Addressing Messianic movements and groups.

Definition.

Increasingly these days, we are seeing the emergence of various messianic movements and groups that use Hebrew words and names and claim to be authorities in Hebraic teachings. This must be aggressively addressed in different forms, because much damage is done to the Messianic Jewish movement and the view of Messianic Judaism in the wider community and in particular the Christian community. This also provokes an extremely negative attitude towards these beliefs in the larger Jewish community. We've addressed this issue briefly in our Kehilat brochure. (pg. 11)

The statements about what ..“We are NOT...” are foundational to understanding what we are not, and will help you to understand “Who we are”.

Often these “teachers” present themselves as practitioners of everything Hebrew, ie: “studied at the feet of prominent Rabbis”… or “Rabbinical Scholars…” (see descriptions of ministries on Internet).

To further educate us in this complex and controversial problem, I have put together a comprehensive and rather shorter document about psuedo-Messianic or non Messianic Judaism ministries and groups.

This list does not pretend to be complete and with full descriptions. You can research this on Internet. We must exercise sharp discernment and wisdom in accessing these kinds of resources.

“Hebrew Roots” messianic movements, groups and Sabbatarian churches and groups.

“Hebrew Roots” movements

A short listing and description of pseudo and semi messianic movements and groups.

• “Hebrew Roots” movement and associated groups - Eddie Chumney.
• “Sacred Name” (Sacred namers) movement and associated groups.
• “One Law” ministries and associated
• “Ten Tribes” (ten tribers) ministries and groups
• Various “Black Israelites” groups
• Yhveh (Yahvists) various groups and churches
• “British Israel” theology / associated fellowships.
• Nazarene Israel (Netzarim/Natsarim/Nazarites) messianic groups and associated fellowships [James Trimm and others] (this is different from a Christian
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Nazarine/Nazarite Church) Please note: majority of this people is not Jewish, or have no any association with Jewish followers of Yehshua, Messiah King of Israel.*

* Do not confuse with some Nazarite individuals and name Nazarites (Netzarim (Heb.) ancient name of followers of Jesus of Nazareth (Yeshua miNatzeret (Heb.) or do not be confused with term Nazir (Heb.) / Nazarite (Eng.) meaning and individual who has taken the Nazarite vow. Do not confuse with word netzer (Heb.) - branch, offshoot.

“Two House” / “Ephraimts” movement and associated groups.
“Messianic Israelite” groups.
“Messianic Israel alliance” , “Your Arms to Israel” - Moishe Konushovskiy, Batia Wooten, Mordechay Silver etc.
“Rood Awakening” - Michael Rood and assosiated individuals
“Brit Am” - Yair Davidy
“Lam & Lion ministries” Monte Judah and associated
“Etz Hayim Tree of Life” messianic congregation - Mordechay Silver (Michael Silver) and associated ministries.
“United Israel” & associated
“Fossilizedcustomes” - Lew White (teaches Hebrew Roots/Lunar calendar,Sacred Name)
“Wild branch ministries” - Brad Scott (teaches Hebrew Roots, Two Hows, believes he is Israel)
“Shoreshim ministries” - Bill Cloud (Hebrew Roots/Two Hows, believes he is Israel)
“Restoration of Torah” - Tony Robinson
“Torah Class” - Tom Bradford
“Messianic Evangelicals” network and others
“Wisdom in Torah” Rico Cortez (teaches Hebrew Roots/Two Hows, believes he is is Israel)
“Truth2U” Jono Vandor (host various Hebrew Roots/Ephraimite teachers including pseudo Karaite N. Gordon)
“Talking Torag” Jeff Gilbert and associated
“The Passion for Truth” Jim Staley (teaches the Ephraimite/Two Hows heresy, and believes he's Israel)
“Torahpastor” - Phil Elmore
“Torahteachers" (host variose Hebrew Roots/Sacred name/Two Hows teachers)
“Hebrew Nation radio” and “Hebrewnation”
"Izzy Avraham” alias (Curtis Johnson) (Tassel wearing Gentile who pretends to be Jewish/Israelite/Ephraimite)
"Way to Zion Ministries“ (hosts falls Hebrew Roots/10 tribes/Ephraimites teachers like Monte Judah, Brad Scott and others)
"We are Israel” Michael Didier

There are many other ministries, groups and individuals that fall under this category.
"Sabbatarian" churches
(Churches, Cults and groups keeping the Sabbath and some Bible festivals)

- “Seven day Adventists” Church (all branches)
- “Worldwide Church of God” Armstrong (all branches and groups)
- “Jehova’s witnesses”
- Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of later days saints)
- Some other small Yehovist independent churches and groups

There is much more of different groups of this kind out there, often sectarian or heretical in believes.
Keep in mind that apart of specific “theological” issues, these groups, churches and ministries are followers of Superseccionism (Replacement) Theology and essentially Anti Semitic in nature and believes.

Here are a few tips of how to recognise those who follow the Israelite Identity Cult.
1. They might be wearing tzitziot (tassels) men as well as women! This command was given to Israel in Numbers 15, and NOT to the foreigner/Gentile.
2. Their men might start to grow beards to identify themselves as part of this cult.
   NOTE: There's nothing wrong with a Gentile/non Israelite growing a beard as long as they don't believe themselves to be an Israelite!
3. They'll tell you that the modern day Jewish people are NOT part of Israel. In Acts 2 Kefa (Peter) spoke to the crowds and addressed them as "Men of Israel, whole house of Israel, Jews, and brothers" Kifa used these terms to refer to the same group of people.
4. In most cases you'll not see a real heart-felt love for the Jewish people, and the land of Israel.
5. They'll seek to divide your congregation with the aim of spreading their distorted doctrines.
6. They might start to use weird names for G-d due to their fascination with the “Sacred Name" This doesn't include biblical names such as Elohim, El-Shaddai, El-Gibor etc.
7. Most of these Israelite identity groups stem from the USA, most are website based groups.
8. The Israelite Identity Cults claim to be Torah Observant, but sadly they lack any spiritual knowledge or discernment regarding the Torah.
9. Majority of this movements and groups use distorted names of G-d and Messiah: Yahushua, Yahusha, YahushYah, YaHuAh, YahshuaAh and so on.

Many of the small churches, cult groups of the Hebrew Roots, Torah movements are offshoots or groups who were formerly in one of the above churches and had come out of these churches. Some of these groups are associated with or offshoots of other Cult groups.
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