

**To: The Israelite Community**  
**From: Rabbi Nathanyah HaLevi, HaKohain**  
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It is with great humility, joy and thanksgiving that I send my greetings, goodwill and congratulations to the Israelite Board of Rabbis for this monumental achievement in our community. Although I will not be in physical attendance for this historical gathering my spirit will certainly be present.

I have spent the past 22 years of my ministry sharing our message here in Ghana, West Africa after having received the mandate by the Ethiopian Hebrew Israelite Rabbinical Council of North America under the Presidency of the late Rabbi Y'hoshua Ben Yohanatan, Shalom Aloiv, in 1994.

This gathering, especially with the representation of our brothers and sisters from the African continent is a confirmation of YHWH's words spoken through his Holy Prophets coming to pass that in the last days "He who scattered Yisrael would gather them"; this is also vindication of the great work and foundation built by Rabbi Matthews and Rabbi Ford who laid the foundation and corner stone of our redemption in returning to YAH in the spirit of Pan Africanism under the auspices of the Ethiopian World Federation. They never compromised the integrity of who we are as a people for the convenience of the moment or personal gratification or gain.

The fact that the Rabbi's have elected a leader shows growth and maturity in our collective development. An essential part of development is organization. We cannot move forward as a people without organization, we cannot have organization without discipline and we cannot have discipline without good

leadership.

I send my congrats to Chief Rabbi elect, Rabbi Capers Funnye and ask that the Most High endow him with increased knowledge, wisdom, understanding and humility to lead, guide and advise the great nation of Yisrael.

May the spirit of the Almighty Bless the gathering of our people and may we never forget the roll call of all the great leaders that YHWH has sent to us in the past and have served our community. Those great spirits that came to us as Rabbi's, Kohanim, Teachers, Princes, Mothers, Prophets, Prophetesses, musicians and multiple gifted souls.

Hear oh Yisrael, YHWH our power, YHWH is ONE. Blesseth be the name of HIS glorious Kingdom forever. Amen, Selah

Shalom Alaikum,

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