

Our History

The British Alliance came into being in 1866 in response to a need that had been felt as far back as 1813 when Benei Abraham was founded at the Jews' Chapel in Palestine Place, London.

These Jewish believers in Yeshua could not accept the tacit assumption of both Synagogue and Church that they were 'outsiders'. Because their new-found faith made them 'true Israelites', they emphasised their essential unity with the Jewish people and sought to demonstrate that Jews in Yeshua were vital to the healthy growth of the Church. Membership of an Alliance, they believed, could strengthen their impact on both Synagogue and Church.

A similar Alliance came into being in America in 1915, followed in 1925 by the birth of The International Hebrew Christian Alliance. The number of national Alliances quickly grew to fifteen. The Shoah (Holocaust) reduced the number to five.

The rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948 gave an enormous boost to the self-confidence of Jews and Jewish believers alike.

At the outset of the 21st century there are 18 national Alliances.

The world has changed radically over the years. So has the Messianic movement.

In the UK, the British Messianic Jewish Alliance of Fellowships (BMJAF) was created to help leaders and members of Messianic Fellowships. It aims to establish credibility for these groups and to generate a culture of accountability within them.

The largest number of Jewish believers remains within the churches. But the challenge for all of us is to be His witnesses to the world and to fulfil our historic calling in Yeshua, which joins us to both the Jewish People and to His Body, the Church.

How Do I Join?

Application forms are available from the address below. Subscriptions include the cost of the quarterly magazine CHAI and are payable on an annual basis.

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Introducing the...

**British
Messianic
Jewish
Alliance**

Who are we?

We are an association of Jewish people who have found Messiah Yeshua as our Saviour and Lord.

The British Alliance is affiliated to the International Messianic Jewish Alliance – a world-wide fellowship of Jewish believers. (You can learn more about the International Alliance from its web site at www.imja.com).

Where are we?

In Messianic fellowships and congregations and in all kinds of Christian churches up and down the country.

Who can join?

Any Jewish person who is in agreement with our Statement of Belief, which is based on the Tanach (the Hebrew Bible) and on the Brit Chadashah (the New Testament).

Note: For our purposes, a Jewish person is someone with at least one Jewish grandparent.

Members of BMJA

- ✧ Believe in Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God.
- ✧ Have accepted Adon Yeshua (the Lord Jesus) as our personal Saviour and depend on Him alone for salvation.
- ✧ Believe this salvation has been achieved for us and for the world by His atonement on the Cross.
- ✧ Believe in Yeshua's Deity and Resurrection.
- ✧ Have made a public confession of our faith, usually through baptism.
- ✧ Declare our allegiance to the Holy Scriptures of the Tanach and the Brit Chadashah (the Old and New Testaments) as the supreme rule of faith and life.
- ✧ Seek to live our lives to the glory of God.

What about non-Jews?

They are welcome as Associate Members and we value their support.

We regard them as Members in every way except that they cannot vote or hold office. This is to safeguard our specific identity.

However, the non-Jewish spouse of a member is eligible for full membership.

What do we do?

We seek to unite Messianic Jews in the bonds of sympathy and prayer and to bear a united witness to Yeshua (Jesus) our Messiah.

We provide mutual support and fellowship for people who would otherwise feel isolated or different.

We see ourselves as a bridge between the Jewish People and the Church.

We run day and weekend conferences and publish our own quarterly magazine, CHAI.