Parashah 54 V'Zot HaBrachah (This is the blessing) Shemini-Atzeret שָׁמִינִי עֲצֶרֶת "Eighth [day of] Assembly"

Day 22 of 7th Biblical month Ethanim אֶתְנִים (1Ki 8:2)

Day 21 of Elul the 11th Jewish month of 5776.

Day 24 of September the 9th Gregorian month of 2016



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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 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 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 Israel.

TORAH - Service of The Word

Parashah 54 V'Zot HaBrachah (This is the blessing) Torah: D'varim (Deuteronomy) 33:1 - 34:12 Haftarah (Prophets): Y'hoshua (Joshua) 1:1-18 Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles): Mattityahu (Matt) 17:1-9; Luke 9:28-36; Y'hudah (Jude) 3-4, 8-10 Sh'mini-Atzeret

Torah: Deut 14:22 - 16:17; Num 29:35 - 30:1 Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles): Mark 12:28-34 Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans



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MISHPACHAH MEMOS

Today is: Shemini Atzeret אָאָרָי **"Eighth [day of] Assembly".** Shemini Atzeret follows the seven days of Sukkot but is not part of Sukkot festival. In traditional Judaism Simchat Torah is the most distinctive feature of the holiday, but it is a later rabbinical innovation.

Karaite Jews and Samaritans also observe Shemini Atzeret, as they do all Biblical holidays. Although usually on a different day from the conventional Jewish celebration, due to differences in calendar calculations. Karaites and Samaritans do not include the rabbinical innovation of Simchat Torah in their observance of the day; and do not observe a second day (of any holiday) in the Diaspora.

SHABBAT SCHOOL

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark Batakin. Younger children may attend with a parent. Shabbat Shul begins, in the adjoining room, straight after "Blessing the Children", which is prior to the Parashah readings. Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the "Yeshua Remembrance Service" at which time parents are expected to resume proactive responsibility for their children.

HOME PRAYER MEETING this TUESDAY evening. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at Malachi & Tamar's home. 7pm at 1/69 Falconer St., Southport, Qld 4215

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Psalm 118:25; Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 43: 1-6; Yochanan (John) 8:2; 12; 9:5; Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 49:6; John 7:37-38; 44; Hoshea (Hosea) 6:11; Yoel (Joel) 3:13; Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:39; Revelation 14:15; Mal'akhi (Malakai) 4:1-2 (3:19-20); Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 27:12-13; Z'kharyah (Zechariah) 14:16-17; Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 60:1;19; 49:6; John 8:12; Isaiah 44:3; Zech 12:10.

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Palestinians: "The Mafia of Destruction"

by Khaled Abu Toameh September 21, 2016 <u>www.gatestoneinstitute.org/8989/palestinians-medical-corruption</u>

Hamas and Palestinian Authority (PA) officials have turned medical care into a business that earns them hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. This corruption has enabled top officials in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to embezzle millions of shekels from the PA budget.

In 2013, the PA spent more than half a billion shekels covering medical bills of Palestinians who were referred to hospitals outside the Palestinian territories. However, no one seems to know exactly how the money was spent and whether all those who received the referrals were indeed in need of medical treatment. In one case, it appeared that 113 Palestinian patients had been admitted to Israeli hospitals at the cost of 3 million shekels, while there is no documentation of any of these cases. Even the identities of the patients remain unknown.

Hajer Harb, a courageous Palestinian journalist from the Gaza Strip, says she is now facing charges of "slander" for exposing the corruption. She has been repeatedly interrogated by Hamas. The PA regime, for its part, is not too happy with exposure about the scandal.

Gaza's hospitals would be rather better equipped if Hamas used its money to build medical centers instead of tunnels for smuggling weapons from Egypt to attack Israel.

Question: How do Palestinian patients obtain permits to receive medical treatment in Israeli and other hospitals around the world? Answer: By paying bribes to senior Palestinian officials in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Those who cannot afford to pay the bribes are left to die in under-equipped and understaffed hospitals, especially in the Gaza Strip.

Yet, apparently some Palestinians are more equal than others: Palestinians whose lives are not in danger, but who pretend that they are. These include businessmen, merchants, university students and relatives of senior Palestinian Authority (PA) and Hamas officials, who receive permits to travel to Israel and other countries under the pretext of medical emergency.

Many Palestinians point a finger at the PA's Ministry of Health in the West Bank. They argue that senior ministry officials have been abusing their powers, in order to collect bribes both from genuine patients and from other Palestinians who only want medical permits in order to leave the Gaza Strip or the West Bank. Thanks to the corruption, many real patients have been denied the opportunity to receive proper medical care in Israel and other countries.

This, of course, does not apply to senior Palestinian officials and their family members, who continue to make ample use of Israeli hospitals and other medical centers in Jordan, Egypt, the Gulf and Europe.

Even top Hamas officials enjoy access to Israeli hospitals. In 2013, Amal Haniyeh, the granddaughter of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, was transferred to an Israeli hospital for urgent medical treatment. A year earlier, Haniyeh's sister, Suheilah, was also brought to an Israeli hospital for urgent heart surgery.



Haniyeh, however, did not need to offer cash to get his daughter and sister medical treatment in Israel. Indeed, some Palestinians are evidently very much more equal than others.

The corruption in the Palestinian health system, both in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, has long been a well-known secret. Palestinians without the right connections and without money to hand over to a senior official or physician are fully aware that they would never be allowed to receive what is called "medical referrals abroad." The signature of a physician or a senior health official is the most precious merchandise in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This signature allows patients to receive free medical treatment in Israel and various countries.

The absence of clear regulations to define who is entitled to this privilege have facilitated widespread corruption in the Palestinian health system. Nepotism plays a major role in this form of corruption. The relative of a senior Palestinian official can easily be transferred for treatment in an Israeli, Jordanian or Egyptian hospital, while poor patients from the Gaza Strip can wait months and years before obtaining such permits.

Lone Wolves Raising Tension in Jerusalem

ICEJ News brief

Israeli security agencies were on guard this week against an uptick in so-called "lone wolf" terror attacks by Palestinian individuals who are, for the most part, unaffiliated with any terrorist organization but acting on a general call to commit acts of violence against Jews made by terror groups as well as various Moslem religious authorities and the Palestinian Authority. "We have no intelligence at the moment... It is a lone terrorist who decides the moment. He chooses the method, he chooses the means, he chooses the way," Jerusalem Police District Commander Yoram Halevy told Army Radio Tuesday.

European Jews Deeply Worried About Anti-Semitic Violence

ICEJ News brief

Israel was abuzz Wednesday following the publication of a poll by the European Jewish Association and the Rabbinical Center of Europe showing, among other things, that 70% of the Continents Jewish population was not planning to visit a synagogue on the upcoming High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur due to fears of anti-Semitic violence. The same poll showed that 80% of those polled were concerned about the increase of anti-Semitic attitudes in the country where they lived.

Security on High Alert Following Renewal of Knife Attacks

Analysts weigh in on risks and highlights ICEJ News Mon, 19 Sep 2016

Security on High Alert Following Renewal of Knife AttacksIsraeli security agencies were on maximum alert throughout the country Monday following a string of terrorist attacks over the weekend which continued Monday morning. Two Israeli Border Police officers were severely wounded Monday morning by a Palestinian terrorist wielding a knife. He was shot by nearby officers and was



also listed in critical condition at an area hospital. Later on Monday, another attack was attempted at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, leaving one officer lightly wounded and one terrorist dead with the other being wounded.

This followed a weekend which saw six attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians. Four attackers, including a Jordanian citizen, were killed by security forces as they attempted to attack Israelis while two others were wounded. Three Israeli soldiers and four civilians were wounded in the stabbing attacks, which occurred in Efrat, Hebron and Jerusalem, while a vehicle ramming attack also occurred in Kiryat Arba and a stoning attack took place against a bus on the road leading to Ma'aleh Adumim.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Israeli security forces for swiftly and effectively dealing with the attacks, noting that there is nearly always an uptick in violence leading up to the Jewish High Holy Days.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas disavowed responsibility for the attacks, but also called the terrorists who were killed in the act of attempting to murder Israelis "martyrs" and excusing them as the conduct to be expected from young people who "have lost hope" for a better future.

The myth of 'Private Arab Lands' in Judea and Samaria

Arutz Sheva Hillel Fendel, 20/09/16

On the backdrop of the efforts to legalize Jewish towns, one resident explains that King Hussein simply distributed lands.

Yoav Elitzur resides in Ofrah, the first Jewish community in the Binyamin area of Judea and Samaria in the modern age (founded in 1975). He has produced a short video, in Hebrew, in which he explains succinctly how the myth of, "privately-owned Arab lands in Judea and Samaria," came to be. His explanation, if disseminated sufficiently far and wide, should take the air out of the sails of the left-wing organizations which are seeking to destroy the Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria, by claiming that it is founded upon lands that belong to others. In Elitzur's words:

"My name is Yoav Elitzur. I grew up in Ofrah, and my children are now on the verge of raising the fourth generation of Elitzurs in Ofrah. In the heart of my town, at the end of my block, are nine houses that the Supreme Court has ruled must be razed within a few months. In addition, from my window I can see the community of Amona, the entirety of which must be destroyed by the end of the year, by the demand of the High Court. Why? Because, the High Court says, 'they are located on privately-owned lands.'

"The question that lies at the base of the entire issue seems like an ethical one: How can we allow ourselves to build homes and communities on lands that belong to individuals, whether it be Ahmed, or Sa'id, or another; who bought it with his own hardearned money, and who uses it to support his family? How can we take lands that belong to someone else?

"To understand this, we must answer a simple question hovering in the air, but which no one in the media is asking: How can it be that a full 90% (!) of the homes that the Supreme Court ruled must be razed have no claimants? Never did that Ahmed, or that Sa'id, come and say, 'This is my land!' No one knows who he is! If he exists, why doesn't he come and claim it? After all, all the work has already been done for him. There has already been a court case, and he has won; now all he has to do and come and say, 'It's mine!'

"Maybe it's hard to find him? Not quite. The left-wing organizations are investing tremendous efforts to find these 'owners,' but have not succeeded. How can this be? "The answer is that the subject of, 'private lands,' is, on the whole, a total lie. Most of these lands never actually belonged to any Arab. So how could it be that they are registered in the names of private Arab individuals?

"For this we need a short historical explanation. In 1950, King Hussein of Jordan decided to annex Judea and Samaria to Jordan. No one in the world other than Great Britain recognized this annexation, and certainly none of the Arab states. For some reason, possibly in order to shore up his regime, Hussein decided to organize the lands [over which he had no recognized claim] by simply dividing them up as gifts – no matter if they were rocky hillsides or otherwise unusable – to various individuals. He started the process in the Ramallah area, the area of Binyamin – where Ofrah, Beit El, and many other Jewish towns are now located. Whatever parcels of land were left over, King Hussein gave to the local mukhtars, so that they would register them in the names of their village residents.

"Thus was created a situation in which people had land in their names, but they never saw it, never knew about it, and certainly never invested even one shekel in it [or paid taxes on it.] Precisely because of the rocky, unusable nature of these lands is why Amona and other Jewish towns were built specifically there – so that it would be certain that it is now owned by individuals.

"Thus, 90% of the lands are simply unowned, no matter how many times the falsehood and lie to the contrary is repeated.

"But what about the 10% that truly are privately-owned? In such cases, the policy must be exactly as it is everywhere else in the country: The owners should be compensated. And in fact, this is exactly what we did here in Ofrah. We went to Arabs who owned land encompassing the town, we paid them, and then we built our chicken coops on the land that we had just bought. Not long afterwards, however, the Arab who sold us the land was found dead at the bottom of the well in his village.

"Thus, it was the Arabs who actually set the stage for the continuation of the story. They told their fellow Arabs: 'You are not allowed to sell your land, for it is actually not really yours. We are in the midst of a national struggle, and you cannot do with this land as you wish. If you do, you will die.'

"In other words, the Arabs changed it from an issue of 'individual' ownership to a national issue – and thus there are no more privately-owned lands.

"In this national struggle, then, of the Arabs against the Jewish People and the State of Israel, they'll take their approach [video backdrop shows Muslims beheading their victims], and we will take our approach [backdrop shows irrigated and blossoming fields]. We will try to purchase, or officially annex, lands; and to do what we can to settle the Land of Israel and build our communities.

"Thus it is totally dishonest to relate to these lands as if they are privately owned, when in fact the matter is one of a struggle between peoples over the Land of Israel."



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.