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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER
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Parashah 36 B'ha'alotkha
~When you set up



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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 room (F4) across the passage way, 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 be mindful.

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

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TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 36 B'ha'alotkha ~When you set up

Torah:

Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Haftarah ~Prophets: Z'kharyah ~Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

Ketuvei HaShelichim:~Writing [of] the Apostles:

Yochanan ~John 19:31-37

Messianic Jews ~Hebrews 3:1-6

Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

Scriptures in Drasah: B'midbar~Numbers 10:33-36; 11:1; Revelation 1:5-6;

5:9-10; 3:21; 1Corinthians 6:19-20; 2Corinthians 5:15; Revelation 12:10-11;

Act 19:13-16; Ya'akov~James 4:7; Romans 8:1; 8:5-8; 8:13-15;

M'lakhim Bet~2Kings 4:38; Sh'mot~Exodus 40:34; B'midbar~Numbers 9:16-

23; Messianic Jews~Hebrews 4:1; 4:3-5; Philippians 4:11-13;

B'midbar~Numbers 10:34-11:1; 10:12-14; Ya'akov~James 5:16; 5:10-11;

Messianic Jews~Hebrews 6:11-15.

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

Notes:

BGEMC Gold Coast - Saturdays 2pm

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Will religious freedom be protected?

*Email received from Paul Monagle,
National President of
The Australian Family Association.
<https://family.org.au/>*

Following widespread public concerns over threats to religious freedom during the federal election, the Morrison government has promised a religious discrimination act by July to address these threats.

Human rights law is a tricky, problematic area of law. As militant secularists want to restrict religious freedoms by making religious freedom legislation as ineffective as possible, there are concerns that a new law could reduce, rather than comprehensively protect, freedoms.

Consider the complexity of issues with the changes in 2013 to the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (SDA) that made a person's gender identity and sexual orientation protected attributes.

Effectively, the Act's protections for a person's gender identity allow a biological boy/man who self-identifies as female to claim the same rights as girls/women. Renowned journalist and commentator Alan Jones, has written in *The Australian* regarding religious freedom and references National Civic Council President Pat Byrne's book *Transgender: One Shade of Grey*, which

deals with the grave consequences of legislating against the reality of biological men and women.

All that's required for a sex/gender change is a statement from a registered medical practitioner or psychologist, a passport or Australian government travel document, an amended birth certificate, or a state or territory Gender Recognition Certificate or Recognised Details Certificate. These documents are easy to obtain.[1]

As the SDA covers state schools, state education departments have issued policies requiring their school authorities to negotiate with transgender students as to which toilets, change rooms, sport, camps, dormitories and other services they can access at school.

For example, the NSW education department's policy – it's 11-page Legal Issues Bulletin No 55, December 2014 – provides a three-page risk assessment table. It assesses the risks for "use of toilet and change rooms" as "high." The risk management procedure requires: "Doors provided to change room cubicles of their identified gender. Student must change in cubicle. Staff to monitor length of time in change room. Staff and student to report any incidents in the change room to Principal ... Zero tolerance to "skylarking" in change rooms ..."

Further, the department's policy says compliance also requires allowing uniforms to be worn according to a person's preferred gender; support for medical transition of a child using puberty blockers and sex change hormones; inclusion of transgender issues in the curriculum; inclusion in single sex schools according to a person's preferred gender identity; and teachers and students to use appropriate pronouns.[2]

The South Australian education department's policy explicitly warns that "[f]ailure to provide transgender students with access to appropriate toilet and change facilities may breach anti-discrimination legislation." [3]

This means that school principals and teachers could face legal penalties for non-compliance with these policies, and face disciplinary action, loss of professional qualifications and employment. Action could be taken for not letting a biological boy who identifies as a girl into the girls change rooms, or for not using that child's preferred pronoun.

Whereas the SDA covers state schools, it carves out freedoms in the form of exemptions for faith-based schools. While there are conditions on these exemptions, nevertheless they provide protections against policies that the states are imposing on state schools, as described above.

These exemptions are now under review. Following the Ruddock Inquiry into religious freedom, the Attorney General referred the issue of freedoms and exemptions for religious schools to the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), to report by April 2020. The planned July bill means the government is not waiting for the ALRC report.

ACTION

Here are **THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS** to put to the PM and the Attorney-General.

Click this link to email any politician - state and or federal.

<https://tinyurl.com/yxjfhw3j>

1.

First, thank their new government for its interest in defending religious freedom. However, I fear that if a bill covering this tricky area of human rights law is not drafted carefully, it could end up restricting rather than defending our freedoms.

At the centre of any review of laws impacting freedom of religion and belief is the federal Sex Discrimination Act 1984, which was introduced to protect women against discrimination, particularly in the workplace. Women faced workplace discrimination when they married and became pregnant. Now the Act protects a person by their fluid "gender identity" not their sex, which allows men who identify as

women to claim women’s jobs and scholarships and play in female sports. “Woman” and “man” used to be defined in the Act, but were removed in 2013. Together, these have resulted in protections for a person’s “gender identity” undermining the very women’s rights the Act was supposed to protect.

Question: How is the Sex Discrimination Act going to protect a woman’s rights – her access to female safe spaces and sports, gyms, etc. – if there is no definition of “sex”, “woman” or “man” in what is supposed to be a “sex” anti-discrimination act protecting women?

2.

In its terms of reference to the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), the government has indicated that it wants to review laws to guarantee “the right of religious institutions to conduct their affairs in a way consistent with their religious ethos”, but at the same time to “limit or remove altogether (if practicable) religious exemptions to prohibitions on discrimination” from the SDA and other laws.[4]

Question: Exemptions for faith-based schools in the Sex Discrimination Act do provide freedoms for people to express and manifest their religious beliefs, like the belief that sex is fixed at birth. This bestows inherent rights, like the right of girls to play in their own

sports and to have female-only safe spaces. If the exemptions for faith-based schools and other institutions are removed from the Sex Discrimination Act, how will sex-based rights (based on biology) be protected in a religious anti-discrimination act? How would such an act protect a religious school’s belief that biological sex is fixed and immutable from the full force of the Sex Discrimination Act, which says a person must not be treated “less favourably” or be “disadvantaged” because of their “gender identity”?

3.

Assuming a religious anti-discrimination act did provide protections for faith-based institutions, religious people could refer to their scriptures to establish their belief that humans are male or female and that a person’s sex is fixed, not fluid. But many secular people also hold this same belief, not from religious texts but from biological science and common experience, that sex is immutable, not fluid.

Question: So, will the government’s bill be a “freedom of religion and belief anti-discrimination act” that protects the right of people, religious and secular, to hold and manifest their belief that sex is biological, male and female, and immutable? How will such an Act protect people who hold and manifest this belief, from detriment or disadvantage?

Footnotes

Notes:

[1] Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender (July 2013, Updated November 2015), Attorney-General's Department, Australian Government, pg. 5.

<https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Documents/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.PDF>

[2] Transgender students in schools – legal rights and responsibilities”, Legal Issues Bulletin No 55, December 2014, Education and Communities, NSW Government.

[3] Transgender and intersex student support”, SA Department for Education and Child Development.

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/transgender-and-intersex-support-procedure.pdf>

[4] Review into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti discrimination Legislation, Federal Attorney General's Department, 10 April 2019.

<https://www.attorneygeneral.gov.au/Media/Pages/Review-into-the-Framework-of-Religious-Exemptions-in-Anti-discrimination-10-april-19.aspx>

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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 Num 6:22-27) by Malachi & Tamar.

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.

