

Beth Yeshua's Jewish Identity Halacha

Because of the prophetic importance of our Jewish people returning to Israel our Jewish identity halacha is based on the ability of a person to make aliyah (immigrate) to Israel.

- I. Following the consensus of Jewish tradition, we recognize as a Jew anyone who is born of a Jewish mother or who is a convert to Judaism. (Beth Yeshua does not endorse the current “conversions” occurring within Messianic Judaism by groups like the Messianic Jewish Rabbinical Council.)
- II. We also recognize as a Jew anyone who is born of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother if that person has undertaken public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people.
- III. We also recognize as a Jew anyone who would be able to make Aliyah to Israel under the “Law of Return.” If, however, the person has **not** been raised in a Jewish home, and has **not** undertaken public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people - we will require a period of discipleship with a Jewish believer of the same gender in order to bring them to full and meaningful Jewish participation within our community.
- IV. All of the above standards for Jewish identity must be established by tangible, physical evidence of Jewish descent and practice (ie. Jewish gravestones, B’rit Milah certificates, Bat Mitzvah certificates, Ketubbim, etc.) We DO NOT accept “word of mouth” confessions or testimonies of “Jewishness” that have been passed down by families.
- V. We DO NOT recognize as Jewish those who claim to have Jewish DNA. DNA “evidence” is still primarily geographically based, and as such is a speculative science. DNA “evidence” is also NOT allowed as proof for immigration to Israel. DNA evidence will probably never be allowed as proof for immigration to Israel since the current Palestinian people are an exact DNA match with current Israelis.

