

Parashah 37 Shlach L'kha (Send on your behalf)

25th day of 3rd Biblical month

26th day of Sivan the 9th Jewish month of 5775

13th of June the 6th Gregorian month of 2015. (June 1st. is start of winter in Australia.)



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TEHILLAH = Service of Praise

Welcome to Beit Gan-Eden (House [of] Paradise)! We are gathered here in the name of our righteous Messiah, Yeshua, to worship our Heavenly Father (Abba). Yeshua tells us. "Y'HoVaH is Spirit and worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Yochanan (John) 4:24. Shabbat Shalom,

TEFILLAH = Service of Prayer

All sing: "**Sh'ma Yisrael, Y'HoVaH Eloheinu, Y'HoVaH echad. (Deu 6:4)**
Baruch Shem kavod malchuto, le'olam va'ed!"

All say: "**Hear, O Isra'el, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, Y'HoVaH is one!**
Blessed be His Name. His glorious Kingdom is for ever and ever."

Leader: "**V'ahavta et Y'HoVah elohecha b'kol l'vav'cha u'v'kol nafsh'cha u'v'kol m'odecha."** All say: "**And you shall love Y'HoVaH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deut 6:5)** And Yeshua said: "**Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Torah and the prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."** (Mat 22:37-40)

Leader: "Yeshua HaMashiach hu Adonai".

And everyone says: "**Yeshua the Messiah, He is Lord. Amen."**

B'rachot haB'nai (Blessings for the Children)

Parents to their boys: "**May Y'HoVaH make you, (name/s) like Efrayim and M'nasheh (and personalise) Genesis 27: 27b-29.**

Parents to their girls: "**May Yah make you, (name) like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah (and personalise) Num 6:24-26.**

All pray together: "**Heavenly Abba preserve these children for their fathers and mothers. May they be led into a life of obedience and faith through the Ketuvei HaShelichim. Blessed are You, Yah of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants.**

We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein."

Prayer for Israel

TORAH = Service of The Word

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Torah: Numbers 13:1 - 15:41

Haftarah (Prophets): Y'hoshua (Joshua) 2:1-24

Ketuvei HaShelichim:(Writing [of] the Apostles):

Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 3:7-19

Drash (message): Arthur 'Avraham' Batakin

Hazak, hazak, v'nit'chazek! (Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!)

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SHABBAT SCHOOL

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark Batakin and Rebekka Windle. Younger children may attend with a parent. Shabbat Shul begins, in the adjoining room, straight after “Blessing the Children”, which is prior to the Parashah readings. Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the “Yeshua Remembrance Service” at which time parents are expected to resume proactive responsibility for their children.

LADIES DINNER THIS THURSDAY 18th JUNE

Venue: Town and Country Motel

2 Southport-Nerang Road Nerang 4211. (*shown as Price St in Google Maps*)

MENS DINNER NEXT THURSDAY June 25th.

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Arthur ‘Avraham’ Batakin

Your thoughts & questions:

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Worse Than Hamas? ISIS in Gaza

Elizabeth Blade in Israel Today

Earlier this month Hamas “police” stormed the Gaza home of Yunis Hunnar, believed to be a member of a Salafi group linked to ISIS. A Hamas spokesman later said Hunnar had carried out attacks against the ruling group in May. Nor was it the first time Hamas’ rule had been challenged by Islamists more radical than itself.

In 2006 – in tight cooperation with Hamas’ military wing – a Salafi cell called “Soldiers of Allah” kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. A year later, they repeated the move by abducting BBC correspondent Alan Johnston. In 2009, it was reported that a group of Salafists had managed to establish a caliphate in southern Gaza, sparking a bloody confrontation with Hamas that left 39 members of the Salafi group dead.

With the rise of ISIS and the establishment of a caliphate in parts of Syria and Iraq, the voice of Gaza-based Salafi groups has become more prominent. In January of this year, following the bloody attacks in Paris, members of various Salafi groups took to the streets of Gaza to protest against Charlie Hebdo’s caricatures of the prophet Muhammed. Some of them went as far as to plant bombs near the French cultural center. Although no injuries were reported, Hamas got the hint and arrested hundreds of suspected radicals.

The upcoming July 2015 issue of Israel Today Magazine further explores the nascent, but growing cooperation between Israel and Hamas’ political wing. Don’t miss it - [SUBSCRIBE NOW >>](#)

On the surface, most of Gaza’s 1.8 million residents claim to support Hamas. But they are constantly exposed to the views of Salafi groups that embrace a more radical version of Islam, and offer an alternative to the corruption of Hamas.

A Gaza-based political analyst and professor at Al-Azhar University, whose name cannot be revealed for security reasons, told Israel Today that these groups have growing appeal among downtrodden Gazans.

“Rampant unemployment and extreme poverty - most Gazans live on \$1.5 a day - have radicalized our society. The Salafi groups have learned to play on the religious feelings of the masses, saying that Allah is punishing the population for its sins and the only way to end the Israeli occupation [sic] is through purification and Jihad in the name of Allah,” he explained to us over the phone.

While many fall into this trap, the expert believes Hamas’ grip in Gaza remains strong. “Hamas’ position in the Strip is still unshakeable. We are talking about some 35,000 trained fighters. Still, it would only take one suicide bomber to turn Gaza into a bloodbath,” he warned.

Perhaps wary of confronting Hamas directly, some Salafi groups have taken to lobbing rockets at Israel, hoping to trigger harsh enough a reaction by the IDF to dislodge Hamas.

Still licking its wounds from last year’s costly Gaza war, Hamas vowed to punish the perpetrators, rather than praise the latest attacks on Israel.

Surprising as it sounds, the rising threat of ISIS and its affiliates might be bringing Hamas and Israel closer together.

“Indirect cooperation is definitely possible,” said our Gaza source.



“While Hamas and Israel can defend themselves, they also understand the threat of groups like ISIS, Jabhat al Nusra and Al Qaeda.

For now, Israel views Hamas as its enemy, but if ISIS decides to strike, Israel might want to change its stance, opting for cooperation with the rulers of Gaza.”

Christian Family Guards Jewish Tomb from ISIS in Iraq

*By Raphael Poch June 10, 2015 Breaking News Israel
www.breakingisraelnews.com/42886/#jW6OdR8AudUPJ41Z.97*

On May 17th, Islamic State (ISIS) forces conquered the city of Ramadi, the capital of the Anbar province in Iraq. This conquest, which was the first ISIS capture of a major city since US led airstrikes began against the terrorist group a year ago, put ISIS forces within 10 miles of the ancient site of Nineveh, one of Iraq’s most ancient cities. Among many other historical treasures from the Babylonian era, it is home to a tomb attributed to the prophet Nahum.

ISIS sees this tomb, as well as many other historical sites of the pre-Muslim era, in Nineveh and beyond, as targets. The extremist group is committed to wiping out any ‘non-Islamic’ history and idolatrous icons and carvings that are present at such locations.

However the tomb of Nahum does not stand alone in the face of this threat. Asir Salaam Shajaa, an Assyrian Christian, and his family are preparing to defend the 2,700 year old tomb, in order to fulfill a promise made by Shajaa’s grandfather over 60 years ago.

The tomb is located in the northern Iraqi town of Al Qosh, which is the site of the ancient city of Nineveh. When the Jewish inhabitants left the region for good in 1950, due to the government mandated expulsion of Jews from Iraq, the community tasked the Shajaa family with guarding the tomb, according to Asir. The Shajaa family promised their Jewish countrymen that they would guard the site. However, that task is appearing to be more difficult now than ever before with the threat of ISIS looming not too far away.

Shajaa told The Christian Post, “When the last Jewish people in Al Qosh left, they asked my grandfather to watch over the tomb, to keep it safe. I don’t know much more than that.

Nahum is not our prophet, but he is a prophet, so we must respect that. He’s a prophet, it is simple.

‘I’m not sure how long my family will continue to stay in Iraq; we want to leave, most of the Christians want to leave. My brother says he will stay, though; if my family gets to leave Iraq, my brother and his children will look after the tomb. It will stay in the family, God willing,’ he added.

Al Qosh is a treasure trove of history and along with its Hebrew heritage, it contains relics from the early origins of Christianity, as well as those from the Assyrian empire.

The prophet Nahum is known for his predictions of the fall of ancient Nineveh in the seventh century BCE, and his remains are believed to be buried at the tomb of ‘Nahum the Elkoshite’ in the city.



Nineveh was one of the largest cities in the world for its time, boasting a population of 150,000 people in 700 BCE. Today the city lies in ruins, but is still surrounded by an almost entirely intact 7.5-mile brick rampart.

Israel and the U.S. sign strategic air force agreement.

By Yaakov Levi in Arutz Sheva

Israel and the U.S. have signed an important strategic air force agreement, the Israel Air Force revealed Monday. The ASNR (Air Senior National Representative) agreement, signed last week, covers a full range of cooperation between the forces under one roof by building a joint annual work plan addressing these issues with the goal of promoting relevant interests of each force, the IAF said.

According to Brigadier General Ya'akov Sharabani, the IAF's Attaché in Washington, the agreement “is a significant milestone in the cooperation between the forces, realized for the first time as signed agreement.”

“What makes the ASNR document special is how it codifies everything that the IAF and USAF has been doing together and identifies new areas where we can cooperate,” said Maj. Gen. Lawrence Martin, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force International Affairs. “In that sense, the ASNR is not only a very practical framework for moving forward the issues both of our air forces care about, but it also clearly serves as evidence of the deep and committed friendship between us.”

The process that preceded the signing event lasted nearly two years and began with the visit of General Mark Welsh, UASF (US Air Force) Commander, to the IAF in August 2013. The event earlier this week marked its completion as the agreement was signed by Bg. Gen. Amikam Norkin, IAF Chief of Staff, and Maj. Gen. Martin.

“During the second visit, the commanders spoke of the importance of cooperation and the need to deepen it,” said Sharabani. “We translated this vision into operational paper which provides an exact definition of that endeavor.”

Twelve teams of American and Israeli officers were formed to deal with the common interests of the forces. “We share common threats and both face the challenge of ensuring we have the best air forces in a budget-constrained environment that often requires us to make tough choices about modernization priorities,” said Martin. From the teams are some that deal with joint exercises, absorption of the F-35 stealth jets in the IAF, airborne medicine and flight safety.

“In the near future we will be practicing together as part of the 'Red-Flag' advanced aerial combat training exercise in America, American teams will deploy in Israel for the 'Blue-Flag' aerial combat training exercise and we will also become the first foreign force to take part in the comprehensive 'Southern Strike' aerial combat training exercise,” said Sharabani.

“We have a good, fruitful cooperation between the Israeli and American Air Forces. Only few countries have agreements similar to this one.”



How Islam Got its American Privileges

by Daniel Greenfield. June 10, 2015. <http://sultanknish.blogspot.com.au/>

What is Islam? The obvious dictionary definition answer is that it's a religion, but legally speaking it actually enjoys all of the advantages of race, religion and culture with none of the disadvantages.

Islam is a religion when mandating that employers accommodate the hijab, but when it comes time to bring it into the schools, places that are legally hostile to religion, American students are taught about Islam, visit mosques and even wear burkas and recite Islamic prayers to learn about another culture. Criticism of Islam is denounced as racist even though the one thing that Islam clearly isn't is a race.

Islamist organizations have figured out how lock in every advantage of race, religion and culture, while expeditiously shifting from one to the other to avoid any of the disadvantages.

The biggest form of Muslim privilege has been to racialize Islam. The racialization of Islam has locked in all the advantages of racial status for a group that has no common race, only a common ideology.

Islam is the only religion that cannot be criticized. No other religion has a term in wide use that treats criticism of it as bigotry. Islamophobia is a unique term because it equates dislike of a religion with racism. Its usage makes it impossible to criticize that religion without being accused of bigotry.

By equating religion with race, Islam is treated not as a particular set of beliefs expressed in behaviors both good and bad, but as an innate trait that like race cannot be criticized without attacking the existence of an entire people. The idea that Islamic violence stems from its beliefs is denounced as racist.

Muslims are treated as a racial collective rather than a group that shares a set of views about the world. That has made it impossible for the left to deal with ex-Muslims like Ayaan Hirsi Ali or non-Muslims from Muslim families like Salman Rushdie. If Islam is more like skin color than an ideology, then ex-Muslims, like ex-Blacks, cannot and should not exist. Under such conditions, atheism is not a debate, but a hate crime. Challenging Islam does not question a creed; it attacks the existence of an entire people.

The equating of Islam with Arabs and Pakistanis has made it nearly impossible for the media to discuss violence against Christians in those parts of the world. The racialization of Islam has made Arab Christians, like Bangladeshi atheists, a contradiction in terms. The ethnic cleansing of the Yazidi could only be covered by giving them a clearly defined separate identity. Middle Eastern Christians are increasingly moving to avoid being categorized as Arabs because it is the only way to break through this wall of ignorance.

While racialization is the biggest Muslim privilege, race provides no protection for many Islamic religious practices. Muslims then seek religious discrimination laws to protect these practices even if it's often a matter of debate whether their lawsuits protect their religious practices or impose them on others.

Islam is a theocracy. When it leaves the territories conquered by Islam, it seeks to replicate that theocracy through violence and by adapting the legal codes of the host society to suit its purposes. (See link at top for full article.)



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³¹ "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a re-newed Covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'udah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part violated My Covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Y'HoVaH. ³³ "For this is the Covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says Y'HoVaH, "I will put My Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. (Yirem'yahu [Jeremiah] 31:31-33)

Leader: "See! Elohim is my salvation; I am confident and unafraid; for Y'HoVaH Elohim is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation!" (Isa 12:2)

Congregation: Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. (Isa 12:3). Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people (Ps 3:8). Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov. (Ps 46:7)

Leader: "Baruch ata Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, ha motze lechem m'in ha eretz." (divide challah)

Congregation: "Blessed are You Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the Universe who has brought forth bread from the earth. Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot, how happy is anyone who trusts in You! (Ps 84:12). Give victory Y'HoVaH! Let the King answer us the day we call. (Ps 20:9) I will take the cup of redemption and call upon the Name, Y'HoVaH. (Ps 116:13)

Leader: (with cup in right hand) "The cup of deliverance I raise and in the Name of Y'HoVaH, Yeshua HaMashiach, I call: Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech, ha'olam, boray p'ri ha'gafen." (Replace cup with spices)

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Leader: Lifting spice container in right hand, says... "Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, boray meenee besamim."

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the various spices.

Leader: As Avram gave to Malki-Tzedek according to B' resheet (Genesis) 14:18-20, let us all come and bring our offering; then take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup, return to your seats and wait, so we can partake together.

Leader: Pray in relation to what Yeshua has done in connection with the day's Torah portion. "Let us eat and drink together".

Malachi & Tamar: Aharonic Blessing (see Num 6:22-27). Our Abba and Elohim of our fathers, we thank you for the joy and rest of this Shabbat. May the coming week bring gladness & peace, health & achievement. Like the fragrance of the besamim,

we pray that the days ahead bring sweetness to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. May the peace, which we are enjoying linger till we gather for Shabbat next week. We ask this in Yeshua's name, Amein.

