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Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 18 of Ziv (Zif) זִיב The 2nd Biblical month.
(per 1 Kings 6:1)

Parashah 31 Emor ~Speak



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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! (Ps 72:18-19)

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 and Rachel. 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 during and after the Remembrance service. The landlord has asked us to prevent children from running around inside or on the veranda. Parents please assist.

PRAYER FOR THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (Mat 15:24).

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BGE translation: BEIT ~House GAN-EDEN ~Garden [of] Eden ~Paradise

MISHPACHAH ~family MEMOS

- **FESTIVAL OF SHAVU'OT ~WEEKS:** Sunday 27th May 2018. This festival occurs the day after the 7th Shabbat after Passover. The May 27th date is based on the Aviv sighting of the moon's 1st sliver.
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TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 31 Emor ~Speak

Torah: Vayikra ~Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Haftarah ~Prophets: Yechezk'el ~Ezekiel 44:15-31

Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles:

Mattityahu ~Matthew 5:38-42; Gal 3:26-29

Drash ~sermon: MMin Sean "Yitzhak" Nicholson

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HOW FREE SPEECH DIES

Excerpt from an Australian Prayer Network feature.

Kay Hymowitz is a William E. Simon fellow at New York's Manhattan Institute and the 2017 scholar-in-residence at the Centre for Independent Studies.

Warning to Aussies from a visiting American: pay careful attention to the latest mob action to darken one of America's elite, and one of its loveliest, campuses, Middlebury College in Vermont.

The incident offers a glimpse of how identity politics and political correctness can evolve into a dangerous religious orthodoxy with its own canonical dogma, rituals, believers, and heretics. Middlebury is a foretaste of where Australia is headed if the campus culture of intolerance continues on the same trajectory.

First, some background: some months ago, a conservative campus group invited libertarian political scientist Charles Murray to speak. Murray's most controversial book was his 1994 *The Bell Curve*. In that work, Murray argued the indisputable point that IQ is strongly correlated with labour market success; that IQ is between 40 per cent and 80 per cent heritable; and, most provocatively, that IQ varies among ethnic and racial groups.

On average, *The Bell Curve* posited in its

infamous chapter 13, blacks have a lower IQ than whites, who have a lower IQ than Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese. Murray had not come to Middlebury to persuade the community of any of this. He had been invited to discuss his 2012 book *Coming Apart*, a prescient and widely respected work about the nation's social, economic, and political divide.

No matter. Protesters had absorbed the catechism of race, gender and sexual orientation they had learned from their professors and were certain they had a heretic in their midst. They stamped their feet and shouted for a full 20 minutes before he could utter a few words. As Murray stood silently at the podium waiting for the chance to continue, their loud collective chants - "Charles Murray go away! Racist, sexist, anti-gay!" "Who is the enemy? White supremacy!" "Black lives matter!" filled the 400-person hall.

The organisers finally ushered Murray and his discussant, an international politics and economics professor at Middlebury named Allison Stanger, to a secret location where the discussion was to be broadcast to interested students via live web stream.

However, the protesters discovered their whereabouts and proceeded to pound the walls of the room and set off fire alarms. Somehow Murray and Stanger managed to complete a civil, tough-minded back-and-forth, but the zealots were not finished. They followed the two discussants and their bodyguards as they prepared to leave campus. Some of the faithful wore black ski masks.

The group "surrounded the car, banging

on the sides and the windows and rocking the car, climbing on to the hood", in Murray's words.

During the melee, protesters damaged the car and put Stanger in hospital. She was released that night, in a neck brace. "I feared for my life," she recollected on Facebook several days later. In his own retrospective, Murray described the events as an "inflection point" at which America's universities would have to choose whether they would support open and free debate or give in to the "intellectual thugs".

"If this kind of protest becomes the new normal, the number of colleges willing to let themselves in for an experience like Middlebury's will plunge to near zero. "A campus where a majority of students are fearful to speak openly because they know a minority will jump on them is no longer an intellectually free campus in any meaningful sense."

Do Australians really need to worry that the events at Middlebury foreshadow the future of their own universities? They would be naive not to.

Speech codes and coercive hypersensitivity to once marginalised groups have already become de rigueur here much as they are in the US. Those codes do, indeed, make students "fearful to speak openly". ...

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FREEDOM OF SPEECH SUPPORTS ISRAEL FOLAU'S LOVE OF GOD

*An Australian Prayer Network report.
Source: by Jennifer Oriel, Columnist
with the Australian Newspaper*

Israel Folau is a Christian, not the PC (Politically Correct) kind.

Folau is the embodiment of modern Christianity; young, black and evangelical.



Image & bio here..
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Folau

The furore over Folau's decision to cite the Bible in response to a question about God reveals the unreasonable nature of Australian secularism.

It raises the question of whether religious freedom is valued or even understood as a substantive right.

Does faith have a future in Australian life, or will Christians be resigned to the closet?

There is no freedom of religion unless there is freedom to exercise it. The question put to Folau on Instagram was

explicitly religious and demanded an answer from Biblical scripture.

The user asked: "What was gods (sic) plan for gay people?" Folau replied that unless they repent of their sins, the plan is hell.

The response was blunt and God's judgment on homosexuality is hotly debated in Christian circles. Jesus confirmed the union between a man and woman as the natural order, but did not address explicitly the subject of homosexuality. (This is the authors view not that of the Australian Prayer Network). In response to public anger about the Instagram exchange, Folau wrote a commentary for PlayersVoice entitled "I'm a Sinner Too". He explained his understanding of God's view on homosexuality was drawn from the Bible:

"Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practise homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor the drunkards, nor revellers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6: 9-10). Folau has been subjected to abuse, slander and threats of unemployment for quoting scripture, despite the fact he was asked about it. Some journalists have suggested that sponsors withdraw funding to punish his dissent. One sponsor confirmed in this newspaper that it would withdraw support, saying: "SOS (Hydration) supports inclusiveness and welfare of all athletes."

Others have emphasised a golden opportunity for Rugby Australia to

enact vengeance; Folau's contract is up for renewal. The most curious opinion is that Folau should not profess Christian beliefs on social media even when asked about Christian beliefs on social media. In an interview with The Daily Telegraph, former rugby player Tim Horan offered support for Folau's freedom of speech, but "not on social media". Instead, he contended that such views are better confined to a backyard barbecue because: "You are paid for by Rugby Australia via sponsors and I think you have an obligation to those sponsors." It is a flawed argument.

The basis of free speech as a right and principle of Western civilisation is the exercise of speech to empower the flourishing of public reason. Taylors Wines led the pack of Rugby Australia sponsors with a live and let live attitude by supporting diversity of belief and freedom of speech. Folau's teammate Nick Phipps celebrated diversity of belief and said: "We're a super diverse group, everyone has got their own different views and beliefs and Iz is a very Christian man." But some sponsors jumped on the PC bandwagon to condemn Folau. The worst of them hid behind a shield of anonymity while attacking him in the press, a coward's punch.

A perfect storm is brewing over religious freedom and Folau has dived into the eye of that storm. The unfinished business of the Turnbull government is to legislate protection for religious freedom following the legalisation of same-sex marriage. While the census indicated Australians

are losing their religion, the volume of submissions to the national Religious Freedom Review was unprecedented. More than 16,000 public submissions were received, forcing the government to postpone the reporting date to May.

The debate is whether the state will use discrimination law to extend its authority over religious individuals and organisations, or strengthen provisions to protect religious freedom and belief.

The former scenario is not unlikely. Despite assurances, the Liberal Party did not protect freedom of speech and religious belief in the same-sex marriage bill. Religious protections were limited to ministers or marriage celebrants and relevant bodies capable of demonstrating conformity to anti-discrimination law.

The continuing lack of protection for religious freedom and belief leaves people of diverse faiths vulnerable to litigious activists and opportunists. And it constitutes a geopolitical problem for Australia in a region where Christians are commonly persecuted.

In a column for the ABC, academic Katharine Gelber demonstrated inadvertently why greater protections could be needed. She argued that Folau's comments "might constitute vilification" in various jurisdictions. A complaint could be lodged, Gelber suggested, because he made the comment on social media. While the complaint would likely fail because it doesn't constitute incitement of hatred (that is, it isn't vilification), Folau's

comments "are still of concern, they disseminate prejudice by a person in a position of moral authority".

Criticisms of Folau as prejudiced or too outspoken fail the test of reason. He didn't stop play and shout out "hell to gays" in the middle of a match. He responded to an explicit question about the word of God on the question of homosexuality. And he responded by referring to the Bible.

If you ask what God's plan is, be prepared for the answer. Those who oppose Folau's right to cite scripture are advocating censorship of the Bible. It's not quite as dramatic as book burning, but the principle is the same. You might not believe in the Bible or in God. You might think that Christians should praise God only in private and religious belief should be purged from public life.

You might believe in queer ideology and refuse to brook criticism of it. But consider that a gay person's right to love openly is no more important than a Christian's right to love God openly.

Question whether Christians should have to hide their love in the closet vacated by gays. Ask yourself whether the history of state atheism enforced by totalitarian regimes is the future you want for Australia.

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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."
Divide Chullah ~platted loaf

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, make our offering, take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup and 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".

Aharonic Blessing (Hebrew & English) from Tamar & Malachi (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.

