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# Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of  
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

## SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 16 of Ethanim אֶתְנִים the 7th month (1Ki 8:2)

## CHAG HA-SUKKOT

*~Festival of the Booths (Tabernacles)*



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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 Abba ~Father. 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. Amein".**

**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.

## B'RACHOT YELEDIM ~Blessing the Children 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'hak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein.

## SHABBAT SHUL ~School

**Children** ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark Batakin and his assistant.

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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**PRAYER FOR THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL** (*Matt 15:24*)

## **MISHPACHAH ~family MEMOS**

**SUKKOT POT LUCK DINNER THIS SUNDAY Oct 8. From 2pm till night.  
54 Sunray Drive, Bonogin 4213.**

**Bring food to share, chairs if possible, and drinks for yourselves.  
Pool might be clean if anyone wants to swim. Hosts: Mark & Rebekka**

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## **TORAH ~Service of The Word**

### **Festival of Succot**

**Torah:** **Vayikra** ~*Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44*

**B'midbar** ~*Numbers 29:12-16*

**Haftarah (Prophets):** **Z'kharyah** ~*Zechariah 14:1-21*

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

**Yochanan** ~*John 7:1-53*

### **Drashot ~sermons: MMin Tamar Yeomans**

#### **Scriptures referenced in today's drashah ~sermon**

Sh'mot ~*Exodus 23:16; 34:22; Vayikra ~Leviticus 23: 36 & 39; 23:33-43;*  
B'midbar (Numbers) 29:12-39; D'varim (Deuteronomy) 31:10-13; 16:16-17;  
2Chronicles 5:3; 5:13-14; Yochanan Alef (1 John) 1:1; Yochanan (John) 1:14;  
B'resheet (Genesis) 33:17; Revelation 21:1-4; Z'khar'yah (Zechariah) 14:16-17.

**BGEMC Gold Coast** (Saturdays 10am)

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## Tabernacling with the Lord: Sukkot 2017

*Dee Catz - Oct 2. Kahila News Israel*

The seventh and final appointed time of the Lord is upon us and excitement is in the air here in Israel.

Sukkot — the Feast of Tabernacles — is the last of what is known as the “Fall Feasts” and in the biblical calendar it is the ultimate celebration in the sequence of annual holidays. After the solemn tones of introspection and gravity of the days leading up to Yom Kippur, the contrast couldn’t be more evident.

“You have turned for me, my mourning into dancing.” Psalm 30:11

With only five days between Yom Kippur and Sukkot, the building of sukkot (booths) begins as soon as possible after the end of the solemn day. In Jewish neighborhoods all around Israel, the sound of hammering permeates the air as Israelis erect their booths. Children assist their parents in building and decorating the sukkah and many municipalities cut down palm branches for the public to use as a roof coverings.

According to scripture, this is to be a jovial seven-day festival following the harvest. Sukkot begins with a

commanded day of rest and an added eighth day, also meant for resting, attached to the end of the festival. Feasting, rejoicing and all regular life is to take place in these temporary shelters — including sleeping. Scripture indicates that everyone is to celebrate and commemorate this holiday, including foreigners.

In private homes, people erect their sukkah on their property. Most Israelis live in apartments and build their sukkot on their balconies if there is enough space, outside ground-floor gardens or in common areas next to their buildings. Some people buy a flat-pack sukkah and various outlets offer ready-made sukkot in various sizes. Even Groupon Israel had some options with delivery included.

For those who cannot build their own sukkah, large communal sukkot are built in public places, at kosher restaurants and at synagogues so that all residents have the opportunity to eat their meals under the leafy covering. Even many municipalities build giant sukkahs in order to accommodate city denizens and celebrate the holiday.

Not commanded, but traditionally a strong part of the culture, is decorating one’s sukkah as it will become the family’s home for a week. Young children take great delight in making festive ornaments and decorations to



adorn the makeshift ceiling and walls of their booth. As the emphasis is on harvest, fruit such as pomegranates — in season in Israel — and vegetables feature in the decorations and on the menu. It is also traditional to invite family and friends to partake in at least one meal with you in your sukkah.

Visitors to Israel may be curious to see Orthodox Jewish men waving a lulav as they bow to all the points of the compass while reciting liturgy. The lulav is a symbolic arrangement of the “four species” — leaves from the palm, willow and myrtle trees bound together with an etrog fruit. This ritual is derived from Leviticus 23:40 where instructions and suggestions are given for which leafy boughs can be used as roofing for the sukkah. In place of the leaves from the tree, the fragrant but mostly flavorless fruit is used instead. The etrog, a citron, is a member of the citrus family. One fruit can cost many hundreds of dollars and sometimes, if it has not been damaged during the week of ritual holding and waving, it can be used by an industrious cook to make a jam, preserves, a cake and even candied citron peels.

Sukkot is the third and final ascension feast commanded in scripture, along with Pessach (Passover) and Shavuot, when Jews are commanded to observe the feast in Jerusalem. Many scholars have proposed the idea that Messiah

was born at this time, in fulfillment of prophecy.

Zechariah 14 extends the command to all people of the earth, hence many Christians from around the world come to participate in various Feast of Tabernacle events. Tourism booms as many thousands of Jews and Christians flock to the Holy Land during this month.

In the sixth century, rabbinic Judaism took the eighth day in which God commanded the people to rest, and made it into a festival of its own called Shemini Atzeret – literally “the gathering of the eighth day.” Later, they combined it with a 10th century custom that came with them from the exile in Babylon called Simchat Torah, which means “rejoicing in the Torah/Law.”

This day is used to mark the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah portion readings and the beginning of the new cycle. In the synagogues, the last portion from Deuteronomy and the first portion from Genesis are read. This is generally the only time the scrolls are taken out of their arks and this is accompanied by much dancing and singing. Celebrations take place throughout the country but especially at the Western Wall in Jerusalem where thousands gather to dance with the scrolls.

Israeli schools are closed during from Erev Sukkot until after the eighth day. The first and eighth days are treated just like a regular Shabbat. The holiday officially begins at sundown on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

## **Forgotten: Many Israeli students still without schools, services**

*N. J. Schiavi, Oct 4. Kahila News Israel*

Dozens of Israeli school children classified as “special needs” are still at home around the country awaiting school placement or the much-needed services for which they are eligible including aides, individualized education plans, instruction for their teachers, accessibility and therapists.

While most Israelis are busily preparing for the upcoming holiday and a long school break — 11 days during Sukkot beginning on Wednesday — many parents are instead busy trying to find a school for their children, one month after classes began.

On a Facebook page called “They’ve forgotten us at home,” more than 400 parents have shared their angst at these delays. Though the exact numbers are disputed — one advocacy group claims dozens of children are awaiting school placement and some 250 are without services at their schools — parents and

their advocates have expressed their frustration at the highest levels of government.

Revital Lan Cohen, a lawyer and mother to a child with special needs, speaking at a Knesset committee last month, accused the Ministry of Education of treating inclusion as “trivial.”

“Today is a holiday in Israel, but for children with special needs and their parents this is a difficult day because you have failed to deduce until this day that you need a systematic solution to do inclusion,” she argued. “You continue to treat inclusion as a trivial matter, not worth addressing. You don’t allocate a suitable budget and you don’t treat this as a profession. And this is the reason you are not attracting professionals to this field.”

This delay occurs, without fail, every year for many students with special needs. Cohen’s own child, now in fifth grade, was again unable to start school on Sept. 1 because services weren’t yet in place. Cohen challenged the Ministry of Education as to why personal aides and other services have yet to be approved.

Perhaps worse than not finding a school can be finding the wrong one. Channie Plotnik, who runs Beyachad, an organization that promotes inclusive education in Israel, said a major

problem right now is that children are “being placed in schools just so that Misrad HaHinuch (Ministry of Education) can check off that they made a placement.”

Plotnik is case-managing for several children. Even for those who have been placed, the individualized education plans (IEPs) for these children are still being hammered out and are not expected to be ready before December. She contends that putting children in an environment that is against or not welcoming of integration, and without an IEP and proper instruction for teachers, is a recipe for disaster.

“Do our teachers come into the first day of the classroom without a curriculum and without any knowledge of what they will be teaching this year? No. So why when it comes to kids with special needs, the system feels we can create IEPs and learning programs in December?!” Plotnik questioned. “What happens with a kid who has a staff who does not have a program or plan for him? Behavior problems! Not having a plan from the start is a waste of precious time.”

In fact, emergency sessions to place or get services for students with special needs do not even occur until after Sept. 1, according to Rivka Morowitz who is part of a parents’ coalition of several organizations that represent thousands

of students with special needs.

Parents, who are unable to work while their children languish at home without friends, education and therapies, are exasperated. “Another a week at home. The services that were promised have not arrived. Was someone unable to process the request? The Ministry of Education at its best,” one mother lamented on one Facebook group.

Another mother said that when, yet again, her son was delayed in starting school this year, the person responsible at the municipality used the excuse that it was “too hard” to find him a school.

“When will they understand that inclusion is a profession? It is not a temp’s job. It’s not a student’s job. Inclusion needs guidance and maintenance and it cannot be that this burden falls on the parents!”

Cohen sent a new year’s greeting at Rosh Hashanah to the education minister: “Naftali Bennett, we are here to help change the situation, not to butt heads. I’m offering you a real partnership with us parents, not as enemies and not as recipients of services, but as partners for one purpose: The best education for the children of Israel. We are the start of a new year, a period where the heavens are open to hear. Please hear our prayers.”

# 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."  
**Divide Chullah ~platted loaf**

**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, make our offering, take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup and 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 (Hebrew & English) from Tamar & Malachi (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.

