

June 7, 2025
Encouragement, Key to Caring
Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 10.25



Saturday, July 12, 7:30 pm
Sunday, July 13, 2 pm
St. Joseph, MO

[They are also showing Friday night, but Or HaOlam is not promoting the erev Shabbat showing]

Two of our congregants, Robyn Custer and Cynthia Morehead, are playing in *Fiddler*.

See Robyn for details, or sermon notes for the link, or future bulletins

For tickets or more info: <https://rrtstjoe.org/production/fiddler-on-the-roof/#/productions-view>

March of Love

In honor of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky's memory



Wednesday, June 18, 6 - 7.30 pm, Metcalf & 115th

We WILL have security.

Practical Details

Join us as we march in love and support for the Jewish community on June 18th.

Day and Time

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Location

Meeting Point: Mardel Christian Bookstore and Hobby Lobby's parking lot at 119th and Metcalf, Overland Park.

Please use the parking spots farthest from the doors of both stores so customers can park near their entrances.

Dress code:

Blue and white in honor of the Jewish community

Jihadi
Protests
Nixed an
Upcoming
pro-Israel
Summit in
TX



The Israel Summit 2024, Photo Credit: The Israel Guys.

American Jihadists Target Pro-Israel Summit in Texas,
Forcing Shutdown

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsBAae6njt8&t=2s>

<https://worthyinsights.com/american-jihadists-target-pro-israel-summit-in-texas-forcing-shutdown/>

Naloxone (NARCAN) Training Course and Trainer Program

Learn how to recognize and respond to opioid overdoses with this in-person training.

See Ulises.

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KC
Jewish
Chronicle
June 5,
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Community reeling from loss of Sarah Milgrim

Two weeks after the horrific murder of Milgrim and her partner, Yaron Lischinsky, the Kansas City Jewish community is still grieving.

Shmuel, Paul Salavitch, Pierre and Laurence Benzencon



That is, fired for politically incorrect speech

Elon Musk Leaves Job Of Making Government More Efficient For Much Easier Job Of Sending Humans To Mars

CELEBS - May 29, 2025 - BabylonBee.com



Mars, the fourth planet from the sun, is a barren wasteland with unbreathable air and a surface devoid of liquid water, experts agreed that dramatically altering the atmosphere and topography of Mars with technology that doesn't exist yet sounded much easier than permanently cutting government spending.

[https://babylonbee.com/news/elon-musk-leaves-job-of-making-government-more-efficient-for-much-easier-job-of-sending-humans-to-mars?utm_source=The%20Babylon%20Bee%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email]

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1. David's reasons for discouragement

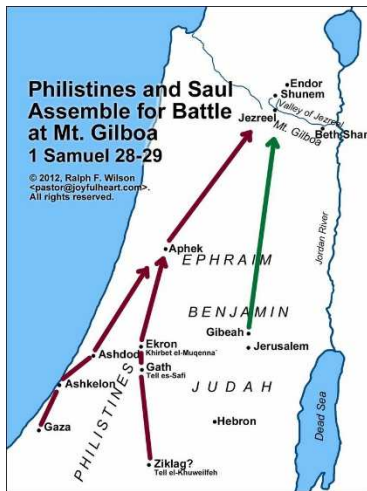
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1. David was rejected in his birth family.
[1. Not included in the muster when Navi Shmuel/ Prophet Samuel visited. Are all your sons here? Sh'mu'el asked Yishai. He replied, "There is still the youngest; he's out there tending the sheep." Sh'mu'el said to Yishai, "Send and bring him back, because we won't sit down to eat until he gets here." He sent and brought him in. With ruddy cheeks, red hair, and beautiful eyes, a handsome appearance.

Jeff Seif:

- *David could be another mother Ps 51*
- *David's sister Avigayil married Yeter the Yishmaeli 2 Sam 19.13 (355) Amasa nephew of David 1 Chronicles 2.17 (1152 CJB); 2 Sam 17.25 complicates*
- *Camels 1 Chronicles 27.30 1181*

- David was despised by his father-in-law and king.
- He fled for his life and was pursued with royal authority and murderous intent.
[Numerous hazardous but respectful attempts at reconciliation, all to no avail.]
- He became head of all the people in distress, in debt, or embittered, and he became their leader; there were about four hundred men with him.
[4. How do you feed and provide housing and weapons for 400 men...and families? And bitterness, complaints, toxicity? Jeremy and I have to solve some bitter issues. Don't always succeed.]
- Eventually he defected to the Nazis, sort of, Philistines. Lied continually to them to survive.
- Plishtim / Philistine were about to have major battle with Saul. Plishtim nobles distrusted David, so rejected him.

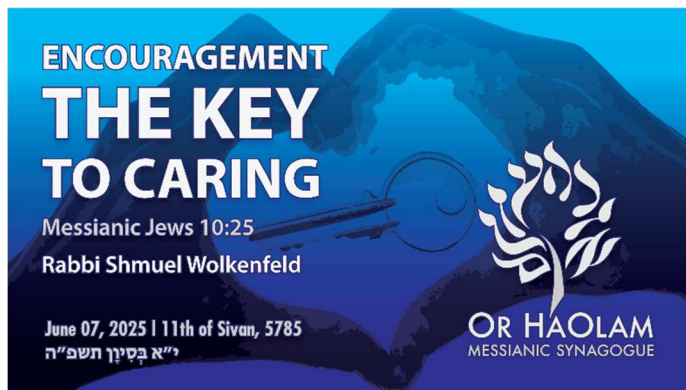


1 Sam 30.1-6 Three days later, when David and his men arrived in Ziklag, they found that the 'Amaleki had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had sacked Ziklag and burned it down; and they had taken captive the women and everyone there, great and small. They hadn't killed anyone but had **carried them off** as they went on their way. So, when David and his men arrived at the city, there it was, burned down, with their wives, sons and daughters taken captive. Then David and the people with him **cried aloud until they had no more power to cry.**
[From as far north as modern Haifa to Gaza]

1 Sam 30.1-6 David's two wives had been taken captive — Akhino'am from Yizre'el and Avigayil the widow of Naval from Karmel. David was in **serious trouble**: the people were talking about **stoning him to death**, because all the people were in such **deep grief**, each man over his sons and daughters.

- Plishtim / Philistine were about to have major battle with Saul. Plishtim nobles distrusted David, so rejected him.
- Amalekite raiders had ransacked his camp and took all possession and family.
- His own men about to mutiny.
Failed leadership. Failed life.

- Birth family rejection,
- In law royalty murderous rejection,
- Followers all distressed and bitter,
- Defection to enemy,
- Rejection by enemy,
- Loss of all to another enemy,
- Pending mutiny by his followers.



1 Shmu 30.6 But David strengthened himself in ADONI his God.

What does that mean? How can we apply it?

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'ē-lō-hāw.	Yah-weh	dā-wid,	way-yit-haz-zêq
אֱלֹהָיוֹ	בִּיהוָה	דָּוִד	וַיַּתְחַזֵּק
his God	in Yahweh	David	But strengthened himself

291| חֲזַק **verb** be or grow firm, strong, strengthen (Late Hebrew *id.*; Aramaic חֲזַק סָף *bind on or about, gird on, compare Arabic حَزَق bind, squeeze)* –

Reflexive verb

- ^{NIV} David **found strength** in the L-rd his G-d.
- ^{KJV} David **encouraged himself** in the L-rd his G-d.
- Became stronger, gathered strength, took courage

It seems to me that one can best, maybe only, get strength in crisis from Adoni if you are in the habit of receiving strength from Him in normal times.

Two sources:

- Habitual strength from G-d directly
- Community strength from G-d through people

[Habitual, community norms, culture]

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[David didn't write all the Psalms, but apparently, he read them. This one from another rejected group, the descendants of Korakh]

T'hilim 42.10-12 I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, under pressure by the enemy? My adversaries' taunts make me feel as if my bones were crushed, as they ask me all day long, 'Where is your God?' " **My soul, why are you so downcast?** Why are you groaning inside me? Hope in God, since I will yet praise for being my Savior and God.
[Spirit to soul inner conversation. "Yet praise Him." Choice.]

T'hilim 43.1-5 You are the God of my strength; why have you thrust me aside? Why must I go about mourning, under pressure by the enemy? Send out your light and your truth; let them be my guide; let them lead me to your holy mountain,

T'hilim 43.1-5 to the places where you live. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and delight;

gî-lî šim-ḥat 'êl
גִּילִי שִׁמְחַת אֵל
my joy exceeding God
[Literally: the joy of my spinning]

T'hilim 43.1-5 I will praise you on the lyre, God, my God. My soul, why are you so downcast? Why are you groaning inside me? Hope in God, since I will praise him again for being my Savior and God.
[Another inner conversation, soul and spirit]

T'hilim / Ps 84 2-8 How deeply loved are your dwelling-places, Adoni-Tzva'ot! My soul yearns, yes, faints with longing for the courtyards of Adoni; my heart and body cry for joy to the living God. As the sparrow finds herself a home and the swallow her nest, where she lays her young, [so my resting-place is] by your altars, Adoni-Tzva'ot, my king and my God. How happy are those who live in your house; they never cease to praise you! (Selah) How happy the man whose strength is in you, in whose heart are [pilgrim] highways.
Passing through the [dry] Baka Valley, they make it a place of springs, and the early rain clothes it with blessings. They go from strength to strength and appear before God in Tziyon.

- Habitual strength from G-d directly
- **Community strength from G-d through people**

A healthy community, a healthy marriage, is in the practice of building & enhancing one another's strength.

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encouraging [one another]

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parakaléo

from pará, "from close-beside" and kaléo, "to call" – properly,

"make a call" from being "**close-up and personal**."

[Getting up close and personal with each other in distress. Did David have any of his soldiers join him in that time of strengthening in G-d?]

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Revisit T'hilim 43.4 "God, my joy and delight;"
*[Literally: the joy of my spinning
 From this phrase some Hebrew liturgy.]*

I love the richness of Jewish liturgy, composed over thousands of years of meditation on the scriptures.

The Seven Wedding Blessings have some words of unparalleled encouragement & joy that should be in every marriage relationship.

[Maybe David had such joy, and remembered his abducted wives. (More than one?) Scripture mentions both by name, so they had a special role. Akhino'am from Yizre'el and Avigayil the widow of Naval from Karmel]

Seven Jewish Wedding Blessings

Quoting the 7th

[We don't know who wrote them, but maybe they are an amplification of what G-d said to them when G-d Himself introduced Hava / Eve to Adam, and He blessed them...]

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
 Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe,

אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא שְׂשׂוֹן וְשִׂמְחָה חֲתָן וְכַלָּה.

asher bara sason v'simcha chatan v'chala.
 Who created happiness and joy, groom and bride.
[Equivalent to each other.]

גִּילָה רִנָּה דִּיצָה וְחֻדוּתָה אֶהְבָּה וְאַחֲוָה וְשָׁלוֹם וְרַעוּת.

Gila, rina, ditzah v'chedva, ahava v'achava v'shalom v'rei'ut.
 Spinning with ecstasy, singing with delight, amusement, and pleasure, love and brotherhood, peace and friendship.

מִהֲרָה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׁמַע בְּעָרֵי יְהוּדָה וּבְחֻצוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַם

M'heira Adonai Eloheinu yishama b'arei Yehuda u'vchutzot Yerushalayim,
 Soon, Lord our God, may it be heard in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem

קוֹל שְׂשׂוֹן וְקוֹל שִׂמְחָה קוֹל חֲתָן וְקוֹל כַּלָּה

kol sason v'kol simcha kol chatan v'kol kala,
 The sound of happiness and the sound of joy and the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride
[So, happiness and joy = the voice of the bride and groom]

קוֹל מִצְחָלוֹת חֲתָנִים מִחֻפָּתָם וּנְעָרִים מִמִּשְׁתֵּי נִגִּינָתָם.

kol mitzhalot chatanim mei-chupatam u'n'arim mimishte n'ginatam.
 — the rejoicing of grooms from their huppahs and youths from their singing banquets.
[Singing banquets = Havdalah dance parties]

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְשַׂמֵּחַ חֲתָן עִם הַכַּלָּה:

Baruch ata Adonai m'sameiach chatan im ha'kala.
 Blessed are you Lord who makes the groom rejoice with the bride.

David had an accumulated reservoir of strength, courage, joy from time with Elohim.
Do we have such from time with Elohim Yeshua?
Do we have such from time with our spouse?

Rev 21.8 **But as for the cowardly, the untrustworthy, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those involved with the occult and with drugs, idol-worshippers, and all liars — their destiny is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, the second death.”**

1 Yn 1.18 **There is no fear in love.** On the contrary, love that has achieved its goal gets rid of fear, because fear has to do with punishment; the person who keeps fearing has not been brought to maturity in regard to love.

1 Shmu 17. 33-37 Sha’ul said to David, “You can’t go to fight this P’lishti — you’re just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth!” David answered Sha’ul, “Your servant used to guard his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear would come and grab a lamb from the flock,

1 Shmu 17. 33-37 I would go after it, hit it, and snatch the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned on me, I would catch it by the jaw, smack it and kill it. Your servant has defeated both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised P’lishti will be like one of them, because he has challenged the armies of the living God.” Then David said, “Adoni, who rescued me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will rescue me from the paw of this P’lishti!” Sha’ul said to David, “Go; may Adoni be with you.”

Back to our story of discouragement at Ziklag,
After spiritual strengthening

1 Shmu 30. 7-9 David said to Avyatar the cohen, the son of Achimelekh, “Please bring the ritual vest here to me.” Avyatar brought the vest to David. Then David consulted Adoni. He asked, “Should I go in pursuit of these raiders? Will I catch up with them?” And [Adoni] answered him, “Go in pursuit, because you will overtake them and recover everyone and everything.” So David went, he and the six hundred men with him.



Their way was facilitated by finding an abandoned slave for intel.

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Our reasons for discouragement

- Conflicts and rejection
- Financial setbacks
- Health issues
- Israel issues
- Political concerns
- Too many to list



Our way will be facilitated once we are in the practice of

- Habitual strength from G-d in Messiah Yeshua directly
- Community strength from G-d through people and to people

Prov 18.21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue.**

Prov 12.25 **Anxiety in a person's heart weighs him down, but a kind word cheers him up.**

Prov 15.4 **A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but when it twists things, it breaks the spirit.**

Prov 16.24 **Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the taste and healing for the body.**

- Have we sought daily words of encouragement from Adoni Yeshua?
- Have we given words of encouragement to others?

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