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2024 Messages

Or HaOlam is greatly blessed to have an excellent Education Department.

We finessed some policies, particularly on promotion boundaries:

- Promotion from Children's Ed to Youth Class

- at age 13 for boys and girls

- in the Spring [May 31]

- Bar/Bat Mitzvah *bukhurs*
[kids] immediately after
Bar/Bat Mitzvah

- Promotion from Youth Class to Young Adult / לא קשיש / Lo Kashish and the main adult service upon graduation from High School.
- May 31 promotion day.

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Israeli guest
speaker, Nova
Festival survivor
Rom El-Hai

רום אל חי





Rom El-Hai

“I couldn't
believe how
heaven could
turn into hell
so quickly”

- In his presentation, Rom recounts his escape, the life-or-death decisions he faced, and his healing journey after the trauma. He also shares exclusive photos and videos from the event.
- Each session concludes with a Q&A, offering a chance for deeper reflection and discussion.

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However, despite the war,
some good news from Israel.

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Reporter Natasha Kirtchuk is herself eight months pregnant, so wanted to see what awaited her.



NATASHA KIRTCHUK
i24NEWS Correspondent

Hospital Bomb shelter during a rocket attack



Hospitals, fortified as bomb shelters, stand as symbols of resilience, where mothers bring new life even while grappling with personal tragedies and ongoing conflict.

Amid the chaos of war, Israeli families are defying the odds with an unprecedented baby boom, marking a 30% rise in births compared to last year.

For Israelis, every birth is more than a moment of joy—it's a powerful act of defiance and hope, ensuring life thrives despite adversity.

Midwifery culture in the hospitals



DANA MICHAELI
Head Midwife, Ichilov Hospital

Total Fertility Rate

Number of children per woman Highest OECD country



Number of Babies Born in Israel

(September 2023 to September 2024)

183,000

Average amount of children per sector in Israel (2020)

Ultra-Orthodox Women

6.6

Arab Women

3.0

Secular Jewish Women

2.0



PROF. YARIV YOGEV

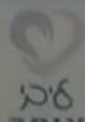
Director of Lis Maternity & Women's Hospital, Ichilov



מרפאת ע'כ' איתר

לזכרה של ליבי כהן מגורי
שנרצחה בטבח ה- 7.10.23

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ISRAELI FAMILIES DEFY WAR WITH STEADY BIRTHRATE

Also, the Israeli economy appears to be gradually recovering from the initial war shock, grew by an annualized rate of 3.8% in the third quarter between July and September. This marks a significant improvement compared to the mere 0.3% growth recorded in the second quarter.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange has been resilient amid the ongoing war and continues to attract funds from international investors. Data released in October revealed that the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange 35 Index, expanded by 14% since the war began on Oct. 7, 2023.

**So, there is good news
in the news in 2024!**

THANKSGIVING 2024

REFORMATION?

Rabbi Shmuel Wolkenfeld

November 23 2024 | 22nd of Cheshvan, 5785

כ"ב בחשוון תשפ"ה



OR HAOLAM
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

Reformation?

1. Revival vs reformation
2. Are we in reformation?
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What is the difference
between reformation and
revival?

Revival is an inward transformation by an encounter with G-d.

Reformation is a consequent transformation of the religious and moral culture.



The REFORMATION

Diet of Worms, Germany, 18 April 1521



Historically, part of the reason reformation became the label of what happened in the 1500's is that a great deal of time and energy had to be devoted to reforming the externals of the life of the congregation—how they worshiped,


how they educated, how they
prepared for immersion—almost
everything had to be redone.

Revival is generally internal and subjective...revival moves people from a place of religious stagnation [or rebellion SW] — often with the right forms—to a place of personal appropriation of that piety and those convictions.

Both reformation and revival are necessary in our day, both require a work of the Spirit, and both require the powerful preaching of the Word.

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A man with dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark blue coat over a grey waistcoat and a white cravat, stands on the deck of a ship. He is surrounded by thick, rusty metal chains and ropes. The background shows the ship's structure, including a large, rusted metal barrel and a white sail.

ONE MAN LED A
MOVEMENT THAT
CHANGED THE WORLD

INSPIRED BY THE TRUE STORY

AMAZING GRACE

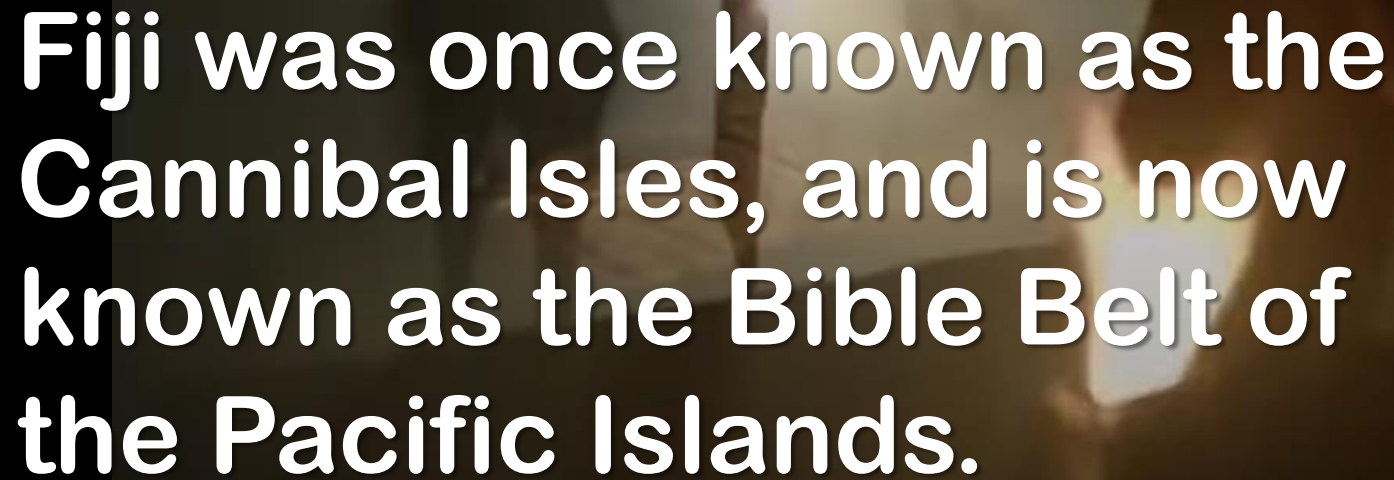
John Wesley was plagued by his uncertainty of salvation. On May 24th, 1738 he found what he longed for: “In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s ‘Preface to the Epistle to the Romans’.

About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Messiah, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Messiah, Messiah alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

Wesley shared that message throughout England and America. A great revival resulted, and ultimately there was a great reformation, ending the slave trade in the British Empire through William Wilberforce, a Wesley follower.

In 1807, after nearly two decades of relentless advocacy, Wilberforce's efforts bore fruit. The Abolition Act was passed in the House of Commons with an overwhelming majority. This landmark legislation marked the end of British involvement in the transatlantic slave trade.

Finally, in 1833, the Slavery Abolition Act was passed, ensuring the freedom of all slaves in the British Empire. Wilberforce received the news just days before his death. His life's mission had been accomplished.

A dark, atmospheric background image showing the silhouette of a person holding a long torch. The torch is lit, and its flame is visible. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, orange glow from the fire. The person is standing and facing right, holding the torch with both hands.

Fiji was once known as the
Cannibal Isles, and is now
known as the Bible Belt of
the Pacific Islands.

Then later, in the island nation of Fiji, in 2002, Chief Mataitoga of Sabeto village had a dream from the Lord. The village had a lot of social problems as well as enmity and divisions. As a result of the dream, he called his people together to pray and fast to seek God.

There was a move of the Holy Spirit with real repentance and forgiveness, and unity in the village was restored. The long term results of this action were only revealed with the passing of time.

Productivity of the soil increased and long absent fish varieties returned to the reef. Mangroves that had died and disappeared have begun to grow again.

The mangroves are very important for the ecology, providing shelter and breeding grounds for all kinds of fish, crabs, etc. all of which were part of the staple diet of these villages.

Supernatural reformation!!

T'hillim Ps 25.4-5 Make me know
your ways, ADONI, teach me
your paths. Guide me in **your**
truth, and teach me; for you
are the God who saves me,
my hope is in you all day long.

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Supporters of then former U.S. President Donald Trump before the start of a campaign rally at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nev., on Dec. 17, 2023. Justin Sullivan/Getty Images



Epoch Times commentary: In a few years, we could see the return of small farmers, accountability for drug manufacturers, a curbing of agency overreach, and more freedom for enterprise generally speaking.

Americans are going to be asked to start taking more responsibility for their lives rather than depending on government, which is in so much debt that it can no longer bear its present burdens.

The Tea Party movement, the health freedom movement, the whole food movement, the homeschooling movement, the free-speech movement — all of them developed in isolation, blinded by fictions of right and left to realize that they had common interests and a common opponent in what is now called the corporatist administrative state.

The simple idea in our time comes down to one word: freedom. It was the same theme when the Soviet Union fell, and it is the animating spirit behind the election of 2024 which defied the whole of conventional wisdom.

Getting from the current system to one more in line with what the Founders envisioned is not going to be easy and it will not happen overnight. But change is in the air, and it is a delight to see which way the winds are blowing.

According to social researcher Dr. George Barna, 72 percent of Christians voted in this year's election.

James Dobson's newsletter:

Mike Huckabee, former Arkansas governor, is the new US ambassador to Israel. His pro-Israel record is second to none.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik
our UN ambassador. Stefanik is a
leading congressional critic of
universities that fail to protect
Jewish students. In hearings, her
blistering questioning of the
presidents of Ivy League
universities led several to resign.

Trump has reiterated his promise that schools not investigating, preventing, and punishing anti-Semitic activity on campuses will be charged with violating civil rights laws. He is open to removing federal funding from such schools.

Concerning the Department of Education considering abolishing it. The department's budget has exploded from \$17 billion in the 1980s to over a current \$220 billion while test scores for US students have declined. Big government has proven not to be the answer, and reform is coming!

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The Great Wall of China is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It stretches over 4,000 miles (6,400 KM) and was built to protect China from the barbaric hordes to the north. The designers of the wall made it so high that it could not be scaled, so thick that it could not be penetrated, and so long that no one could go around it.

Yet, during the first hundred years of the wall's existence China was successfully invaded three times, without the wall having been climbed or breached. So how, you ask, did the invaders raid China? Well, the problem wasn't the wall

– it was the gatekeepers! In each of these invasions the barbarians simply bribed the gatekeepers who opened the gates, so the enemies just walked right through.

The protection of the Great Wall of China was only as secure as its gatekeepers. What a lesson, since, don't we all also have "gates to keep"...our eyes, and our ears, and our mouth? No matter how strong we may feel,

we can never forget that these points of entry will be seen by our enemies and there will be attempts to bribe or seduce us so they can break through. We must not allow the "barbaric hordes" to invade our lives by failing to keep careful watch at these entry points –our integrity and our authority depend on the security of our gates! Pray and praise!

Gates of the kingdom:

1. Prayer: attendance at Teerosh
2. Praise and faith: below
3. Service: oneg teams, schmoozers, ushers. This is not a cruise ship, it's a fishing boat!
4. Fight: Rep. Nancy Mace

Dvarim 28.45-46 "All these curses will come on you, pursuing you and overtaking you until you are destroyed, because you didn't pay attention to what ADONI your God said, observing his mitzvot and regulations that he gave you. These curses will be on you and your descendants as a sign and a wonder forever. **WHY sooo intense??**

D'varim (Deuteronomy) 28.47a

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ADONI

אֶת־

D'varim (Deuteronomy) 28.47b

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and with gladness of

בְּשִׂמְחָה

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all

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for the abundance of

Levels of living faith & praise.

Emunah אֱמוּנָה

faith, trust, confidence

Active faith.

1. Basic level Emuna: firm belief that **EVERYTHING** comes from **ADONI** by way of perfect Divine providence. No secondary causes.

2. Intermediate level: belief that everything that comes from ADONI is for the very best. All troubles have their purpose. Therefore PRAISE. Without understanding the purpose.

3. Upper level: Belief that our joyful task is to discern the message to us in EVERY trouble.

T'hillim/Ps 32.9-11 Don't be like a horse or mule that has no understanding, that has to be curbed with bit and bridle, or else it won't come near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but grace surrounds those who trust in ADONI. Be glad in ADONI; rejoice, you righteous! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**You will preserve and further the
Nov., 2024 election victory by
prayer, praise, and service!!**

Forms of doubt

1. Doubt that the **minutest details** of our lives are the providence of a loving G-d and for our redemption.

2. Doubt that we can speak effectively to G-d about **every** circumstance, in surrender → praise, and prayer.
3. Doubt that He loves us, and desires to help us, especially when we talk to Him

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4. Doubt that G-d has power, mercy, and compassion that are **limitless** to work wonders.

T'hillim Ps 147.10-12 He takes no
delight in the strength of a
horse, no pleasure in a runner's
speed. ADONI takes pleasure in
those who fear him, in those
who wait for his grace. **Glorify
ADONI, Yerushalayim! Praise
your God, Tziyon!**

1 Thes. 5. 16-22 Always be joyful. Pray regularly. In everything give thanks, for this is what God wants from you who are united with the Messiah Yeshua.

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CONGREGATION



קהילת משיחית
אור העולם

This Shabbat we are inviting 10 people to give 2-minute expressions of praise and Thanksgiving to G-d and to other people.

Or HaOlam now has an AED. Please stay after today's service for a 10-minute class to learn how to use this device if someone has a sudden cardiac arrest. We strongly recommend attendance. The class will be held between the end of today's service and before oneg is served. Details are in your bulletin.

Off camera:

We are hosting a Bring n Share Thanksgiving dinner for Or HaOlamniks who have no family available to be with that day. Singles, empty nesters, families with no extended family. It's not an invitation to the whole city, but so that none of our people should be alone that day.

