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# Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of  
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

## SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 27 of Aviv אָבִיב the 1st Biblical month,  
(Beginning of months see 2Ch 35:1)

**Parashah 27 Tazriah ~She conceives  
& Parashah 28 Mezora  
~Person afflicted with tzara'at**



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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 and Rachel. 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 during and after the Remembrance service. The landlord has asked us to prevent children from running around inside or on the veranda. Parents please assist.

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

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BGE translation: BEIT ~House GAN-EDEN ~Garden [of] Eden ~Paradise

## MISHPACHAH ~family MEMOS

- **FESTIVAL OF SHAVU'OT ~WEEKS:** Sunday 27th May 2018. This festival occurs the day after the 7th Shabbat after Passover. The May 27th date is based on the Aviv sighting of the moon's 1st sliver. If you want to follow extra-Biblical traditions, both the calculated Jewish calendar and the calculated Gregorian Christians calendars have Shavu'ot and Pentecost on Sunday May 20th.
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### TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 27 Tazriah ~She conceives

& Parashah 28 Mezora ~Person afflicted with tzara'at

Torah: Vayikra ~Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59; 14:1 - 15:33

Haftarah ~Prophets: M'lakhim Bet ~2 Kings 4:42-5:19; 7:3-20 Ketuvei

HaShelichim: ~Writing [of] the Apostles: Luke 2:22-24; 5:12-16; 7:18-23; Heb 13:4. (Other refs: Matt 8:1-4;11:2-6; 9:20-26; Mark 1:40-45; 5:24-34)

### Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

Scriptures in Drashah: Exo 25:17; Phil 3:4b-5; Lev 19:16-18; Luke 2:22; Pro 22:11; 1 Tim 1:3-5; 4:12; Mark 7:3-4; Luke 11:39-41; Mark 7:1-13; Matt 5:8; James 1:27; Psa 101:1-8; Mark 1:42-44; Num 19:11-19; Lev 15:16; 14:25; Mark 7:14-23.

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# They're not just abusing our personal data — they're censoring us!



*Kahila News - Apr 11, 2018*

Challenges to freedom of speech that affect the general population are issues that will reach critical mass within the community of faith. We need to be aware of current events surrounding major social media platforms so that we can be prepared to deal with it when our religious freedom of speech is targeted.

Currently Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has been appearing before a U.S. Congressional hearing to explain why his social media platform allowed a massive data breach that not only exposed the personal information of its users without their knowledge, but also identified the users' entire social circles of friends and family. Depending on one's privacy settings, personal data may be used by Facebook. But even that does not account for all the issues that have recently surfaced.

Remember all those Facebook quizzes you took? It was those which profiled you for marketing purposes plus gave third-party apps access to your personal data and that of your social media connections. Many hackers use these quizzes to gain valuable information they can then use to defraud their victims.

The controversy that has landed Zuckerberg before Congress began when it was revealed that a consulting firm for Donald Trump had obtained the personal data of more than 50 million Facebook users. But little is being made of much bigger issues at Facebook including the fact that Facebook freely allowed massive exploitation of user data to the re-election campaign of President Barack Obama before the 2012 election.

In March this year, Carol Davidsen, the former media director for Obama for America, tweeted that Facebook let the Obama campaign take the data “because they were on our side.”

Zuckerberg has already begun to accept blame for the Cambridge Analytica data breach but that is not going to be enough. He will need to explain why Facebook allowed an even larger data breach to be used by the Obama campaign.

According to one University of North Carolina assistant professor who writes extensively on the social impacts of technology, **Zuckerberg has been been apologizing for 15 years for overstepping, but he hasn't fixed his social media platform.** Congressional hearings are the perfect place for apologies that do not result in any remedies.

In my opinion, the major problem is that Washington D.C. politicians are only interested in how their own political fortunes are affected by what the tech companies are doing. Little interest has been shown for the bigger

picture of **“Big Brother-style” censorship and indoctrination being exercised through technology manipulation across all social media platforms.**

Big names in conservative and religious circles are enduring this censorship. PragerU tried to sue YouTube and Google over censorship, but a California federal judge blocked the lawsuit; Brigitte Gabriel’s ACT for America, among others, was suddenly suspended from PayPal over her conservative political advocacy; and Twitter has banned many accounts like Britain First for supposedly hating Muslims and Project Veritas for their sting exposes on many pet Liberal causes. Many others have been targeted and this trend is on the rise.

The common theme here is not so much that social media monopolies are really weeding out hate speech since they leave some of the worst offenders from the Left intact...

**Censorship of conservative and religious viewpoints is real and rampant.** Imagine the shock of a Christian writer when Facebook censored his post of Leviticus 18:22 (“Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.”)!

Social media censorship is nothing new, but it is increasing and also highly selective. As beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so is what constitutes offensive. The “beholder” at the major social media platforms decidedly hail from the political left. They are mostly young, social justice liberals with strong

anti-religious biases. It is no wonder they cannot discern between human rights activism and Islamic terrorists when they are freshly graduated from colleges saturated with anti-Jewish/anti-Israel spin.

Technology provides its own cover for the most objectionable of social media platform capabilities. For instance, it is difficult to detect when a platform is censoring its users because the technology can be used sneakily to hide that fact from user. **The user may never know they have been banned because they can still see their content online, but they are the only ones!** To everyone else their comment or content is invisible.

Some of those connected with the Messianic community have also had their online comments at Israeli newspapers shadow banned or outright removed so no one could see their stance for the Messianic faith.

Shadow banning is more effective because it is completely non-confrontational. If the commenter doesn’t know what is going on they are not going to complain or cause a fuss. It is one of the censorship tools that Twitter uses and has been in use at major online newspapers for many years.

The ability to shadow ban was only recently exposed after some larger investigative journalism teams were hit with shadow banning. It is also called stealth banning, ghost banning or comment ghosting. Whatever you call it, techies are laughing up their sleeves

while they censor views they don't like. Just like in the case of Dennis Prager's lawsuit against YouTube, the current legal opinion is that, despite the monopoly the giants of social media have, they are businesses with the right to censor or not censor as they see fit. That is exactly why a California judge threw out the PragerU case. Even with Google's incredible monopoly on information, how they choose to sensor or stack the information deck is entirely up to them. John Q. Public has no legal standing to protest.

For example, after the Parkland school shooting, Google blocked all AR-15 results from search queries. AR-15s are searchable on Google again, but imagine the power the Google holds over information resourcing. It is troubling to say the least and especially for those of us who are Bible-believing followers of Yeshua. If we don't expect these issues to impact us sooner rather than later, then we need to wake up to what is happening already.

### **How far will Facebook go?**

According to a New York Times report, Facebook quietly developed software to suppress posts from appearing in user's news feeds in specific geographic areas in China. Zuckerberg has defended the censorship because it helped Facebook get into the Chinese market. They have done the same in restricting content in Middle Eastern countries like Pakistan and Turkey, also in Russia.

"Facebook blocked roughly 55,000 pieces of content in 20 countries between July 2015 and December 2015, for example," according to the New York Times report...

### **How Will Social Media Continue to Impact Our Faith Community?**

Daniel Juster, a Messianic believer in Israel, has been paying attention to the developments with social media censorship and has posted several short commentaries about it on Facebook. Juster is concerned with the power of social media and especially how the left-wing media uses social media to slander conservative voices. He says the smear tactics operate "very much like communist disinformation campaigns."

A leading Messianic theologian, Juster is concerned with the rise in singling out those who believe in traditional morality on social media platforms such Facebook, Google and YouTube.

**"Just for one example is Dennis Prager, the brilliant Jewish commentator," Juster wrote recently. "Over 40 PragerU videos — 10 percent of their entire collection — were put on the YouTube 'restricted mode' making it difficult for many young people to access."**

The target audience of PragerU is young people. Restricted mode helps families keep inappropriate and objectionable adult content away from their children. As they write in their own defense, "If you've seen any PragerU videos, you know that they contain nothing even remotely close to any of these categories."

**What were some of the Prager titles banned?** These: "Why Do People Become Islamic Extremists?" and "Gender Identity: Why All the

Confusion?” Also, “Are the Police Racist?” and “Israel: The World’s Most Moral Army”.

Juster is concerned about the choices being made and the built-in accusation that by just talking about our beliefs, we “are said to be haters.” We are haters if we promote traditional morality?

**“There are three primary factors that are leading to the loss of the next generation, and they work together like a perfect storm,”** he wrote.

“The first is that the churches in the west are mostly not set up for effective discipleship. This is true of most Messianic Jewish congregations as well. Hardly any discipleship takes place. I have written on this before.

Congregations are mainly ‘go to meetings’ institutions to hear messages and worship, but not much more in many cases.

**“Young people need three things to effectively inherit the faith their parents:**

- They need age appropriate apologetics that has to be updated every year as they face issues from junior high and even through graduate school. Arguments against our faith can be refuted and the evidence for what we believe is very strong. This includes contemporary miracles and signs of great interventions by God today. Every young person needs to be in apologetics updates every year.

- They need a rich and deep experience with God that is very dear to them so they cannot easily walk away. We need to know how to lead them into the experience.

- They need to be trained in resisting the power of media and education. We need to know what is said and train young people to recognize, and then resist. They need wisdom to deal with social media and internet news. They need to be educated to resist indoctrination in education.”

Juster is not alone in his concern about how social media is negatively impacting the faith community. Thankfully, we know that some brilliant, believing technologists have been working for decades on alternative communication and social network platforms that could replace existing platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube. They are waiting for the faith community to realize that **the “free” services of social media giants are not really free at all. We are paying a huge price: our freedoms in exchange for free social media.**

One of those technologists that I and others in Israeli ministries have been aware of for decades was the first I heard make a clarion call for the development of believers’ own social media and email platforms. This would protect the faith community from exactly what we are seeing unfold in today’s headlines... *(continues)*

*The above is just a selection from a much longer article by Donna Diorio that can be read on the following link:*

[www.kehilanews.com/2018/04/11/theyre-not-just-abusing-our-personal-data-theyre-censoring-us/](http://www.kehilanews.com/2018/04/11/theyre-not-just-abusing-our-personal-data-theyre-censoring-us/)

# 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.

