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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 4 of the 10th Biblical month

Parashah 11 Vayigash ~He approached



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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! (Ps 72:18-19)

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)*

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TORAH ~Service of The Word

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Torah: B’resheet ~Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Haftarah ~Prophets: Yechezk’el ~Ezekiel 37:15-28

Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles: Acts 7:9 - 16 (specifically 13-15)

Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

Scriptures referenced in today’s drashah ~sermon: Gen 45:16-28 ;
2 Cor 10:3-6; 2 Timothy 1:7; Micah 3:8; Zech 4:6; Luke 10:19; John 8:44-45 ;
Gen 45:26; Matt 28:18; 11:28; 16:18; Acts 1:11; Dan 7:13-14; Gen15; 32:11; 35:17;
Exo 14:13; 20:20 ; Josh 10:8; Rom 8:15 ; Gen 45:23; Gen 45:27-28.

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176 nations at UN call for Palestinian statehood

By Tovah Lazaroff 12/20/2017

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Last Tuesday the United States, Canada and Israel were among the seven that opposed the text; four states abstained.

The General Assembly voted 176-7 on Tuesday to affirm the Palestinian right to self-determination, one day after Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas pledged to renew his quest for state membership in the international body.

The vote is nonbinding and has no impact beyond underscoring international support for Palestinian statehood among most of the UN's 193 members.

The United States, Canada and Israel were among the seven that opposed the text; four states abstained.

While the General Assembly approves a similar text each year, PLO Ambassador to the UN Riyad Mansour said this year's vote had to be seen within the context of international opposition to US President Donald Trump's declaration that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.

Last Monday, the US vetoed a UN Security Council resolution against the declaration that had the support of the other 14 nations on the 15-member body.

“The world rejects the new US position on Jerusalem, which increases its isolation, because it decided to stand by the occupying state, Israel, in violation of relevant Security Council resolutions,” Mansour said, according to Wafa, the Palestinian news agency.

It is one of a number of moves the Palestinians are taking at the UN this week to underscore their claim that Israel and the US are isolated on the world stage when it comes to the Israeli- Palestinian conflict.

On Wednesday, the General Assembly will vote on a resolution stipulating the right of the Palestinian people to their natural resources in “occupied territory,” Mansour added. This includes the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

But the PLO needs Security Council approval to become a UN member state, which means that the US can block its momentum.

The PLO is seeking a way to circumvent the US; to date there are few UN organs that provide an alternative to a Security Council vote.

The primary organ for neutralizing the Security Council is the General Assembly's Uniting for Peace Resolution 377A, approved in 1950 to neutralize the Soviet Union's power at the Security Council, which at the time was blocking action on Korea.

Since then, the General Assembly has held 10 emergency sessions under Resolution 377A, half of which have been about Israel.

The last one was opened in 1997 over Israeli construction in Jerusalem's Har Homa neighborhood, located over the Green Line. Eighteen General Assembly meetings have been held under that session's title.

The last such emergency session was in 2009, regarding the IDF's Operation Cast Lead against Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

In 2012, the General Assembly voted to recognize "Palestine" as an observer state, a move considered to be a form of de facto statehood recognition, but which does not grant the Palestinians full statehood rights.

Resolution 377A has not yet been used for statehood affirmation.

The Arab states, however, made use of it to reconvene the 10th emergency session on Thursday, so that the General

Assembly can approve the vetoed Security Council text on Jerusalem. Turkey, Yemen and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation issued a request for such a session.

A resolution passed under 377A is not as binding as a Security Council resolution, but is stronger than a regulation General Assembly text.

Alan Baker, former legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and a senior fellow at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, said that such a move was a "big bluff."

Such a session can adopt resolutions, and "they carry a bigger punch," but they are not binding, he said.

In general, the UN "cannot determine that a declaration by a US president can be legal or illegal, because the declaration itself does not violate any international law," Baker said.

Separately, Jordan's King Abdullah is in Europe to bolster opposition to Trump's Jerusalem declaration. Abdullah and Pope Francis spoke privately for about 20 minutes at the start of the King's visit to the Vatican and France.

A Vatican statement said they discussed "the promotion of peace and stability in the Mideast, with particular reference to the question of Jerusalem and the role

of the Hashemite Sovereign as Custodian of the Holy Places.”

The statement said both sides wanted to encourage negotiations.

He also met in Paris with French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss Jerusalem and the peace process.

Jerusalem: UN resolution rejects Trump's declaration

The resolution "calls upon all States to refrain from the establishment of diplomatic missions in the Holy City of Jerusalem".

The UN General Assembly has decisively backed a resolution effectively calling on the US to withdraw its recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

The text says that any decisions regarding the status of the city are "null and void" and must be cancelled.

The non-binding resolution was approved by 128 states, with 35 abstaining and nine others voting against.

The nine countries that voted against the resolution were: the United States, Israel, Guatemala, Honduras, the

Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and Togo.

The 35 nations that abstained were: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Haiti, Hungary, Jamaica, Kiribati, Latvia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu

“We’re watching those votes,” Mr. Trump said at a Cabinet meeting of a pending U.N. vote. “Let them vote against us. We’ll save a lot. We don’t care.”

U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley tweeted Tuesday night that the administration will be “taking names” of nations that vote against the administration’s embassy move and Mr. Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital. The U.S. also vetoed a resolution by the U.N. Security Council on the matter.

In a speech before the vote, US permanent representative Nikki Haley stressed that the US decision did not prejudice any final status issues, and did not preclude a two-state solution if the parties agreed to that.

"The United States will remember this day, on which it was singled out for attack in the General Assembly for the very act of exercising our right as a sovereign nation," she said.

"America will put our embassy in Jerusalem. That is what the American people want us to do. And it is the right thing to do. No vote in the United Nations will make any difference on that."

Mr. Trump told Ms. Haley in the Cabinet meeting. "For all of those nations that take our money and then they vote against us at the Security Council, or they vote against us potentially at the Assembly — they take hundreds of millions of dollars, and even billions of dollars, and then they vote against us. I like the message that Nikki sent yesterday at the United Nations,"

He warned, "This isn't like it used to be, where they could vote against you and then you pay them hundreds of millions of dollars and nobody knows what they're doing. So Nikki, that was the right message, and you and I agreed to be sent yesterday. I've had a lot of good comment on it. People are tired of the United States, people that live here, our great citizens, they're tired of this country being taken advantage of and we're not going to be taken advantage of any longer."

Will Trump retaliate?

Analysis by Sebastian Usher, BBC
www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-42446027

The result of the UN General Assembly vote was inevitable: the US knew that the majority of states would vote for the resolution. But there may have been slightly more abstentions and votes against than had been expected.

The countries that voted against - the likes of Micronesia, Nauru and Togo had nothing to gain from voting against the interests of the US, which helps support them.

Canada, Mexico and Poland were amongst those that abstained, in a move that will do nothing to harm their relations with the US.

The votes for the resolution from powerful US allies, such as France, Germany can argue that they simply voted in line with the existing status quo at the UN. There was no pressing reason for them to switch from this stance.

But the real test of the vote will be whether the Trump administration acts on its threats to reconsider financial aid to some of those who backed the resolution.

YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leader: 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 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.

