

MESSIANIC ISRAELITE



Online Witnessing:

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About this form:

This form is the instruction form for **online witnessing**.

General overview:

Online witnessing is spreading the message over the internet. It is divided in to two: online witnessing and online editing. We cover the online witnessing via forums on this form.

The two formats:

Online witnessing:

Online witnessing consists of spreading the message over the internet mainly through forums. They are two types of online witnessing:

1. Shields ►))) : Shield witnessing is demonstrated by this symbol ►))) and is just staying on the same site and defending the faith
2. Evangels ↕↕ : Evangel witnessing is demonstrated by this symbol ↕↕ and is spreading the message on as many **different** sites as you can. There is more info about this below.

Instructions:



Online witnessing ►)))↗↘↙↚

Online witnessing primarily concentrates on spreading the good news over the internet. Some benefits of online witnessing in contrast to witnessing in person is that it doesn't depend on the weather, if you have the ability you can post in different languages, you can post to specific religious sites (such as Judaism), you can post to forums which have users from a specific nation of the world (such as Israel), you can post in teams, you can post anonymously, you can work from home and you can take your time responding to other people's posts. This is especially useful and you may want to use your time to look in your Bibles, AOY literature or a Strong's concordance before you respond to answers.

Online witnessing may be an important tool to supplement WMLK broadcasting. The two can work hand-in-hand. Online witnesses could witness the fact that WMLK is broadcasting on the channel 9275 on shortwave radio while witnessing the truth. This is very important as we need to get out the fact that WMLK is broadcasting and where they need to go to hear the broadcast.

As WMLK is popularised, the most important thing for online witnesses will be then to defend the ministry and explain why it is the truth through the Word of Yahweh. You can be assured that many people will attempt to accuse the AOY as a cult, which is why we need Shield online witnesses on the ready. If AOY online witnesses didn't exist, the religious discussions on the internet would be **nothing** but false doctrine and very few people would be standing up for Yahweh. Think about that.

Online witnessing is therefore important tool to promote WMLK, while publishing the truth and then to defend the ministry .

Dealing with atheists

Of course, there are problems with online witnessing. The main one being people can be very disrespectful – to you, to the faith, to the Almighty and to the Bible. Further, people may ask questions which it is a shame even to speak of. Things that to those affiliated with the AOY are obvious, but to those outside, are not. Your job will be to provide light in whatever forum you find yourself.

Especially what's troubling is a rise in atheism. Strangely enough, atheists seem to be attracted to religious boards. Atheists generally have no respect to the Word and converting an atheist to belief can be extremely difficult, not to mention time consuming. You have to remember that most atheists don't **want** to believe. Choosing to respond to atheists posts is a personal choice you'll have to make, but it's recommended that you stick to what you know for sure, which is that we are to keep Yahweh's commandments and the faith of Yahshua.

Dealing with those sorts of people takes a great deal of inner strength, not just finding the strength to answer questions they ask but also to remain respectful even when they aren't.

You will learn how to become a competent and well-versed witness for the truth on these sites the more you use them.



First things first

If you are doing online witnessing you will need to firstly find a site (usually a religious one) to witness on. Once you have found one you'll have to create a username and password. Then, depending on whether you are doing online editing or online witnessing (shield or evangel), you'll have to fill out the appropriate form. Once you've completed a witnessing session, fill out the form and send it to livingway@assembliesofyahweh.com.



Choose an appropriate username and act maturely

- Please choose an appropriate username like 'Good News' or 'Messenger'. Remember, you'll be witnessing to perhaps many people so how you speak (write) to people is of vast importance.
- Always try to be polite even if you disagree vehemently.
- Try always to start off your post with 'Good morning' or 'Good afternoon', 'Yom Tov' or 'Shalom'.
- Do not ever use all capital letters on words. It makes it look like you're angry and shouting. You must always present the ministry in a good light by staying positive and balanced.
- Zeal is a blessing, but you're going to find yourself among individuals who will stir your zeal up to unprecedented levels due to the insincerity you're going to find from Christians who, upon confronted with the plain truth, will not subject themselves to it. We're not going to say, don't be zealous. Zeal is what we all want, and more of. But, you're going to have to channel your zeal in a way that will convict the gainsayers and not to simply put them off.



Some more info about evangel online witnessing ↗ ↘

Evangel online witnessing isn't simply spreading the message on as much different sites as possible. Evangelists will be used to test the waters, so to speak, of the forums they find. Evangelists should put up a post on the forum they find, promoting the AOY and its message, however, they should keep tabs on that discussion (known as a thread). Depending on what response you get, and by looking at the forum and the type of users on there and their responses, you will be able to give a report on the suitability on that site for shield online witnesses to take over from you.

Note: After some consideration, the editor decided that only those who are **20 years old** and upwards, who are **baptised** in the faith, should attempt to do evangel online witnessing. This is because we cannot guarantee the suitability of certain forums for those under the age of 20.

The evangel message:

In terms of the message that evangelists should put up, it should include the fact

that WMLK is broadcasting on channel 9275 on Shortwave radio. Further, it should explain that these are the last messages of Revelation 14 and that the AOY is the true Body of the Messiah in these last days because we keep the commandments and hold the faith of Yahshua.

Perhaps the AOY will want to write out set message for all evangels to use to put up on forums. Also, if the AOY ever create a WMLK poster and upload it to their site, evangels could link to that in their post.

Shield witnesses can take over

The AOY may want to assign someone to shield that forum depending on the report you give. You should (as an evangel) spend a minimum of **3 days** on one forum before moving to the next. If responses are still coming in, then feel free to take longer. Also, you can put up more than one thread if you want.

You can swap and change from shield online witnessing to evangel online witnessing how many times you want.



Shield or evangel ►)))↔↕

If you want to stick on the same forum and witness there, the editor called this shield witnessing, alternatively, if you want to spread the message on as many different forums as you can, then the editor called this evangel witnessing. It's up to you. Perhaps you want to do both. There's no right or wrong answer. However, depending on what you do, you have to fill out a slightly different form.

Note: Since the editor made the rule that those under the age of 20 should not do evangel witnessing, they can do shield volunteering instead. For this reason, the editor intends has sought and found some suitable forums for those zealous 16 – 20 years old who want to witness in this way. They now appear on the Online Witnessing page on www.messianicisraelite.com



Filling out the forms

Print name or sign:: Date:

Group no / tribe:

For the first section on both evangel and shield witnessing forms you are to put your name, the date and your group no / tribe. Unless the AOY has put you in to an online group which has a group number, or tribe name (like Reuben, Benjamin etc.) just put N/A in this box. For the date, put it the day first, then the month, then the year. If you are volunteering in an online group, it may be that due to the set up you'll need to put day, month then

year.

Evangel online witnessing form

Forum:

Please insert the forum link you've worked as an evangelizer on in the row in this table below

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mbreligion>

In the second section of the Evangel online witnessing form you are to put a link to the forum you have worked as an evangeliser as. In the above case, this site is now closed down, but it was a religious forum.

In the next section, you give the forum an age rating. Some forums are notoriously bad in the sense that they are no moderators and there can lead to disgusting, foul language and conversations which shouldn't be allowed. As an evangel witness, you will encounter various different people from all walks of life. It is important then to go through the forum and figure out what age rating the forum deserves. It may help the AOY figure out who should shield a forum, or more importantly, if a forum should be shielded. In the above case, the site in question was very friendly as it was run by the BBC who had strict moderation.

Certificate:

Give the forum you have evangelized a suitability-for-age rating



In the next section, you have to put how difficult you think it will be for a shield witness to take over from you. How difficult will it be for them to witness? In this example we have given the rating a **medium** rating:

Difficulty rating:

How difficult is it, or will it be, for online witnesses to shield this forum



This is because all religions were welcome on the board and there was little discrimination.

Time splitter:

Please estimate the time you have spent in the forum accordingly

Total days spent on forum = 3

Total minutes spent on forum = 45

In the next section, is the **time splitter** section. You have to write how many days you have spent on the forum. Remember, that doesn't necessarily mean contributing, it may mean simply observing other forum users and forum discussions.

For the next section, the **mini report**, put any additional details that you have noticed about the site that might be a help to shield witnesses i.e.

Mini report:

Please give us a condensed report of the forum itself and its suitability for shields. Feel free to use links to threads.

The forum has a place for an AOY individual to shield it. Moderation is strict but individuals who are non-Chr-stian are allowed to post on the Chr-stian Topics and Jewish Topics. Most people seem to have some knowledge of the Bible, although the trend seems to be liberal. Atheists are also on this forum and regularly post threads about the Bible being "unscientific".

For the final bit of the form, just write in your username exactly how it appears on the site you used i.e.

User Name:

Write your username in the below row.

UserName=The Covenant

They are instructions 6 sections down as to how to save the document before sending it to the living way.

Shield online witnessing form ►)))

For the second and third sections of this form you are to put the website which you have gone to do witnessing under the **forum** section. If the site is a big site with different categories, not just religion categories, then put a link to the religious section of that site to which you witness on.

In the **threads** section, put a link to each of your posts on the site using a new row for each new post you have posted.

For the fourth section you have to fill out the **time splitter** which simply splits up the amount of time you've spent on a forum. The time is split in to minutes. If you're spending more than 2 hours a day on the forum then you should try to cut back the amount of time you're spending on there.

An example is given below:

Time splitter:

Please split the time you have spent in the forum accordingly

Total time = 45

Browsing time = 10

Writing posts = 35

Other =

In the next section you are to give a **mini report**. This is your chance to say exactly how you felt about the witnessing. You can even use it to blow off some steam. An example is given below:

Mini report:

Please give us a mini report of how your witnessing went today.

Witnessing went well. I have had several people inquire about the faith. I was able to direct their attention to the assembliesofyahweh.com and recommended various AOY books to read including the Memorial Name – Yahweh. Although I did get some opposition, mainly from liberal Christians and proponents of the no-law doctrine.

Finally, you fill out the **satisfaction** chart which is how satisfied were **you** with the witnessing that you did. If you feel you gave a really good witness then give yourself an A. An example is given below:

Satisfaction Grade:

Rate how it went. (A is the highest grade, E is the lowest grade)
You should leave the grade letter that you want and delete the rest.



Go down six sections to find out how to save your document before sending in an email to the Living Way as an attachment.



Spirituality room

In November 2020 we added the spirituality corners. This is for those who do online volunteering for their tribe. It shows what spirituality points can be obtained by doing the assignment. Feel free to skip over these if you are not an online volunteer.

Spirituality points are added to the tribes overall points.



Useful tips!

- Have your AOY books and literature at the ready while online witnessing so you can easily refute the arguments that come your way.
- Quote scripture and make sure you use the Sacred Scriptures Bethel Edition.
- Take a notepad and pen with you when you're doing online witnessing and write in questions people ask, then come up with some answers in your spare time when you're away from the computer and type them up later.



The Assemblies of Yahweh official site

One of the best resources that you can use is the Assemblies of Yahweh site. On it the Assemblies of Yahweh have kindly made available all their articles on the different subjects that you can refer to when you get stuck, such as Trinity, Duality or Oneness, or Yahweh's Spokesman article would be useful for explaining the term Elohim to an interested enquirer. Make sure you use this wonderful resource. It means you don't need the articles in front of you, you can go online to read them.



Notes for verifiers only

No notes.



Topics you may want to get involved in

Below are some topics you may want to get involved in as an online witness:

1. Any aspect of doctrine (use the AOY Statement of Doctrine)
2. Use of the Sacred Names
3. The importance of keeping the commandments
4. Creation vs evolution
5. The importance of taking a literal interpretation of the Bible.

Atheists attack

You'll find that many atheists will attack especially the last two points. They'll attack the creation story and they'll mock the literal interpretation of the Bible. As mentioned previously, you'll need inner strength to deal with these people. On the subject of creation vs evolution you may want to peruse the online book 'In the beginning' by Walt Brown. Although it's not all accurate, it has compelling evidence to why macroevolution isn't true in the life sciences section (the first section) of the book.



Questions atheist will ask

Atheists will ask questions like, "If the Bible is true, why isn't there evidence of a global flood?" You'll note here that the way they word the question is to implant doubt in your mind of the Bible's veracity. You will have to do your own research, in this case of a global flood and present the evidence: - and you will find evidence. But you should remember, if you don't feel strong enough to deal with their constant questions, then don't attempt to address them until you are baptised.

Focus on those seeking Bible truth

Either way, you have no obligation to respond to people who aren't seeking truth. Remember, Yahshua the Messiah instructed his disciples to seek out the worthy ones. That is, those people who have a sincere desire to find and live the truth. It's these people your primary interest should be on. Many atheists may pretend they're seeking truth by asking questions like that above, but in

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| | <p>actuality, they are there simply trying to spread atheism.</p> |
|  | <p>Nothing to fear</p> <p>The most important thing about witnessing that you need to remember is that you have nothing to fear. You're going to find that Chr-stianity does not have the answers. The AOY has all the answers because it's the truth. If you get stumped on something and you've tried reading AOY literature and are still struggling, then phone in to the AOY and ask them for clarification so you can be a better witness. They would be glad to help.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Advice</p> <p>The editor mentioned earlier that with online witnessing you can target specific countries and specific languages. This may not be the best but one of the ways you can do this is by using this tool: https://www.google.com/advanced_search</p> <p>If you search for religious forums, or Chr-stian forums, or Jewish forums in the region of the world you want, or in the language you want, you should be able to find some forums to contribute to.</p>  <p>Furthermore, if you have a smartphone you may want to download the Tapatalk app. It, in theory, allows you to overview many different forums and therefore will help you organise your contributions to forums. Currently, It would seem better suited for iOS phones than Android phones.</p> <p>Also, anyone who desires to do online witnessing should sign up to Google Alerts to catch any time the 'Assemblies of Yahweh' is mentioned or 'Jacob O. Meyer' on the internet. Upon doing this you will be able to drop comments in the comment sections of these sites to deal with anything that reflects badly on the AOY.</p> |
|  | <p>Difference between 'contributors' work from 'volunteer' work</p> <p>A brief history</p> <p>At the present time (February, 2016), messianicisraelite.com has been set up as a foundation to which anyone affiliated with the AOY and is 16 or over may contribute work or good fruit to the Assemblies of Yahweh or Yahweh himself through the internet via the Living Way Youth Program. The individuals that send work to the Living Way by this method are called contributors.</p> <p>The difference between volunteers and contributors would be that volunteers</p> |

would be dedicated workers, producing work consistently every 2 weeks, or, 'every season', whilst contributors would just send in work whenever they can or want to.

Below is what you **should** know about the online witnessing category if you are considering becoming a online volunteer for the future and if Yahweh wills.

Volunteering

As a volunteer working in an online group with others for the furtherance of Yahweh's truth, you'll be given the task of seeking out new forums to witness on, supporting shields (esp. those under the age of 20) that already exist on forums by witnessing with them and shielding new forums which would be unsuitable for those younger people to shield. Being in the online group will mean you'll be able to share experiences, encourage each other and support each other as you endeavour to spread Yahweh's truth. Volunteering is far more enjoyable than contributing because you will, if it's Yahweh will, gain merits, points and other awards for doing work.

Here's a snippet of an assignment sheet which involves online witnessing:

Your Ongoing Mini Assignment (OMA) is:

Shield the following forum:

www.religiousnewsforums.com



Saving your checklist form and emailing it in

When you have completed some online witnessing, shield or evangel, then you should fill out a shield or evangel checklist form which you'll find on www.messianicisraelite.com . Save it as **Online Witnessing** followed by a underscore, then, your first and surname followed by an underscore, then if you did shielding use a 's' or evangel an 'e' and then follow that by an underscore and then input the date. An example would be:

Online Witnessing_John Smith_e_14042013

The above says that online witnessing as an evangel was done and completed on the 14th of April 2013. Once done, email this to your tribe leader if you are a volunteer. If you are simply a contributor send your form to the Living Way.

NOTE:

Date format is day 00, month 00 and year 0000

"...I showed that the 144,000, each one of them individually, can serve as a witness"

Yahweh and His Witnesses
Elder Jacob O. Meyer

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"Open the door"