Parashah 26 Sh'mini (Eighth) Day 25 of 13th Biblical month

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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! Blossed by His Name, His glorious Kingdom is for over and

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 <u>Parents to their boys</u>: "May Y'HoVaH make you, (name/s) like Efrayim and M'nasheh (and personalise) Genesis 27: 27b-29.

<u>Parents to their girls</u>: "May Yah make you, (name) like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah (and personalise) Num 6:24-26. <u>All pray together</u>: "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 (*Mat15:24*)

TORAH - Service of The Word

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Torah:Vayikra (Leviticus) 9:1 - 11:47Haftarah (Prophets):Sh'mu'el Bet (2 Samuel) 6:1 - 7:17Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):Mark 7:1-23;Acta 5:111: 10:135: 2 Corinthions 6:14

Acts 5:1-11; 10:1-35; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1; Galatians 2:11-16; 1 Kefa (1 Peter) 1:14-16

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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



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TORAH PEARLS NEXT SATURDAY 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" when parents are expected to resume proactive responsibility for their children.

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Scriptures referenced in today's Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans Vayikra (Leviticus) 9:7-8; 22-24; M'lakhim Alef (1Kings) 18:24; 38-39; 1Chronicles 21:26; Acts 2:30-33; Tehillim (Psalms) 110:1-2; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 10:11-14; Vayikra (Leviticus) 10:1-2; Sh'mot (Exodus) 28:33-35; Vayikra (Leviticus) 16:1-4; 23-24; Z'kharyah (Zechariah) 6:11-15; Revelation 5:1-2; 5-6; 9-10; Acts 2:3; 33; Romans 12:1.

Notes:

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Pray for rain: Sea of Galilee water level too low despite winter rain KahilaNews.com by Joni Koski Mar 23, 2017

Despite winter rains, the Sea of Galilee (Kinneret) stands at 20 centimeters below the red line posing alarming implications for the environment, agriculture and tourism in northern Israel.

Biblically, abundant rainfall is a sign of God's blessing while its withholding is a sign of his displeasure. Perhaps in order to engender national dependence on him, Israel is located in a dry region:

"So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today – to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul - then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your corn, new wine and olive oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the Lord's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the Lord is giving you." (Deut 11:13-17)

The North of Israel has experienced four consecutive years of official drought. Some parts of the country experienced particularly high December rainfall, unlike October and November. February was particularly dry, just 10 percent of the average

| Water level of the La | ake Kin | neret | |
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| water temperature 18° wave height 10-30 cm | | 208.8 m | upper red line |
| 16.03.2017 🔺 6 cm/week | <u>213.07 m</u> | 213.0 m | lower red line |
| | | 214.87 m | historical minimum |

rainfall, so that the usual winter replenishment did not fully take place, resulting in a rise of only 22 centimetres, rather than the average of 60.

This vital, freshwater resource of the Sea of Galilee for Israel and neighboring Jordan, one of the world's four most "water poor" nations, is in long-term decline.

GRAPHIC CAPTION: The upper red line indicates the highest acceptable water level, which when reached triggers the opening of the Dganya Dam to reduce the level. The lower red line is the level at which ecological damage will start to occur, so that pumping is forbidden. Source: http://forecast.israelinfo.co.il/kineret#

The implications for agriculture in Galilee are that if pumping from the Sea of Galilee is completely stopped, "150,000 dunams (37,000 acres) of current fruit and vegetable cultivation could be lost, amounting to tens of millions of shekels," said Giora Zeltz, head of the Upper Galilee Regional Council, in a warning last week to



Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel.

Environmental damage could be long term. If deep subterranean salt water streams are not continually plugged by pressure from fresh water above,

saline water could be released, severely damaging the lake.

Furthermore, many tourists visit Biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee and Jordan River, especially the Yardenit baptismal site, where a lack of water would be devastating, according to Emek Hayarden Regional Council.

The rest of Israel benefits from water supplied by five desalination plants, but delays and disagreements, including opposition from local residents, have meant that such a plant in the North is way off.

Further south, the Dead Sea is also extremely low and in steady decline, falling from 394 meters below sea level in the 1960s to the current 423 meters below, causing massive environmental degradation. One 2016 report, by Nadav Lensky and Elad Dente of the Geological Survey of Israel, blamed this on the building of multiple dams in Syria and Jordan, along rivers feeding the Jordan River, rather than conventionally blaming rainfall levels, or the Israeli and Jordanian potash industry's water usage.

Various plans are in place to address the different issues, including doubling water pumped to north Jordan through a new pipeline to supply its drinking water needs, in exchange for greater Israeli access to potable water sources at new desalination plants, despite the fact that further pumping will exacerbate the Sea of Galilee water level problem and also reduce the level of water in the southern part of the Jordan River.

In addition, a massive \$10 billion, 180-kilometer, 2 billion cubic meter per year pipeline project has been approved taking water from the Red Sea, through Jordanian territory, to replenish the Dead Sea and feed the additional desalination plants, including the world's largest. Environmentalists are extremely concerned about the project because of the lack of research into its implications and the potential for introducing foreign algae. Friends of the Earth Middle East prefer the replenishment of the Jordan River itself, which would by implication affect Syria and Jordan's damns. Meanwhile, security experts are concerned about the deals implications should conflict arise.

The Sea of Galilee's low level, however, appears to be related to low rainfall. In the Bible, James (chapter 5:17,18) explains that God hears the prayers of ordinary people concerning rain, giving the example of Elijah, whose life's work, through God's help, was to confront evil and bring Israel to repentance:

"Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."

It is time for the people of God to pray both for the spiritual rain which will bring the people of Israel to repentance, and the physical rain which will replenish the Sea of Galilee.

> **'David's Sling' joins Israel's anti-missile defence batteries** *Kahilanews.com by Tzippe Barrow. Mar 23, 2017*

Just days after Syria launched a missile at Israel, Israel launched David's Sling, its middle tier anti-missile defence battery.



David's Sling takes it place between the Arrow 3 missile batteries and the

Iron Dome, designed to intercept short-range rockets, such as those launched from the Gaza Strip. David's sling can take out rockets, aircraft and cruise missiles with ranges between 65 and 125 miles.

Monday's announcement followed Israel's successful interception by the Arrow 3 of a Syrian surface-to-air missile (SAM) overnight Friday that carried a 200-pound explosive payload.

On Sunday, Israeli Minister of Defense Avigdor Lieberman sent a strong warning to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"The next time the Syrians use their air defense systems against our airplanes, we will destroy all of them without thinking twice," Lieberman said.

Israel has never involved itself in Syria's civil war; its mission has been to prevent Iranian weapons convoys traveling through Syria from reaching the Hezbollah terror group.

On Monday, former director of the Counterterrorism Bureau Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel told journalists, "the Syrian capabilities to respond are very, very limited."

"They can again open fire against the Israeli Air Force, but as our minister of defense already said yesterday that in that case we will destroy with the [anti-missile] batteries that are threatening our aircraft so generally speaking the Syrian capabilities to respond are very, very limited," Nuriel said.

Israel has no interest, he said, in getting involved in the Syrian civil war, but it will take the security measures needed to protect its citizens.

"Let's say that Israel has zero influence on those five civil wars in Syria," he said. "We are mostly respond[ing] and take[ing] those security measures we need to protect ourselves."

Nuriel said Russia has received "all the messages they needed in order to understand that we will not let anyone, including Russia, steal or disturb or stop us from implementing our military mission."

With the addition of David's Sling, working alongside the Arrow 3 and Iron Dome, Israel is capable of protecting its population from rocket and missile attacks with potentially deadly payloads.

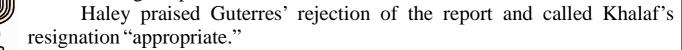
Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd. working in tandem with the U.S. Raytheon Co., developed David's Sling. The U.S. Congress has contributed significantly to Israel's three-tiered anti-missile defence systems.

Video link: <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozPem9AQkc0</u>

Nikki Haley applauds UN official's resignation

Kahila News by Tzippe Barrow Mar 21, 2017

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley applauded the resignation of Rima Khalaf, the undersecretary general and executive secretary of ECSWA. Khalaf resigned after U.N. Secretary General Antonió Guterres rejected her report that accused Israel of being an apartheid state.



"When someone issues a false and defamatory report in the name of the U.S., it is appropriate that the person resign," Haley said. "U.N. agencies must do a better job of eliminating false and biased work, and I applaud the secretary general's decision to distance his good office from it."

A spokesman for Guterres said the report "does not reflect the views of the secretary general."

Israeli U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon called Khalaf's resignation long overdue.

"Over the years Khalaf has worked to harm Israel and advocate for the BDS [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions] movement. Her removal from the U.N. is long overdue," Danon said.

The report, published last week by the U.N.'s Beirut-headquartered Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ECSWA), made up of 18 Arab states, accused Israel of being a racist and apartheid state.

Former U.N. official Richard Falk, known for his extreme anti-Israel position on a host of issues, was the report's principal author.

PA Praises Khalaf

While Danon and Haley expressed relief for Khalaf's resignation, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said she's the recipient of the P.A.s prestigious Medal of Highest Honor. On behalf of the Palestinian people, he thanked Khalaf for her "humanitarian and national position."

Despite the U.N. censorship, Khalaf stands by the report, saying it exposes Israel's "war crimes against humanity."

Senior P.A. officials Hanan Ashwari and Riyad al-Maliki praised the report and denounced its censorship. Al-Maliki, the P.A.'s minister of foreign affairs, called its findings an "objective analysis of the facts on the ground, arriving at an accurate conclusion based on the legal definition of the crime of apartheid."

The P.A.'s official Ma'an News Agency reported, "[The PLO] will continue to remain grateful to Dr. Khalaf for assuming a principled and courageous stand on behalf of the people of Palestine."



U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley (Photo: Facebook)



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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.