. Our juniors explore and discover G-d and the Scriptures through a creative combination of chavurah, games, and study.

Middlers Shabbat School
Our grades 5-7 lifelong learners draw from various resources. Our middle schoolers engage G-d and the Scriptures through creative and hands-on lessons. In addition, the pathway to participation in Tikkun Olam, community service, and mitzvah activities begins in middle school. Every third Shabbat our middlers remain in the service.

Teens Shabbat School
Our grades 8-12 lifelong learners use the Simply Youth LIVE High School curriculum. Strategically written to address each of the four distinctive years of high school, this curriculum features topics, illustrations, activities, and questions related to real life – all delivered in an engaging & interactive manner. Every third Shabbat our teens remain in the service.

Youth Shabbat Service
Typically, on the last Shabbat of each month, our children and youth lead the liturgy and conduct all the Scripture readings. This service is considered a special simcha, as it demonstrates the way of the Lord being inculcated into the next generation, and provides everyone with a foretaste of the future of BMC.

Camp Yeladim
Designed for children ages 5 to 12 years old, this creative, theme-based summer day camp runs from Monday-Friday and then concludes on Shabbat. The program provides children the opportunity to learn about the Bible while establishing positive friendships and memories with other children. Older teens, many of whom are former campers themselves, serve as camp counselors and mentors.

Youth Lunch with the Rabbi
This engaging luncheon program is designed to enable our children and youth to build real and lasting relationships with the Rabbi.

Youth Chavurah & Events
At regular intervals, our young people host chavurah groups in someone’s home. Study time is typically conducted by the youth themselves in consultation with adult leaders, or by a parent or other adult. Periodic events are also scheduled for Tikkun Olam initiatives, community service, or just plain fun!

Internship Program
Customized to the individual, the goal here is to involve younger Messianic Jews, especially potential leaders, more deeply in all aspects of congregational life and service.

Religious School
Beth Messiah Congregation

You shall inculcate these words diligently into your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way and when you lie down, and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:7
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Babies to Bubbies
BMC provides a full continuum of engaging and thought-provoking lifelong learning opportunities across the life cycle, from babies to babies. These opportunities range from the most elementary to the advanced, depending upon where a person is in their development. For our adult lifelong learning opportunities, see www.betmessiah.org.

Education of the Whole Child
BMC aims for the ideal Jewish education as described by Rabbi Hayim Habel Donin, which is concerned with the total person of the child. The goal is to influence the child’s character, shape their values, and fashion their way of life. Messianic Jewish education at BMC seeks to instill a deep sense of identity, self-worth, significance, and strength in the LORD and His Messiah Yeshua, and imbue the child with wisdom to become self-disciplined, responsible, and fruitful new year.

Children of Jewish-Gentile Homes
BMC is the synagogue of choice for Jewish-Gentile couples who seek to preserve their own identities in Messiah. Such a community of Jews as Jews, and Gentiles as Gentiles, one in Messiah, provides a glimpse of the future unity God has for Israel and the nations in the Olam HaBa.

Jewish Preservation, Not Assimilation
BMC labors diligently for Jewish preservation and protection from assimilation, by fortifying Jewish identity, culture, traditions, and values for its Jewish members. That said, BMC is a community of Jewish persons who embrace Yeshua as Messiah, together with Gentile Yeshua-followers from diverse backgrounds.

What Curriculum is Utilized?
Our Hebrew School lifelong learners use resources from the classic Behrman House Curriculum:

- Hebrew Through Prayer I, II, III
- Derech Binah: The Hebrew Primer

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Lifelong Learning

What Are the Class Sizes?
BMC maintains very small class sizes, which allows for individualized attention, and enables every child to have a voice in the learning experience.

Registration & Tuition
Parents may register their children at 614.855.9501 or at www.betmessiah.org. The full calendar is there. Tuition is very affordable as shown on the website; and scholarships are available for those in need.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Training
Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is an important and joyous milestone in the Jewish life cycle. While training is customized to the candidate and their family, preparation typically includes one year of training in Torah and Haftarah cantillation, guidance in writing a devar Torah, and focused instruction on Jewish living using Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values: Living Mishnot in Today’s World, by Barry L. Schwartz; and Jewish history using The History of the Jewish People: A Story of Tradition and Change, Vol. I, by Jonathan D. Sarna.

Conduct
Our teachers, parents, and children agree to share the responsibility for an effective learning environment.

Commencement
Children who successfully complete the curriculum receive a certificate. All of our children participate in a year-end celebration.