

A Messianic congregation of Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

#### SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

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Parashah 5 Hayyei-Sarah ~Sarah's Life



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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* (Held during Torah readings & Drash) **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 (F5), straight after "Blessing the Children" and 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. Corridors and other common areas of the Southport Community Centre are not play areas. Parents please assist.

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

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#### TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 5 Hayyei-Sarah ~Sarah's Life

Torah: B'resheet ~Genesis 23:1 - 25:28

Haftarah ~Prophets: M'lakhim Alef ~1 Kings 1:1-31

**Ketuvei HaShelichim** ~Writing [of] the Apostles:

Mattityahu ~Matthew 8:19-22 Mattityahu ~Matthew 27:3-10

Drash ~sermon: MMin Sean "Yitzhak" Nicholson

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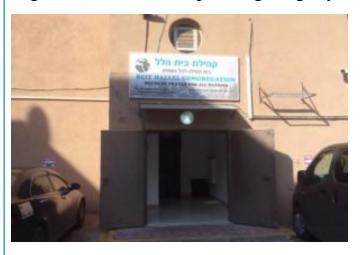
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# Ashdod Municipality threatens Messianic congregation for operating a 'house of prayer'

Kehila News Israel Staff - Oct 25, 2018 https://tinyurl.com/yb43zxpu

As if it wasn't enough that Orthodox Jews had vandalized their new building, now the Municipality of Ashdod is bearing down on the Beit Hallel congregation in the legal arena declaring that the non-profit organization itself is operating illegally.



Entrance to Beit Hallel's old building, which the City of Ashdod now claims was operating illegally

"We got our permits 11 years ago," Pastor Israel Pochtar told Kehila News Israel. "Then suddenly one day you wake up and say its illegal?"

The threat is a different tactic from the physical vandalization of the congregations' property which was reported here (Kahila News Sept 16, https://tinyurl.com/yaaq9cog)

This latest threat began when Pochtar and other leaders went to City Hall to discuss getting permits for a new building they are planning.

"Not only did we not receive them, we received a letter saying our current building is illegal," Pochtar said. The municipality accused the congregation of "illegal gathering and operating a house of prayer in the city."

The municipality's declaration, made in a letter sent last month, is quite a switch since the municipality itself had granted Beit Hallel's tax exemption based on its non-profit status a decade ago.

The matter had been brewing for about two years, however, when one of the city council members, Avi Amsalem, publicly promised to do everything in his power to stop Messianic Jews in his community. Amsalem, who is running now for re-election, is Orthodox and is a member of the Shas party. Two years ago he asked the city to verify that renovations of the congregation's building were being one according to the law.

In a letter this week to leaders in the believing community, Pochtar says that the municipality "has really taken on itself the mission to put an end to our presence and work in the city."

Pochtar wrote, "they suspiciously enough decided it wasn't enough for a prayer house to operate under all the required permits, according to their current stance" and that "a different, exceptional permit is also required for an organization like ours (something

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that as far as I'm aware of, has never been mentioned, nor appears in city bylaws, that I know of)."

Despite the ongoing pressure from these attacks, Pochtar said he has received supernatural encouragement from the Holy Spirit.

"We've come through many battles and each one has turned out for good for us," Pochtar said. "So now we are looking to see how this is going to turn out."

The congregation's administrator, an Israeli lawyer who has won in the courts several cases of discrimination for other congregations and houses of prayer, is on the case.

Pochtar believes that at the root of the continuing discrimination in Ashdod is the influence that his congregation of 300 people has in the city. Each month, the ministry helps 1,200 families from Holocaust survivors and people with disabilities to single mothers and new immigrants. The congregation provides food, clothing and counseling to those who are in need. Some 100 volunteers man the center.

The impact of the believers in Ashdod from two congregations that meet in buildings and a few home groups rivals that of the Orthodox community in 350 synagogues in the city.

"That is part of the reason the religious people have become jealous," Pochtar said. "They see the work we do and our influence. And everyone knows, the Orthodox only help the Orthodox." Pochtar said his team will fight this latest battle so as to prevent a precedent in Israel that could be used "to impose strict limitations on the work of other congregations in the country."

### A Biblical method to overcome evil

One For Israel Staff, - Oct 27, 2018

Yeshua knew where he had come from and where he was going. This freed him to be willing to stoop, to serve, and to even lay down his life. He knew perfectly well that he would be sitting beside his Father in heaven in a short while. John explains this in chapter 13, which describes the Last Supper, to assure us that although Yeshua suffered greatly, he knew great glory awaited him.

But can't we also say the same thing?

#### We cannot lose!

The incredible truth of our secure destiny with God should liberate us to be utterly fearless in our willingness to love even our enemies – and even at our own cost.

There are some twisted people who are so committed to their religion that they will kill for it. But we are led by a matchless Messiah who never harmed a soul and was even willing to die for his enemies – the very opposite. As we follow Yeshua, are we willing to follow in his footsteps of self-sacrificial love? Martyrs for Yeshua don't kill, but offer life, even to their murderers.

As Jim Elliot bravely and correctly said,

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

We are destined for a glorious eternity with our loving Father God. Our enemies, on the other hand, are perishing, and we are commanded to love them and to pray for them.

We should not underestimate the power of prayer.

It is no small, weak or feeble thing to come before God's throne and intercede for our enemies. It is right in line with God's will and God is more powerful to act and to save than we could ever imagine. We simply have no idea how many God will save in direct response to our prayers.

Here is what Romans 12:9-21 lays out as the way we are to conduct ourselves. Remember, these instructions were given to the first generation of disciples who were regularly beaten, imprisoned and murdered for their faith.

Why don't you mentally run through this list, and check up on your status to see how you are doing

#### How to overcome evil, according to Romans 12:

- 1. Let love be genuine.
- 2. Abhor what is evil
- 3. hold fast to what is good.
- 4. Love one another with brotherly affection.
- 5. Outdo one another in showing honour.
- 6. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

- 7. Rejoice in hope
- 8. be patient in tribulation
- 9. be constant in prayer.
- 10. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- 11. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
- 12. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- 13. Live in harmony with one another.
- 14. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
- 15. Never be wise in your own sight.
- 16. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honourable in the sight of all.
- 17. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- 18. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
- 19. To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."
- 20. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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## Israel silent as Iran hit by computer virus more violent than Stuxnet

Excerpt from the Times of Israel. https://tinyurl.com/y9msr27s

Tehran strategic networks attacked, Hadashot TV says, hours after Israel revealed it tipped off Denmark about Iran murder plot, and days after Rouhani's phone was found bugged By Times of Israel staff 31 October 2018

Iranian infrastructure and strategic networks have come under attack in the last few days by a computer virus similar to Stuxnet but "more violent, more advanced and more sophisticated," and Israeli officials are refusing to discuss what role, if any, they may have had in the operation, an Israeli TV report said Wednesday.

The report came hours after Israel said its Mossad intelligence agency had thwarted an Iranian murder plot in Denmark, and two days after Iran acknowledged that President Hassan Rouhani's mobile phone had been bugged. It also follows a string of Israeli intelligence coups against Iran, including the extraction from Tehran in January by the Mossad of the contents of a vast archive documenting Iran's nuclear weapons program, and the detailing by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the UN in September of other alleged Iranian nuclear and

missile assets inside Iran, in Syria and in Lebanon.

"Remember Stuxnet, the virus that penetrated the computers of the Iranian nuclear industry?" the report on Israel's Hadashot news asked. Iran "has admitted in the past few days that it is again facing a similar attack, from a more violent, more advanced and more sophisticated virus than before, that has hit infrastructure and strategic networks."

On Sunday, Gholamreza Jalali, the head of Iran's civil defense agency, said Tehran had neutralized a new version of Stuxnet, Reuters reported. "Recently we discovered a new generation of Stuxnet which consisted of several parts ... and was trying to enter our systems," Jalali said.

The Stuxnet virus was uncovered some eight years ago, and was widely reported to have been developed together by US and Israeli intelligence. It penetrated Iran's rogue nuclear program, taking control and sabotaging parts of its enrichment processes by speeding up its centrifuges.

Without attributing responsibility to the Mossad, the report mentioned the tapping of Rouhani's phone, noting that the Iranians "had to switch it for an encrypted model because they understand that someone has been listening to him for days and weeks."

On Sunday, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei urged intensified efforts to counter enemy "infiltration," Reuters said.

#### YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leader: 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. 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. There 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.

<u>Leader:</u> "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).

<u>Leader:</u> (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.

<u>Leader:</u> 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.

<u>Leader:</u> 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.