

Joe Finkelstein's Confession of several years of sin against Bruce Cohen

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AGREEMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

But He disciplines for our good, that we may share His holiness. (Hebrews 12:11)

On April 17, 1995, by the gracious and powerful moving of God's Spirit, a reconciliation has taken place between Joseph Finkelstein and Bruce Cohen. For the following expressions of repentance and affirmation are the result of that meeting in which Joel Chernoff, was also present.

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Joseph Finkelstein:

I, Joseph Finkelstein, would like to apologize and repent before God and Bruce Cohen the following:

- 1. That I, without your consent, arbitrarily and improperly changed our agreement in the Let God Arise music project and withheld your royalties for the space of one year. This was wrong, and for this action I repent and ask your forgiveness. I will also unconditionally make full restitution of those royalties. } Joe F. stole & broke contract
- 2. I, also, broke a promise to give you production input on the songs you wrote for the Let God Arise project, early in the production. This I did not do. I ask for your forgiveness. } Joe F. lied & broke word
- 3. When you later asked me whether your being excluded from early input to the album was deliberate or just an oversight, I responded that it was just an oversight. In fact, this was not true and I ask your forgiveness. } Joe F. lied
- 4. Towards the end of the recording, when I did finally ask you for your input on the production, you faxed me your comments at the studio. They, inadvertently, were taken from my briefcase by a third party and read to those at the studio. These comments were to be private but were instead read openly and negative comments concerning your critique followed. I should have stopped the reading of the fax and disallowed all negative comments in which I also participated. For this and for any damage these unwarranted actions may have caused your reputation I am deeply sorry and ask your forgiveness. } Joe F. lied, slandered & misrepresented
- 5. There were also other instances at some Kol Simcha rehearsals where I made negative comments concerning you. For this I, also, ask your forgiveness. Consequently, I have spoken to the members of Kol Simcha to ask their forgiveness in this matter. } Joe F. slandered
- 6. Finally, when you asked whether or not the reason for omitting your recognition for years of service in KS at the Messiah conference was personal or just an oversight, I told you that it was only an oversight. This was not the truth and I ask your forgiveness. } Joe F. lied and

* = swore a false oath on office of elder

written by Joe Finkelstein
to and about Bruce Cohen several
years AFTER Bruce had left
Finkelstein's 'Kol Simcha.'

Affirmation:

Consequently, I would like to take this opportunity to add a
sincere thank you for your 13 years of faithful service to Kol
Simcha. You have certainly served us nobly and well. Besides having given us
much of our music, you were instrumental in financing a
significant part of the Dawning album, set up our Israel Tour
itinerary and most of all you have been a faithful friend.

<- Item 1

<- Item 2


I also want to affirm and acknowledge your ministry as Messianic
Rabbi in Manhattan and pray God's richest blessing on your
service there. I look forward to a restoration of deeper
friendship and mutual support as we serve the Lord and work
together for the revival of our Jewish people.

<- Item 3

Attestation:

I, Joel Chernoff, representing Congregation Beth Yeshua, have
witnessed the above confession and apologies made by Joseph
Finkelstein to Bruce Cohen. I have also witnessed that Bruce
Cohen has received and accepted the above. May the God of Israel
cause this healing to bring life to many and may He pour out His
Spirit in powerful new ways in both of you for His name sake.

<- Item 4


Joel Chernoff

Item 1: Please notice Joe Finkelstein affirms
Bruce Cohen's entire 13-year history in Kol
Simcha as "certainly faithful, noble and well."

Item 2: Please notice Joe Finkelstein affirms
Bruce Cohen as having been through ALL that
period, "most of all a faithful friend."

Item 3: Please notice Joe Finkelstein
affirms Bruce Cohen's ministry as a
Messianic rabbi.

Item 3: Please notice Joel Chernoff affirms
that Joe Finkelstein confessed to and apologized
TO Bruce Cohen FOR all the wrongs Joe
had done TO Bruce Cohen. There is no record
anywhere of Bruce having done any wrong to
Joe. WITNESSED AND SIGNED BY JOEL CHERNOFF.