

YAHAD - “Exploring Member” Responsibilities, First Three Months

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Preface

Dear **Exploring Members**, or **whomever else** may be interested, including veteran members and friends:

An important message for you! Now we've had a little chance to get to know each other through Internet applications like Messenger, Facebook and Telegram. We hope you will go on to the next step, and that's what this email is all about. (Please excuse me using email to contact you. We all live very remotely from each other, and this seems to be the most expedient and voluminous way to communicate.) Now we move into confirming you as members. Once we do and we all agree, then it will be smooth sailing. But the Yahad is also and probably primarily an educational fellowship; secondarily, a professional lay-minister's organization and covering. As a new member, we of the Leadership need to be responsible to getting you up to speed with the organization's polity, beliefs and practices. Of course, this process relies on YOU to do the work of reading to get there. And there's quite a few short documents for you to get familiar with in the next couple months until February 28th, which is the deadline. That day will include a simple assessment of what you've learned about our movement, the Yahad and the organization's ministry, and what you've been doing in your personal ministry. In this letter, find instructions and links to the Yahad literature that needs to be read against the assessment of Monday, February 28th.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Services

Unless you are unable due to sickness or other ministry opportunities, please attend our Shabbat (and feast services) online every Shabbat at 11 AM ET. The instructions on how to get on the correct site for that are below the signature. You may be asked to help with the liturgy or to speak in the service once you are a confirmed member.

Ministry Reports

Submit a simple ministry report *at the end of each month* for the next 3 months. There is a

[form at this link for you to fill in](#). The reason for this is to keep a record of where you have been, where you are, and where you expect to be in the future. These reports serve as a valuable witness in your future ministry regarding how far you have come over time. However, there's no need to be voluminous or formal in your writing regarding your ministry experiences; complete the report any way you can do it best, but use the form.

Dues

Dues = \$17 per month. Though we pay no salaries and are supported entirely by members and friends, we do have an administrative budget consisting of storage, supplies and Internet charges of nearly \$500 per month. The easiest way to pay your dues is to set up a paypal automatic withdrawal. Haven't paid dues for 3 months? You need to get hold of me *confidentially* and explain why before then. I (Snyder) do the monthly expenses, and I am sworn not to release any of the personal financial information of any member, and I shall not. Paying dues is also a good indication of one's interest in the organization, for your dues is the equivalent of the Torah Temple Tax just as Tithes are not meant for the facilities, but for the teachers. *We do not expect your tithes*, though if you would like to gift one or more of the teachers and ministers in this organization with some dollars, feel free to do so, again *confidentially*. We also have a substantial educational ministry in Port-au-Prince, Haiti that you might want to invest in. You may use [the donations link](#) for dues, tithes and offerings.

Leadership Meetings

Currently, our Leadership Meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 8 PM ET. You need to be there. We also have an Executive Counsel of a few leaders for swift decisions. If there's anything you cannot do per your obligations to the Yahad, please do confidentially let the Rosh Zachen Kenneth or myself know beforehand. Also, the LAMP is our rule book, linked below, which covers several of our ways and means. If what you are looking for is not in the LAMP, again, let someone know.

Opportunities

We have a great schedule of educational opportunities coming up for 2022, but we are not quite done with the literature on those. They will be announced soon. If you have suggestions for seminary, ongoing courses or do-it-yourself projects, please feel free to submit them. Also in early 2022, we will reveal the Ordination program, so be thinking about whether you might later feel a calling to becoming ordained through the Apostolic Succession. That will likewise begin in 2022.

Feasts

We intend to do Sukkot this year - that's in October. We are looking right now at Virginia. Hopefully, you'll want to attend, for these times of Ingathering are so very memorable, and after the first one, you will want to attend with your family every year. *But you don't think you'll have the money? No problemo*. Have you ever heard of the second tithe? Since we don't ask you for a tithe, you can collect your second tithe, say, \$50, and put it to interest. By October and the Feast, you will have \$500, and that's plenty for the family to make the trip and spend the week. Put in for the week off now if you are working! Then start

on your second tithe right away. Put it in your mattress, in a bank, or send it in here for safe-keeping - but don't touch that money! It is for YOU to fulfill your obligation to gather for Tabernacles with your people. I use the second tithe every year to make sure I have enough money to go because I love the feasts and I love to see you and your families. Once in a while, you get a little more money from someplace. Put it with your second tithe. Or sell some stuff - you wouldn't believe what people will buy online! And what do you do with second tithe left over after Sukkot? Torah says you can give it to the poor or you can keep it for yourself (you, being poor) and do whatever you like with it. You just can't lose!

Literature

We assume you know your Bible. But the Yahad also uses several pieces of what we consider sacred literature that "did not make the cut," primarily on account of the politics of the 4th century. So please read (or listen to) *The Nazarene Acts* ([a free audio book can be downloaded at this link](#)); also *The Didache*, *The Epistle of Barnabas* and *The Slavonic Josephus* (regarding the Acts of Yahshua found there), excerpts from the *Yahad (Community) Rule*, excerpts from the *Damascus Document*. These books or excerpts in PDF may be found [at this link](#) or in [audio form here](#).

Position Papers

The following links bring up short papers regarding membership in the Yahad. Please read them and be finished by February 28th, then take the short assessment - a link to which you will receive as we get closer to that time. If you finish all this in a week or two, let me know and I will send you the assessment link.

[Letter to Those Interested](#)
[Letter to a New Member](#)
[Doctrines and Practices](#)
[Neo-Enochian Beliefs and Practices](#)
[Neo-Enochian Reading List](#)
[Membership Procedure and Lesson](#)
[Membership - A Real Essene](#)
[Membership Step 1](#)
[Membership Step 2](#)
[Membership Step 3](#)
[Case History Example](#)
[Tracing the Shemikah](#)
[The LAMP Manual of Discipline](#)
[Literature Review for Steps 1 - 3 Link](#)

Question? Comments? Want to discuss something? Please reply and we can set up a time to meet on ZOOM. Or you may contact the Rosh Zachen, Kenneth Kimmons, by completing the contact form at www.Yahad.me.

Now - if this is too much for you, or if you have a problem with reading, or have too busy of a schedule to go through these things, also let us know. In the meantime, blessed providence in your learnings about the Yahad and the Enochian / Essene Faith - and be proud that you have broken out of the mold to become the authentic priest and king that you were destined to be!