

Parashah 39 Hukat (Regulations)

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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, everyone!

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: "**Y'HoVaH hu Yeshua HaMashiach**". (Phil 2:11; 1Cor 12:3; Luke 2:11)

All say: "**Yeshua the Messiah He is LORD**". Amen.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN B'rachot Yeledim ברכות ילדים

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 Tanakh and 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 19:1 - 22:1

Haftarah (Prophets): Shof'tim (Judges) 11:1-33

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

Yochanan (John) 3:9-21; 4:3-30; 12:27-50

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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

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Scriptures referenced in today's Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans
B'midbar (Numbers) 19:11-13; B'reshet (Genesis) 1:5; 8; B'reshet (Gen) 2:1-4;
Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 4:3-5; 6-9; Romans 5:12-14; Luke 24:44-46
2 Cor. 5:14; Kefa Alef (1 Pet) 1:21-23; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 8:2; 9:11; 9:24;
2 Corinthians 5:1-9; Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:21.

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Defending the Jewishness of Messianic Jews

Kehila News Israel Staff. Jun 15, 2016

For decades, Messianic Jews in Israel have struggled to convince their fellow citizens that they too are Jewish, but most of their persuasions have been met with skepticism and, at times, downright hostility. Until recently.

Shortly after Yaakov Katz was named Jerusalem Post's Editor-in-Chief, he wrote about Israel's inclusiveness as a society that includes four main streams of Judaism. After reading the article, Terri and Eric Morey of Poriya jumped at the opportunity to pen a response to the May 13 Editor's Notes.

"In his excellent 'Israel's qualitative edge', Yaakov Katz mentioned that there are four streams of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist)," Terri wrote. "But I want to assure him that there are at least five, and that one of them is Messianic Judaism. There are more than 100,000 adherents in the US alone."



Eric and Terri Morey

Christ", and forced conversions to Christianity, a deep seated fear and suspicion of Yeshua's followers may be understandable. The Moreys hope that this letter is a step toward changing that perception.

"I've been living here 33 years and I don't remember reading anything in the secular press that would let us say who we are," Terri told Kehila News. "Messianic Judaism should be considered the fifth branch of Judaism. They don't think we are Jewish, but if God would put this on the front page, so to speak, if people would see the simplicity of this fact and pick up their Bibles, they'd see it's the truth."

Katz wrote, "We don't ask questions regarding how Jews practice and what they believe. Israel, we contend, is the homeland for all Jews and doesn't belong to one denomination or stream."

When Terri read those words she knew God had answered her prayer to be able to directly counter the notion that Messianics are not Jewish in a public forum.

"Most Jews in this country," Terri said. "accuse us of deserting them. But we haven't stopped being Jews – and that's what I want to communicate."

An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 Messianic Jews live in Israel – less than 1 percent of the population of Israel. But with this platform in the media recently, the Moreys hope their letter will raise awareness and answer questions about the



Jewish belief that Yeshua is the Messiah.

“The more responses the Jerusalem Post gets to this, the more controversy it stirs up, the more interest people will have,” Eric said. “We encourage more people to write in and respond to that article.”

Eric heads the Aliyah Action Council, an coalition of Messianic ministries that helps Jews immigrate to Israel, even Messianic Jews who encounter obstacles due to the misperception that they aren't Jewish.

“These are the very people that nobody is helping and many are trying to exclude,” he explained. “One of our major hopes with this letter is to overturn that misunderstanding of the truth.”

Both originally from the United States, Terri was raised a secular Jew while Eric was a non-religious Gentile. The couple separately became believers and a few years later immigrated to Israel in 1983. They settled in the Tiberias area.

Currently, the Moreys devote their time to Kehilat Poriya, a community of about 40 believers that is part of the Tents of Mercy network. Eric and Terri founded the Galilee Experience, a tourist center in Tiberias, which opened in 1991.

The Moreys currently run a business producing a line of Hebraic roots calendars, an offshoot of the Galilee Experience.

Yaakov Katz's entire article may be read here:

www.jpost.com/Opinion/Editors-Notes-Israels-qualitative-edge-453878

The Moreys' letter (reprinted below) can also be seen on this link .

www.jpost.com/Opinion/Letter-to-the-Editor-454921 Search: **We're still Jews!**

In his excellent “Israel's qualitative edge” (Editor's Notes, May 13), Yaakov Katz mentioned that there are four streams of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist). But I want to assure him that there are at least five, and that one of them is Messianic Judaism. There are more than 100,000 adherents in the US alone.

Certain people have concluded that when a Jewish person believes in Yeshua as the messiah, he or she is no longer Jewish. This is absolutely wrong. If you ask any Messianic Jew if he or she is Jewish, that person will say: “Of course I am. I was born Jewish and I will die Jewish. I believe in a Jewish man who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish messiah from the Jewish scriptures. The idea that this makes me a non-Jew is absurd!”

Let's say that, worst case, we are wrong and Yeshua is not the Jewish messiah. So take the case of Rabbi Akiva. He proclaimed that Bar-Kochba was the Jewish messiah. Today, we know otherwise. Not only was Akiva mistaken, but his mistake brought enormous catastrophe upon the Jewish people. But do people say he was not a Jew? So how is it that a Jewish person who believes in Yeshua as the Jewish messiah, even if he or she is wrong, is no longer a Jew?

One of the more prominent streams of Judaism today is the Chabad movement. Many of its adherents believe that their late rebbe is the Jewish messiah. I believe this is wrong, but I have no doubt that these people are still Jewish. Mr. Katz invited us, his readers, to share our thoughts, and I am glad he did this. It shows that we live in a country where freedom of belief and freedom of the press still exist.

TERRI MOREY Poriya, Illit. May 25, 2016



Persecution of Messianic Jews Rises Again

Israel Today Jamie Cowen Jun 15, 2016

www.kehilanews.com/2016/06/15/persecution-of-messianic-jews-rises-again/

With the formation of the most right-wing government in Israel's history, including the appointment of an ultra-orthodox leader to head the Interior Ministry, it was only a matter of time before Messianic Jews were targeted. The time has come. Three recent Israeli Supreme Court decisions will undermine attempts by Messianic Jews to immigrate to Israel. First, some background:

All Jews or those with Jewish heritage (minimum of a Jewish grandparent) can immigrate to Israel and become immediate Israeli citizens. The authorizing law is known as the Law of Return. It was first enacted in 1950 and has been amended a few times. The most recent amendment in 1970 excluded Jews who had converted to another religion. In a 1989 case, the Supreme Court found that Messianic Jews had converted to another religion and thus could not immigrate under the Law of Return. Throughout the years, depending upon which party controlled the Ministry of Interior (the agency overseeing immigration to Israel), the government's enforcement of the exclusion against Messianic Jews was mixed. Now, it seems the government is aggressively investigating and pursuing Messianic Jews for exclusion.

Several years ago, the Supreme Court approved a settlement agreement between the government and a group of Messianic Jewish plaintiffs to permit the immigration of Messianic Jews where only the individuals' fathers were Jewish. The reasoning was that since Jewishness is determined through the mother, an individual solely born of a Jewish father was not technically Jewish and thus was not converting to another religion if Messianic.

A few months ago that decision was undercut. The government had denied the immigration application of a Messianic Jew, whose father was Jewish. Upon petitioning the Court, even with the earlier precedent, the Supreme Court indicated interest in re-looking at the issue. In this case, the particular Messianic Jew was a well-known and active missionary to Jews in Israel. The Court agreed with the government that even in cases where the person is technically not Jewish (because of Jewish ancestry through the father only), the earlier ruling in favor of such individuals was not applicable because of the missionary activity of the Messianic Jew. Of course, the question then becomes what is missionary activity. According to statutory law, the only illegal missionary activity in Israel is seeking to convert minors or using bribes to lure conversions.

A second case was decided that potentially further limits the rights of Messianic Jews. In this case, the party was not Messianic, but rather Muslim. The case was brought by an organization of Progressive Judaism. In this case the woman petitioner was the daughter of a Jewish born woman, who had converted to Islam before the daughter was born. The mother had lived in then Palestine before the birth of the modern state of Israel. She then married a Muslim Arab and gave birth to children, including the petitioner. The petitioner grew up in the territories and later married a Muslim man, whom she later divorced. She now was claiming Jewish ancestry through her grandparents. The government denied her application for immigration



based upon the fact that the Law of Return was designed to assist Jews to immigrate to Israel, not those who had converted to another religion. In some ways similar to the Messianic Jewish cases, the petitioner was claiming there was never a conversion because she wasn't raised Jewish. The Supreme Court agreed with the government's position and upheld the denial of citizenship. The organization bringing the case has appealed the decision to a larger body of Supreme Court justices (the normal case is heard by three justices but can be appealed to a fuller body).

The third case was heard a few weeks ago. A young Messianic Jewish family had applied for citizenship based upon the Jewishness of her father. Again, the Ministry of Interior denied the application, despite the fact that her father and mother had immigrated successfully to Israel several years ago and live here. Armed with the previous two precedents, the Ministry aggressively argued against them, claiming they were also missionaries. They pulled out of their hat an old email about reaching out to Jews. Nothing was shown about their activity in Israel over the past three and a half years that they've lived here. Based on the questioning and comments of the judges, the family saw that the case was a lost cause. They withdrew their case just before a decision was reached. The Court then ordered them out of the country by July 1, with their three young children.

As a result of these decisions, it appears the gains that Messianic Jews had made in recent years through the courts are now being reversed. The government is arguing that simply being a Messianic Jew means the individual is a missionary. This has been the standard argument of the Ministry of Interior for years, but now the Court seems to be in agreement.

Newspaper Reports: Israel to Build Underground Wall around Gaza

Kehila News Israel Staff, Jun 17, 2016

Israel is planning to build a concrete wall deep in the ground around Gaza in order to obstruct the threat of tunnels that reach into Israeli territory, Yedioth Ahronoth reported on Thursday. The wall would stretch along the border, dozens of meters below and above ground and would cost 2.2 billion shekels (\$568 million) to construct.

The existence of the plan to build a subterranean wall was cleared for publication by the military censor, the newspaper reported. It is unclear whether the timing of this report corresponds with the remarks of a senior Defense Ministry official who declared on Wednesday that the next round of fighting against Hamas must be the last with the goal to topple Hamas. "A war of attrition is not an option. The next confrontation must be the last in terms of Hamas's regime," the senior official, who insisted on anonymity, told reporters at a briefing.

"We don't want to control Gaza," he said, "and as long as there isn't an alternative (to Hamas), we don't have any business being there. ... But a conflict with Hamas is unavoidable. It is an ongoing threat, and we have to be ready and prepared for it." In the last conflict between Israel and Gaza in 2014, several tunnels were uncovered, some of which extended into Israeli territory. Hamas fighters used the tunnels to carry out or avoid attacks on soldiers and civilians. The Israel Defense Forces destroyed 32 terror tunnels, 14 of them in Israel.



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³¹ "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a new Covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. 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)

Congregation: *Isa 12:2* "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 12:3* Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. *Ps 3:8* Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people. *Ps 46:7* Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov. *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.

