Parashah 7 Vayetze (He went out) Day 11 of 9th Biblical month

Day 11 of Cheshvan the 2nd Jewish month of 5777. Day 12 of November the 10th Gregorian month of 2016



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TEHULLAH - 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 7 Vayetze (He went out)

Torah: B'resheet (Genesis) 28:10 - 32:4

Haftarah (Prophets): Hoshea (Hosea) 12:13-14:10

Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

Yochanan (John) 1:43-51

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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



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MISHIPACHAH MIEMOS

TORAH PEARLS THIS AFTERNOON AFTER LUNCH.

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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.

FREE ON-LINE Messianic Calendar (uses calculated Jewish dates)

www.menorah.org/November_Calendar_2016.pdf

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Scriptures in Drashah (message) by M.Min. Tamar Yeomans Gen 29:1-12; Mar 16:1-6; John 7:37-39; 1Cor 12:13; Eph 5:23; Col 1:18; 24.; Gen 24:62-63; 1Cor 6:16-17; John 3:7-8; Heb 2:14-15; 18; John 4:4-6; 7-26; Isa 6:1; 5-8; Exo 3:6; 4:1-7; Rom 5:8; Rev 1:17-18; 21:6; 9-10; 22:1-3

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How Blocking The Marriage Plebiscite Might Help Us Win

Lyle Shelton | November 08, 2016 www.acl.org.au/

Tonight's thwarting of the Turnbull Government's election mandate for a people's vote on marriage might work to secure the preservation of marriage in the long term, according to the Australian Christian Lobby. "Australians have had enough of the same-sex marriage debate," Managing Director Lyle Shelton said.

"After six years of relentless activism in the Parliament, it should be time to move on. I think that's what most people want – it is not a high priority issue. "But sadly those pushing for change are unlikely to stop, despite the issue now being gridlocked."

Mr Shelton said it would be a breach of faith with the Australian people if Government members undermined the Prime Minister and crossed the floor to vote on a private member's bill. "Unless Labor wins the next election, this issue is likely to be gridlocked for many years to come," Mr Shelton said.

"Labor, the Greens, Senator Derryn Hinch and the Nick Xenophon Team may have unwittingly done the nation a favour by allowing more time for people to understand the consequences of abolishing the gender diversity requirement in the Marriage Act," Mr Shelton said. "More and more stories of legal persecution and demonisation of people who believe in man-woman are emerging from overseas and in time this will filter more into the Australian conscience.

"We've already seen Archbishop Julian Porteous spend six months tied up before the Tasmanian Anti Discrimination Commission because the commission believed Christian teaching on marriage might be hate speech. "We're already seeing Obamastyle degendering of school toilets and change rooms through the controversial 'Safe Schools' program."

"While it is disappointing the February 11 plebiscite is now off, there is time for a more mature debate that got beyond slogans like 'equal love' and 'marriage equality'.

Mr Shelton said it was disappointing that the rationale for blocking the people's vote was based on the false premise that the debate would be hateful and ugly. But as Western Australian Liberal Senator Chris Back told the Senate today, "if there has been evidence of intolerance and hate speech it is not from those people who support marriage as it is currently defined". If Labor and The Greens really believed the debate would be damaging they wouldn't let it drag on for years into the future.

"Unless advocates for change are willing to wait another three years, I expect the idea of a people's vote may well be revisited in this parliament. "A people's vote is the fairest way to resolve what is the biggest social change in a generation. There is nothing unusual about an issue of this magnitude being taken to the people," Mr Shelton said.

Drought Warning as Jordan River Reaches Record Low

November 09, 2016 | Israel Today Staff

Israel is on the cusp of another major drought with authorities reporting that the water flowing from the northern portion of the Jordan River into the Sea of Galilee is at a record low.

The Jordan River is the primary water source for the Sea of Galilee, which



is in turn Israel's primary fresh water reservoir. And the water pressure today is lower than it's been in the past 90 years, or since such measurements began.

The situation has been blamed on a lack of rainfall in recent years, leaving the



Jordan's tributaries all but dry. As a result, Israel has had to cut water supplies to farmers while taking emergency measures to prevent a deterioration in the water quality of the Sea of Galilee. Also affected are the southern portion of the Jordan River - which most people are familiar with, and which itself is nearly dry - and the Dead Sea.

At present it is expected that Israel's desalination plants will be able to provide adequate water for home use, meaning there are no plans to introduce rationing.

MARRIAGE: Can Messianics Learn From Orthodox Jews?

Israel Today Magazine by David LAZARUS

There are hundreds of young single Messianic Jews in Israel who are praying and waiting for God to bring them a spouse. Some have attempted to use social media to find their significant other, but the young adults I interviewed say these efforts are not working. More often than not, young believers remain single for many years, some never get married, and others end up in unwholesome marriages.

Perhaps it is time for Messianic Jews to consider the wisdom of our ancestors, who for centuries practiced the art of matchmaking. A fascinating new study on arranged marriages gives wise counsel on how we might be able to help our young folks, too.

"Arranged marriages are far more likely to lead to lasting affection than marriages of passion." That is the conclusion of a major research project directed by Robert Epstein, the Harvardeducated Senior Research Psychologist at the American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology. "Those who have had their partner chosen for them by a parent or matchmaker tend to feel more in love with time, whereas those in typical marriages often feel less in love over time," concluded Epstein.

With divorce rates soaring, it is clearly time to rethink our approach to love and

marriage. In the US, it is estimated that over half of all marriages fail. While it has long been claimed that the Jewish divorce rate is substantially lower, reliable data has been hard to come by because many Orthodox Jewish communities doggedly protect their privacy. Epstein's findings, which are the result of 35 years of research, show clearly that couples who allow conscientious parents, rabbis or other qualified "matchmakers" to help them choose a spouse are far more likely to commit for life. Those who marry for love, on the other hand, are often blinded by passion, and when the pressures and unavoidable challenges of family life crop up, they crumble.

Epstein demonstrates that feelings of love in Western marriages fade decidedly in the first 18 months, while love in arranged marriages tends to grow gradually, surpassing the love in non-arranged marriages at about the five-year mark. Ten years on, the affection felt by those in arranged marriages was typically found to be twice as strong.

Epstein believes this is because Westerners leave their love lives to chance, like meeting someone in the supermarket, or at work, and often confuse love with lust. Orthodox Jews look for more than just passion. "I have seen in arranged marriages in the Orthodox Jewish community that the parents very carefully look at compatibility—it is not left to chance. They do their homework on their characteristics, their values, morals and life goals. Arranged marriages work because culturally they see marriage differently. We have a very romantic view of marriage. Theirs is more pragmatic," he says.

And that has proved in many cases to be a more stable foundation for a committed marriage. "In the West marriages are easy to get out of. But in arranged marriages, the commitment is very strong. They get married knowing they won't leave, so when times are harder—if they face injury or trauma—they don't run away. It brings them closer,"

Epstein points out. For those interested, this is how it works in typical Orthodox Jewish communities. The parents, or a matchmaker, will suggest a "shidduch date," an opportunity for a young marriageable couple to talk and get to know one another. The couple can then decide for themselves if they would like to continue meeting. The assumption is that after a dozen or so such "dates," the two will be ready to decide whether or not to marry.

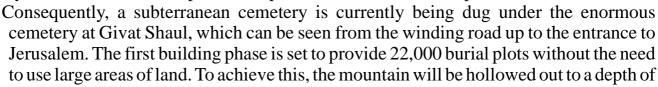
This is of course a very different arrangement than forced marriage, which is illegal in many Western countries. "In arranged marriages, there is a choice, and it is respected," said Epstein. "The parents and the son or daughter make the decision together; everyone is interested in everyone else's benefit."

Massive Underground Cemetery Being Tunnelled for Jerusalem Cemetery.

Israel Today by Netanell DORON

Jewish tradition attaches special significance to being buried in Jerusalem. Those who have died and been interred in the holy city will be the first to reach the Temple Mount following the resurrection of the dead when Messiah arrives.

Anyone from a non-Jewish background who is familiar with the method of flattening an old grave after a certain period of time has passed and re-using it for a new grave has to bear in mind that this would be unthinkable in Judaism. Toward the end of the 1990s it thus became apparent that there would soon be no more room for further burials in Jerusalem. This realization pushed up the price for burial plots considerably. Jerusalem requires about 4,400 new burial plots per year. Thus it became imperative to provide further affordable plots.



165 feet (50 meters). There will be five entrances, one on each side of the compound and one in the middle. The graves are arranged along the walls in several levels.

The project is an initiative of the Kehilat Yerushalayimburial society, the leading burial service provider in the city. The underground cemetery is the first of its kind in the modern world, but is by no means a modern invention. Rather, it is a resumption of ancient Jewish burial practices. During the Second Temple period, those who died, particularly those from wealthy families, were buried in subterranean burial chambers.

Healing the Broken House of Jacob

Israel Today Magazine.

The 10 Lost Tribes attract the attention of the wide-eyed romantics and hard-nosed scholars, alike. It is an entrenched and ancient notion stemming from Assyria's exile of the northern kingdom to "Halah...Habor, the River of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes" (2 Kings 18:11).

This lost part of Israel, it is said, will one-day rejoin the Jewish people in the Land of Israel (Isaiah 49:8, 9). But until then, tradition states that the 10 Lost Tribes reside beyond an elusive river of shifting sand and rocks called Sambatyon.

According to certain Afghan Pashtun tribes, to which belong the Indian Pathan, Bokhtnasser (Nebuchadnezzar) exiled Israel to the Afghan "mountain districts of Ghor, Ghazneen, Kabul, Kandahar and Koh Firozeh" (History of the Afghans 1823:25). Today, many of the fearsome Taliban warriors, if these histories can be trusted, are actually Israelites. Eyal Beeri is one of the few Israeli scholars willing to go out on the academic limb that is the Lost Tribes. A PhD candidate at Ariel University, Beeri has been researching the connection between Israel and the Pathan people of India. Israel Today's Tsvi Sadan met with him to learn more about this fascinating topic.

Israel Today:How did you become aware of the Pathans? Beeri: India has fascinated me since I was 13, but only in 2004 did I realize my dream of visiting that country. I traveled for three months from the foot of the Himalayas to south India, and I returned home dazzled. I was particularly intrigued by the character of the people. It is said in the Talmud that the people of Israel are characterized by shyness, mercy and generosity. But the Indian people exceed Israel in these areas.

When I visited India a second time in 2007, I asked someone from Bene Menashe (another Indian ethnic group that believes it is descended from Israel) how is it that Indians are so exceptionally shy, merciful and generous, to which he plainly answered, "but of course, they are the remnants of Israel." *Are you a scholar, or a romantic chasing fantasies?* I am romantic by nature, but my research is guided by my academic discipline. My attitude is that of respect and suspect. The title of my thesis expresses it: "The Pathan Link to Jewish Traditions: Between Myth and Reality." My research is based on documents, some of them from the 10th century, oral traditions and customs.

So who are the Pathans? They are Pashtuns who came to India in the 16th century. They claim to be the descendants of Malik Talut, which means "the tall king," or King Saul, who they insist is from Judah, not Benjamin. Pashtun tribes have names like Rabani, Lewane, Yushusai, Afridi which could echo Reuven, Levi, Joseph and Ephraim. Pathans are proud to say "we are from Israel," but they are also proud of their Muslim heritage. The Pashtun were among the first to accept Islam in the 7th century. How do they view the Jewish people and Israel? They are somewhat ambivalent. They have little respect for Israel because of the Palestinian issue. Still, a delegation of Pathan leaders from central India visited Israel last November and loved it. As far as they are concerned we are brothers. These leaders hope to bring more delegations to Israel in the near future.

YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

"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. ³²It 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.