

Judaism Outreach

Introduction (Who I am, my experience in brief)

What you should know about the Jewish people

- Know what sect you are dealing with (Orthodox, Conservative, Reformed)
- Assumptions you shouldn't make
 - All Jews keep the Law
 - All Jews know the Old Testament
 - All Jews have a copy of the Bible (Tanakh/OT) and have read it for themselves
 - Their English translation of the Tanakh says the same as our OT English translation (example of Isaiah 9:6)
 - All Jews believe in a Messianic King who will come
- Assumptions you *can* make
 - All Jews know about the Feasts of Israel (and practice most them)
 - All Jewish synagogues follow a set reading schedule, especially for holidays

New King James version:

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” - Isaiah 9:6

Tanakh version:

“For a child has been born to us, a son has been given us. And authority has settled on his shoulders. He has been named “The Mighty God is planning grace; The Eternal Father, a peaceable ruler*” Isaiah 9:5, Tanakh JPS

Engaging the Jewish community

- Leverage the practice of the feasts
- Leverage the reading schedule that the rabbis follow – know when Jewish ears are open to different messages and when you have the opportunity to offer a “timely word”
- Leverage the passages that the rabbis skip (i.e. Isaiah 53)

Practical examples from the Fall Festival readings:

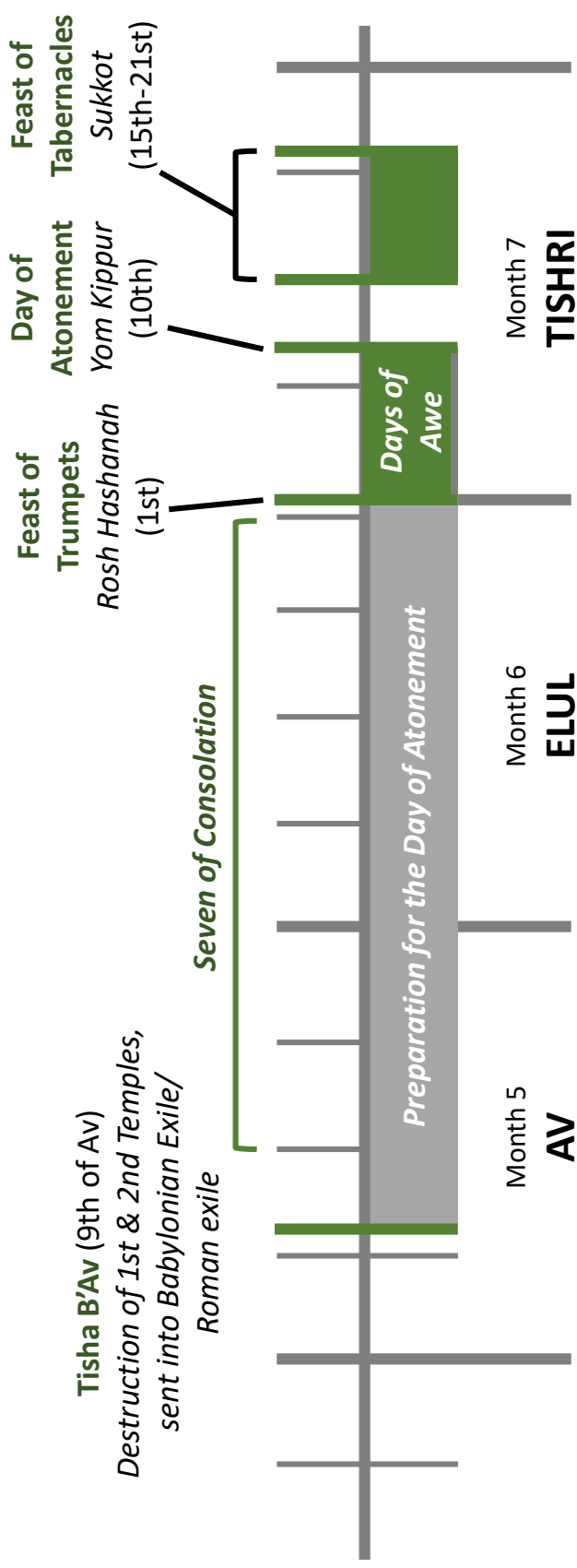
Passages you can ask questions about that lead to a consideration of the Messiah

Do your homework

- Keep one foot in the Hebrew calendar and become familiar with the reading schedule – prepare for the opportunities
- Learn basic Jewish terminology

Feasts	
Passover	Pesach
Feast of Weeks	Shavuot (sha-voo-oat)
Feast of Trumpets	Rosh Hashanah
Day of Atonement	Yom Kippur
Feast of Tabernacles	Sukkot (sue-coat)
Bible terminology	
Old Testament	Tanakh (TNK)
Law reading	Torah portion
Prophets reading	Haftarah portion
Weekly sermon	Parashah
Jesus	Yeshua (salvation)

The Fall Feasts Timeline



Bride and Bridegroom Analogy

The destruction of the Temple is likened to God, the angry Bridegroom, tearing down the bridal chamber and sending His adulterous wife, Israel, into exile. From Tisha B'Av to the Day of Atonement is the Bride's journey of self-assessment, repentance, and return to the Bridegroom. God reconciles with her on the Day of Atonement. Feast of Tabernacles is likened to a wedding feast celebrating their reconciliation.

Seven of Consolation

Seven passages from Isaiah meant to bring comfort to the exiled Bride and spur her to repent and return to the Bridegroom.

READING SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL FESTIVALS

August 10
Av 9 (Tisha B'Av)

TORAH: Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 1:1–27, Jeremiah 8:13–9:23;
Book of Lamentations

CONSOLATION PASSAGES

August 17
Av 16 (Consolation #1)

TORAH: Deut 3:23–7:11
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 40:1–26 (*Comfort, yes, comfort My people . . .*)
PSALM 23

August 24
Av 23 (Consolation #2)

TORAH: Deut 7:12–11:25
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 49:14–51:3 (*The LORD has forsaken me . . .*)
PSALM 37

August 31
Av 30 (Consolation #3)

TORAH: Deut 11:26–16:17
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 54:11–55:5 (*O you afflicted one, tossed with tempest . . .*)
PSALM 122

September 7
Elul 7 (Consolation #4)

TORAH: Deut 16:18–21:9
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 51:12–52:12 (*I, even I, am He who comforts you . . .*)
PSALM 33

September 14
Elul 14 (Consolation #5)

TORAH: Deut 21:10–25:19
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 54:1–10 (*Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! . . .*)
PSALM 121

September 21
Elul 21 (Consolation #6)

TORAH: Deut 26:1–29:8
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 60:1–22 (*Arise, shine; for your light has come! . . .*)
PSALM 128

September 28
Elul 28 (Consolation #7)

TORAH: Deut 29:9–30:20
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 61:10–63:9 (*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, . . .*)
PSALM 34

September 30
Tishrei 1 (Rosh Hashanah/
Feast of Trumpets)

TORAH: Gen 21 & 22; Lev 23:23–25; Num 29:1–6
HAFTARAH: 1 Sam 1:1–2:10, Jer 31:1–19
PSALM 99

October 5
Tishrei 6 (Sabbath Shuva/
Sabbath of Repentance)

TORAH: Deut 31:1–30
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 55:6–56:8, Hosea 14:2–10; Micah 7:18–20; Joel 2:15–27
PSALM 27

October 9
Tishrei 10 (Yom Kippur/
Day of Atonement)

TORAH: Lev 16:1–34, 18:1–30, Lev 25:9–17; Num 29:7–11
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 57:14–58:14, Book of Jonah
PSALM 51

October 14–20
Tishrei 15–21 (Sukkot/
Feast of Tabernacles)

TORAH: Lev 22:26–23:43; Num 29:12–34 (Lev 23:33–43)
HAFTARAH: Eze 38:18–39:16; Zech 14:1–21; 1 Kings 8:2–21, 54–66 Isaiah 12:3;
Book of Ecclesiastes