

A Messianic congregation of Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER
Day 7 of Bul בול the 8th month (1Ki 6:38)

Parashah 3
Lekh L'kha ~Get yourself out



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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

#### **Coalition for Marriage GOLD COAST BBQ This Evening - Special Guest Lyle Shelton**

WHEN: October 28, 2017 at 5:30pm - 7pm WHERE: Pelican Beach Park (Proud Park) 1 Waterways Dr. Main Beach, QLD 4217

RSVP www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/gold\_coast\_bbg\_special\_guest\_lyle\_shelton

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# TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 3 Lekh L'kha ~Get yourself out

B'resheet ~ *Genesis* 12:1 - 17:27 Torah:

Haftarah (Prophets): Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16 Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles:

Acts 7:1-8; Romans 3:19 - 5:6; Galatians 3:15-18; 5:1-6;

Colossians 2:11-15; Messianic Jews ~ Hebrews 7:1-19; 11:8-12

#### Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

Scriptures referenced in today's drashah ~sermon Gen 12:1-3; 22:17; 1:27-28; 22:17; Deut 28:1-8; Luke 12:32; Matt 7:11; Deut 28:1; 1 Chron 4:10; James 4:2; Gen 32:24-28 (32:25); Matt 7:7; 2 Sam 9:5-11; Eph 1:3; 2:6

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# "Choose Life"

(Deut 30:19)

# Ten clay 'fetuses' and one brave young woman

Kehila News Israel Staff - Oct 23, 2017

Noya Barel, a graduate of her high school's art department in northern Israel, raised a few eyebrows and moved many to compassion when she presented her final project at a national exhibition.

Her work, entitled "Choose Life," features 10 fetuses sculpted in fragile clay bowls, hovering in the space between heaven and earth. The fetuses look vulnerable and exposed. Their lives hang by a thin string that looks unlikely to withstand the weight of the chipped clay bowls. The clay symbolizes the earth from which God created man in his image. Neither the art teachers, the members of the examining committee, nor visitors to the exhibition could help feeling compassion and concern for the well-being of the tiny creatures.

The title of the work is taken from Deut. 30:19 and raises piercing questions in every observer: Do these fetuses to have the right to choose life? Is there a living being who would not want to choose life? How have we become the type of people who, instead of protecting the weak and helpless, kill them?



The exhibition was held in September at the Academic College of Emek Yezreel and sponsored by the Israeli Ministry of Education. Barel's work was chosen from among thousands that were presented to the examining committee and earned her compliments, encouragement and more than a few questions.

Abortion is a controversial topic in Israel as it is in many other countries, although it is legal and widely accepted here. So for an 18-year-old woman who simply wants to graduate with good grades before enlisting in the IDF, it takes a lot of courage to take a stand and raise questions about the humanity of abortion.

#### Maybe it's more than courage.

Many times in a believer's life an opportunity arises to do something meaningful when the Holy Spirit's prompting cannot be ignored. A profound understanding of what God expects is ignited. Barel experienced this while choosing a subject for her final project. What was clear was that her faith would be expressed in her work.



"Choose Life"

The subject of abortion and the sanctity of life had always preoccupied her, but it was a speech by Gianna Jessen that led Barel to understand what God wanted her to do. Jessen, now 40, was born after a botched aborted and survived against all odds. Today as an adult she tells her story around the world and advocates as a prolife and disabilities activist. Barel, too, decided to tell the story of those who cannot speak for themselves.

"From a young age, I knew that life has meaning. I was always taught about the importance of life, and the necessity to preserve mine, yours, and theirs," Barel wrote regarding her exhibit. "No one has the right to take another's life, because everyone has significance and a role in this world. Humans consider themselves

to be the only form of intelligence on planet Earth. We are characterized by an advanced mind and consciousness, and, therefore, from childhood we strive for independence and freedom — freedom of choice. As an intelligent creature, like you, I see life as having supreme value."

The excitement and prayers of Barel's family and brothers and sisters in Messiah accompanied her through the whole process, from the creative to her selection by the arts department to the national exhibition presentation. After all, this wasn't simply about the success of a talented young woman, but an opportunity to convey an important and uncompromising message to a world that is losing the most basic value of existence: the value of life.

KNI: Noya, what were the reactions you received following the exhibition?

At school, both teachers and students know about my faith in Yeshua and my position on abortion, so it was not a big surprise. My teachers were very supportive. My sculpting teacher said that visitors to the exhibition are attracted to my work and that it aroused much interest. The reactions were mostly positive, but there were a few negative ones such as, "She is only a child, she has no right to express an opinion." But I'm glad it sparked discussion.

KNI: How would you explain the success of your piece?

This is my first sculpture. I have experience in painting and photography, but not sculpting. When God put the issue of abortion on my heart, I realized that I had to make a sculpture; He gave me the talent and inspiration to create the piece. I never thought of myself as an artist, and joined the department without any prior experience. But God works in many ways, and it is impossible to know what He plans to do. We must take advantage of every opportunity to bring Him honour, and He will make it fruitful.

KNI: What are your aspirations for the future?

At the moment, I'm waiting to enlist in the IDF and relying on the guidance of God for the future. I'd be very happy if my work was presented in other places. The message behind the work is very important and I would welcome opportunities to continue to exhibit the work.

KNI: What did you learn from this experience and what is your message to other believers your age?

I want to encourage everyone to use the gifts God has given them and to not be ashamed of anything. Even if we're afraid of social rejection, we must still take a clear stand. God will work everything together for the best.

"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Deuteronomy 30:19

Barel is enlisting in the Navy in the coming months and will continue to use her creative abilities as she handles ship engines. But as she has already learned, any activity can be an opportunity to glorify God.

#### Senior foreign ISIS leaders taken prisoner in Raqqa operation

The US-backed SDF which captured Raqqa this week reported the capture of several senior foreign Islamic State leaders. "We have foreign emirs ... from all around the world," said Talal Silo of the SDF. "They were captured in special operations, and some of them turned themselves in to our forces."

The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance of Kurdish and Arab militias, declared victory this week in Raqqa. Silo said the prisoners were under interrogation and would be put on trial, but said nothing about their repatriation.

# Netanyahu declares Israel will stay in the Jordan Valley

"If we are not here, Iran and 'Hamastan' will be here. We will not let this happen" said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on a rare visit to the Jordan Valley communities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding after the 1967 war. He stressed the importance to Israel's security of maintaining a military and civilian presence in this region.

# The Hebron soldier asks for a presidential pardon

Elor Azaria, the soldier convicted of manslaughter for shooting an injured Palestinian terrorist in Hebron, appealed Thursday to President Reuven Rivlin for a pardon. He explained that he was not given a fair trial "and nothing can change his sense of injustice." He asked the president to treat his application with justice and mercy. Elor's eighteen-month jail sentence was reduced by four months by the chief of staff before the High Holidays.

#### Haifa court sentences Israel Arab to 5 yrs+ for joining ISIS

Wissam Zabidat from the Israeli Arab town of Sakhnin was sentenced
Thursday by the Haifa district court to five years and ten months in prison and a fine of 14,000 shekels for membership of the Islamic State, which he joined with his wife Sabrin and their three children. He was also convicted of undergoing illegal military training and communication with a foreign agent. Sabrin was earlier sentenced to four years in jail. These are the heaviest sentences ever handed down by Israel courts for membership of ISIS.

#### YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leader: 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. 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. There 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.

<u>Leader:</u> "Baruch ata Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, ha motze lechem m'in ha eretz."

<u>Divide Chullah ~platted loaf</u>

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).

<u>Leader:</u> (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.

<u>Leader:</u> 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.

<u>Leader:</u> 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.