

**FROM THE DESK OF RABBI CAPERS C. FUNNYE, JR.**

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Shalom Ha Kol,

The outline that follows represents my vision for the growth of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis and the community that has been entrusted in our care.

If you elect to have me serve as Chief Rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, in the forthcoming election. I put forth for your consideration the following platform:

To respect the traditions of each member congregation, with regard to their order of service and customs regarding seating and other particular practices in that congregation.

To instill the absolute Principals of Torah to our community, i.e. Teshuvah, re-gathering the House of Yisrael. This means that the Torah is paramount to our community in every respect, i.e. the divine aspect of “Choseness” of the House of Yisrael.

To affirm our stand that Torah is the supreme law of the House of Yisrael, based upon the prophetic principals given in our books of Prophecy.

To build relationships with other Israelite communities, whose traditions are in line with those of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis.

To work with emerging Israelite communities, in North America, South America and in Africa, to grow our influence as an international body.

To establish a working relationship with the Beta Israel of Ethiopia, living in the State of Israel, and those Ethiopian Jews still living in Ethiopia.

To develop a mission of inclusion of women on the board of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, i.e. (including women you have graduated from various Jewish institutions)

To develop a centralized locale for the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, i.e., (having a staff person to answer telephone calls and of correspondence.)

To develop a system of customs, that is inclusive of all member congregations, i.e. (we need our own Halakah and Siddur)

To establish membership of our organization, in a like minded international body of Jewish organizations.

To work for inclusion of our membership in the local boards of rabbis, in the cities in which our members are located.

To establish annual or bi-annual conclaves for the membership of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, for meetings and professional development.

To work for the development of the Israelite Academy's on-line course of study.

To revive the principals of "Article 801-A" as set forth decades ago to attempt to bring into our fold those Israelite organizations with theologies differ from those of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis.

To develop a counseling service for member rabbis and their families as needed.

To put in place a contractual relationship between our rabbinic membership and congregations that they serve in the Israelite community, this would include some measure of compensation.

To raise money from Jewish Foundations to assist our body in building for the future.

Please feel free to call or write me with any questions or concerns. I am open to any and all questions from the membership of our institution.