

## Parashah 17 Yitro (Jethro)

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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,

## 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: "Yeshua HaMashiach hu Adonai".

And everyone says: "**Yeshua the Messiah, He is Lord. Amen."**

### **B'rachot haB'nai (Blessings for the Children)**

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 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 Israel**

## TORAH = Service of The Word

### **Parashah 17 Yitro (Jethro)**

**Torah: Sh'mot (Exodus) 18:1 - 20:23**

**Haftarah (Prophets): Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5-6**

**Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles): Mattityahu (Matt) 5:21-30; 15:1-11; 19:16-30; Romans 2:17-29; 13:8-10; Eph 6:1-3;**

**Heb 12:18-29; Ya'akov 2:8-13; 1 Pet 2:9-10**

**Drash (message): M.Min. Sean "Yitz'chak" Nicholson**

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

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## **US coalition against ISIS is fraying.**

### **Gulf Arab partners mull withdrawal over Iran's involvement**

*The Emet Report - IDN, DN, WND, Stratfor, Debka, INN, Ynet, TOI, MEN, AP*

The group of nations US President Barack Obama assembled last September for an air offensive against ISIS inroads in Iraq and Syria is fraying.

Wednesday, Feb. 4, US officials admitted that the United Arab Emirates had suspended its air attacks in early December, directly after a Jordanian bomber was downed over the Islamic State's Syrian headquarters in Raqqa and its pilot Lt. Mu'ath al Kassasbeh was taken prisoner. He was later burned alive by Islamic State executioners, as a video released this week revealed.

Although the UAE, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Bahrain joined the coalition from the start, most observers believe their participation was more symbolic than active. Iraq has no air force to speak of and its army turned tail against Islamic State forces; the Saudis allotted a trifling number of planes to the effort; while Bahrain doesn't have an air force at all. The UAE has the biggest and most modern air force in the Gulf region and so its withdrawal is a major blow to Washington's war effort, such as it is.

It is noteworthy that neither Washington nor Amman has disclosed the scope of Jordan's aerial activity since the pilot was captured.

The UAE dropped out more than a month ago, when it turned out after the Jordanian pilot's capture that no personnel or facilities had been put in place to rescue air crews whose planes crashed behind enemy lines. The nearest US facility able to respond to this contingency is located in Kuwait, too far away to be able to reach downed air crews in time to save them from capture. This was and remains a source of major concern for all the air crews taking part in the coalition offensive.

The four Gulf Arab participants in the US-led group entertain profound reservations on another score: Iran's increasing involvement in the US-led war on ISIS and the growing operational coordination between the two powers - especially in the Iraq arena - compared with Washington's dwindling cooperation with the Gulf participants.

It is feared in Riyadh - and not just in Abu Dhabi - that the joint US-Iranian war effort against the Islamic State is providing a screen behind which the Obama administration is opening doors for Iran to advance its regional aspirations.

They are adamantly opposed to Obama's policy in this regard and are loath to lend their air strength for its support. Therefore the entire Gulf component, and not just the UAE, may be quietly taking its leave of the US-led coalition against ISIS.

### **Hamas fast rebuilding guerrilla-terrorist forces in Gaza**

*Source: jpost.com Yaakov Lappin in jpost.com per UCI News Feb. 5, 2015*

Hamas and allied terrorist organizations in Gaza have spent recent months intensively rebuilding their guerrilla terrorist capabilities, which sustained significant damage during Operation Protective Edge last summer.



“Their aim is to recover the military infrastructure that was damaged and return it to full capabilities and broaden it,” according to a recent report by the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center in Tel Aviv, which is a part of the Israeli Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Center, founded by leading members of the Israeli intelligence community.

To that end, Hamas has allocated the necessary funds, personnel, and equipment, despite the shortages suffered by the civilian sector in the Strip, the study found. Its domestic security bodies are part of the effort.

“This stands out especially against the background of the ongoing delay in the civilian recovery of the Gaza Strip,” the report said, adding that it “illustrates well that, as in the past, Hamas’s priorities clearly lie in rebuilding military capabilities at the expense of civilian needs.”

Dr. Reuven Erlich, head of the Terrorism and Intelligence Center, told The Jerusalem Post, “We see that when it comes to military programs, resources flow without a problem.

“This is no coincidence. If their priority was in civilian reconstruction, would they allocate their few resources to offensive military programs? The Western world, in the depth of its heart, knows that the Palestinians have money for military programs.

“They [Hamas] are rebuilding their capabilities. It will take time.

“Israel will encounter these in the next round of fighting,” he said.

Hamas in Gaza is using mass media to safeguard and strengthen support among the Gazan public for its military wing and to propagate the idea of “armed resistance,” while indoctrinating children and teenagers, the report’s authors said.

The center reported observing in recent months a large recruitment program of teenagers aged 15 to 21 and their deployment to training camps opened by Hamas’s Izzadin Kassam Brigades.

More than 17,000 youths trained in the camps, according to the report, undergoing basic military training, and then advanced training in kidnapping soldiers and tunnel warfare. They also underwent religious indoctrination.

The program is aimed at both replenishing the military wing’s ranks and support for Hamas among the Gazan population, which is suffering extreme hardship in the aftermath of the summer conflict with Israel.

Additionally, Hamas has begun building what it calls “a people’s army,” and exhibited the first battalion of this force in November 2014. The battalion has 2,500 new operatives, and is aimed at acting as an assistance force for the Izzadin Kassam Brigades during a clash with Israel.

“We believe Hamas would like to set up an additional battalion of the ‘people’s army,’” the report’s authors said. “Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Popular Resistance Committees set up new military frameworks as well, which they claim are battalion-sized,” they added.

The document drew attention to intensive training programs simulating raids on IDF posts that dot the Gaza border and kidnapping soldiers.

Hamas viewed such raids carried out during the summer war as being especially successful, causing many losses to Israel.

Gaza’s domestic security bodies completed two officers’ courses in



December 2014, involving a total of 1060 members. End-of-course drills included mock raids on Israeli army posts at an Izzadin Kassam training camp.



Gazan domestic security bodies are controlled by Hamas, which views them as a vital component in enforcing its rule over the Strip, and providing support to the military wing.

Hamas has begun to reconstruct its network of tunnels within Gaza, and Israel is watching out for any signs of cross-border attack tunnels as well, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said in December.

(Photo: Arab Media) Hamas's domestic rocket production is rapidly replenishing the Islamist regime's arsenal of projectiles.

### **U.S. Seen in Middle East as Ally of Terrorists**

*by Khaled Abu Toameh in [gatestoneinstitute.org](http://gatestoneinstitute.org) February 5, 2015*

While the Egyptian government has been waging war on the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamic radical groups, the U.S. Administration and some Europeans are continuing to hamper efforts to combat terrorism.

Many Egyptians and moderate Arabs and Muslims were shocked to hear that the U.S. State Department recently hosted a Muslim Brotherhood delegation. They were equally shocked when an EU court decided to remove Hamas from the bloc's list of terror groups.

The State Department's hosting of the Muslim Brotherhood leaders has outraged Egypt's President Abdel Fattah Sisi, who has been waging a relentless war against the organization over the past year.

“If the White House is out to offend some of its closest Arab allies and is intent on heightening their suspicions, it's succeeded,” wrote Middle East expert Linda S. Heard. “If there's a plot, then it's unfolding,” she added. “Just two days after the controversial visit, the Brotherhood called for a war against their fellow Egyptians.”

A statement issued by the Muslim Brotherhood said, “It is incumbent upon everyone to be aware that we are in a process of a new phase, where we summon what is latent our strength, where we recall the meanings of jihad and prepare ourselves, our wives, our sons, our daughters, and whoever marched on our path to a long, uncompromising fight, and during this stage we ask for martyrdom.”

The Egyptian government condemned the hosting of the Muslim Brotherhood officials by the State Department. Egyptian Foreign Minister Same Shoukry denounced the State Department's move, saying, “The Muslim Brotherhood is not a political party, but according to the Egyptian law, which must be respected,



it is designated as a terrorist organization.”

The timing of the meeting between State Department officials and Muslim Brotherhood leaders could not have been worse for many Egyptians — it took place shortly after Islamist terrorists killed 31 soldiers and wounded 45 others in a series of attacks on Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

Although the Islamic State terror group took credit for the attacks, Sisi held the Muslim Brotherhood responsible. “Egypt is waging a war against the strongest clandestine group over the past two decades,” he said. “This organization has secretive arms, secretive thoughts and secretive forums.”

Egyptian columnists and newspaper editors have also attacked the U.S. Administration for its ties with the Muslim Brotherhood.

“The U.S. Administration is continuing to jeopardize its relations with Egypt by appeasing Muslim Brotherhood,” remarked columnist Ezzat Ibrahim. “The Muslim Brotherhood is seeking to return to the political arena through the American door and terrorist attacks. The U.S. policy appears to be devious and unreliable.”

Another Egyptian columnist, Mohamed Salmawi, launched a scathing attack on the U.S. Administration; he accused it of deception and double standards. He said that the meeting between U.S. officials and Muslim Brotherhood leaders exposes the U.S. Administration's deceptive policy toward Islamic terror groups.

“The U.S. Administration says it is combating these groups at home while it is supporting them abroad,” Salmawi wrote. “This meeting has grave indications because it shows that Washington has not abandoned its policy of double standards toward Islamic terrorism.

Salmawi also took issue with the U.S. Administration for turning a blind eye to the hypocrisy and double talk of the Muslim Brotherhood. “One of the leaders of Muslim Brotherhood, for example, told the world that he welcomes the Jews of Israel,” he added. “But this same leader announced in front of the Egyptian people that they should march in the millions to liberate Jerusalem from the occupation of the Jews. [Ousted President] Mohamed Morsi, before his election, described these Jews as descendants of apes and pigs. In English, the Muslim Brotherhood says one thing and in Arabic something completely different.”

Said Lindawi, a prominent Egyptian international affairs expert, said that the meeting of the Muslim Brotherhood leaders with State Department officials means that the Obama Administration has given the organization a green light to carry out terrorist attacks against Egypt.

“The U.S. Administration has refused to recognize the Muslim Brotherhood as a terror group,” he said. “The Americans continue to insist that the Muslim Brotherhood is not responsible for the terrorist attacks in Egypt.”

By embracing the Muslim Brotherhood, the U.S. Administration has sent the wrong message to moderate Arabs and Muslims. This is a message that says that Washington believes that there are good terrorists and bad terrorists.

Judging from the angry reactions of Egyptians, it has become obvious that most moderate Arabs and Muslims no longer see the U.S. as an ally in the war against Islamic terror groups. What is even more disturbing is that they view the U.S. as an ally and friend of the terrorists.



## YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

<sup>31</sup> "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a re-newed 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)

*Leader: "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 12:2)*

**Congregation: Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. (Isa 12:3). Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people (Ps 3:8). Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov. (Ps 46:7)**

*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.***

