

Hi everyone,

Just a quick note to let all of you know that we are making great progress on the website, finally...!!!!

My sister has been putting in many hours learning the code for the website and has made it look and function much better...!!!! Now that I have someone that I can really depend on, I will be able to make the site much more user-friendly and relevant. We already have the link for the webcast on the page, and have almost all of the videos up as well. You may need to clear your cache if you are still pulling up the old pages. The new homepage looks crisp and clean and is Purple with Yellow on the top, and with a new white background. We will be putting up more articles this week and will try to get the remainder of the videos posted. Also, I will be adding an "email" link and will try to get every True Bread email ever sent up on that link. I'm sure that will make my sister happy when she hears that...!!!

here is the link:

www.truebreadfellowship.org

Now, let me switch gears to a much more serious topic... the New Moon.

As all of you know by now, this month's moon observation from Israel was in doubt, and this caused quite a bit of confusion here in the USA, and in True Bread. Fortunately, the crescent HAD been seen as expected, but the observers would not use a telephone or computer to tell anyone until after the sabbath. I was unaware of their policy on that issue, and one would imagine that alerting the ENTIRE planet to something so critical concerning religious functions that the observers could of taken 15 seconds to make one phone call. Such is the world of orthodox Judaism and their man-made traditions (kabbalah).

I have spent much time and effort studying this event, and have made a decision for us here in True Bread to insure that this type of event never happens again. I have decided to form a "calendar committee" that will be comprised of true Bread members, and other relevant outside sources. There are MANY groups on the earth today that spend a tremendous amount of time researching the new moons and publishing their findings. The Karaites are not the only game in town, and after this most recent fiasco, I am determined now to use ALL available resources. I will list some of these resources at the end of this email.

Also, I have decided to NOW start tracking the moons and months here in the USA as practice and will try to develop a complete MONTHLY calendar once the true crescent moon has been seen. We must prepare ourselves today for the eventuality of a loss of communications with Israel due to the internet being shut down and phone services cut off. If that happens, we will at that time be forced to make our OWN observations here from this continent, and we need to learn how to do this now. The crescent moon was seen from Arizona on last Friday, for a perfect example of this type of situation. We are seven hours behind Israel, and in my opinion, if they could see the crescent, then we here in the USA should be able to see it as well. This is exactly what happened this month.

What we will need to do is to start paying close attention to the phase of the moon from where you now currently live, and then begin to look for the crescent just after sunset, in the west, when the crescent is predicted to be visible. This observation must be done with the naked eye, and not with binoculars or telescopes. Once it is sighted, we will then communicate our findings to the group via email or phone call.

The biblical month can only be either 29 or 30 days long. This substantially NARROWS down the window of error and helps with keeping us on the proper calendar track. I plan on using the Karaites and other groups from Israel as long as possible, but we must prepare now for the time when communications are cut off. Plus, it is great fun to wait for the crescent...!!! If you have never experienced the crescent just appearing right in front of your eyes, you are in for quite a treat.

We will be creating a separate link as well for the "calendar" when time permits....(right sis..???)

Here are the previously mentioned links:

http://www.geocities.com/royh_il/

<http://www.users.qwest.net/~zadok1/moon.htm>

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/karaite_korner_news/message/399

all for now,

Todd