

Shabbat HaGadol (the Great Shabbat, just before Pesach)

Parashah 28 Mezora (Person afflicted with tzara'at)

Day 10 of 1st Biblical month

Day 12 of Nissan the 7th Jewish month of 5777.

Day 8 of April the 4th Gregorian month of 2017



A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

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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) 14:1 - 15:33

Haftarah (Prophets): Malachi 3:4-24 (3:4-4:6)

Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

Matt 16:13-28; Matt 20:17-19;

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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

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DATE for EREV PESACH SEDER (Passover) DINNER SERVICE Wednesday 12th April.

(Note this is two days behind the traditional, calculated Jewish calendar.)

Seder resources maybe freely downloaded via the festival tab of our website.
If you are hosting a Seder, do you have room for anyone else to attend your seder?
If so, please advise M.Min Tamar.

HAG HAMATZAH (FEAST of UNLEAVENED BREAD) Thursday 13th to Wednesday 19th inclusive.

Coles at Q-store usually have Matzah though there is lots of unleavened bread now.

SHABBAT SHUL (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"; 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.

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Scriptures in Shabbat HaGadol Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

Lev 23:5 5; Exo11-12:3;5; 13; Exo12:42; 6; Lev 23:5-7; Num 9:3; 28:16-17;
Exo13:4; Exo34:18; Exo12:2; 1-6; 34:25; Deu 16:1-7; Luke 22:7; 1 Cor 5:7;
Exo12:8; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Exo13:3; Num 9:1-14; Josh 5:10-12; 2 Ch 30; 2 Ch 35:1-19;
Ezra 6:19-20; John 11:55; 2 Ch 30:2-3; 15; Exo12:14; 25-27; Exo 6:6-7;
Matt 27:59; Luke 24:30-31.

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The reason you won't find lamb at a Jewish Passover meal

One For Israel Staff Apr 5, 2017

If you are familiar with God's instructions to the people of Israel concerning Passover, or are at all familiar with the story, you will know that the killing and eating of lambs is pretty central. So you might be surprised to hear that you will almost never find lamb on the table of your average Jewish Passover meal. Why is that?

One lamb sacrificed for everyone.

The plural for lamb does not appear in the Bible. There is only ever lamb singular. In the Exodus story, it makes sense grammatically, as you can see:

“Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb for his family one lamb for the household. But if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor are to take one according to the number of the people. According to each person eating, you are to make your count for the lamb. Your lamb is to be without blemish, a year old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You must watch over it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight. They are to take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the crossbeam of the houses where they will eat it. They are to eat the meat that night, roasted over a fire. With matzot and bitter herbs they are to eat it.” (Ex 12:3-8)

But even so – the whole assembly slaughters IT?

Later on in Leviticus 23 we read that the priests slaughter one lamb for everyone, and also in Ezra 6 we see the same thing:

The exiles celebrated the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, for every one of the kohanim and the Levites had purified themselves and all of them were ceremonially pure. They slaughtered the Passover lamb [the “Pesach” or “Passover”] for all the exiles, and for their fellow kohanim and for themselves. So those of Bnei-Yisrael who had returned from the exile ate it, together with all who had separated themselves from the impurity of the nations of the land to seek Adonai the God of Israel. (Ez 6:19-21)

2 Chronicles 35:11-13 repeats the same story – one lamb [“Pesach”] sacrificed for the many. This points to God's original intention, that the Feast of Passover would point to the most important Lamb of all. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

From one lamb per family to no lambs at all

When looking at Jewish history, however, the Mishna describes in detail how the festival was celebrated around the time of Yeshua, and it seems that each family had their own Passover lamb.

While the temple was still standing, it was usual for the people of Israel to descend upon the city of Jerusalem, and bring a lamb or goat for each family to be slaughtered. The priests would ritually sacrifice the animals and take a bowl of the blood to pour on the altar, before giving the meat back to the family to be cooked on pomegranate branch skewers and enjoyed in the evening. Due to the large numbers arriving, there sacrifices were done in three “sittings” so to speak. So a lamb per family, as you might imagine from the instructions in Exodus 12.



But after the fall of the temple in 70 AD, there was a rabbinic dispute about how to proceed on this matter, along with many others. Opinion was divided about whether to have each family sacrifice and eat their lamb or goat at home (Rabbi Gamaliel's proposal), or to avoid the lamb issue altogether, since only priests could carry out such sacrifices in the temple according to Jewish law, so they would have to wait for the Messiah and the rebuilding of the temple. It wasn't long before those opposing Gamaliel's home sacrifice suggestion gained a majority and threatened anyone defying the ban with excommunication. By end of the second century after Yeshua, the practice of sacrificing animals for Passover had been obliterated.

From that time forth, lamb was off the table and off the menu.

God himself will provide the lamb

There are small numbers of radicals who, since Passover 1968 (after the recapturing of Jerusalem in 1967) have been trying to sacrifice lambs on the Temple Mount – an extremely politically dangerous thing to do. They have never been granted permission, and so have secretly be sacrificing their Pascal lambs nearby, but earnestly long for the practice to be reinstated. But it was, after all, on that very spot that God told Abraham not to kill Isaac, assuring him that “God himself will provide the Lamb” (Gen 22:8). Many generations later, he did, for it was also in Jerusalem that Yeshua shed his blood and became our Passover sacrifice.

If you go to Israel today, deep into Judea and Samaria to the Mount Gerizim, you will find people who are sacrificing lambs for Passover, one per family. Those people are the Samaritans. The Samaritan community is still around today, although in fairly small numbers, and they still adhere to the first five books of the Torah as best they can. I went to watch the spectacle, which was more emotional than I was expecting. The sudden horror of innocent lambs dying for no fault of their own... the reality of all that death for the benefit of others... And our guide said something very profound. A question I will leave with you for this Passover:

“When the sacrificial lamb is brought to the temple for the priest to examine it, is he checking to see if the lamb is flawless, or if you are flawless?”

[1] Why Jews Stopped Sacrificing Lambs and Baby Goats for Passover – Elon Gilad. <http://www.haaretz.com/jewish/features/.premium-1.716147>

Israeli kindergartener declares ‘Yeshua is Messiah,’ causes stir at school

Kehila News Israel Staff Apr 3, 2017

The mother of a kindergarten girl in the city of Ma'ale Adumim yanked her daughter out of the school after she claimed that a “Christian” girl in the class told the other children that “Yeshua is the Messiah.”

The “Christian” child is the daughter of M., a Messianic Jew and mother of three children who have been attending public schools for several years. The teachers know the family and their beliefs have never presented any problems.

But late last month, another parent accused M's daughter of confusing the children by claiming, “Yeshua is the Messiah and He will deliver us.” In an interview with Israel's Channel 7, the other parent complained that the preaching and “brainwashing” by the Messianic girl had confused her child and



brought her, the mother, to the brink of tears. She said that “the way of life in the kindergarten must be compatible with the lifestyle of the family.” The school is a religious public school and the mother claimed that allowing a student to talk about Yeshua as Messiah is “hypocrisy towards religion and the kindergarten itself.”

The mother removed her daughter from the institution following a recommendation by two rabbis, including the rabbi of the city of Ma’ale Adumim, Rabbi Negri. Then she shared these recommendations and her decision on the parents’ social media group. To her surprise she was removed from the group by the teacher even though she claimed to have the support of other parents.

The municipality has no way of verifying the religion of each child and, nevertheless, is obligated to receive the children if there is room available. M., the messianic mother, defended her daughter’s teacher who was caught in the middle of this storm.

In a message to the parents, M. wrote, “Dear parents, I am sorry for the trouble and especially for the grief that our teacher received for no reason! She deserves our appreciation on both a professional and personal level. If someone has a problem, please contact me for clarification and leave the teacher out of it. Our children have been in this school for several years now and there has been no problem so far. I understand that as parents we want to protect our children, but none of us had the intention of hurting anyone other than the one who was irritated by things based on half-truths. I hope we can carry on quietly and happily now. I completely respect the religious law and we have many religious friends even outside of the parents of this class. Anyone who feels that he needs to take a step back is also entitled to do so and we are not offended by it. Thank you for the support ... Remember, mainly, that our teacher runs the kindergarten with lots of love, experience and wisdom so let her do her work with joy and in peace!”

M. told KNI that she believes we must stand fully in our faith, be an example through our actions and also stand for our rights as believers in Israel.

“We must stand with full confidence in our faith, but I am of the opinion — and this is how I also explain to my children — that it is necessary to maintain restraint with our words and show the love of God that is in us through our behavior and actions before anything else,” she said.

“I also think people should know us by the fruit in our lives before they find out what we believe in and thus avoid unnecessary confrontations, ‘So that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven,’” she said. “When a situation arises where we are not at fault, such as we had in the kindergarten, we must not be quick to respond, but we must stand firmly on our rights if necessary.”

M.’s daughter continues to go to the kindergarten, unaffected by the incident, but aware that her beliefs have caused a stir. Her testimony reminds us of God’s word: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18: 3).

According to Channel 7, the Ma’ale Adumim municipality and the supervisor of the religious kindergartens did not comment. The mother who made the accusations is still waiting for her daughter to be placed in another school.



Texas House unanimously passes anti-BDS bill

Jpost By Benjamin Weinthal April 04

The Texas House State Affairs Committee passed on Wednesday a bill banning state contracts and investments in companies that boycott Israel.

The Texas Senate passed on March 23 a similar bill opposing BDS by a 25-4 vote. Texas Governor Greg Abbott is expected to sign a finalized anti-BDS law from the legislative chambers.

The anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) legislation, which was spearheaded by Republican representative Phil King, passed unanimously 10-0.

Writing on his website prior to passage of the bill, King said: "Texas will not tolerate national-origin discrimination against Israel, which is precisely what BDS is. Efforts to inflict economic harm upon Texas' trading partners weaken our state's ability to conduct trade, and harm our vital social interests. BDS is not only Israel's problem, its Texas' problem as well."

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Abbott wrote in a letter in 2016, "At this critical time, in the face of the virulent movement to promote anti-Israel boycotts both in this country and around the globe, we strongly condemn the BDS movement as incompatible with the values of our states and our country. Likewise, we reaffirm our support for Israel as a vital U.S. ally, important economic partner and champion of freedom."

The anti-BDS bills will likely draw further scrutiny of the Dallas-based bank Comerica and its role in providing an account to the pro-BDS organization the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL). The IADL aligned itself with Iran's regime in its criticism of the Jewish state.

A Jerusalem Post press query to Comerica's spokesman Wayne Mielke was not immediately returned.

BREAKING NEWS!

U.S. Launches Missiles at Syrian Base After Chemical Weapons Attack

NBC NEWS By Courtney Kube, Alex Johnson And Hallie Jackson

The United States launched dozens of cruise missiles Thursday night at a Syrian airfield in response to what it believes was the Syrian government's use of banned chemical weapons blamed for having killed at least 100 people on Tuesday, U.S. military officials told NBC News.

Two U.S. warships in the Mediterranean Sea fired at least 50 Tomahawk missiles intended for a single target — Ash Sha'irat in Homs province in western Syria, the officials said. That's the airfield from which the United States believes the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad fired the banned weapons.

There was no immediate word on casualties. U.S. officials told NBC News that people were not targeted and that aircraft and infrastructure at the site, including the runway, were hit.



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'udah." 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.

