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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 15 of the 10th Biblical month
of 7571 (*Septuagint*)

Parashah 12 Vayechi ~He lived



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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 room (F4) across the passage way, 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 be mindful.

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

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TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 12 Vayechi ~He lived

Torah: B'reshet ~Genesis 47:28 - 50:26
Haftarah ~Prophets: M'lakhim Alef ~1 Kings 2:1-12
Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles:
Acts 7:9 - 16 (specifically 15-16);
Messianic Jews ~Hebrews 11:21-22;1 Kefa ~1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:11-17

Drash ~sermon: MMin Sean "Yitzhak" Nicholson

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

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Israeli believers react to the Soleimani assassination

By Kehila News Israel Staff -Jan 6, 2020306



Qasem_Soleimani

Source: [Khamenei.ir](https://khamenei.ir/)/Wikimedia Commons

In Judges 3, a high-ranking political leader that threatened the people of Israel is assassinated. Ehud, the left-handed judge, killed Eglon, king of Moab. The result? “The land had peace for eighty years.” (Judges 3:30)

The assassination of Qasem Soleimani, Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) Quds force commander, in a U.S. airstrike has caused a huge uproar worldwide. Even in Israel, some believe this could have dangerous repercussions for the Jewish state. Others cheered Pres. Donald Trump’s administration for show that their “red lines” are not empty rhetoric, as was the case with the previous administration. Those in this camp believe this move will benefit American allies such as Israel, Jordan,

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, and others.

Israeli government leaders have not commented in order not to draw attention. Meanwhile, Israelis are hoping not to get caught in the crossfire between the U.S. and Iran.

A few Messianic ministries here in Israel have commented on the assassination. Rick Ridings of Succat Hallel, a worship ministry in Jerusalem, mentioned prophetic visions pertaining to the political turmoil in the Middle East and quoted scriptures from Jeremiah about Persia. He also gave practical advice on how to pray for this situation.

Asher Intrater, head of the Revive Israel ministry, praised the assassination on Facebook, saying that this terrorist was brought to justice. He mentioned the assassination of el-Baghdadi and noted how these two terror leaders were from different sects of Islam, Sunni and Shia, and even fought against one another. Together these two terrorists, he said, killed hundreds of thousands of people and turned tens of millions into refugees.

“The fact that evil people might be upset when they are brought to justice is not a reason to stop,” he said. He then led viewers in prayer for the Iraqi and Iranian people.

Several Palestinian Christian ministries condemned the assassination and some shared anti-Semitic conspiracy theories accusing

Israel of being behind the attack.

Iran has threatened to attack American and Israeli military bases in retaliation. Whether they will deliver on that threat remains to be seen. Israel is distancing itself from the conflict and remains once again an island of relative calm as the turmoil of the Middle East increases.

But will we too have peace for eighty years as they had in biblical times when Eglon was assassinated? Probably not.

TRUMP TWEET.

Source: www.qmap.pub

Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump · Jan 3, 2020

General Qassem Soleimani has killed or badly wounded thousands of Americans over an extended period of time, and was plotting to kill many more...but got caught! He was directly and indirectly responsible for the death of millions of people, including the recent large number of PROTESTERS killed in Iran itself. While Iran will never be able to properly admit it, Soleimani was both hated and feared within the country. They are not nearly as saddened as the leaders will let the outside world believe. He should have been taken out many years ago!

American U.N. Envoy: U.S. Ready for Talks with Iran 'Without Preconditions'



Drew Angerer/Getty Images

By JOHN HAYWARD | 9 Jan 2020

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<https://www.tinyurl.com/txj7you>

While justifying the killing of Iranian general Qasem Soleimani by the United States as an act of self-defence, US ambassador to the United Nations said that Washington was prepared to hold negotiations with Iran "without preconditions".

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Kelly Craft wrote a letter to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday stating the U.S. is "ready to engage without preconditions in serious negotiations with Iran, with the goal of preventing further endangerment of international peace

and security or escalation by the Iranian regime.”

Craft’s letter stated that the U.S. airstrike that eliminated Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Gen. Qasem Soleimani was a legitimate act of self-defense under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, according to Reuters.

Craft said the United States will “take additional actions in the region as necessary to continue to protect U.S. personnel and interests.”

Iran’s ambassador to the United Nations, Majid Takht Ravanchi, responded...

Ravanchi wrote his own letter to the U.N. describing Tuesday night’s missile attack on Iraqi bases as a “measured and proportionate military response targeting an American airbase in Iraq.”

Ravanchi reportedly gave assurances to the Security Council that Tehran “does not seek escalation or war.” He sounded the same note in an interview with NPR published on Thursday:

Ravanchi said Iran had “acted in accordance with our rights based on the United Nations charter” in the attack early Wednesday morning local time that targeted the Ain al-Assad air base in Iraq and a second U.S. base at Irbil with some two dozen ballistic missiles.

“As far as Iran is concerned, that action was concluded last night,” he said.

Asked whether Iran was finished with its retaliatory actions, he said, “It depends on the United States.”

“If the U.S. ventures to attacking Iran again, definitely proportionate response will be taken in response to that attack,” the U.N. envoy said.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres pledged on Wednesday to “continue his active engagement” to de-escalate tensions between the U.S. and Iran.

“It is our common duty to make every effort to avoid a war in the Gulf that the world cannot afford. We must not forget the terrible human suffering caused by war. As always, ordinary people pay the highest price,” said a statement from Guterres’ office.

“We welcome any indication that leaders are walking back from major confrontation, and are doing whatever they can, to avoid any further escalation,” U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said after U.S. President Donald Trump’s Wednesday address on the situation with Iran.

Jerusalem Post publishes article that Jesus is Jewish

By Kehila News Israel Staff -Jan 7, 2020182
<https://tinyurl.com/t5tqllb>

The Jerusalem Post published an article by Faydra Shapiro on January 5, 2020 entitled **Jews today and Jesus's Jewish body.**

The article opens as follows: Jesus not only was a Jew, but according to Christian theology, Jesus is still a Jew.

Shapiro points out that January 1st is **eights days** after December 25th. Since the time of Abraham, baby boys from the house of Israel are circumcised all the **eighth day** in accordance with Genesis 17:12. Thus, celebrating the new year of the liturgical calendar is tantamount to celebrating the circumcision day of Jesus (if indeed Jesus was born on December 25th which is debatable by Biblical scholars).

Shapiro writes that the gospel of Luke 2:21 is utterly clear:

"At the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." (Luke 2:21)

It's interesting that Shapiro ends his Jerusalem Post article by calling on Christians to reflect on Jesus's Jewishness on each January 1st.

"So I call on all Christians, on this and each January 1st, as you are sleeping off headaches or enjoying the last days of

vacation, to also take the time to reflect deeply on the day, on the circumcision and naming of Jesus (did Mary feel faint and need to be supported by a friend?) on Jesus's Jewishness, and on the safety and security of the Jews right in front of you, today."

Kehila News writer, Chava Stein, noticed that the Jpost article says "Jesus" but not his Hebrew name "Yeshua" and submitted the following letter to the editor to the Jerusalem Post:

Yes, He was a Jew.

It is great to see the acknowledgment of Faydra Shapiro in her article, Jews Today and Jesus' Jewish Body (January 5, 2020, JPost.com) however, one important correction is vital. He wasn't named "Jesus" as Shapiro states. As a Jew, born in Israel, He was named Yeshua, a proper Jewish name, not the Anglicized version which is associated to a non-Jewish person who had no connection to being a Jew. Shapiro is correct that Christians should internalize their Messiah's Jewishness in order to reject anti-Jewish sentiment which, today, is becoming more prevalent. By the same token, Messianic Jews, those who believe that Yeshua was the promised Messiah should not be labeled as non-Jews who have converted to another faith, making them ineligible for Israeli citizenship. If Yeshua was Jewish and lived as a Jew, which He did, then identifying Him as Messiah cannot eradicate one's birthright. In short, both Christians and Jews need to be remember that Yeshua was Jewish, all His followers were Jewish and, most important, He did not start a new religion. Non-Jews simply recognized His Messiahship as well.
Chava Stein

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~Jer 31:31-33 ~Heb 8:8-10

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: Let us all come, take some Chullah, there's sweet white and rye; smell the spices; take your cup and return to your seats and wait, so we can partake together. There is an offering box and self-serve EFTPOS machine on the back table to use anytime. Your offerings and those made online fund our services, equipment and supplies. And for you online viewers, please also, click the love heart. Thank you.

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 Num 6:22-27) by Malachi & Tamar.

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.

