**L’Chaim Group Agenda**

**Beth Shechinah**

***The Mystery of the Shemita Year***

Sept 21 - 27

**Welcome (Icebreaker Options – choose one)**

* Where would you go, if you could go anywhere?
* Who has had the most influence on your life last week?
* What was the best thing that happened to you last week?
* Name someone you admire who had to overcome great difficulties to get where they are now.

**Mission Statement:** We focus on three things: connecting with Yeshua, connecting with one another, and serving our world. This group does not exist for us. Someone invited you, now it is your turn to invite others.

**Worship:** (**possible options – choose one**)

Have times in worship where your small group members, one by one, speak out:

Lead members in a time of testimony. Have them share one of the following:

* Their answered prayers during the week
* One or two special things God did for them this week
* The thing about Yeshua that make them follow him
* One attribute of God that was demonstrated to them this week
* Or finish the sentence: “Lord I thank you for…”
* Play song the Sacrifice Lamb www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zue9Dfbmxos

**Word (Discussion Questions):**

* **Read** Jonah
* Jonah is the only prophet Yeshua likened to Himself. Why? Discuss possible reasons for this.
* In Jonah’s mind Assyria a most cruel and barbaric civilization deserved judgment not grace. The story of Jonah reminds us that God’s love is unconditional. How can we overcome an attitude of “hatred” toward our most cruel enemies so we can be used of the Lord to extend God’s unconditional love and lead others to repentance?
* Jonah is a prophetic picture of Israel, always running from the Lord, hiding among the nations and of the Body of Messiah, assimilating in the ways of the godless. How are we running from what the Lord has called us to do?
* Our actions and wrong decisions lead us into a downward spiral and bring harm to others in the process. How did Jonah’s downward spiral affect those around him? How can our sin harm those around us? What can we do to reverse the process?.
* God often uses dramatic means to teach us obedience? Describe how the Lord has taught you obedience in the past.
* Will you be willing to be used of God to declare His praises among the nations?
* As we wrap up, what is a lesson, a promise, a command, or a warning that you needed to hear from these passages?
* Spend some time praying for each other that the Lord would prepare and empower you to live out this high calling

**Works** (**Edification**): Break up into small groups and minister to each other based on what was shared in the Word portion. Spend some time praying for one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Witness:** Pray through your ***oikos.*** If you haven’t created an *oikos* list yet, spend the remainder of the time doing that. And if time remains pray through it

THE SACRIFICE LAMB
(Joel Chernoff)

Have you ever heard Messiah has come?
It says in His Word to cleanse every one
Atonement He made iniquity bore
That we can find life in Him evermore
The Sacrifice Lamb has been slain
His blood on the alter a stain
To wipe away guilt and pain
To bring hope eternal
Salvation has come to the world
God's only Son to the world
Jesus the one for the world
Yeshua is He
The prophets of old speak much of Messiah
His death is foretold the purpose is clear
Isaiah did say 'twas for an atonement
To give us a way that leads not to death
The Sacrifice Lamb has been slain
His blood on the alter a stain
To wipe away guilt and pain
To bring hope eternal
Salvation has come to the world
God's only Son to the world
Jesus the one for the world
Yeshua is He
So brothers of mine look not to yourselves
For we are but one we all need His help
We've broken the Law but He paid our debt
That we can find life by Yeshua's death
The Sacrifice Lamb has been slain
His Blood on the alter a stain
To wipe away guilt and pain
To bring hope eternal
So final atonement has come
And brought us new hope by God's Son
If you will believe in your heart
Yeshua you'll know