

SHALAM ALAKHOM!

I AIN'T NEVER SCARED!!!!



HAD A PRODUCTIVE PHONE CALL LAST NITE AND WAS SHOWN A VERY TRUE THING ABOUT US: WE'RE SCARED.

WE DON'T WANT TO BE REJECTED. WE DON'T WANT TO BE YELLED AT. WE DON'T WANT OUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS TO DISRESPECTED. WE DON'T WANT TO INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE US. WE DON'T WANT TO BE IN A CULT. WE DON'T WANT TO DIE BY THE HANDS OF OUR BROTHERS. WE DON'T WANT TO BE 'PIDGEON-HOLED' BY THE NAME HEBREW ISRAELITE. WE WANT FREE EXPRESSION OF OURSELVES. WE WANT TO MEET AND NOT FIGHT. WE WANT TO LEARN WITH THE FREEDOM OF QUESTIONING THE VERY THINGS THAT WE ARE LEARNING. WE WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE TRANSPARENT. WE WANT TO BE FREE. FREE AND HEALTHY.

HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF OUR STRENGTHS AND

WEAKNESSES. HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF OUR GLORY AND DISHONOR. HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF OUR PAIN. HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF OUR SEXUALITY. HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF OUR PERSONALITY. WE DON'T TO LEFT ON THE OUTSIDE, LOOKING IN.
WE WANT LOVE AND RESPECT FOR OUR WHOLE BEING!

THESE NEEDS, WANTS & DESIRES ARE SO DEEP-SEATED AND BASIC...INSTINCTUAL...THAT IS HARD TO TRUST ANOTHER PERSON WITH THAT MUCH OF YOUR HEART! ADD TO THAT THE CURRENT 'MODUS OPERANDI' OF MOST HEBREW ISRAELITE COMMUNITIES AND YOU HAVE **THE (ABSOLUTE TERROR!!!) THAT WE FEEL WHEN IT COMES TO THE IDEA OF MEETING & COMMUNICATING IN PERSON.** IN PERSON OR IN A STATE OF HONEST VULNERABILITY FOR THAT MATTER. MAYBE THAT'S WHY WE ALL ASK SO MANY QUESTION OF ONE ANOTHER. MAYBE THAT'S WHY THIS IDEA OF COMMUNICATING MORE INTIMATELY, WITH A DEEPER PURPOSE, FASCINATES AND CAPTIVATES ME SO INTENSELY. THERE IS SUCH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS WHOLE THING TO SUCCEED OR FAIL (ACCORDING TO CERTAIN MEASURING STANDARDS). FOR ME, MEETING HAS NOW BECOME THE GOAL.

AS AN INTERMEDIARY STEP, PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A MESSAGEBOARD THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY SERVE AS A PLACE TO DEVELOP A 'THINK TANK' TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT. A PLACE WHERE WE COULD ALL PUT FORTH SOME OF OUR DEEPER IDEAS, CONCERNS, UNDERSTANDINGS, ETC. FROM THIS POINT, EVENTUALLY, WE COULD MEET, SOCIALIZE AND MORE DEEPLY EXPLORE THESE TOPICS. I THOUGHT OF SOME IDEAS THAT I'D REALLY LIKE FEED BACK ON. I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY PUT MYSELF OUT THERE. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT WILL COME NEXT. I'M EXCITED AND SCARED. **I'M AFRAID, BUT NOW, I'M NOT AFRAID OF BEING AFRAID.**

DON'T BE SCARED.