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Day 11 of Tevet the 4th month of 5782 (*Rabbinic*)

December 25th, 2021 (*Gregorian*)



Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 20 of the 10th Biblical month

of 7573 (Septuagint) (and 7701 per [Setterfield](#) 5680+2021)

Parashah 13 Sh'mot ~Names



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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 (Pre-COVID was during Torah readings & Drash)

The children's resources, applicable for each Parashah may be downloaded freely from the CHILDREN'S SCHOOL page on our website, [Click here](#). or enter this link in your browser: <https://www.bgemc.org/childrens-school.html>

Parents, please maintain proactive responsibility for your children. Corridors, kitchens and other common areas within 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

This SHABBAT SERVICE will be ONLINE ONLY.

NEXT MEN'S NIGHT is Tuesday January 4th @ 6:45pm.

Venue: **Nahm Thai**, Shop R001 Westfield Coomera, 109 Foxwell Rd,
The Dine-in & Take-away menu is the same. <https://tinyurl.com/3r9c4pr7>

MISHPOCHAH DINNER 4th Friday of each month. (December 24th)
Hostesses: Shabnam & Rachel. Ring 0411 373 223 to RSVP & for address.
Time: 5:30pm. Bring a plate to share.

ONLINE MESSIANIC CALENDAR - (but calculated, not by sighted moon)
<http://www.menorah.org/December 2021 calendar.pdf>

OFFERING OPTIONS: The wooden chest or EFTPOS device on back table.

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS & RESOURCES www.bgemc.org/links

TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 13 Sh'mot ~Names

Torah: Sh'mot ~Names 1:1 - 6:1

Haftarah ~Prophets: Yesha'yahu ~Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22-23

Ketuvei HaShelichim ~Writing [of] the Apostles:

Mattiyahu ~Matt 22:23-33; 22:41-46;

Acts 3:12-15; 5:27-32; 7:17-36; 22:12-16; 24:14-16;

Messianic Jews ~Hebrews 11:23-26

Drashah ~sermon: Tamar Yeomans

Scriptures in drashah ~sermon: Sh'mot~Exodus 3:4-5; Y'Hoshua~Y'hoshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5; Ephesians 6:10; Sh'mot~Exodus 3:2; 3:4; Y'hoshua~Joshua 5:15; Sh'mot 3:4; Y'hoshua 6:1-2; 5:14; Acts 7:22, 29-30; B'midbar~Numbers 14:33-34; Y'hoshua~Joshua 5:6; B'midbar~Numbers 13:27-29; 14:6-9; Y'hoshua 6:5; Numbers 14:39-45; Koholet~Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

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

BGEMC Gold Coast - Saturdays 2pm

Southport Community Centre. (Main Auditorium, Ground level by park)
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Did Mary and Jesus light Hanukkah candles?

By [Aaron Hecht](#) - Dec 20, 2021
Source: <https://news.kehila.org/did-mary-and-jesus-light-hanukkah-candles/>



Tis' the season...to argue.

The argument over the rather presumptuous question of “Is it okay for Believers to celebrate Christmas” is one which inevitably gets mixed up with another question about whether Hanukkah is an appropriate alternative. I've given my own thoughts in blogs of Christmas past, and I don't want to re-hash any of that material. But I do want to make a comment about how this issue of “Christmas vs. Hanukkah” is, in fact, kind of a microcosm of a much bigger argument about whether traditions based on pagan traditions and/or fairy tales made up by Jews are somehow more acceptable to God than traditions based on pagan traditions and/or fairy tales made up by Gentiles.

Hence, the hypothetical question in the title of this blog.

In the **Gospel of John, chapter 10 verses 22-23** it says that *“At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple area, in the portico of Solomon.”*

Based on this brief passage, many assert that if we want to truly follow Jesus, we must “celebrate Hanukkah” as He did, and eschew Christmas, as He did (and does!)

But how did He “celebrate Hanukkah”?

The Gospel of John doesn't tell us. It just says He was in the “walking in the Temple area” at the season of the year when it was happening.

But one thing we can be sure of. He did not light candles in a Menorah that was placed in the window of his family home in Nazareth the way Jewish people do today, for the same reason Jesus and the disciples walked from the Galilee to Jerusalem instead of taking Egged bus number 959. Hanukkah candles didn't exist during the time Jesus was here for his First Advent, just like Egged buses didn't exist back then.

The tradition of lighting 8 candles on Hanukkah emerged centuries after Jesus was in Jerusalem and was tied to a story about how the Maccabees wanted to purify the Temple after they kicked out the Seleucid Greeks

but they could only find one jar of consecrated oil. This supply of oil was enough for one day, but it miraculously burned for eight days.

This story is nothing but a fairy tale, kind of like the fairy tale of a man in a red suit who lives in the North Pole and flies around the world hopping down chimneys and all that. Neither of these fairy tales is better or worse than the other, and I doubt God is more fond of one than the other, or that one or the other is more or less acceptable in His sight. Therefore, I don't think anyone who chooses to participate in rituals which honor one fairy tale or the other should feel superior in any way to others who participate in rituals which honor the other fairy tale.

In a related topic, Jesus never saw Mary lighting Shabbat candles as the sun was going down on Friday evening either, because this custom (which is, by the way, steeped in Occult Mysticism) did not begin to be part of Jewish life until the 9th century. Despite this fact, which one can discover by doing a simple search of the Jewish Virtual Library, I have lost count of the number of Christian women I've met in Jerusalem over the years who have told me they light Shabbat candles on Friday evening because it makes them feel closer to Jesus and His family.

Brothers and sisters, it's time to grow up and be done with these

childish and absurd ideas, which are so widely popular among Hebrew Roots folks and Christian Zionists (and, alas, many Jewish Believers). You are not following Jesus' example by lighting Shabbat candles, or Hanukkah candles, nor does it somehow render you "in God's will" to light Hanukkah candles "instead" of putting Christmas lights up on your house.

The hypocrisy that the popularity of these ideas reveal within the Body of Messiah is exceeded only by the acrimony it causes within the Body of Messiah and the damage that acrimony does to our witness to an unbelieving world.

Of particular note, in this regard, is the totally unnecessary and unhelpful bad feelings that exist between Jewish and Arab Believers here in the Land of Israel over this issue. We are such a tiny community here and we should be cooperating, but there's less cooperation than there should be and one reason is because the big Hebrew Roots organizations, mostly in America but with representation here, are so strident in their demands that "true followers" of Jesus Christ not have anything to do with Christmas and Easter.

In conclusion, brothers and sisters, one of the things the Protestant Reformation got absolutely right was the concept of *Sola Scriptura* which, in a nutshell, says that we should not

look for guidance in spiritual matters from any other source but the Bible. This principle was taught by the Reformers primarily as a reaction against the edicts that had been issued by Popes and other officials in the Roman Catholic Church who claimed to be speaking in the name of God even when their instructions to their flocks were un-Biblical or even outright opposed to Biblical teaching. But I would humbly submit that if we shouldn't follow unBiblical practices just because they were or are taught by the Pope, then we shouldn't rush to accept unBiblical practices just because they were or are taught by rabbis either.

So, on that note, I want to invite everyone reading this, as I do every December, to get a hold of a One-Year Bible and read through it starting on January 1st. You can download the app at most app stores or if you're old-fashioned like me you can get a paper copy from Amazon or any other bookstore. It also makes a great December gift for anyone you care about enough to give a gift to.

May God's word be a gift to all of us, leading us onto the paths of truth and righteousness.

Proof - Queensland claims on vaccination rates are exaggerated Most are unvaxed!

Queensland has about 4.4 million people of eligible age for vaccination.

The current number of vaccine doses administered is 3.2 million.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/statistics>

The percentage of eligible people who could receive a single dose is 73%. (3.2M doses divided by 4.4M people is, as a percentage, 73%.

The current claim by the Qld government is that 90.3% of Queenslanders have had their 1st dose and 85% are double jabbed is implausible.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/statistics>

Let's consider, if what is claimed is true, how many doses are required?

90.3% of 4.4 million is ~4million doses for a single jab.

85% double jabbed of 4 million is another 3.4 million doses.

Adding the dose totals together yields 7.3 million doses needed.

But, the number of vaccine doses

administered is 3.2 million.

3.2 million doses divided by 7.3 million people is 0.44 i.e. 44%. Thus we can see that only 44% of the claimed numbers of people

vaccinated can possibly be true.

So, less than half the population can be vaccinated in Queensland. The vaccinated are a relatively and absolute minority.

The government is saying 80.1% of Queenslanders are double 🥕

3,015,775 total doses have been administered according to www.qld.gov.au website.

Queensland has a population of 5,237,233. If we consider that roughly 15% are 11 years old and younger then that leaves 4,451,648 Queenslanders currently eligible for the 🥕

80.1% of 4,451,648 would mean 3,565,770 people are double 🥕 (which means 7,131,540 doses should have been administered) but the gov is stating only 3,015,775 total doses have been given?

Let's say that everyone who has been 🥕 have had two doses. At the absolute most that would mean 1,507,887 people are double 🥕 but of course we know a lot have only had one so far, so the amount of double 🥕 is far less than 1.5 million.

This means that at the absolute most, 34% of QLD are double 🥕 but no doubt it's less than 30% considering a lot haven't had their second yet.

THEY'RE INFLATING THE NUMBERS AND LYING BECAUSE THEY WANT US TO BELIEVE WE ARE THE MINORITY BUT WE ARE NOT!!!

KEEP HOLDING THE LINE ❤️❤️❤️

Notes: The figure of 4.4 million is derived from reducing the total Queensland population of 5,243,577 by 15.1% which is the percentage of Queenslanders who are children under 12 years of age.

Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office. <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/population-estimates/state-territories/qld-population-counter>

The 15.1% under 12 is aiyeced frin an Excel spreadsheet download here. <https://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/statistics/theme/population/projections/state>

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. ³²It 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 Challah ~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: We will not yet be queuing for the challah, so I now invite some willing helpers to distribute it and the cups and those who wish to partake. Also for someone, if Rachael isn't here, to take around the spice jar for you all to smell. 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: Prayer. "Let us 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.

