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Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Parashah 45 Va'etchanan ~*I pleaded*

Day 12 of the 5th month (Biblical)



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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 Abba ~Father. 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. Amein".

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.

B'RACHOT YELEDIM ~Blessing the Children ברכות ילדים

Prayer for boys from Gen 27:27b-29. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Efrayim and M'nasheh ... Prayer for girls from Num 6:24-26. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah...

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'hak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein.

SHABBAT SHUL ~School

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark Batakin and his assistant.

Younger children may attend with a parent. Shabbat Shul begins in the adjoining room, straight after "Blessing the Children"; prior to the Parashah readings. Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the "Yeshua Remembrance Service".

Parents, please resume proactive responsibility for your children at this time and note that children running around inside is not authorised by building management.

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PRAYER FOR THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (*Matt 15:24*)

MISHPACHAH ~family MEMOS

HAKADASHAH ~*The Consecration of:* **Gabriella Sophia Robinson**

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TORAH ~*Service of The Word*

Parashah 45 Va'etchanan ~*I pleaded*

Torah: D'varim ~*Words*. Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Haftarah ~*Prophets:* Yesha'yahu ~*Isaiah* 40:1-26

Ketuvei HaShelichim ~*Writing [of] the Apostles:* Mattityahu ~*Matt* 4:1-11;

Mark 12:28-34; **Luke** 4:1-13; 10:25-37; **Acts** 13:43; **Romans** 3:27-31;

1Tim 2:2-4; **Ya'akov (*James*)** 2:14-26.

DRASHAH ~*Sermon by MMin. Tamar Yeomans*

D'varim (Numbers) 6:24-26 ; Yochanan ~John 9:1 ; 1Corinthians 1:26-28 ;

Yesha'yahu ~Isaiah 53:2 ; B'resheet ~Gen 16:13a ; Tehillim ~Psalms 34:15 ; Kefa

Alef ~1 Peter 3:12 ; Sh'mot (Exodus) 2:25 ; M'lakhim Bet ~2 Kings 14:26 ;

Iyov (Job) 10:4 ; 23:8-10 ; 28:10 ; 31:4 ; 34:21 ; Tehillim (Psalms) 94:9 ;

Sh'mu'el Alef (1 Sam) 16:7 ; Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 66:2 ; Mattityahu (Mat) 6:6 ; 9:36 ;

14:14 ; Luke 5:20 ; Tehillim ~Psa 17:8 ; Zech'aryah (Zek) 2:8 (2:12) ; Matt 9:36 ; 14:14.

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Misleading Terms Used in Middle East News Coverage and Why They Are Misleading.

by Jerome Verlin and Lee Bender

Israel Behind The News, August 01.

Intro by David Bedein: In 1987, the Palestine Press Service, now a dormant arm of the PLO, issued a press manual for the Western media, to ask reporters to adjust their terminology to reflect the Arab point of view in the continuing Israel-Arab war. That PLO press initiative coincided with the outbreak of the PLO intifada uprising, when the PLO worked to change its image from “terrorists” to “freedom fighters”.

The terms that the PLO suggested to the media were not etched in stone at the time of Israel’s independence in 1948, nor even in the aftermath of the six day war in 1967.

It’s just that the PLO found a way to hurt the Jewish state in a most subtle manner, by infusing the Arab narrative into Middle East news coverage.

#1- “The West Bank” – No, it’s not. “Judea and Samaria” are not just “biblical names,” but the names the hill country of Israel was known by from ancient times, including in the U.N.’s 1947 partition resolution, until

after Transjordan invaded in 1948 (and was ousted by Israel in 1967) and named it such to disassociate its inherent Jewish connection.

#2 – “East” or “traditionally Arab East” Jerusalem: Jerusalem has been the capital of three homeland states, all Jewish, in the past 3,000 years, and has had a renewed Jewish majority since 1800’s Ottoman rule.

Palestinian Arabs have never ruled any part of Jerusalem. There was no such place as “East” Jerusalem until invading Jordan seized the historical heart of the city in 1948 and expelled its Jews; until then it had never been a divided city. The eastern section of the city is where the Old City, Jewish Quarter, Temple Mount (Lately Rechristened by major media as “al-Aqsa mosque compound”), the Western Wall, Mount of Olives cemetery, Christian Quarter and Church of the Holy Sepulcre are located. Jerusalem is Judaism’s holiest city; it is not holy to Muslims and is not mentioned once in the Qu’ran. Only since Israel reunified the city has there been equal rights and access to religious sites of all faiths. Say rather: Jerusalem, period.

#3 – “The UN sought to create Jewish and Palestinian States:” It did not. Over and over in its 1947 partition resolution, the UN referenced “the Jewish State” and “the Arab” [not “Palestinian”] State. There are 22 independent Arab states.

#4– “Palestinian Refugees of the War that Followed Israel’s Creation,” or the “Palestinian Refugee Issue:” This suggests that an indigenous population of Arab “Palestinians” was unilaterally displaced by the 1948 five-Arab-state- army invasion for Israel’s destruction, which encouraged and ordered local Arabs to leave. Much forgotten is that more Jews were consequently expelled from vast Arab lands they had lived in for many centuries (850,000-900,000) than Arabs left tiny Israel (500,000- 650,000).

#5 – Israel “Seized” Arab Lands in 1967: It did not. Israel acquired these territories in a defensive war from Arabs who vowed to destroy her. Israel has greater historic legal claims and rights to these lands.

#6 – Israel’s “1967 Borders:” There were no 1967 borders. They were armistice lines. The 1949 Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement expressly declared the “green line” it drew between the two sides’ ceasefire positions as a military ceasefire line only, and not a political border. The post-’67 war U.N. Resolution 242 pointedly does not demand Israel retreat from these lines.

#7 – “Israeli-Occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem:” No. The 1920 League of Nations Palestine Mandate recognized the Jewish people’s right to reconstitute its Jewish National Home in Palestine (including Judea

and Samaria, and what ultimately became Jordan), and called for close settlement of the Jews on this land, where Jews have continuously lived, claiming it as their homeland, for three thousand years. At worst, the legal status is disputed, not “occupied” or “Palestinian” territories.

#8 – “Jewish Settlers and Settlements” vs. “Palestinian Residents of Neighborhoods and Villages:” Jews are not alien “settlers” implying “occupiers” in a Jerusalem that’s had a Jewish majority since mid-19th century or in the Judea-Samaria Jewish historical homeland. Israelis living there are residents who live in cities, towns and villages.

#9 – “Palestinian Arabs accept and Israel rejects a Two-State Solution:” Wrong on both counts. The U.S. and Israel define “Two States” as two states for two peoples – Jews and Arabs. Many Israelis, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, support that plan – conditioned on an end to Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state. The Arabs have rejected a Palestinian Arab state living side-by-side with a Jewish state five times since 1937, and continuously deny any Israeli right to exist, no matter where its borders are drawn.

#10 – “The Palestinians:” During the Mandate, “Palestinian” typically referred to Palestine’s Jews. The UN’s 1947 partition resolution called

Palestine's Jews and its Arabs "the two Palestinian peoples." Palestinian Arabs – ancestrally, culturally, linguistically and religiously are akin to neighboring regional Arabs – began claiming exclusive "Palestinian peoplehood" only in the 1960s. Post-1967 war UN resolution 242 does not mention "Palestinians." Most Palestinian Arabs cannot trace their own lineage to the land back more than 4 generations.

THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSGENDERISM

by Mrs Vera West www.alor.org
On Target 28th July 2017

Dr Paul McHugh, who is a distinguished Service Professor at John Hopkins University and former psychiatrist-in-chief for John Hopkins Hospital, has treated transgendered people for 40 years:

<http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/johns-hopkins-psychiatrist-transgendered-men-dont-become-women-they-become>.

He has made news headlines in the US for arguing that in his professional opinion, "transgendered men do not become women, nor do trans-gendered women become men." He has formulated his argument in a piece published at <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/06/15145/> The title of the paper is:

"Transgenderism: A Pathogenic meme"** which does not pull any punches.

McHugh says: "first, though, let us address the basic assumption of the contemporary parade: the idea that exchange of one's sex is possible. It, like the storied Emperor, is starkly, nakedly false. Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All (including Bruce Jenner) become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they "identify." In that lies their problematic future.

When "the tumult and shouting dies," it proves not easy nor wise to live in a counterfeit sexual garb.

The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned people — extending over thirty years and conducted in Sweden, where the culture is strongly supportive of the transgendered — documents their lifelong mental unrest. Ten to fifteen years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to twenty times that of comparable peers".

The Swedish study, published at PLOS One, is here:

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0016885>.

This is hardly a trivial matter and relates directly to the welfare of the person experiencing sexual identity issues. I am not qualified to comment on how best to proceed to help

individuals with gender dysphoria issues. Here Professor McHugh has valuable insights about the need to move beyond the immediate recourse to surgery and hormones:

“What is needed now is public clamour for coherent science —biological and therapeutic science — examining the real effects of these efforts to “support” transgenering. Although much is made of a rare “intersex” individual, no evidence supports the claim that people such as Bruce Jenner have a biological source for their trans-gender assumptions. Plenty of evidence demonstrates that with him and most others, transgenering is a psychological rather than a biological matter.

In fact, gender dysphoria—the official psychiatric term for feeling oneself to be of the opposite sex—belongs in the family of similarly disordered assumptions about the body, such as anorexia nervosa and body dysmorphic disorder. Its treatment should not be directed at the body as with surgery and hormones any more than one treats obesity-fearing anorexic patients with liposuction. The treatment should strive to correct the false, problematic nature of the assumption and to resolve the psychosocial conflicts provoking it. With youngsters, this is best done in family therapy.

The larger issue is the meme itself. The idea that one's sex is fluid and a matter open to choice runs

unquestioned through our culture and is reflected everywhere in the media, the theater, the classroom, and in many medical clinics. It has taken on cult-like features: its own special lingo, internet chat rooms providing slick answers to new recruits, and clubs for easy access to dresses and styles supporting the sex change. It is doing much damage to families, adolescents, and children, and should be confronted as an opinion without biological foundation wherever it emerges.

But gird your loins if you would confront this matter. Hell hath no fury like a vested interest masquerading as a moral principle.”

In short, this issue appears to be one where the gender identity issue really is a psychological/social construction, which can in many cases be dealt with without medical intervention. Yet, strangely enough, a social identity issue has been reduced to a biological and surgical matter. This is very odd indeed. Well, maybe it is not, since all this is part of an on-going feminist revolution and is but the next step.

Who knows where all of this will end; even Rome did not have this many problems in its twilight:

*<https://www.amazon.com/Decline-Roman-Empire-Everymans-Library/dp/0307700763>.****

**meme (noun) an element of a culture or system of behaviour passed on from one individual to another by imitation or other non-genetic means.*

YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leader: 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."* **Break bread (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.

Aharonic Blessing in Hebrew & English Malachi & Tamar (Num 6:22-27)

Leader: *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.*

Now I invite you to take some Challah (bread); smell the spices; have a cup of juice and enjoy our SHMOOZE TIME ~time of fellowship). Please consume any other food or drinks out on the tiled verandah. Also, if you're able to financially support BGEMC, the offering box and self serve EFTPOS machine are there to use.

SHABBAT SHALOM and SHAVUA TOV ! (Sabbath Peace and have a great week!)

