

A Messianic congregation of Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

# **SHABBAT NEWSLETTER**

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Parashah 4 Vayera ~He appeared



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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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# TORAH ~Service of The Word

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**Torah:** B'resheet ~ *Genesis* 18:1 - 22:24

Haftarah ~Prophets: M'lakhim Bet ~2 Kings 4:1-37

Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles: Luke 17:26-37;

Romans 9:6-9; Galatians 4:21-31;

Messianic Jews ~ *Hebrews* 6:13-20; 11:13-19

Ya'akov ~ James 2:14-24; 2 Kefa ~ 2 Peter 2:4-10

#### Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

**Scriptures in Drasah:** B'resheet~Genesis 18:1-15; 18:9-12; 18:10-11; Yochanan~John 1:1; 1:14; 1:17; 14:6; B'resheet~Genesis 18:10; 18:11; Yeshua'yahu~Isaiah 53:1; Mat 6:33; Yesha'yahu~Isaiah 53:5; Ya'akov~James 5:14; Yochanan~John 10:10; Gen 18:12; 18:13; Tehillim~Psalms 94:11; Messianic Jews~Hebrews 4:12; Yesha'yahu~Isaiah 11:1-3; B'resheet~Genesis 18:13-14; 21:1-5; 21:1; Micah 7:8; B'resheet~Genesis 21:1; Y'Hochanan~John 4:23-24; 8:32; Acts 10:34-35.

#### **BGEMC Gold Coast** -- Saturdays 2pm

The Southport Community Centre. (Conference Room, 1st floor) 6 Lawson Street, Southport, Qld 4215 Australia

# Orthodox Jewish publication lambastes Messianic writer

Kehila News Israel Staff - Oct 23, https://tinyurl.com/yc3f3nv4

Even with his bold and evangelistic approach here in Israel, Ron Cantor had yet to experience an attack as vicious as he did when a media outlet accused him of being anti-Semitic and even compared him to perpetrators of the Spanish Inquisition.

Cantor told Kehila News Israel (KNI). "I have no ill will against them, but I have to be honest this is one of the few times in 15 years that I encountered this level of rejection and rhetoric against me."

Breaking Israel News (BIN), a Jewishrun Israel news site with an Orthodox leaning, published a scathing article in response to Cantor's original piece in which he questioned the credibility of the self-appointed Sanhedrin in Israel and its courting of Christians for donations. While Cantor's own article was opinionated, the response to it bordered on defamation and slander.

In it, Sanhedrin spokesmen Rabbi Hillel Weiss was quoted as saying that Cantor "is reenacting every anti-Semitic act ever perpetrated throughout history."

"I know that everyone's got their voice and they are free to respond, and I certainly expected them to disagree with me," Cantor told KNI. "But I was a bit stunned by the over the top rhetoric. It seemed that it was an emotional response. Clearly I'm not anti-Semitic. I live in Israel, I sent my daughters to the army, I speak Hebrew. I love this country. I could live a very nice life in America."



Ron Cantor

After making aliyah 15 years ago, Cantor, a ministry leader and writer, has chosen to live in Israel and has dedicated his life to see the salvation of the Jewish people.

In his original article, published on his website on Sept. 19 and picked up by Charismanews.com, Cantor addressed a worrying phenomenon that Christians are seeking friendships with the Jewish people possibly at the expense of both Messianic believers and of recognizing Yeshua.

"As a Jewish believer, I am deeply conflicted: On the one hand, I love that Christians are seeking friendship with Jews. On the other, I am deeply concerned that it is in an effort to affirm a Yeshua-less Judaism," Cantor wrote in his article.

He called out the new Sanhedrin as a group that would shun Messianic Jews

even while seeking partnerships with evangelical Christians.

"Not only would they not fellowship with me, they would most likely persecute me. While I love the fact that evangelicals are establishing relationships with Orthodox Jews, it seems that some of it is coming at the cost of compromising our most holy commission—to spread the message of Yeshua to all nations," Cantor wrote.

Cantor himself subscribes to BIN and appreciates the organization's zeal for God and its mission — to repair relations between the Jewish people and Christians. But he points out on his blog that, "Christians, while absolutely having a calling (Rom. 11:11) to reach out with love to the Jewish people, should never assume that Judaism without Yeshua is acceptable."

When he saw the BIN email containing the article in his inbox, Cantor said he shivered. At first he was hurt, then he thought that such inflammatory rhetoric is possibly illegal. He contacted a lawyer who agreed, then contacted the author of the article.

"To my great delight the writer responded saying. 'I understand how you feel, let's have a conversation,'" Cantor recalled.

"I understand why what I wrote was offensive," Cantor told KNI. "I sympathize with their feelings against me. I realize the church has persecuted the Jewish people for centuries so in their minds I am masquerading as a Jew who believes in Jesus with a hidden agenda.

"In their eyes Messianic Jews are coercing Jews to convert to a foreign religion when in fact all of the first followers of Jesus were Jews and it never entered their minds that they were changing their religions."

In his own community of secular and Orthodox Israelis, Cantor's beliefs are not an issue: "Three things impress the average Israeli: That I moved here, that I know the language and that my children served in the army."

Cantor said he is up for strong debate, but the challenge for him will be to communicate in the most gracious and honest way possible. He encourages other believers in Israel to not back down from the challenge but at the same time to understand that there are people behind the criticism — and these people share a zeal for God despite their difference of opinion on who the Messiah is.

"The thing to take away from this is that while we can never compromise our commitment to the Great Commission, I would be lying if i didn't say that we want to bring Israelis to faith in Messiah," Cantor encouraged. "But when we speak about issues like the Sanhedrin or others, we need to remember that these are real people with real feelings in our country and some of them are actually willing to dialogue."

Link to Cantor's original article.

https://tinyurl.com/yc2swom3

and link to Cantor's response piece:

https://tinyurl.com/ybook75x

The BIN article is since removed.

# THE PHARISEES, THE TALMUD, AND MODERN JUDAISM

by Elizabeth Dilling https://tinyurl.com/y9h655e3

Bible scholars are aware that Jesus Christ denounced the Pharisees. He said they nullified all the Commandments of God by their Tradition, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:13; Matt. 15:6-9, etc.). His invective, in truth, cannot be equalled. All of Matthew 23 is like a whiplash. He likened Pharisaism to a whited sepulchre, indeed beautiful outwardly, but "inside full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness." Christ climaxed one condemnation after another with the expletive, "Hypocrites!" He called the Pharisees children of them that killed the Prophets. He foretold they would go on killing, crucifying and persecuting until the guilt for all the righteous blood shed from Abel on down would be upon them. "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Christ asked.

Christ is as utterly devastating of Pharisaism in the record of John 8. Although He admitted that His hearers were descendants of Abraham, He said they were, spiritually, of the devil. Christ told them:

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode

not in the truth, because the truth is not in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it (John 8:44).

#### The Missing Link

"But," says the disinterested Christian, "what has that to do with us today? What a group of Pharisees did two thousand years ago is over and done with!"

However, the missing link in Christian understanding on the subject of "Pharisees" is best supplied by the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia (1943):

The Jewish religion as it is today traces its descent, without a break, through all the centuries, from the Pharisees. Their leading ideas and methods found expression in a literature of enormous extent, of which a very great deal is still in existence. The Talmud is the largest and most important single piece of that literature ... and the study of it is essential for any real understanding of Pharisaism.

Concerning the Pharisees, the 1905 Jewish Encyclopedia says:

With the destruction of the Temple (70 A.D.) the Sadducees disappeared altogether, leaving the regulation of all Jewish affairs in the hands of the Pharisees. Henceforth, Jewish life was regulated by the Pharisees; the whole history of Judaism was reconstructed from the Pharisaic point of view, and a new aspect was given to the Sanhedrin of the past. A new chain of tradition supplanted the older priestly tradition (Abot 1:1). Pharisaism shaped the character of Judaism and the life and thought of the Jew for all the future. (See Exhibit 264 herein.)

Historically speaking, scripture believers had accepted Christ as the Messiah foretold. They were no longer "Jews" [Pharisees], but... [negatively] called... "Christians." They were persecuted as such by the Pharisees. The word "Pharisee" comes from the word "separated." (See Exhibit 300.)

# The Babylonian Talmud, Sole Authority

You may ascertain by turning to top Jewish authorities today that the Babylonian Talmud, the written form of the Tradition of the Pharisees, is the sole authority of the so-called "Jewish" religion, or Judaism.

Rabbi Louis Finklestein was chosen in 1937 by the Kehillas (Jewish communities) of the World as one of the top 120 Jews best representing "a lamp of Judaism" to the World, together with Maxim Litvinov (Finklestein), the Communist Commissar and bank robber terrorist; atheist communist Albert Einstein; those indefatigable Marxist reds. Harold Laski and his friend Felix Frankfurter (U.S. Supreme Court Justice) who shared honors with Rabbi Finklestein and others. Finklestein has long headed the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, with branches in New York and Los Angeles. In his twovolume work "The Pharisees." Rabbi Finklestein writes:

Pharasaism became Talmudism ... But the spirit of the ancient Pharisee survives unaltered. When the Jew ... studies the Talmud, he is actually repeating the arguments used in the Palestinian academies. From Palestine to Babylonia; from Babylonia to North Africa, Italy. Spain, France and Germany; from these to Poland. Russia and Eastern Europe generally, ancient Pharasaism has wandered. (See Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Exhibit 3 herein.)

In Rabbi Finklestein's history of the Jews, he states:

The Talmud derives its authority from the position held by the ancient academies. Pharisee) The teachers of those (i.e. academies, both of Babylonia and of Palestine. were considered the rightful successors of the older Sanhedrin . . . At the present time, the Jewish people have no living central authority comparable in status to the ancient Sanhedrins or the later academies. Therefore, any decision regarding the Jewish religion must be based on the Talmud as the resumé of the teaching of those authorities when they existed. (The Jews — Their History, Culture, and Religion, Vol. 4, p. 1332, Jewish Publication Society of America, 1949).

"The Talmud: Heart's Blood of the Jewish Faith," was the heading of a November, 1959, installment of a bestselling book by the Jewish author, Herman Wouk, which ran serially in the New York Herald-Tribune

. To quote:

"The Talmud is to this day the circulating heart's blood of the Jewish religion. Whatever laws, customs or ceremonies we observe — whether we are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or merely spasmodic sentimentalists — we follow the Talmud. It is our common law."

Only the Pharisee Jew ranks as a man, or human being. All others rank as animals... Moses, on the contrary, was most insistent upon having one law for the stranger and for the "home-born"...

Source https://tinyurl.com/y9h655e3

### 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.

<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.