

☆ VALUES of the SYNAGOGUE ✧

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1. **Torah Teaching** (*torah - Heb: revelation*) [**Beth ha-Midrash** - בית מדרש]

Instruction in the full revelation of G-D's mind.

- A. Adults - collaboration & mentoring (disciplining)
- B. Children - teaching children reinforced by doing works of goodness and mercy.

2. **Prayer** (communion, communication, sharing) [**Beth Tefillah** - בית תפילה]

A. Individual - intimacy with the King of the Universe (prayer language)
Intercession - self, community, nation (a nation of priests)

- B. Community
 - 1. Adoration, praise & intercession prayer to G-D.
 - 2. Prayer for: individuals,
 - a. families,
 - b. witnessing community,
 - c. community at large,
 - d. nation, etc.

3. **Worship** [**Beth Sahah** - בית שחה]

- A. Giving to individuals in need demonstrates G-D's interest and affirmation of person-hood. The heart, head, hands, feet and voice of G-D is translated in the moral actions of His People to and for one another (affirmation from the unseen dimension into a three dimensional reality).
- B. Communal adoration to the King of the Universe. Action of solidarity by His People demonstrating their loyalty and respect for their Sovereign. These acts are preceded by providing for the needs of the unfortunate (unemployed, under employed, widows, orphans, infirm, people in need, etc.).
- C. Acts which follow financial giving are individual and corporate:
 - 1. Psalms of Praise - singing
 - 2. Dancing - joyfulness
 - 3. Prayers; thanksgiving, joys, adoration, etc.

4. **Justice** (establish accountability for behavior) [**Beth Din** - בית דין]

- A. *Beth Din* (the council of three, twelve, twenty-one and seventy)
Accountability within the Chosen people's community.
 - 1. Business (economic justice)
 - 2. Domestic (family, friends, etc.)
 - 3. Torts (personal injury)
 - 4. Counsel, wisdom giving
- B. G-D's people being a light to the Nations, through demonstrated acts of "justice". G-D being involved in community life in the midst of a pagan non-believing Gentile world.

5. **Economy** (Kingdom without economy can not exist, it is the historical expression of rulership)

- A. Economic development
 - 1. Mentoring to careers and trades - (there is no unemployment/under-employment)
 - 2. Investing in one another:
 - a. trading with one another
 - b. forming business guilds and associations
 - 3. Banking and business development
 - a. businesses development

6. **Hospitality** -(the acts of generosity, mercy and welcoming) [**Beth Hesed (Mercy)** - בית חסד]

- A. Jews: The welcoming of the neighbor (fellow brother) to share in the goodness of the King.
 - 1. Welcome wagon for the new comer. Lodging, personal involvement.
- B. Gentiles: The acts of generosity and mercy to the stranger, the outsider, the traveler, etc.
 - 1. Sharing "G-D news" - evangelism (Noahite Laws - Gentiles)
 - 2. Provisions of goodness from the storehouses of the Jews for the Gentiles.
- C. Storehouse:
A center for community provisions in times of need [a microcosm of the Kingdom].

7. **House of Community Council** [**Beth Kenesseth** - בית כנסת]

- A. Rites of Passage (recognition of the Faithing community):
 - 1. Circumcision - Marking of G-D's males
 - 2. Bar-Mitzvah & Bat-Mitzvah - Son & Daughter of the Covenant
 - 3. Marriage Ceremony - Recognition of G-D's family
 - 4. Death - Recognition of departure from this life to eternal life
- B. Forum for political activity in the affairs of the city and nation. The issues of establishing Justice, expressions of Kindness and Mercy, and understanding the responsibility to become involved with the community's values before G-D. (Micah 6:8; Duet. 10:12, 13). © COPYRIGHT Robert Rico 1993