

20th Anniversary

# Beit Gan-Eden

Messianic Community

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A Messianic congregation of Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

# **SHABBAT NEWSLETTER**

Day 28 of the 10th Biblical month of 7571 (Septuagint)

Parashah 14 Va'era ~I 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

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

the prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot." (Mat 22:37-40)

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 (F5), straight after "Blessing the Children" and 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. Corridors and other common areas of the Southport Community Centre are not play areas. 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

#### Parashah 14 Va'era ~I appeared

Torah: Sh'mot ~Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah ~Prophets: Yechezk'el ~Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

**Ketuvei HaShelichim** ~Writing [of] the Apostles:

Romans 9:14-17; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

#### Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

**Scriptures in Drasah:** 2 Corinthians 6:17 - 7:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Matthew 5:27-28; 1Timothy 2:8-10; Kefa Alef~1 Peter 2:11; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Romans 6:12-13; Galatians 5:16-17; Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 13:14; James 1:14-15; Mishle~Proverbs 23:7a; Ephesians 4:26; Tehillim~Psalm 37:8; Mishle~Proverbs 25:28; 16:32; Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:31-32; James 1:19-20; Messianic Jews~Hebrews; Mark 10:15; Mikhah~Micah 7:8.

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

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

# **20th Anniversary**



A Mudcake for the Anniversary.

# New month this week, phone apps help guide where to look.

The image below is a screen grab from MMin Malachi's Galaxy S7 Android

phone. The phone is in split screen mode which can be toggled on and off using a long press on the lower left onscreen button.

The two apps shown are Planetarium and Luna Phase from Google Play. In these apps various locations can be chosen. In the image both apps show Jerusalem.

Initially I use the calender icon in Lunar Phase to identify the date of the New moon and tap it to go there. Switch to the Planetarium app and select the same date. Note the time of Civil Dusk, which is when the sky is dark enough possibly see the moon.

Check Illumination. Anything more than about 1.5% may be possible to see the moon.

To get an idea where to look the altitude in Lunar Phase pro is very accurate but Azimuth (the compass bearing to look, is based on true north, not magnetic so and won't match a magnetic compass. The difference depends on location. Locally it is about 11 degrees.



# More Than Half of US Dioceses Start Investigating Child SexAbuse Claims

By Bowen Xiao - January 3, 2019

Epoch Times. https://tinyurl.com/y93t4v5g

More than half of the 187 Roman Catholic dioceses across the United States have started investigating clergy child sexabuse claims or have announced plans to do so in the coming months, marking an extraordinary, renewed shift into scandals plaguing the church.

The dioceses, just in the past four months, have also released the names of an additional 1,000 priests and other clergy accused of sexually abusing children, an Associated Press investigation has found.

Meanwhile, nearly 20 local, state or federal investigations, either criminal or civil, have begun since a Pennsylvania bombshell grand jury report was released last year. The investigations could potentially lead to the release of even more names and accusations. Since the report, nearly 50 dioceses have publicly identified priests accused of sexual abuse, and 55 more have announced they would list them.



Father Kris Stubna walks to the sanctuary, following a mass to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St Paul Cathedral, the mother church of the Pittsburgh Diocese, on Aug. 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pa. (Jeff Swensen/Getty Images)

Even though the misconduct of some priests has already been exposed, Laura Ahearn, a New York attorney in private practice who has represented clergy abuse victims for nearly 20 years, told The Epoch Times it's still not enough.

"I think it is a significant underestimation of the number of priests. I think the dioceses should release all the names," Ahearn said. "The community has to understand the Catholic Church has facilitated the largest cover-up of the victimization of children in our history."

Some of the recently disclosed accusations date back nearly 70 years, with one of the oldest cases being from the 1910s in Louisiana. The Associated Press examination found that more than 60 percent of priests were now dead and in most cases, the statute of limitations had run out.

Ahearn said she still receives phone calls from child sex-abuse victims every day, including those abused by priests or clergy. She said the average age of victims ranged from 50 to even 82 years old, because the trauma kept them silent for so many years.

"Four individuals contacted me yesterday. This happens pretty regularly," Ahearn said. "There are individuals who are contacting me out of the country as well. Yesterday, I had an individual contacting me from Puerto Rico."

#### **History of Cover-Ups Exposed**

"Above all else, they protected their institution above all costs," Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro said last year, in describing the findings of his grand jury report.

The nearly 900-page long document details how church administrators often dissuaded victims from reporting abuse to police, pressured law enforcement officials to terminate or avoid an investigation, or conducted their own deficient, biased investigations without reporting crimes against children to the proper authorities.

Ahearn said she was "deeply disturbed" by cover-up tactics she witnessed. She received phone calls from victims in other countries because priests, in many cases, were simply sent to another country—often an underdeveloped one—after accusations arose.

"There were priests that were stationed here (in the United States) and after they were accused of molesting children here, they were sent to another country by the church. They would send the priest to so-called treatment and often those priests would just re-offend and molest more children," she said.

Advocates say exposing these molesters could increase pressure on dioceses to set up victim compensation funds, as the church has done in Pennsylvania already. It could also remove molesters from positions outside the church where children are accessible.

#### **Healing Deep Wounds**

One successful example of compensation is the implementation of settlement programs by the church, giving victims an opportunity to make a claim outside the court process, and have it settled through an independent administrator.

In New York state, authorities are considering a number of options to help victims. For example, allowing victims one year to bring a claim if they were victims in the past 50 years. That would give them a one-year window to bring a court claim to any victim, not just clergy abuse victims.

Ahearn said there should be an "unlimited" time period for victims to make a case. Some states are now considering lifting the statute to bring civil cases forward.

"It doesn't matter when it happened, you just have to corroborate it, then its eligible for consideration for a settlement. We just need evidence," she said.

She described each of her clients' cases as "troubling" and "heartbreaking." In some cases, she represented families of victims who took their own life due to the trauma

"When a child is victimized in these circumstances by somebody who is in a position that is supposed to be trustworthy, there's a level of damage done that is severe. When you

understand a particular victims plight it's not easy to put into one sentence because it's a lifetime of damage," Ahearn said.

"I have cases where fathers are unable to have a connection with their children because they fear becoming close and intimate. Some folks have left their homes and walked around the United States for 30 years, being drug-addicted and not having any relations with anyone."

Some tactics priests used to victimize children were "profoundly disturbing" Ahearn said. In one case, she said a priest penetrated a female's private parts with his finger and told her it is what God wanted. Another case involved a priest who told boys molestation was how they could relate to each other.

Men who were victimized as children were also less likely to report their abuse, compared to women. Men have fewer support systems in place than women, the attorney said.

She said one way the church can show more transparency is to allow outside organizations to come into their elementary and high schools to teach sexual abuse prevention education programs.

"We have generations of men, I would say its probably 95 percent of victims that were molested. We have generations of fathers and grandfathers," Ahearn said.

#### 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.

<u>Leader:</u> "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).

<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.

**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.