

Parashah 30 K'doshim (Holy people)

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

Day 3 of Iyyar the 8th Jewish month of 5777.

Day 29 of April the 4th Gregorian month of 2017



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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, 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."

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.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN B'rachot Yeledim 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'chak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein.

Prayer for the lost sheep of the House of Israel (*Mat 15:24*)

TORAH = Service of The Word

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Torah: Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:1 - 20:27

Haftarah (Prophets): Amos 9:7-15

Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

Mark 7:1-23; Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:13-26;

1Kefa 1:13-21.

Drash (message): M.Min. Sean "Yitzhak" Nicholson

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

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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.

TORAH PEARLS THIS AFTERNOON AFTER LUNCH.

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'Huge' blasts near Damascus airport blamed on Israeli strike

By Times Of Israel Staff And Agencies April 26, 2017

The Hezbollah-linked Al-Manar news site also attributed the raid to Israel.

“Al-Manar’s correspondent reported that an explosion struck at dawn on Thursday in fuel tanks and a warehouse near Damascus International Airport and that it was probably the result of an Israeli strike,” the channel said.

It said it caused only material damage.

The head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights Rami Abdel Rahman said the explosion early Thursday has been heard across the capital, jolting residents awake.

“The blast was huge and could be heard in Damascus,” he said.

Activist-operated Diary of a Mortar, which reports from Damascus, said the explosion near the airport road was followed by flames rising above the area. A pro-government site Damascus Now said the explosion was near the city’s Seventh Bridge, which leads to the airport road.

Some opposition-linked media reports blamed the attack on Israel, saying an initial missile strike against a weapons warehouse belonging to government forces caused fuel silos to explode, leading to a cascade of explosions that damaged a few nearby homes.

Senior IDF officer reports around 100 Hezbollah missiles destroyed in last IAF strikes in Syria

Kehila News by Amir Tsarfati Apr 26

A senior intelligence officer in the IDF reported that approximately 100 Hezbollah missiles were destroyed in Israel’s last strikes in Syria.

The IDF retaliated after three mortar shells landed into Israeli territory from Syria on Friday, the IDF hitting the sources of fire. The projectiles were not targeted at Israel, but a spillover from infighting between Assad’s regime and rebel factions.

On Sunday, additional airstrikes were reported on the Nabe’ al-Fawar base targeting pro-Assad militia. Arab media reported that three were killed in the strikes.

Both the IDF and Israel’s Defense Ministry refused to comment on the reports at the time, the senior IDF intelligence officer giving details of the strikes on Tuesday.

The officer reported that approximately 100 Hezbollah rockets were destroyed in the strikes, as well as reported that IDF had real-time intelligence of Assad regime’s sarin gas attacks on April 4. The Syrian army attacks killed dozens and left hundreds injured, the United States carrying out airstrikes

Days after, the United States launched 60 Tomahawk cruise missiles from the USS Porter and USS Ross targeting the Shayrat base that was [allegedly] used to store and deploy chemical weapons in Syria.

Both the Assad’s regime and Russia continue to deny the chemical attacks were carried out by the Syrian army.



Palestinians: How We Intimidate Journalists

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In the world of the Palestinian Authority (PA) leadership, a journalist's loyalty to his leaders and their cause supersedes his loyalty to the truth. In a word, it is the truth vs. Abbas's security forces.

As the international media relies heavily on Palestinian journalists and "media assistants" in covering Palestinian affairs, this intimidation of Palestinian journalists heavily colors the reporting of Western journalists. The stories Palestinian journalists tell their Western colleagues are limited to ones that will not endanger their own lives. This censorship, whether by the Abbas's security forces or self-imposed, explains why one rarely reads or sees a story in Western mainstream media about negative things happening in the PA-controlled territories.

Even when their Palestinian colleagues are beaten and arrested by Abbas's security forces, these "journalists" fail to report such incidents. This makes some sense: should they open their mouths with the truth, Abbas and his cohorts might indeed stop inviting them to press conferences and banquets in the fancy restaurants of Ramallah, Bethlehem and Jericho.

Seven Palestinian journalists are the latest victims of the Palestinian Authority's (PA) continued crackdown on the media.

The repressive measures are aimed at silencing critical voices among the journalists and deterring others from reporting stories that reflect negatively on the Palestinian leadership in particular and Palestinians in general.

In the view of President Mahmoud Abbas and his PA, Palestinian journalists exist to write stories slamming Israel or praising PA leaders. Media, for them, is defined as a mouthpiece for Abbas, the PA leadership and the Palestinian cause.

Any journalist who dares to think outside this checkpoint is subject to severe punishment. Under Abbas and the PA, there is no room for an independent media.

The three major Palestinian newspapers -- Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam and Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda -- are controlled, directly and indirectly, by the PA.

Although Al-Quds, the largest Palestinian daily, is privately owned and published in Jerusalem, it too serves as a mouthpiece for the PA. The newspaper's publisher and editors know that if they publish any story that is critical of Abbas or the PA leaders, they will face punitive measures, such as banning the distribution of Al-Quds in PA-controlled territories.

As such, the editors and journalists have long resorted to self-censorship. This forced silencing explains the absence, for example, of any news items about Palestinian corruption or human rights violations in Al-Quds and the two other newspapers.

Al-Quds suffered heavy financial losses after Hamas banned its distribution in the Gaza Strip several years ago. The newspaper was banned from sale in Gaza because of its affiliation with the Palestinian Authority and criticism of Hamas.

Al-Ayyam and Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda were founded by the PA after the signing of the Oslo Accords between Israel and the PLO, more than two decades ago. The PA appoints the editors and reporters, who receive their salaries from the Palestinian government.



But the truth is hardly on the minds of the Palestinian editors and journalists employed by the PA. Their only truth concerns stories that blast Israel. The pages of the two newspapers are packed with reports of Israeli "wrongdoings." The Palestinians, it seems, are rather blameless from their point of view. A glance at the PA newspapers leaves one with the impression that President Abbas is the greatest leader of the greatest regime on earth.

Abbas's television and radio stations are no different. They too serve as a modern version of the Soviet Union's Pravda. They too specialize in anti-Israel rhetoric, striving to depict Israel as a war-mongering "racist" and "apartheid" country. The anti-Israel incitement in the PA media has radicalized Palestinians to a point where many of them are no longer willing to accept any form of compromise with Israel.

Israeli Messianic youth take a stand for their faith in school

Kehila News Israel Staff Apr 27, 2017

A new and encouraging phenomenon is taking place among Messianic young people in Israel: Israeli students who are believers are openly sharing about their faith in Yeshua at their schools. This sort of boldness seems to have been unprecedented until now.

After years of being suspended between their parents' beliefs and a mostly secular society, Israeli Messianic youth are defining their identity and growing in confidence. Thanks to them, more Israelis hear the gospel every day.

Israeli law forbids adults from evangelizing minors, but there is no law prohibiting children from sharing their faith. The Kehila News Israel team contacted a few Messianic students who have shared their faith in their class. Here is what they had to say:

Sarit Roitman, 18, Jerusalem

"I wanted to do something more than just believing in my heart, beyond the fact that everyone knows me as a 'Christian girl' or 'the girl with the strange religion.' Specifically, I wanted to take a significant step in my life for Yeshua, to glorify His name, not just to introduce who 'Messianic Jews' are. I really wanted to tell my classmates about Yeshua, and that is what pushed me and gave me the courage, the will and the faith to share in front of the class.

"I and some of my believing friends planned the lecture beforehand in great detail. We started by presenting the faith. We proved, using the prophecies from the Bible, who Yeshua is and how these prophecies are coming true in the New Testament and we concluded with personal testimonies from our lives.

"Truth be told, I did not know how my classmates would respond. It was clear to me that they would respect me as their classmate, but I was afraid that the direction of the lesson would evoke shouting and resistance. To our great surprise, as soon as we began to speak, there was complete silence in the class. They listened with interest and concentration for the whole hour and a half that the teacher had given us for this purpose. We felt full confidence to speak and I have no other explanation for this except that God was with us and He directed our every step. After class there



were many questions. My classmates said it was the most interesting lecture they had ever heard. The reactions were absolutely positive and full of respect and for that I simply thank God.”

Daniel Brener, 15, Kfar Saba

“In my class there was a custom in every history lesson that one of the students in the class would talk about an interesting subject. When my turn came, I forgot that I had to plan a lecture in advance, so I spontaneously decided to speak about the Messianic faith. In the lecture I did not declare that I was a Messianic believer, but after a while I decided to speak to the teacher and then slowly began to share about the faith with my classmates. When I shared in class I used a presentation explaining the Messianic faith, as well as some prophecies from the Bible that speak of Yeshua. The reactions of my classmates were very good! Many of my friends asked questions and expressed interest.

“However, when I spoke to them on other occasions about the subject, it seemed that what I had told them so far had entered one ear and left through the other. So I continued to talk about Yeshua at every opportunity and prayed and still pray that God would increase the seeds that were planted in their hearts!”

Miriam Moshe, 18, Eilat

“I started to share my faith when I was in 11th grade. What motivated me to share was the desire to tell about the gospel because it had been given to everyone, and everyone should know it or at least know about it. Knowing that I had only two years to finish my studies made me realize that I had to hurry up and tell about the Messiah, no matter what they thought of me.

“At first, I sent Eitan and Moti’s evangelism video clips and other videos to the class WhatsApp group, and the next day questions arose from my classmates. But there were also quite a few claims and arguments. Most of the responses I received were not pleasant at all, but there were those who came out in my defense and encouraged me not to pay attention to the offending responses and to those who reacted rudely to me.

“Once I even came across an incident that some of the classmates did not want to open one of the videos I sent because they were afraid of seeing the name Yeshua. But they were curious about what the content of the video was so they decided to ask those who were brave enough to open the video and look at it. It was funny to see this happening from the side.”

The boldness of these young people is surely pleasing to the Lord. We eagerly anticipate the good fruit that will grow as a result. Let us remember these students in our prayers as they stand despite the challenges take every opportunity to be witnesses and a light to our faith.

“Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth” Ps 127:4

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YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

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 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.

