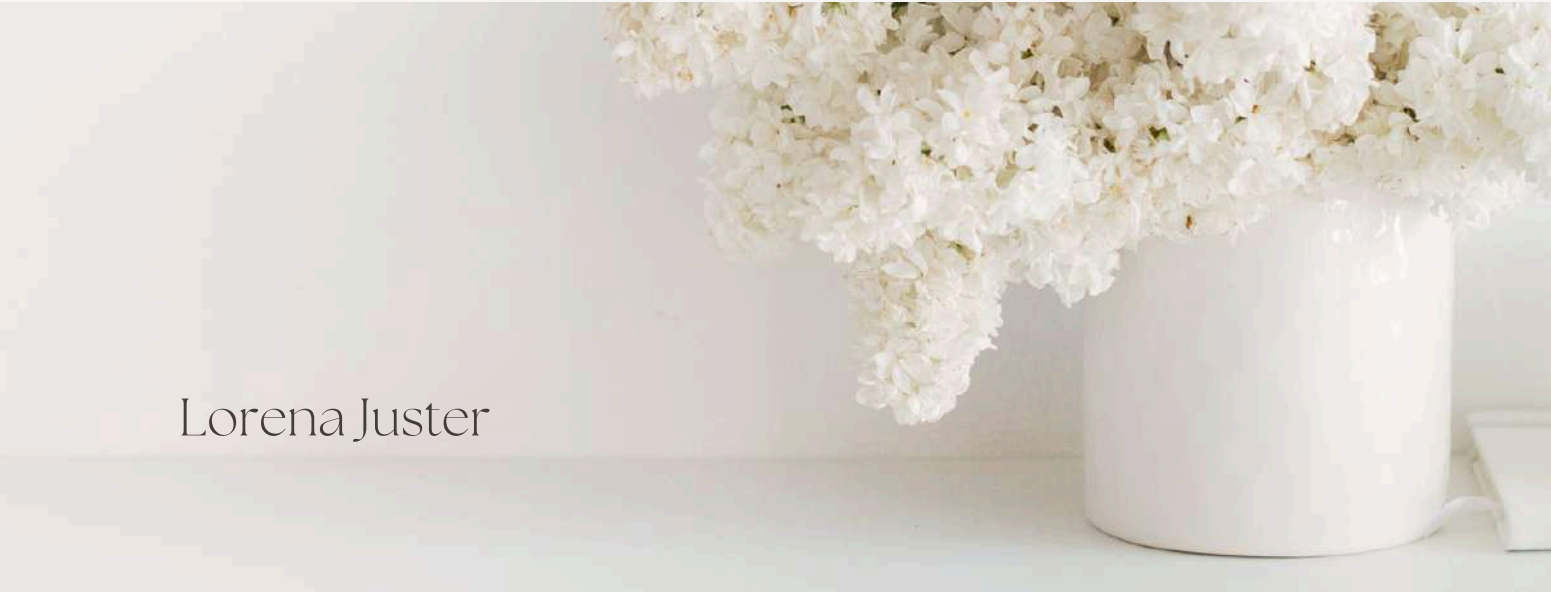


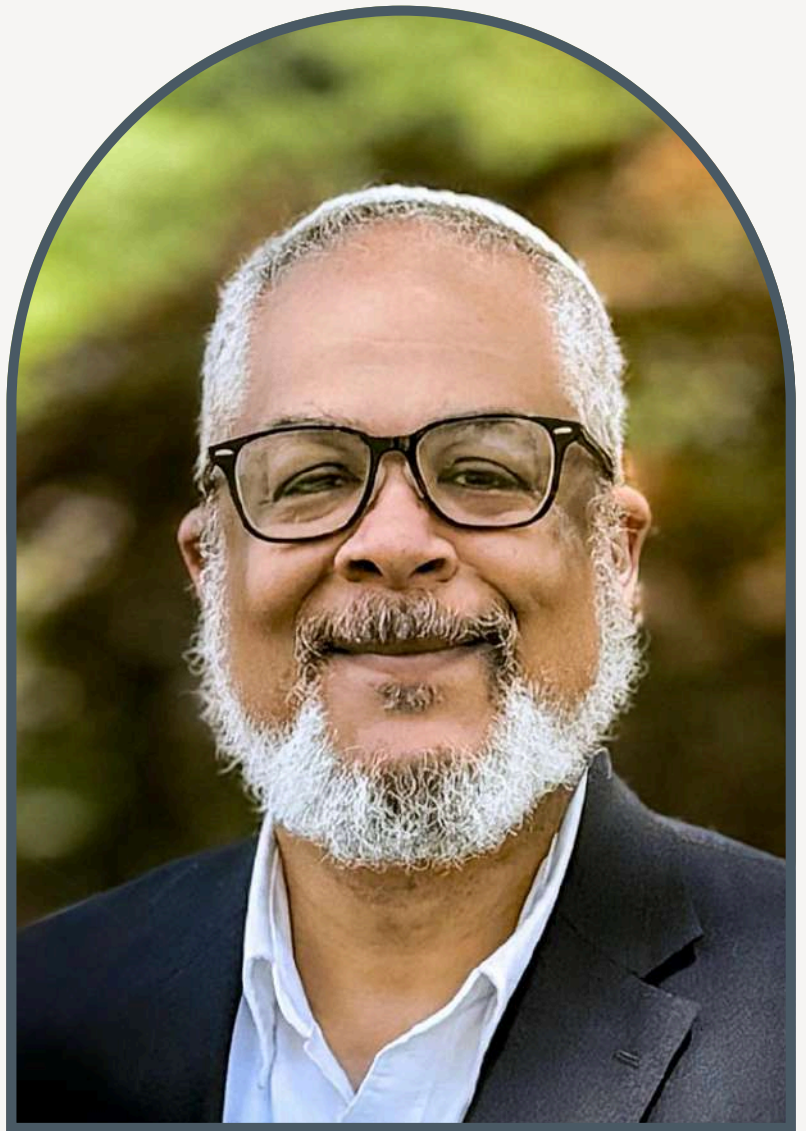
PRAYER *for* POWER *and* UNDERSTANDING IN THE MIDST *of* GOD'S CALLING AND CIRCUMSTANCES



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Within Tikkun America, we are gifted and blessed to have many who serve in faithful Congregational ministry and other ministerial settings through sacrifice, devotion, and love for God's people. Of these, one of our dearest leaders and friends, Pastor (Roeh) Ralph Finley z"l of Ahavat Yeshua Messianic Jewish Congregation in Washington, D.C., recently passed away and is now with Yeshua. As our hearts grieve, we also remember and honor our dear friend. This article is written in blessed memory of Roeh Pastor Ralph Finley.

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. May you be blessed in this new month, and may the riches of God's love be with you as you dedicate one more month to the one who has created you and me, as each of us experiences His love and healing in various ways, and also the different callings, gifts, talents, and challenges for our lives. Yes, we all handle all of these circumstances in many different ways. For some of us it may be a fast recovery, and for some others it might take a long time. In this, we should not forget that when one is suffering, we all are suffering together, and if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26)



In this case, we have a wife who is doing just that at the same time. She is suffering in the absence of her beloved and rejoicing as her beloved is honored both before our Father in Heaven and before us here on earth. Our brother served our righteous Lord, and now he can hear. *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* Because Roeh Ralph walked in righteousness, which is what our Lord awaits from us to obtain His godliness, faithfulness, love, perseverance, and gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:1) May our Heavenly Father strengthen us; we need His help to overcome all this.

As Ben and I attended the memorial service for this beloved brother, a pillar of the Messianic Movement, we experienced both sentiments: suffering and joy. This honorable couple, Roeh Ralph and Sandra, embraced their calling to the Messianic Movement with passion, honor, compassion, and care for each member, and learned so much to serve the body of the Messiah better and to be pastors and leaders full of God's presence.

How would I know this if I hadn't been part of that community? I was there at Pastor (Roeh) Ralph's memorial service.



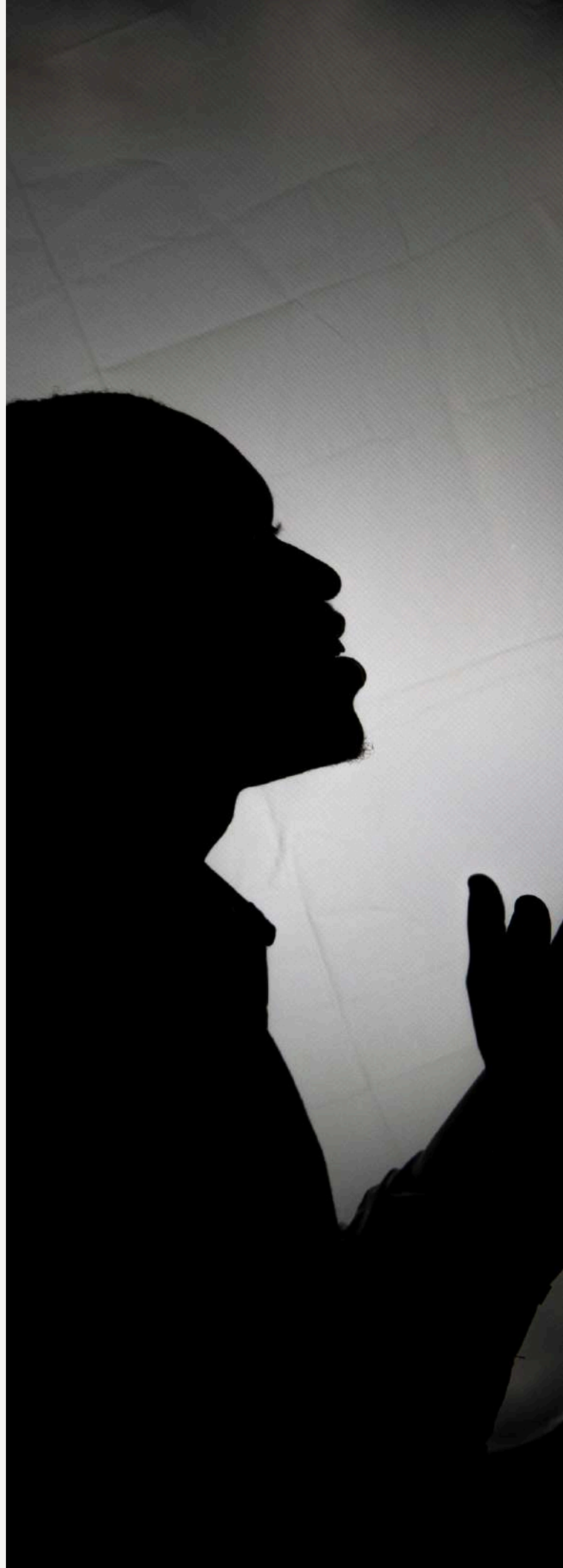
I heard his children speak highly of him and how much they love him, and I heard from many others in his community who have been there since they were seven years old or since they were born. They spoke of Pastor (Roeh) Ralph, as they also lost a father. He showed honor and respect to each of them and spoke words of conviction when he noticed that they were struggling with different issues. I heard how both young and seasoned people spoke of him as a father, not just as a pastor, but also as a friend. Roeh Ralph was also a father to the fatherless. A true pastor is not just one who gives orders but one who prays for you, respects you, speaks the truth to you in love, serves you, and does not just let you live a life as you might please. A true pastor will show you how to live a life of integrity and righteousness because we serve a God of righteousness.

We need more fathers and mothers, with pastoral hearts, looking for the good in others. We need more brothers and sisters, and we need more friends who will challenge us to stay on the straight path and not just accept us as we are going down to the pit, but will help us and guide us, so we don't go down the wrong path, a path that will eventually kill us not only spiritually but also physically.

When we go through trials and tribulations, some of us will be able to walk with a few people, and some of us will need a full army behind us without knowing that they are there, but that you are prayerfully helping us get the revelation when we are going down the wrong path, and also to help us when we are grieving, as grieving will be different for everyone. Let's keep our sister Sandra in our prayers as she grieves her husband, beloved friend, and her companion. As we read these Scriptures, let's meditate on how, from Him, God, every family in Heaven and on earth receives its name.

Dear Father, strengthen us in the deepest part of our being with the power of your Ruach, Holy Spirit, in the name of Yeshua our Savior, Amen.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father — from Him every family in heaven and on earth receives its name. I pray that from His glorious riches He would grant you to be strengthened in your inner being with power through His *Ruach* (Holy Spirit) so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to grasp with all the kedoshim (the holy ones) what is the width and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled up with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far beyond all that we ask or imagine, by means of His power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the community of believers and in Messiah Yeshua throughout all generations forever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21 TLV)



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