



Shuvah Yisrael Writer's Group
Among the Lilies, A Literary Gathering...
 Dodi li va' ani lo/Hara' eh Bashoshamim



If you have ever heard the Spirit of Life whisper, "Write..." or if you have a love for words and creativity, or if you yearn to hone a literary response to the Word of Life, join us at our Writer's table. Together we are learning to better know and understand our G-d, His ways, purposes and grace. Enlivened to and aware of His tutoring and guidance in our writing lives, our passion is to give literary expression to what He places within our hearts and reflect His love and beauty. "You are a fountain springing up in a garden; a well-spring of living waters and flowing streams." (Song of Songs 4:15; John 7:38) Amongthelilies@verizon.net





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Our magnificent, glorious G-d, Creator of all things, loves words. He invented language. He loves to communicate with His beloved ones using words replete with meaning, affection, wisdom and metaphor. He makes known to us His heart and mind through words. Every word of G-d is tried, purified, and true. By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made. By His words we are spiritually nourished. And, He is known by many remarkable descriptions and Names such as: I Am Who I Am, Prince of the Lord's Host, G-d of Israel, G-d of Heaven and Earth; Shepherd of Israel, Steadfast Love, Immanuel, G-d With Us; He Who Inhabits Eternity, Savior, Redeemer, Mighty One of Jacob; Father, Potter, Fashioner and Maker of All Things; Divine Husband; Personal Bravery; Light, Truth, Way, King of Kings; Word of Life! His names illuminate and elucidate Who He is.

The wondrous story of Immanuel, G-d with us, is overflowing with names, literary words, and phrases that inform humanity regarding His grace, goodness, and love. He combines words with powerful actions and thereby depicts Who He is, how He feels, what He treasures, and what He particularly abhors. He uses words to impart emphasis, extend admonition, declare His sovereignty; illuminate His character, clarify His expectations, reveal His mysteries, and sensibilities. He uses words to exude passion, compassion, enlightenment, and understanding. Our great Creator and Lord uses words with intent, imbuing them with weightiness and significance. His penchant for words and their proper usage reflect His zeal to relate, to commune, to fit and equip within His realm and rule.

Our G-d is the Master of language, written and verbal communication. He adores a good Story! In the most clever, miraculous, marvelous ways He fills our lives with His Word, inspiration and sagacity. He whispers His advice, He dazzles us with His parables and narratives... He invites us to delve into the tales and trials of ancient believers. He urges knowledge of those who have gone before us. (Hebrews 11.) And then, He surprises us with the admonition: "These words... you shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate; teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children. Lay up these My words in your minds and hearts and in your entire being." (Deuteronomy 4, 6, 11) "Set forth the wonderful deeds of the Lord. Tell of all His wondrous works!" (Psalm 26) Our G-d invites us to write, share, communicate our personal stories about His redemptive intervention, His all-encompassing love, expert guidance, comfort, pardon and companionship.

Every beloved woman of G-d has a story detailing G-d's provision, grace, and unique calling. Stories of His wondrous deliverances and mercy need to be proclaimed. Every woman has a personal story about how His light infiltrated places of darkness, how His strength was bestowed in moments of weakness; how His truth enabled liberation; how prayer heightened awareness, imparted confidence and set in motion remarkable help and heavenly intervention. Every woman within the Body of Messiah has a story about His love and deliverance. Stories abound and beg to be told about how He replaced foolishness with wisdom, error with prudence, witlessness with proficiency. "The words of the wise are like prodding goads proceeding from one glorious Shepherd," is how the writer of Ecclesiastes describes intentional, holy, effectual writing! By the Spirit we are called to express and exude His Light and "seek acceptable words, even to write down rightly words of truth and correct sentiment." (Ecclesiastes 12:10-11)

~ marie oden ~ 5776/2015



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Come to the Festival ~ Remember the Tragic, Transcend to Triumph!

Enter the Story. Relate to Biblical characters and literary ideas. Select choice words with intention. Progress from tragedy to glorious triumph. Perceive within the realm of the Spirit's tutelage. Discover the depths of G-d's mysteries, meanings, and sacred concepts. Write as an act of obedience. Write from your heart for Messiah's Body. Write what yearns to be known and shared. Write the wisdom, light and truth you cherish. Write your stance and distinctive outlook. Inscribe each season of Festival and celebration with unique spiritual sensibility. Bequeath a personal imprint. Enrich our literary scene. Bear excellent fruit. Write a message of hope, grace, peace, compassion. Empathy, comfort, gentleness, love. Enlightenment and insight. Beauty, goodness, generosity, fun!



Write, Read, Share, Foster Creativity!

"We spend our years as a tale that is told." (Psalm 90)



Meeting Dates: Writing Ideas & Prompts: *Honing the Craft:

September

Yom Kippur ~ Leviticus 16;
 Leviticus 23:26-32, Numbers 29
 Yeshua: Author and Source of
 Eternal Salvation, Hebrews 5:7-9
 Jonah's Muse, Inside A Whale

Linear versus Modular.
 Conflict-Crisis-Resolution.
 The Issue of Causality.
 Scripture exposes the tragic
 and points to a Redeemer.

October

Sukkot ~ Leviticus 23:33-43
 Yeshua: Dwell In Me
 John 15: 4-7
 Phoebe, a Shield and Shelter,
 A Kind and Safe Dwelling
 Romans 16:1-2

Images, Accessing Ideas
 for the Writing life.
 Seeing Through the Lense
 of His Amazing Light.
 Seeing in vivid color...

November

Simhat Torah ~ Joy of Torah
 Thanksgiving for the Word
 Sing, Dance, Praise, Worship
 Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna
 Yeshua: Secrets of the Kingdom
 Luke 8: 2-3 & 5-17,
 The seed, the Word of God

Writing Epiphany,
 Reversal, Redemption.
 Writing effective Tragedy
 and Exaltation.

<u>Month/Dates:</u>	<u>Writing Ideas & Prompts:</u>	<u>*Honing the Craft:</u>
December	Chanukah ~ Feast of Dedication. Light the Candles, Celebrate Miracle. Yeshua: Our Radiant Shammash, Our Shepherd. Light-Being G-d! John 10:22-30; Hebrews 1: 1-9 The Oil of Joy Instead of Mourning	Writing with Integrity. Righteousness, Purpose, and Wisdom. Hating evil, loving good. (Isaiah 61: 3)
January	Tu B' Shevat ~ The Tree's New Year Yeshua: Trees Are For... Good Fruit Bearing. Matthew 7: 17-20 "The Shulamite's Fig Tree" Song of Songs 2: 10-16	Universal Themes. The Reasons We Write. A Particular, Unique Focus by the Spirit.
February	Shabbat ~ Eternal Seventh Day of Creation Rest. Genesis 2: 2-3 Yeshua: My Place of Rest Matthew 11: 28; Hebrews 4: 3-11 Lazarus' Sister Mary Rests...at Yeshua's Feet. Luke 10: 38-42	Stages of Creative Work. Delving into one's soul. Exploring the depths of G-d's love...
March	Purim ~ Esther and Joyful Reversals. G-d Is A G-d of Deliverances. Psalm 68: 20 Yeshua: Deliverer of the Oppressed Luke 4:18 & 19	Writing What Reflects G-d's Heart in a Harsh World. Discernment: Identify Good vs. Evil.
April	Passover ~ Spiritual Senses & Seder Exodus 12 & *John 11: 51-52 Yeshua: The Lamb of G-d, John 1:29 Miriam, After the Parting of the Sea Exodus 15: 20 & 21; Numbers 12	Point of View and Characterization. Scripture and life as we know it: every sort of character!
May	Yom Hashoah ~ Remembering Lamentations 3: 18-25; Psalm 71 Yeshua: Experienced Death. Hebrews 2: 9 Anne Frank and Corrie Ten Boom	Knowing... To Write well, girded with truth.
June	Shavuot ~ First Fruits and Pentecost Sinai, Book of Ruth, Wind and Fire Exodus 19 & 20; Ruth; Acts 2	Writing led by the Spirit of Life. Yeshua: John 7: 38