

**Parashah 24 Vayikra (And He called)**

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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 THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (*Mat 15:24*)**

## TORAH = Service of The Word

### Parashahs 24 Vayikra (And He called)

**Torah:** Vayikra (Leviticus) 1:1 - 5:26

**Haftarah (Prophets):** Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 43:21 - 44:23

**Ketuvei HaShelichim** (Writing [of] the Apostles): **Romans 8:1-13;**

**Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 10:1-14; 13:10-16**

**Drash (message):** M.Min. Sean "Yitzhak" Nicholson

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

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## To the Jew first: Jacob Damkani's passion for evangelism

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<https://kehilanews.com/2017/03/09/to-the-jew-first-jacob-damkanis-passion-for-evangelism/>

Well known in Israel for his courage and passion to share the gospel, Israeli evangelist Jacob Damkani insists that Christians visitors to Israel can and should also boldly share their faith with the Jewish people.

“My heart’s cry is to encourage the saints of the nations to rise up in their biblical calling to provoke the Jews to jealousy with the gospel of truth,” Damkani declared in an interview with KNI. “Many Christians who love Israel, and who want to bless the Jewish people, have been told lies.”

Damkani, who runs Hotel Gilgal in Tel Aviv, is troubled that many Christians visiting Israel are silenced because of “lies” they have heard. They are taught that past atrocities committed in the name of Christ preclude them from sharing their faith and that God established the Old Covenant with Israel and the New Covenant with the gentiles, he said.

“These things are not true,” Damkani insisted.

“It is heartbreaking to see that most true Christians will do almost anything for Israel but refuse to share the gospel of grace with Israel, who gave it to them in the first place,” Damkani said.

Damkani’s own journey of faith has been remarkable. Most recently he has recovered from life-threatening health issues and, by God’s grace, his energy and strength continue to increase.

Born in 1952 to a religious Jewish family in the Galilee, Damkani came to faith at age 25 while he was living in the United States. He had been caught in a life of rebellion and crime, and had left Israel in 1974 to escape the police. While in New York he met an American Christian who explained to him that the Old Testament Scriptures that spoke of Messiah were fulfilled in Yeshua.

After a long quest Damkani received Yeshua as his Lord and Savior in 1977. He returned to Israel in 1981 with a passion for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – and a yearning to share the Good News with his people to their salvation. (Damkani’s full story can be read in his book *Why Me?*, available here.)

In 1984, Damkani founded Trumpet of Salvation to Israel, a ministry that is “dedicated to bringing the Jewish Messiah to the Jewish people in his Jewish context in order for God’s covenant people to recognize their own promised Messiah.”

The purpose of Trumpet of Salvation is to equip Christians to share the gospel with Israelis and then take them out to army bases, market places, beaches and the streets to more effectively share the Good News.

“God has commissioned Trumpet of Salvation to mobilize the saints of the nations to fulfill their commission in bringing the gospel back to the Jewish people,” Damkani shared.

Damkani pleads with Christians to understand that not only is the past forgiven, but that “Israel is open to the gospel — more open than ever before.”

He also explained the Jewish understanding of God.



“In much of Christianity, all the emphasis is on Jesus. God the Father is not spoken of or praised much. This is a problem for Jews because, while we believers understand that God and Jesus are one, the Jews don’t have that understanding,” Damkani explained. “If you don’t talk to Jews about God the Father who promised them the Messiah, they think you want them to leave their God for yours.”

Based on his own experience, Damkani understands the message that Jews need to hear. “The gospel is all about the God of our forefathers. Yeshua is the one God promised and not someone the Gentiles invented,” he said. “In sharing the gospel with the Jews we must always point to God the Father, who promises them salvation and reconciliation with himself.”

A common misconception is that evangelizing in Israel is illegal. One reason for this is that the Ministry of Interior has refused people entry to Israel on the grounds of suspected “missionary activity.” While it is indeed illegal to offer material gain in exchange for conversion and to teach the gospel to minors without parental consent, evangelizing is actually legal.

“Israel has freedom of religion and speech. Those that oppose us are fewer than 2 percent of Israel’s population,” he said. “Yet these who are against us have managed to intimidate believers, pounding into them fear of sharing the Gospel. This is very painful.”

“Christians need a bit of boldness and obedience when God calls them to share the Gospel,” Damkani reflects. “Preaching the gospel in a decaying world is the greatest thing that gives life — it pumps life into our own hearts.

A new movie portraying a fictionalized account of Damkani’s life is set to be released later this year. The film, “New Spirit”, is an Israeli production directed by film maker Doron Eran.

*(Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/200804074>)*

### **New tunnels threaten Israel, old tunnels main topic of Gaza war report**

*Kahila News by Joni Koski, Mar 8, 2017*

Israel has discovered 15 new terror tunnels extending into Israeli territory from Gaza, according to unnamed high level security cabinet sources who spoke with Israeli TV Channel 2.

Senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh has said that tunnels are central to the terror group’s strategy against Israel. Hamas operatives have used the tunnels to attack and kidnap Israeli soldiers and were also planning a cross-border raid on a civilian community, plans that were thwarted. 34 tunnels were destroyed in the 2014 campaign. But State Comptroller Joseph Shapira’s report, released last week, accused the Israeli government of failing to take the threat of the tunnels seriously prior to the war and of destroying only half of them during the 50-day campaign.

Operation Protective Edge, which led to the deaths of 74 Israelis and more than 2,100 Palestinians, was triggered by the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teens in 2014 and intensified rocket attacks on Israel by Palestinians in Gaza.

The long awaited comptroller report has generated accusation, backbiting and denial among Israel’s most senior political and military leadership.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and then Defense Minister Moshe



Ya'alon criticized then IDF Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz was also called to task for not bringing the matter directly to the cabinet.

“The preparations for Operation Protective Edge by IDF Chief of Staff Gantz and Defense Minister Ya'alon were negligent and a failure,” according to Housing Minister Yoav Galant of the Kulanu party. “It is grave that they were trying to present it as a victory and an accomplishment.” Netanyahu has defended the outcome of the war, pointing to unparalleled relative quiet on the border with Gaza since 2014.

Following the war, Hamas invested heavily in rejuvenating its tunnel network, many located under civilian buildings or mosques, while the IDF has also enhanced its capability to identify and combat the subterranean threat.

### **Hamas-funded East Jerusalem school to be closed down for incitement**

*kehilanews.com by Karen Faulkner Mar 7, 2017*

Israel's Supreme Court has ruled that a Hamas-funded school in East Jerusalem must be shut down immediately. After months of joint surveillance by the Israeli Ministry of Education, the Secret Service and Israeli police, it was determined that the al-Nukhaba Elementary School has been promoting incitement against Israeli Jews through a violent, anti-Israel curriculum.

The school, which was operating illegally without a license, had some 220 pupils. Jerusalem's municipality was charged with finding new elementary schools for all the children.

“My policy is clear and coherent: Cases of incitement will continue to be treated with the utmost severity,” Education Minister Naftali Bennet said. “Schools in East Jerusalem that elect to follow the Israeli curriculum will get the full set of tools they need to succeed, while those choosing [to promote] incitement will be closed.”

There has been considerable debate and concern that youngsters in the Palestinian educational system are being taught to hate Israel and deny its right exist.

In 2015, Palestinian Media Watch (an Israeli research institute that studies Palestinian society) published a comprehensive report on Palestinian Authority education which notes, among other things, that many schools are named after terrorists, and refers to instances where educators “present murderers as role models and promise a world without Israel.”

In particular, PMW notes the removal of Israel from maps in educational material. “A number of teachers have published pictures on social media of maps of Palestine (i.e., the PA map of ‘Palestine’ that presents all of Israel as ‘Palestine’ together with the PA areas) that were published in the national schoolbooks for second grade, which show errors in the location of the Palestinian cities on the map,” PMW noted.

Meanwhile some 150 former students have yet to be placed in new schools. Parents blamed the Jerusalem Municipality for failing to find alternate schooling for them while the municipality claims that since the Hamas-sponsored school was private, most of the kids are not registered with the public school system, presenting a challenge. The Education Ministry had originally told the school it could not open in September and only issued the order to close after it continued to operate for several months.



## 'Day Without a Woman' supporters got \$246M from Soros

*March 08, [www.foxnews.com/us/2017/03/08/day-without-woman-supporters-got-246m-from-soros.html](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/03/08/day-without-woman-supporters-got-246m-from-soros.html) (video)*

Billionaire George Soros gave \$246 million to groups behind Wednesday's "Day Without a Woman" protest, according to a report by a conservative think tank.

Wednesday is "International Women's Day," and schools in at least four states canceled classes so teachers and staff members could participate in "Day Without a Woman" demonstrations.

While movement organizers say the demonstration is meant to spotlight gender inequality, critics say it is intended to protest President Donald Trump. The strike was created by the same organizers of the historic Women's March on Washington in January, which drew hundreds of thousands in protest of the president.

A report released Wednesday claims that Soros -- whose net worth is \$25.2 billion and who champions liberal causes -- gave millions to groups behind the demonstration.

Of the march's 544 partners, 100 groups received funding from Soros that totaled \$246 million, according to the conservative Media Research Center. Such groups included Planned Parenthood, the Center for American Progress and People for the American Way (PFAW), the report claims.

"Those donations represent just a fragment of Soros' massive global influence," the Media Research Center said on its website. "His Open Society Foundations have given away more than \$13 billion to push his globalist, anti-American views."

### **Kim Dotcom: "Trump is in Danger"**

*Paul Joseph Watson. Prison Planet.com March 8.  
[www.prisonplanet.com/kim-dotcom-trump-is-in-danger.html](http://www.prisonplanet.com/kim-dotcom-trump-is-in-danger.html)*

Kim Dotcom (born Kim Schmitz) was the founder of the infamous and now-defunct file hosting service Megaupload and is known to have close connections to Wikileaks and Julian Assange. During a September 2016 interview with Bloomberg, Kim said, "Julian Assange is going to be Hillary Clinton's worst nightmare."

Just a month later, he was proven correct when Wikileaks began publishing thousands of emails from John Podesta's email account, revelations which continued right up until the election and played a huge part in Hillary's defeat.

Following Wikileaks 'Vault 7' release of CIA files and the intensification of Donald Trump's battle with the deep state, Kim warned in a tweet today that "Trump is in danger".

"The White House leaks are coming from a rogue group within the CIA. They want to stop the Trump presidency. This is NOT speculation," he also tweeted, adding, "Rogue group of Obama loyalists at CIA used powerful cyber warfare tools illegally to spy on Trump & fabricated Russia narrative. BIG DANGER!" The deep state is attempting to sabotage Trump's administration with leaks hoping for his impeachment or resignation. Kim later responded to a question about what Donald Trump should do to protect himself by answering, "Appoint new FBI leadership – Get FBI agents from outside DC to investigate CIA & NSA for all unlawful activities. One domino falls, game over."



## YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

<sup>31</sup> "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'udah. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> "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.

