

(The Scriptures that are referenced in this letter are contained in their entirety below the letter)

Dear Chavurah Family,

The leadership team of Chavurah Shalom would like to begin this letter by sharing what the Bible teaches regarding the Second Coming of our Lord Yeshua. We firmly believe in the literal, bodily return of Yeshua to the earth in the last days (Zechariah 14:1-4; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11). We also firmly believe that before Yeshua's return to rule on the earth, living believers, preceded by those who have fallen asleep, will go to meet Him in the air, commonly referred to as the Rapture (1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18). We greatly rejoice in this and eagerly await the day when the heavenly shofar will call all believers up to meet the Lord in the air.

We also believe that the date of the Rapture cannot and should not be predicted. Scripture is clear that it is not for us to know the time of Yeshua's return and the end of the age (Matthew 24:36-39 & 25:6-13; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 12:40; Acts 1:6-8). We should live every day in a state of watchfulness and readiness for His imminent return. This means that we should be watching our own doctrine and conduct closely, occupying ourselves with the things the Lord has commanded us to do. Attempting to predict the timing of the Rapture or claiming divine revelation knowledge of its timing goes against the clear teaching of the Word of God.

We would also like to share what the Bible teaches about false prophecy. Scripture teaches that in order for a prophecy to truly be from God it must come to pass with 100% accuracy. If someone prophesies and it does not come true, Scripture instructs us not to fear that prophet (Deuteronomy 18:22) or to listen to them (Jeremiah 23:16).

A very intense Scriptural warning concerning false prophets is found in the Lord Yeshua's words when He said in Matthew chapter 7, **“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.”** We learn from this that if someone issues a prophecy that does not come true, we have very good reason to doubt the sincerity of that individual's profession of faith. Our Lord goes on to say, **“Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’”**

God is clear in His word regarding His stance on false prophecy, and He issues severe warnings to anyone who would venture to speak a word in His holy name.

With all of this in mind, it is with heavy hearts that the leadership team must confront an issue that came from within Chavurah regarding a public false prophecy about the timing of the Rapture. We feel that an explanation is needed as to why it is necessary to name the names of false prophets and false teachers.

First, Yeshua instructs believers to beware of false prophets, and we are also instructed not to listen to them. In order to know who is a false prophet and thus not listen to what they teach, we must know who they are. We cannot avoid someone if we do not know who they are. General warnings against false doctrine are good and needed but are not entirely sufficient to guard people against the insidious craft of false prophets and false teachers. Sometimes it is necessary to point out a false prophet by name. Romans 16:17 tells us, “**Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances** (*lit. occasions for stumbling*) **contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them**”. The issue of false prophecy most certainly causes dissensions and occasions for stumbling. We cannot turn away from someone in the sense of Biblical fellowship and listening to what they teach if we do not know who they are.

We also have the example in Scripture of the apostle Paul naming names in order to warn Timothy, and by extension, those whom he pastored (1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2 Timothy 1:15; 2:16-18; 4:9-10). Paul told Titus that an overseer in a congregation should exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict (Titus 1:7-9). It may be painful and uncomfortable to name names, but there are situations in which it is necessary to do so in order for elders to effectively protect the flock of Messiah. However, it must always be done in the right way and with the right motivations.

Another point to consider is the evangelistic aspect of calling out false prophets and false teachers. To publicly denounce someone as a false prophet is a call to repentance in hope that they will see their sin for what it is and not continue down the dangerous road that not only they are on, but that they are leading others down.

The question may well be asked, “Why not confront the false prophet privately instead of denouncing them publicly?” However, the very nature of prophecy is that it is communicated publicly. This requires that the Biblical response also be made public. In this specific case, the false prophecy was communicated publicly via Facebook, YouTube, and even Chavurah’s Torah Sisters group chat. We must publicly warn everyone to whom this false prophecy was communicated in order to do our duty of guarding the flock from danger. Again, in order to know whose teaching to avoid, we have to know who the false prophecy came from.

Many of you may recall the original statement the leadership team issued regarding this situation back on November 10, 2025. In our follow-up here we want to be as factual as possible. Here are the facts regarding this situation:

The leadership team became aware around the first week of September 2025 that one of Chavurah's congregants, Gina McCray, claimed both on Facebook and in a video she posted on YouTube that God had confirmed to her that the Rapture would happen soon. She also sent it via the Torah Sisters group chat. We took notice of this because claiming that God had revealed this to her puts it squarely in the category of prophecy. Gina was claiming divine revelation knowledge of a future event. Because of this, we knew we had to take the situation very seriously and approach it Biblically, as we explained above. On September 13, 2025 the leadership team asked Gina McCray and her husband Rodney to meet with us. In the meeting, we informed them that we were aware of the prophecy. We reviewed the Biblical requirements for a prophecy to truly be from God and told her that we would be holding her to the Biblical standard of 100% accuracy. We also informed her in that meeting that if her prophecy failed to come true, we would publicly denounce her as a false prophet and warn the congregation not to listen to her teaching.

In the meeting, we also asked her to specify the time of the Rapture that she was saying God had confirmed to her. This was a necessary step we had to take in order to properly test the prophecy's accuracy (1 John 4:1). The latest Rapture date she gave us in the meeting was the end of 2025. This is why in our initial statement we said we were waiting until then to see if the prophecy came true. Now that we know her prophecy has failed, we have the unpleasant duty of telling you that Gina McCray is a false prophet and warning you to avoid her teaching. Please hear us when we say that we do not hate Gina. We care about her spiritual state, and we long to see her come to the point of true repentance. But we do hate false prophecy. We hope you see that falsely prophesying in God's name is a very serious matter. It brings reproach upon Yeshua and His bride, and it blasphemes God's holy name.

Please join us in praying for Gina, that God will grant her the repentance that leads to life (Acts 11:18). We take no joy in the fact that we had to write this letter. We have felt much emotional pain over this whole situation. But we hope that God will use this letter to reach Gina and others with the truth. We want to make it clear that we do not think we are any better than Gina or anyone else. We like all born-again believers are the unworthy beneficiaries of God's grace, and we desire to be faithful stewards and elders.

In a situation like this when sin must be confronted, we believe it is important to clearly proclaim the Gospel. The fact is, sin is ugly and vile in the sight of the perfectly holy God. After people die, we will be judged by God according to our thoughts, words, and deeds during our life on earth, and all of our sins will be uncovered before Him. Whether it be lying, blasphemy, stealing, lust, idolatry, breaking the Sabbath, or any other sin, every person will be found guilty in the sight of God. Anyone who breaks even one of His commandments is as guilty as if he or she had broken all of them (James 2:10). The Bible teaches that the just punishment for our sins is eternal, conscious torment in the lake of fire, known also as Hell (Daniel 12:1-2; Isaiah 66:24; Matthew 13:41-42 & 25:45-46; Mark 9:43-44; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Revelation 14:9-11 &

20:15). And what makes our situation even more desperate is that no good works we try to do can save us from the righteous wrath of God (Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7).

But the word “Gospel” means “good news”. The good news is that God has not left guilty sinners without a way of escape from the fires of Hell. God sent His only begotten divine Son to be the substitute and take the place of sinners, satisfying the penalty for our sin that we cannot pay ourselves (John 3:16; Romans 5:6). Yeshua of Nazareth lived a perfectly sinless life, and even though there was no sin in Him, He suffered and died on the cross as God’s perfect sacrifice for sin. He was buried, was raised to life, appeared bodily to many, and ascended to Heaven where He intercedes before the Father on behalf of His people whom He redeemed.

In order to be redeemed and saved from our sins and their punishment, there are no works we must do or even can do. Instead, Scripture commands us to recognize our own utter sinfulness and our need of the Savior, repent of our sins, and trust alone in the finished work of Yeshua in our place to save us on that day of judgment. Repentance is a radical change in our mind and heart regarding our attitude both toward God and our sin. This inward change results in a hatred of sin and a desire in us to follow and obey God. True repentance will be reflected in the way we live as a result. If we repent of our sins and trust alone in Yeshua, God shows us compassion and instantly forgives all of our sins – past, present, and future – and He credits us with Yeshua’s perfect righteousness. When we are born again and believe on the only begotten Son of God, God adopts us as His child and puts His Holy Spirit within us as a pledge. God preserves all of His redeemed children, and He promises that after this life we will have eternal life in perfect fellowship with Him in His presence. Let us always praise God for His indescribable gift!

As we said before, the leadership team is available if you have any questions, and we pray with all believers for the swift return of our great God and Savior, Yeshua the Messiah.

Love & Shalom,

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Scriptures Referenced Above:

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- Zechariah 14:1-4
 - Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.
- Luke 24:50-51
 - And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
- Acts 1:9-11
 - And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
 - Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18
 - For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- Mathew 24:36-39
 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”
- Matthew 25:6-13
 - “But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”
- Mark 13:32-37
 - “But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 33 “Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. 34 It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. 35 Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— 36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the alert!’”
- Luke 12:40
 - “You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”
- Acts 1:6-8
 - So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

- Deuteronomy 18:22
 - When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
- Jeremiah 23:16
 - Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the LORD.”
- 1 Timothy 1:18-20
 - This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, 19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.
- 2 Timothy 1:15
 - You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.
- 2 Timothy 2:16-18
 - But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.
- 2 Timothy 4:9-10
 - Make every effort to come to me soon; 10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
- Titus 1:7-9
 - For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, 8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
- 1 John 4:1
 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- Acts 11:18
 - When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life.”
- James 2:10
 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.
- Daniel 12:1-2
 - “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.”
- Isaiah 66:24
 - “Then they will go forth and look on the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die and their fire will not be quenched; and they will be an abhorrence to all mankind.”
- Matthew 13:41-42
 - “The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
- Matthew 25:45-46
 - “Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
- Mark 9:43-44
 - “If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, 44 [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]”
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
 - For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that

day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

- Revelation 14:9-11
 - Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”
- Revelation 20:15
 - And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
- Isaiah 64:6
 - For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- Ephesians 2:8-9
 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Titus 3:4-7
 - But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.
- John 3:16
 - “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”
- Romans 5:6
 - For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.