



I read an article in the Jewish Daily Forward that explains why I'm so passionate about teaching Hebrew! It's entitled "How Yiddish Could Save the Jewish People - Language, Not Marriage or Religious Practice, Key to Continuity." Although the article is about Yiddish, I think it's even truer of Hebrew. And although it's referring specifically to the Jewish people, I think it applies to anyone who's in the Messianic movement or is standing with Israel.

Here are a couple excerpts: "Languages are not just vehicles for communication; they are the storehouse in which culture, tradition and wisdom reside. Languages are the lifeblood of a people. For Jewish people, uniquely Jewish languages and cultures also served as the body in which the religious soul resided and was reproduced across the generations.

At a time when the internal Jewish communal dialogue around Israel is increasingly polarized and off-putting, Israel alone is not enough to guarantee Jewish continuity in America. We need an element that has kept us together no matter what we are saying to one another. It might be time to turn to language to bond us as a people."

Read the article for yourself [here](#).



We're reading Deuteronomy 26 in Torah portion Ki Tavo for Hebrew Chapters this week. Watch and share the trailer [here](#), and join me for the whole study [here](#)!

Meet Nance, one of my Hebrew students who teaches a Hebrew class to over 30 inmates in a women's prison! Here's her story.



My name is Nance Whitaker, wife of Ed, my strong, handsome, awesome husband of 22 years, homeschooling mom of three teens and servant of Elohim. My journey is not so different than many others who have come to realize there was more to our Bible believing faith than what was being taught in church. Not that I mean to be

critical of those who have brought me up in the faith, I am grateful for everyone who has been placed in my life and taught me the best that they knew how, it's just that the Ruach does the drawing, not man. And draw He did. Being one who loves to learn and seek the move of Yah, I enrolled at a conference in Texas in 2007 to learn how to develop the gifts of the Ruach and be a better leader in general. The school was a one week training with a world famous Charismatic Tent Revival preacher, the kind of guy who I greatly respected for his love of the poor and downtrodden. I had been to a few Bible training schools in the past but this time I was looking for someone who seemed to demonstrate the thing he taught, and being that he was already in his mid 80's, I figured I better take advantage of the opportunity when he came into my town and offered this free school. Yep, it was free. Now I just had to find my own way to Texas.

The week at the school was exhilarating, I made new friends and we prayed. Much as I love being a stay at home mom, it was nice for this little mama to take a week off of serving everyone else and refill her own "tank" for a change. Thank Yah for a strong husband who allowed me to have that time away and took care of the house like a pro. At the school, we prayed every morning and every evening we opened it up for ministry to the community with teaching and prayer for the sick. I have a strong gift of evangelism so I am naturally drawn those who still go out into the highways and byways compelling them to "come" to Messiah. Far too many "Messianics" have lost the "go" part of our great commission. May we never lose sight of making disciples, proving our devotion to Yeshua, living the principles He lived.

At one of the evening sessions a strange looking, very elderly man strolled in the door. As the preacher was preaching, he raised his little hand. Everyone was nervously surprised, since, in traditional church preaching one does not raise their hand to ask a question right in the middle of the sermon! So all eyes are fixed upon this old man that nobody seems to know from the community. The preacher points and asks him to speak his question and the man inquired, "What do you think about Sabbath and all of the feasts we are commanded to keep in the Bible? And what about the things we are not supposed to eat?" Oh, you could feel the tension in the room as the head usher piped up with, "He can take questions individually after service only, please!". But we were left with his question ringing in our ears and

looking at each other with nervous smiles. At the end of the night, the worship band played and many were dancing near the altar. The old man was dancing and having the most joyful time of anyone out there, I felt kinda sorry for him and also inspired by him at the same time. A few students joined hands with him and danced in a circle. The evening ended and the man left, we never saw him again. But his question played over and over again in my mind. On the last day of the school, I purchased a "prayer shawl" from the book store and it had strange writing on it. I was told it was Hebrew and it was good to pray with it on your head. So I took it home as a sort of a souvenir of the week. Once I got it home, it became a zealous quest to find out what it actually said.

This was where my journey down the Ancient Paths of Torah began, with a little old man and a prayer shawl. I became infatuated with all things Hebrew from then on. Then I was led to various ministries that helped me grow in knowledge of the fact that we are all grafted in as ONE into Israel, Romans 11 came alive in my belly! So here I am, six years later, in LOVE with the Hebrew Roots of my faith and now my family has a Yeshiva at a local women's prison as well as offering your Hebrew Quest DVD course to the whole prison compound. There are at least 30 showing up every class, with tears in their eyes, thanking Yah for you.

My family has recently been asked to return to Ghana, W. Africa again this year to share what we have learned about our Hebrew heritage in Yeshua, our LIVING TORAH, so we can walk as HE walked! HalleluYAH! I am nothing, just a homeschool, stay at home mom but look what Abba is doing, it is all Him and none of us. He does the drawing and He does the restoration work in our hearts. I am humbled and honored to share this with those He brings our way.

You have a story too! And your story is worth telling, because your story glorifies God. Would you be willing to share your story, too? [Here's how.](#)

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