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Be'it Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 24 of the 9th Biblical month
of 7571 (*Septuagint*)

Parashah 9 Vayeshev ~And dwelt



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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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MISHPOCHAH ~family MEMOS

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TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 9 Vayeshev ~And dwelt

Torah: B'resheet ~Genesis 37:1 - 40:23
Haftarah ~Prophets: 'Amos ~Amos 2:6 -3:8;
Ketuvei HaShelichim: Acts 7:9 - 16 ~specifically 9-10
~Writing [of] the Apostles

Drashah ~sermon: MMin Tamar Yeomans

Scriptures in Drashah: B'resheet~Genesis 37:19-20; Yochanan~John 16:33;
Mattityahu~Matthew 5:45; Kefa Alef~1 Peter 5:8; Tehillim~Psalm 55:12-14
(55:13); Luke 17:1; Mattityahu~Matthew 24:10-13; Mishle~Proverbs 18:19;
Messianic Jews~Hebrews 12:15; B'resheet~Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28;
B'resheet~Genesis 39:6b-12; 1 Timothy 2:8; Tehillim~Psalm 119:11;
Mattityahu~Matthew 5:28; Proverbs 6:32; B'resheet~Genesis 37:5; 40:5; 40:8;
37:19-20; 39:2; 39:5-6; 39:22-23; 40:12-15, 23; 37:31-35; Mishle~Proverbs
13:12; Yirmeyahu~Jeremiah 20:9; Yochanan Alef~1 John 4:4; 2 Timothy 2:13;
Tehillim~Psalm 37:23-24; Romans 8:28; Revelation 3:8.

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

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MAKOR HA TIKVA

A Messianic School in the Heart of Jerusalem

Only in Jerusalem

An accredited Messianic school, children studying both Torah and NT, learning & praying in Hebrew, a Community of Believers.

Dear Friends of Makor HaTikvah,

When Caesar Hadrian set out to purify Jerusalem from Jews, he did not realize that the connection between the Holy City and the Jewish people would never be severed. When the Nazis tried to obliterate every trace of the people of Israel on earth - they did not believe that within a few years the State of Israel would arise, and, after two thousand years, Jerusalem would be declared the capital of our people. Lovers of God have prayed for centuries to see this wonder. And now in the center of Jerusalem, there is a Messianic school. Every morning more than a hundred children and dozens of faithful staff call out to the Lord Jesus Christ!

How wonderful this gospel is. The nation of Israel lives and, within it, the community of believers in Jesus. Today, we have the right to exist; and you can be supporters of the only Messianic school in Israel. We are speaking and praying in the Hebrew language and being a light to the

whole country.

In the educational systems of the world, especially in Europe and Israel, students are exposed to content that is contrary to biblical truths. For example, from kindergarten, they are already taught that they can choose their gender and that family is not composed of only man and woman but two men or two women. At Makor HaTikvah, the children are educated in the values of the Bible. They are taught from the beginning - "male and female He created them" and this is God's plan to continue life on earth.

Today in the Israeli education system, there is a tendency to increase rabbinical Jewish studies and traditions in the schools. Millions of shekels are invested for this. Tradition has no evil until the moment it contradicts the Torah and the New Testament. Unfortunately, a lot of rabbinical Judaism contradicts the gospel of Jesus. In our lessons, the students and teachers are able to talk about these things and learn to distinguish between the beautiful Jewish culture, which is based on the Torah and Jesus' teachings; from the poor rabbinical interpretation that distances the people of Israel from Christ.

Friends, we have wonderful news for you in this newsletter. God is faithful to the project called "Makor HaTikvah." I appeal to you now and urge you to continue to support our school regularly each month. The school is growing and so are the



necessary expenses. We now, more than ever, need your constant prayers and support to continue our existence. This is the only place in Israel, where the children of the Messianic communities from the Dead Sea to Tel Aviv can study the values of faith. Thank you so much for this wonderful partnership.

With blessings
of Christ,

Goel Russa

*Makor
HaTikvah
School
Principal*



Israel Knesset disbands, third elections called

Thursday, December 12, 2019

*by Jordan Hilger,
Worthy News Correspondent*

<https://tinyurl.com/ut2keup>

(Worthy News) - Israel's 22nd Knesset disbanded Wednesday at midnight, slating the country for third elections in under a year, and positioning neither Netanyahu nor Gantz for the 61-seat majority necessary to form a ruling coalition.

After a 21-day period in which any

lawmaker from Israel's parliament was allowed to garner the 61-seat majority and become premier, MKs decided to hold elections in the requisite 90 days in lieu of a clear frontrunner.

Elections will be held on March 2, rather than March 10, however, as the latter date, 90 days from the moment the Knesset disbands happens to fall on the Jewish holiday of Purim.

A Tuesday poll showed Gantz's Blue and White increasing its one-seat lead over Netanyahu's Likud, in which the current premier is threatened by charges he calls "selective enforcement" and fellow Likud rival Gideon Sa'ar.

Netanyahu tells High Court he'll resign from all ministerial posts by Jan. 1

The prime minister currently holds the health, welfare, agriculture, and Diaspora affairs portfolios. He is expected to appoint ministers who will take over the posts until the March 2 elections.

*by Yair Altman.
<https://tinyurl.com/w3x97dm>*

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said he will

resign from all ministerial positions by Jan. 1, 2020, but stressed he has no intention of stepping down as premier.

The decision, filed with the High Court of Justice, followed a petition by the Movement for Quality Government, demanding that Netanyahu, who is facing a corruption indictment, vacates all his posts.

Netanyahu currently holds the health, welfare, agriculture, and Diaspora affairs portfolios. He is expected to appoint ministers for these posts until the March 2, 2020 elections conclude and a new government is sworn in.

Netanyahu's lawyers informed the court that while Israeli law does not preclude an indicted prime minister from staying in office, nor does it require him to relinquish any ministerial post, he will do so out of respect to the judicial process.

They further argued that the law requires a minister to resign only if they have been found guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude.

"It is not the High Court of Justice's place to intervene on the issue of resignation. The interest of maintaining the public's faith in the judiciary mandates that the court uphold the fundamental of the law in this case. Any judicial intervention in this process will be detrimental to the principle of separation of powers, Israeli democracy, and the Knesset's authority to regulate this issue via a

basic law, as it has done so far."

As Netanyahu is the first sitting prime minister to be indicted, Attorney General Avichai Mendelblit has already weighed in on the administrative-constitutional implications of the situation, which poses a legal precedent.

He ruled that the court has no say on whether Netanyahu should or should not take a leave of absence to sort out his legal situation, saying that "this decision is best left on the political-public sphere."

FAMILY MATTERS

By Mrs Vera West,
<https://alor.org/>

Some good news, and hopeful news, for a change. Regardless of country or culture, family matters most, to most people:

<https://www.studyfinds.org/family-matters-regardless-of-country-or-culture-people-prioritize-loved-ones-over-all-else/>

"From Seoul to Seattle, what matters most to people at the end of the day is their family and loved ones.

That's the uplifting finding of a new, extensive international study encompassing over 7,000 people from 27 different countries. The study, led by a team of social and evolutionary psychologists at Arizona State University, is especially interesting because family- and kin-based motivations are a topic that has been largely ignored by evolutionary

psychologists for the past few decades. Instead, researchers have focused on how mate attraction and selection drives people's behaviors.

"People consistently rated kin care and mate retention as the most important motivations in their lives, and we found this over and over, in all 27 countries that participated," comments first author Ahra Ko, an ASU psychology graduate student, in a media release. "The findings replicated in regions with collectivist cultures, such as Korea and China, and in regions with individualistic cultures like Europe and the U.S."

All continents, except Antarctica, were represented in the research. Just a few examples of participating countries include Australia, Bulgaria, Thailand, and Uganda. The research team at ASU sent out surveys to scientists in each country, intended to measure fundamental behavioral motivations. Then, once each local research team got their hands on the survey, they translated it into the native language, and made any necessary edits to ensure the questions were culturally appropriate for that specific country.

For the better part of 40 years, evolutionary psychology has emphasized how sexual behaviors, mate selection, and the search for new romantic partners drives people to act in certain ways. On a purely scientific level, this makes sense, sex and reproduction is ingrained in our DNA and undoubtedly influences

behavior patterns. However, participants from all over the world in this study consistently rated this motivation, termed mate selection, as one of the least important factors influencing their motivations and behavior in life.

Instead, kin care (taking care of family) and mate retention (maintaining a meaningful relationship with a significant other) were rated as much more important motivators for people all over the world.

This held true even among younger people and those not currently in committed relationships, two demographics that researchers assumed would prioritize sex and mate attraction.

"The focus on mate seeking in evolutionary psychology is understandable, given the importance of reproduction. Another reason for the overemphasis on initial attraction is that college students have historically been the majority of participants," explains second author Cari Pick, an ASU psychology graduate student. "College students do appear to be relatively more interested in finding sexual and romantic partners than other groups of people."

Even if all else crumbles, the preservation of the family unit yields hope for a rebuilding of civilisation, for the family is the building block of social order.

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~Jer 31:31-33 ~Heb 8:8-10

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: Let us all come, take some Chullah, there's sweet white and rye; smell the spices; take your cup and return to your seats and wait, so we can partake together. There is an offering box and self-serve EFTPOS machine on the back table to use anytime. Your offerings and those made online fund our services, equipment and supplies. And for you online viewers, please also, click the love heart. Thank you.

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.

