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# Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of  
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**Parashah 41 Pinchas (Phinehas)**

Day 20 of the 4th 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!  
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.

**Leader:** *Prayer for the lost sheep of the House of Israel (Mat15:24)*

## TORAH - Service of The Word

### Parashah 41 Pinchas (Phinehas)

**Torah:** Numbers 25:10 - 30:1 (29:40)

**Haftarah (Prophets):** M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 18:46 - 19:21

**Ketuvei HaShelichim:**(Writing [of] the Apostles):

Matt 26:1-30; Acts 2:1-21;

**Drashah (message):** M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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

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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 referenced in today's drashah (sermon)

**by M. Mini Tamar Yeomans:** M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 19:15;

M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 19:19; 19:19-21; Yo'el (Joel) 2:28-29;

M'lakhim Bet (2Kings) 2:9; D'varim (Deuteronomy) 21:17; Galatians 4:4-7;

Romans 8:14-16; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Kefa (Alef) 1 Peter 2:5; Mark 16:17-20.

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# Israel, Palestinians reach landmark water deal for West Bank, Gaza

**New desalination project is part of wider plan to run water through pipeline from Red Sea down to Dead Sea; US envoy Greenblatt hopes it's a 'harbinger of things to come'**

*By Raphael Ahren and Melanie Lidman  
July 13, 2017*

Israel and the Palestinian Authority on Thursday announced an agreement that will provide millions of cubic meters of drinking water to the Palestinians from a desalination process. While the Palestinians made plain that the deal, brokered by US President Donald Trump's envoy Jason Greenblatt, has no impact on final-status issues in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Greenblatt hailed it as a "harbinger of things to come." At a joint press conference in Jerusalem, however, Greenblatt refused to take any questions regarding his bid to relaunch peace negotiations

The agreement announced Thursday is part of a larger trilateral agreement for the construction of a 220-kilometer (137-mile) pipeline transferring water from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea — the lowest body of

water on earth — to benefit Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians, and replenish the dwindling Dead Sea. As the water runs down the gradient it will be used to generate electricity that will also power a desalination plant to produce drinking water.

"As we all know, water is a precious commodity in the Middle East," Greenblatt said. "The US welcomes the agreement reached by the Palestinian Authority and the government of Israel, which will allow for the sale of 32 million cubic meters of water from Israel to the Palestinian Authority. In addition, we hope that the deal will contribute to the healing of the Dead Sea and that will help not only Palestinians and Israelis but Jordanians as well."

Trump has made it clear that reaching lasting peace agreement is a "top priority for him," Greenblatt added. "This agreement is an example of the parties working together to make a mutual beneficial deal," he said.

"I am proud of the role the US and international partners have played in helping the partners reach this deal and I hope it is a harbinger of things to come," Greenblatt said.

The US envoy, who earlier this week met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and senior Palestinian negotiators as part of a bid to relaunch talks, noted that Thursday's agreement is the second recent deal



between Jerusalem and Ramallah to improve the daily lives of Palestinians. On Monday, Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz and PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah attended a ceremony launching a new Jenin electrical substation.

Thursday's water deal was reached under the tutelage of Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, who hailed the so-called Red Sea-Dead Sea Conveyance project as the "biggest and most ambitious project event initiated and exercised" in the area.

"Unfortunately, in our neighborhood we don't always have a reason to smile. This morning we do," Hanegbi said. "After years of stalemate, and thanks to the passionate negotiations of Jason Greenblatt and thanks to the pragmatic and professional approach of both delegations... we reached an important agreement," he said.

The agreement announced Thursday showed that "water can serve as means for reconciliation, prosperity, cooperation rather than calls for tensions and dispute," Hanegbi said

The deal was also applauded by the pro-settler Yesha Council. "We are very impressed by Jason Greenblatt's ability to achieve a substantive agreement on water that will change people's lives on the ground," the group's foreign envoy, Oded Revivi, said. "We have long said that true

peace must be built from the ground up, one step at a time."

Environmentalists hailed the deal as a significant step toward addressing water shortage issues, especially in water-starved Gaza. Gaza needs about 200 million cubic meters of water per year, but natural aquifers can only provide 50 million. For years, Gaza has been overpumping its aquifers, causing seawater to seep into the groundwater and salinity levels to rise. Currently 97% of Gaza's water is not potable. When Gazan water is mixed with Israeli water, however, the salinity levels drop enough to make it safe for human consumption, according to Gidon Bromberg, the Israeli co-director of EcoPeace Middle East, a joint Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian environmental organization.

"[Greenblatt] identified water as a low-hanging fruit, and this water deal between Israel and the PA is really significant, because it is going to help improve the water situation first and foremost in Gaza," said Bromberg. "The original 2013 water deal did not include Gaza at all; the original deal was only for the West Bank," Bromberg added. "It's because of the crisis in Gaza; both sides realize that it's not just a water security issue, it's a national security issue. If more water is not provided to Gaza, there could be a potential outbreak of pandemic disease, which even Prime Minister Netanyahu has said won't

stop at the border.”

The water sharing deal reached on Thursday calls for an Aqaba desalination plant in Jordan to sell water to southern Jordan and Eilat, while water from the Sea of Galilee will be sold to northern Israel and Jordan. Israel will sell 32 million cubic meters of water to the Palestinian Authority from Mediterranean desalination plants — 10 million to Gaza and 22 million to the West Bank — according to Bromberg, whose organization is heavily involved in water research and advocacy.

Besides providing a yearly total of 100 million cubic meters of drinking water to Palestinians, Jordanians and Israelis, the Red-Dead project will produce “green energy” and replenish the Dead Sea, which is currently shrinking at a drastic pace, Hanegbi said. The Israeli government now has to allocate a budget for the project — which is located entirely in Jordan but will be run by a joint administrative board — before construction can commence, he said. It is expected to be completed in four to five years, he said.

Experts have estimated the canal will cost \$10 billion, and the EU, US, Japan and Italy, among others, have already committed to part of the cost, according to the Prime Minister’s Office.

Bromberg’s EcoPeace, however, dismissed the idea that the canal will

“replenish” the Dead Sea. The canal will bring an estimated 80-100 million cubic meters to the Dead Sea per year, just 10% of the amount the Dead Sea needs to stay at its current level. The Dead Sea, dropping at a rate of more than a meter per year, requires 800 million cubic meters per year just to stay stable, meaning the expensive project will provide needed water but won’t “save the Dead Sea” as advertised to global donors, it said.

The head of the Palestinian Water Authority, Mazen Ghuneim, welcomed the deal.

“This will alleviate the suffering of Palestinians that they surely face, especially in the hot summer months,” he said, speaking through an interpreter.

Water is primarily a humanitarian issue, he added, stressing that the deal struck this week has no bearing whatsoever on the overall Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Greenblatt and Hanegbi refused to comment on current US-led efforts to relaunch peace negotiations, though the Israeli minister said Thursday’s agreement teaches that “when you focus on the issues, and not history or background or personal emotions or other disturbing elements, the common denominator’s much bigger than what separates us.”

# Top UN official warns Gaza electricity crisis will haunt Israel

*By Raphael Ahren July 12, 2017*

**Nickolay Mladenov says Strip's power shortage keeps him 'up at night,' could lead to new conflict; advises US not to rush into final status talks**

A United Nations official stationed in Jerusalem warned Israel that the current energy crisis afflicting the Hamas-run Gaza Strip is having a devastating effect on the local population, and will eventually negatively impact Israelis too.

Nickolay Mladenov, the UN's special coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, said Israel has no immediate, direct role to play in solving the crisis, but that once it has been resolved by the conflicting Palestinian factions, Israel should do its utmost to improve conditions for the citizens of the coastal strip.

Since the Palestinian Authority decided to ask Israel to reduce the amount of fuel it delivers to Gaza, the local sewage system has shut down, causing 100,000 tons of unprocessed waste water to get dumped into the Mediterranean every day, he said. Some of the waste water has reached desalination plants off Ashkelon, he added.

Some residents of Gaza have no drinking water, and prices for vegetables have gone up by 50 percent, Mladenov added.

"The effects of the crisis are devastating," he said. "And all of this, at the end of the day, will come back to Israel's doorstep."

A worsening humanitarian crisis in the Strip could lead to another round of violence with Israel, which would destroy the budding US-led initiative to relaunch Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, he also warned.

Mladenov, who also functions as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's representative to the Palestinian Authority and to the Palestine Liberation Organization, welcomed the latest American effort to reach a peace agreement, but cautioned US negotiators against pressing ahead too quickly.

"It would not be helpful to jump to discussing final status issues right away. That tends to be premature, because the level of distrust on both sides is so big," he said. "If you suddenly jump to those issues you're not going to have the support of constituencies on either side. And it wouldn't look reasonable."

**Continue reading here:**  
[www.timesofisrael.com/top-un-official-warns-gaza-electricity-crisis-will-haunt-israel/](http://www.timesofisrael.com/top-un-official-warns-gaza-electricity-crisis-will-haunt-israel/)

# YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Leader:** <sup>31</sup> "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. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> "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."* **Break bread (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 meene 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, bring our offering, 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".*

**Aharonic Blessing in Hebrew & English** Malachi & Tamar (Num 6:22-27)

**Leader:** *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.*