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# Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of  
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

**SHABBAT NEWSLETTER**

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of 7571 (*Septuagint*)

**Parashar 45 Va'etchanan ~I pleaded**



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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 (Held during Torah readings & Drash)

**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

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## TORAH ~Service of The Word

### Parashah 45 Va’etchanan ~I pleaded

**Torah:** D’varim ~Words. Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11  
**Haftarah ~Prophets:** Yesha’yahu ~Isaiah 40:1-26  
**Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles:** Mattityahu ~Matt 4:1-11;  
Mark 12:28-34; Luke 4:1-13; 10:25-37; Acts 13:43; Romans 3:27-31;  
1Tim 2:2-4; Ya’akov ~Jacko ~James 2:14-26.

### Drash ~sermon: MMin Sean “Yitzhak” Nicholson

Hazak, hazak, v’nit’chazek! ~Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!

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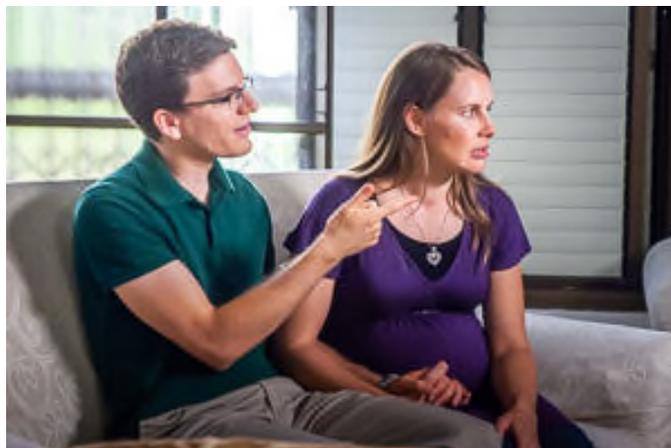
# SHOCKING CASE OF ISRAELI BELIEVERS TARGETED BY EFFORTS TO REVOKE THEIR CITIZENSHIP

**Israel's Ministry of Interior is attempting to revoke the citizenship of a Messianic Jewish family for no apparent reason. Yet in 2012, an Israeli Judge declined to revoking the citizenship of a convicted terrorist bus bomber, stating that revoking [citizenship] is reserved for extreme cases. Please pray for justice regarding Ariel and Shayla Hyde's case.**

*by Cliff Keller, Jul 25, 2018*  
<https://kehilanews.com/2018/07/25/israeli-believers-targeted-efforts-to-revoke-citizenship/>

Because of their religious beliefs, Ariel and Shayla Hyde, a young married couple from Haifa, are two among many in Israel and abroad who find themselves targets of what amounts to a discrimination campaign by Israel's Ministry of Interior (MOI) to protect the nation from Messianic Jews.

Ariel's parents, Richard and Carolyn Hyde, are also longtime targets of a religiously motivated quest by the Ministry of Interior to deport them, and more recently, Ariel's brother, Avi, and his wife, Liora.



*Ariel and Shayla Hyde*

Historically controlled by Shas, a small, ultra-Orthodox Jewish religious political party in Israel, but one which wields much power, the MOI regularly employs arbitrary administrative bullying and quasi-legal maneuvering to obstruct aliyah (immigration to Israel) and deny citizenship to those who do not share their rabbinically held beliefs. In some cases, they also attempt to revoke the existing legal citizen status of family members of those targeted, although, up until now, unsuccessfully.

“In a democratic country, citizens shouldn't have to fear being stripped of their citizenship,” declares a Haaretz editorial from Dec. 26, 2017.

“Law-abiding people shouldn't have to fear routine encounters with government agencies,” the editorial continues. “Yet every year, thousands of Israelis are dragged into unfair battles

with the Interior Ministry, which has turned its bureaucracy into a weapon of ultimate power which seeks to disenfranchise citizens and legal residents of whom they don't approve with the creation of unjustified reasons for the Israel to reassess their citizenship.

“Israelis who have sought to acquire legal status in Israel for their foreign (and non-Jewish) spouses have sometimes found their own citizenship called into question. Instead of examining such requests on their merits and granting the spouses of Israeli citizens appropriate legal status, the state has exploited this bureaucratic encounter to threaten these citizens.”

None seem more threatened than the Hyde family. The common theme behind the MOI's efforts: The Hydes are believing, Messianic Jews.

“After some Messianic Jews have already immigrated to Israel, the Ministry of Interior can refuse to renew their passports, refuse to register their newly born children, and in extreme cases (although it has yet to happen) revoke their citizenship,” Michael Decker, lawyer and partner at Cohen, Decker, Pex & Brosh, writes in *The Law of Return with a Focus on Christians and Messianic Jews*.

“In essence, the above mentioned situation reveals an illegal alliance between a governmental office that is obligated to operate in a non-discriminative, legal and equal manner and between fundamental religious groups, their core values being to

advance their main objectives of preventing Jews from believing in ways different from theirs.”

Ariel and his parents moved to Israel and became citizens in 2003. Two years later Ariel met his future wife, Shayla, and they married in 2008. After Ariel finished college in the United States (both he and Shayla are American citizens), they returned to Israel to live in 2010, promptly submitting to the Ministry of Interior (MOI) all paperwork required for Shayla to obtain Israeli citizenship.

Israeli law provides that a non-citizen spouse of an Israeli citizen who meets all other legal requirements be granted citizenship after a four-and-a-half-year waiting period. Though Ariel and Shayla have lived here together for eight years and now have three young children (with a fourth expected in August), the MOI has not only denied Shayla's application but has also recently informed the couple of its intent to revoke Ariel's citizenship, effectively forcing them to leave Israel.

Ariel has served honorably in the IDF. Neither he, his parents, Shayla nor any of their children or siblings have broken any Israeli law. The Hyde family's sole crime, it seems, is that they are Messianic Jews. They are not considered Jews at all, in the eyes of the Shas party who controls the Ministry of Interior, and therefore not entitled to live as citizens of Israel.

The late Moshe Landau, the fifth president of Israel's Supreme Court, had this to say about religious freedom in

Israel: “Every person in Israel enjoys freedom of conscience, of belief, of religion, and of worship. This freedom is guaranteed to every person in every enlightened, democratic regime, and therefore it is guaranteed to every person in Israel. It is one of the fundamental principles upon which the State of Israel is based.” (Freedom of Religion In Israel)

Then there are the broad, unrestrictive and welcoming words of the prophet, Ezekiel, with whom Shas and the MOI are likely to be more familiar, describing the future inhabitants of the modern Jewish homeland:

***“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Ezekiel 36:24-26***

But the Shas party, with under 6 percent representation in the Israel Knesset, has somehow become inordinately empowered to dictate who shall and shall not be part of the people of Israel, and continues with impunity to fly in the face of fairness, decency and legality as well as the words of the prophets.

How can this be tolerated in a democratic state?

How can Jews, of all people, deny the

legal rights of other Jews given their centuries’ long history of injustice and suffering at the hands of others.

Among the many collections of artifacts on display at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem are the harvested shoes of countless Jewish victims of profound injustice. The shoes lay in heaps, unsorted. We cannot know who among their former owners were Ashkenazi or Sephardi or whether or how faithfully they followed Jewish law.

At the end of Ariel and Shayla’s last judicial hearing, Ariel spoke out.

“Usually, in Israel, defendants don’t speak to the judge it’s just the lawyers,” he told Kehila News. “But I asked at the end if I could address the court. When granted permission I told them that in Psalm 94 it says, judgment will return to righteousness.”

“As you’ve heard, the way the Ministry of Interior has been handling this is far from righteous. It’s in your hands to return the judgment here to righteousness,” he told the court. “And it ended up that was the last thing spoken at the meeting.”

At the end, the judge declined to grant the MOI additional time to consider revocation of Ariel’s citizenship but, instead, established guidelines for moving ahead with Shayla’s case. Shortly afterwards, however, apparently contradicting his first ruling (as well as ignoring the Israeli Vice Attorney General’s guidelines which, in part, establish that the MOI has no authority

to revoke Israeli citizenship which has been valid for over ten years), the judge granted the MOI additional time to deliberate and 14 more days to present their claims against Ariel.

Since then, the Ministry of Interior officially opted to revoke Ariel's citizenship though they have failed to present their evidence within the specified deadline, thus, again, failing to obey the court and continuing to leave Ariel and Shayla Hyde in limbo.

Once the MOI complies, the couple will have a short time to respond and the court will then either rule based upon the information at hand or order yet another hearing. "We've expected a final response in this process at any moment for the last several years," Ariel said.

And so continues the harassment and uncertainty of the Hydes and many others whom Shas hopes to banish from Israel.

### **Update:**

At a subsequent court hearing, characterized by the Hydes as "sudden," the presiding judge accepted the Ministry of Interior's proposal to grant Shayla permanent residency while the MOI continues to attempt to revoke the citizenship status of Ariel and his parents. This despite the fact that, as noted in the story, their efforts lie outside applicable guidelines established by the Israeli Vice Attorney General.

It may seem reasonable, at first glance, to allow the courts to continue to work

through the Ministry's cause, but a recent ruling by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Varda Meroz seems to put the process to shame. Haaretz.com reported in 2012 that Judge Meroz declined to strip the citizenship of a convicted bus bomber, Mohammed Mafarja, whose crimes include attempted murder and aiding the enemy during Operation Pillar of Defence.

**"Revoking [citizenship] is reserved for extreme cases," she ruled. "Mafarja's case, despite its severity, doesn't fall within the bounds of such cases."**

How can it be reasonably argued that making videos and expressing one's faith is more "extreme" than attempted murder?

Ariel and Shayla plan to appeal their case to the District Court. "The Ministry of Interior asked for the appeal to be erased," Ariel told Kehila News, "as if they had adequately responded and justice was done, but our lawyer demanded [that] the judge...make an official ruling... Thankfully, he agreed, which means that we will be able to appeal it to the District Court."

The Hyde's attorney told them afterward that, if they had won the case at the current level, it would have set a limited precedent. "But now that it is apparently going up to a higher court, if we win at that level, it will set a precedent for many believers in Israel, hampering the Ministry of Interior's efforts to revoke others' citizenship. So we believe that what the enemy meant for evil, God will turn for good."

# 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.

